

National Association of Retired & Veteran Railway Employees, Inc.

**NARVRE Unit #30
Council Bluffs, Iowa
"Railroad Crossroads of America"**

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM MAY 17TH THROUGH MAY 19TH, 2026

Registration is open for **all units** who wish to have a delegate and guest and/or alternate delegate and guest attend the Convention. We look forward to meeting you and providing an enjoyable and informative convention.

We will be registering people on **Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17**. Our event is being held at the Holiday Inn & Suites located at 2202 River Road in Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501.

Registration Fee Per Person is \$175.00, which includes:

- **Get-acquainted hors d'oeuvres Sunday evening.**
- **Lunch and dinner Monday.**
- **Lunch and banquet Tuesday.**

The Holiday Inn & Suites offers **FREE** airport shuttle to and from the hotel, **FREE** parking at the hotel, and **FREE** full breakfast and beverages daily. The hotel shuttle is also available for transportation within 5 miles of the hotel. Hotel reservation information is again included near the bottom of this mailing.

TOURS AND AGENDA

We have a special tour for people who arrive early on **Saturday, May 16**. We would probably start the tour around 3:00. Union Pacific has approximately 48 business cars stored inside a huge facility in Council Bluffs. Most were manufactured in the 40's and 50's and have been preserved and updated. They are currently in use and are used by Union Pacific executives during railroad inspections and displayed at special events happening on the Union Pacific

system. Unfortunately, the business car tour isn't handicap accessible as each car has steps to gain entrance.

If you would like to tour the Union Pacific business cars, please let us know by **March 1** so that we can arrange the tours. The number of people on the tour is limited.

We have two additional tours planned for Tuesday afternoon, May 19, 2026, from 1:00-4:30. They are:

1. **Lauritzen Gardens**, which is a beautiful botanical garden that provides a tram to take you through the garden. There is a Big Boy locomotive on the site, and the tram will drive to the locomotive site for pictures and viewing. There are two large indoor areas to enjoy as well.
2. **The Durham Museum** is housed in the former Union Station Depot where many passenger trains departed daily in the past and offers historical displays and exhibits. The building is well preserved and beautiful.

We anticipate we will be able to accommodate approximately 40 people on each of these tours. We will have a sign-up sheet for the tours during registration.

Following is the proposed Convention agenda:

1. **Sunday afternoon, May 17:** Will feature several speakers and details will be in our program book.
2. **Sunday evening, May 17:** A get acquainted party hosted by the Jones Granger Law Firm will begin at 6:00.
3. **Monday morning, May 18:** Opening ceremonies begin at 9:00. Lunch will be served at noon and is hosted by Jones Granger Law Firm.
4. **Monday evening, May 18:** The meal will begin at 5:00 and our theme is a Hawaiian luau. The Jones Granger Law Firm is again providing the meal.
5. **Tuesday morning, May 19:** The business meeting convenes at 9:00. Lunch will be served at noon and the tours begin at 1:00.
6. **Tuesday evening, May 19:** A banquet for our attendees will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30. Entertainment will begin at 8:30 and close out our convention.

If you would like to purchase an ad in our program booklet, the email address has been changed to royceandmarge@msn.com

Our wonderful secretary, Pam Fogle, was in charge of our program booklet but unexpectedly passed December 26. Therefore, the necessity to change the email to receive your ads.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Railroad Crossroads of America, Council Bluffs, Iowa, for our 44th Biennial Convention.

Narvre Unit #30

REGISTRATION FORM

Delegate's Name: _____

Guest Name (If Applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Unit No:** _____

Alternate's Name: _____

Alternate Guest Name (If Applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Unit No:** _____

Registration Fee Per Person (\$175.00)

Number of Registrations: _____ **Dollar (\$) Amount:** _____

Convention Polo (\$35.00)

Number of Polos: _____ **Size(s):** _____

Total Enclosed (\$ Amount): _____

This year you will have an opportunity to purchase a navy polo with the convention theme, **Railroad Crossroads of America**, embroidered on the left chest.

Please indicate on the following sheet the size and quantity you would like to purchase as there will be a very limited supply at the Convention.

(Please note \$2 more for sizes larger than XL)

Women's

X Small: ___ Small: ___ Medium: ___ Large: ___ X Large: ___ 2XL: ___ 3XL: ___ 4XL: ___

Men's

X Small: ___ Small: ___ Medium: ___ Large: ___ X Large: ___ 2XL: ___ 3XL: ___ 4XL: ___

Make check payable to NARVRE and mail to:

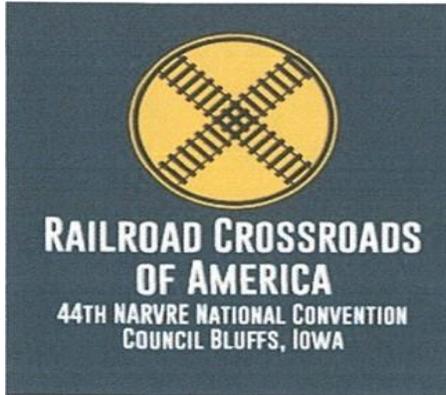
NARVRE Reservation Chairman

Royce Ingram

342 Golden Oaks Drive

Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Please call Margie at 402.981.4394 © with any questions.



HOLIDAY INN RESERVATION INFORMATION

You are responsible for making **your own hotel reservations** directly with the Holiday Inn, our Convention Hotel located at 2202 River Road, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501.

Rates are \$99 per night plus tax for either a King or 2 Queen beds room. If arriving Saturday, May 16, 2026, the rate is \$130 for that night only.

You may call the hotel direct, 712-322-5050, to make your reservation. Be sure the reservationist understands it is for the NARVRE convention, May 17-19, 2026, in Council Bluffs to receive the convention rate.

To make reservations on the internet use the following instructions:

[Go to: www.holidayinn.com/hotels](http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels)

- Click on locations
- Choose US & Canada
- Select Iowa hotels
- Click on "Holiday Inn & Suites — Council Bluffs 1-29 Check Rates"
- Once on the official webpage, select the dates you want to stay, and the number of rooms & guests.
- Next, choose the drop-down menu under rate preference and select group rates.

Code will be ARV, hit search to gain access to the group discounted rates.

Here you will select the exact room type. Rate will be \$99 per night.

Again, if arriving Saturday, May 16, 2026, the rate is \$130.

For **FREE** airport shuttle to and from the hotel, **Call 712.322.5050**.

Reservation Deadline at the Holiday Inn is April 15, 2026

SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOK

Unit 30 will be preparing the Souvenir Program for the 44th Biennial Convention for NARVRE. We are offering full-page, half-page and quarter-page ads as shown with prices below for the ads. Color or black or white are the same price. Please prepare your ad as you want it to appear in the program. There are many ideas for ads, such as listing your officers, congratulating the host unit or whatever you want to share with the attendees.

- Full page ad: \$100
- Half-page ad: \$50
- Quarter-page ad: \$35

For the highest quality look for your ad, the ad should be sent via a high-resolution file, **300 DPI or higher**.

Email your ad to: royceandmarge@msn.com by March 31, 2026.

Your participation will help immensely in offsetting the cost of this program and other convention expenses.

Please make your check payable to: **NARVRE UNIT 30 Convention**

Please mail to:

**ROYCE INGRAM
342 GOLDEN OAKS DRIVE
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51503**

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