



**2016 SP&SRHS Convention**  
**Fife, Washington**  
**September 8 – 10, 2016**  
**Convention Registration Information**

Registration and SP&SRHS Membership are necessary for the primary registrant to participate in convention activities. Spouses and children may pay for and attend the banquet and/or the tour without registering for the convention. All convention fees are refundable until August 1, 2016.

**Convention Site: Emerald Queen Hotel & Casino**  
**5700 Pacific Highway East, Fife, WA 98424, 253-922-2000**

The convention location will be in the Emerald Queen Hotel's Meeting Center which is easily seen from I-5 in Fife. All in-house activities will be in their meeting center. We have obtained a very attractive group rate for sleeping rooms of \$89/night. There is plenty of parking in their parking lot. Call them directly to make your reservation. Refer to the SP&S Ry Historical Society or Group #6683 rate.

Our planned program is summarized below for your information. The Registration Fee includes: all in-house convention presentations as well as your Saturday banquet meal, transportation and admission fees for the Friday tour. All included at one bargain price! If you can't make the tour or banquet, we offer a "no frills" registration and separately priced tour and banquet pricing. Spouses and children may register for and attend the banquet without registering for the convention. **DO NOT REGISTER FOR THE TOUR AND BANQUET IF YOU REGISTER FOR THE FULL PACKAGE REGISTRATION.**

**Program Summary**

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**

Presentations: Paul Hobbs on "Preserved SP&S cars at the NW Railway Museum"; Rich Wilkins on "Treasures of the Archives"; Larry Rice on "How I developed my SP&S Operating Plan"; Duane Cramer on "SP&S 900's, Catching Some Z's"; George Hardy & David Turner on "Planning my SP&S Layout, Operations on the Layout"; and Ed Berntsen presenting "SP&S Operations - Transition into Burlington Northern 1970."

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### **Friday, September 9, 2016**

We will leave on a motor coach to visit the Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive in the morning. We'll get a guided tour of the archive and explanation of what they have found so far and what it means. A box lunch from Subway Sandwiches will be provided as we reboard the motor coach. Then in the afternoon we'll visit the Northwest Railway Museum (Snoqualmie). We'll be treated to a short train ride and a tour of their railroad collection. We'll have a chance to see several of their ex-SP&S heavy weight passenger cars. Evening Presentations after returning from the tour: Duane Cramer and his classic "Where the Heck Are We?" (always great fun!); Paul Hobbs on "SP&S Passenger Service in Spokane."

### **Saturday, September 10, 2016**

We'll start off with a Board and Membership Meeting where we'll discuss what's going on in the Society. Then David Turner will present "Brainstorming the Archive's Future"; and two more presentations yet to be finalized.

Gus Melonas has tentatively committed to do a clinic on his family's multi-generation commitment to the SP&S (and successors) entitled: "My family on the SP&S." Schedule to be determined.

Then we'll finish up with our annual convention banquet with a buffet dinner with chicken, wild salmon and beef entrees as well as an assortment of salads and desserts.

After dinner we will enjoy our WORLD FAMOUS RAFFLE...often imitated, never duplicated. See the separate raffle information sheet for mail-in tickets. Convention registration and attendance is not required to purchase raffle tickets for the two grand prizes.