



32ND NATIONAL NARROW GAUGE CONVENTION

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Manufacturer/Vendor Registration

An Invitation to Exhibit in Seattle . . .

Please join us and 1500 other narrow gauge model railroaders for what promises to be an exciting and memorable time. Since 1991, when the last convention was held in this area, modelers have asked when Seattle would again host a national narrow gauge convention. Well, that time is now. And you're invited to be a part of it. It's going to be huge!

The Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue has over 36,000 square feet of carpeted exhibit space. There's easy access from either a large loading dock or a roll-in floor level entry. This modern facility has free WiFi access and is close to several hotels and numerous restaurants with early and/or late hours.

There are special convention rates at four nearby hotels in Bellevue. They are the Courtyard by Marriott, Hyatt, Sheraton and Red Lion. You'll find these hotels offer a range of services and prices. If you are an exhibitor driving a truck or hauling a trailer, the Sheraton or Red Lion offer free open parking. The Sheraton was recently remodeled and also offers free WiFi for its guests (after all, this is the home of MicroSoft and several other internet companies). It's a short two block walk to the Meydenbauer. The Red Lion has the least expensive rates of the four hotels, and is a half block further than the Sheraton from the Meydenbauer. There will be a courtesy circulator bus during convention hours.

The Puget Sound area and the Pacific Northwest offer much to draw narrow gauge visitors. There are many fine Seattle area layouts, including several nationally recognized layouts. While here, you may also want to visit investigate and take photos at several railroad-theme museums and tourist railroads. Try to imagine a ride through the woods behind a double-headed Shay and Heisler with spectacular views of Mt. Rainier. It can really happen during the Seattle 2012 national narrow gauge convention!

Families can spend time exploring this scenic area. Why not plan an Alaskan cruise with a stop to ride the narrow gauge White Pass & Yukon Railway in Skagway? Or plan to spend a few days on the Pacific Ocean coast less than three hours by car from Seattle. There's a lot to see and do while you're here.

Weather in the Northwest in early September is usually ideal. Clear, sunny days and cool evenings are the rule. If you're planning to see that famous Seattle rain during the convention, you'll likely be disappointed! But we can't guarantee it.

Plan to be here to talk to (and sell to) active narrow gauge model railroaders interested in what you have to offer them. You'll be glad you did. Fill out the attached registration form and mail it today. We'll see you in Seattle for the 32nd National Narrow Gauge Convention.


Russ Segner
Convention Chair


Fred Hamilton
Manufacturers' Liaison