



National Carousel Association 2009 Convention Philadelphia "Freedom" Tour September 23rd to 27th

You are invited to attend the 37th annual convention of the National Carousel Association taking place in Southeastern Pennsylvania and the birthplace of our nation. Our convention is named in honor of Fredrick Fried, a co-founder of the NCA. This is the first convention in the Philadelphia area and will feature some carousels not yet viewed by the NCA as a group. We plan to visit nine carousels and you will have the opportunity to view three additional carousels on our pre-convention tour. We will also take time to see the not-to-be-missed historic sites and sample area foods.

Fee: \$285 per person member \$ 332 per person non-member (includes \$47 membership)
Fee includes admissions, tours, buses, 3 dinners, 2 lunches, bus snacks and drinks.
Cancellations: Before August 22 – 100% refund. August 22 to September 12 - 40%. After September 12 – No guaranteed refund.

Hotel Info: Doubletree Suites, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. (610) 834-8300.
\$129/ night double \$139/ triple \$149/ quad - Includes hot breakfast buffet for all registered guests. All rooms are suites w/ separate BR (king or 2 doubles) LR w/ sofabed, 2 TV's, kitchenette. Space is limited so reserve now! Request NCA rate. Room stay counts toward frequent flyer miles.
www.doubletreephilawest.com You must call the hotel for reservations and ask for NCA rate.
Hotel is difficult to find, turn onto Hickory Rd. from Germantown Pike, then turn at first left.

Shuttle Service: Tropiano Transportation from Philadelphia International Airport @ \$29 one way or \$53 round trip. Approximately 25 minutes to hotel. Reservations call 1-800-559-2040.

Pre-Convention: Wednesday September 23rd, 8 AM to 5 PM - \$50 additional per person. Millville Fire Company's 1920 Allen Herschell then on to Knoebel's Grove Amusement Resort. The park will be closed to the public but Dick Knoebel is graciously opening for us. Included are both carousels (1923 Kremer/Carmel 4-row & 1910 Stein & Goldstein 2-row) several museums including a carousel museum, gift shops, other rides like the Pioneer Train, and their famous chicken dinner served in the Oasis Pavilion.

Round-About-Faire: Round-About-Faire will be set up on Friday evening after our return and on Saturday evening before and after the banquet. Possible early set up on Thursday night. Saturday night or Sunday morning break down. No break down of tables once set up.

Auction / Raffle: Everyone is encouraged to bring carousel related items for the bus raffles and for the Saturday auction. A new suggestion this year is to bring a gift basket with items representing your home state or carousel for a Chinese Auction.

Go Green! Bring along and reuse your nametag lanyards from past conventions. Show them off and save more money for carousel preservation!

Tentative Schedule

Convention Check In Times -

Tuesday 5 – 8 PM, Wednesday 5:00 – 6:30PM, Thursday 6 – 7 AM

Pre-convention, Wednesday 9-23-09

7:45 Bus to Millville Fire Company

10:00 Visit Millville Carousel (1920 Allan Herschell 3-row)

11:00 Bus to Knoebel's (1923 Kremer/Carmel 4-row, 1910 Stein & Goldstein 2-row)

11:45 Visit Knoebel's, two carousels, carousel museum, some rides open, carousel gift shop, attractions, train. Chicken dinner served at the Oasis.

3:00 – 5:00 Bus return. Pass through Centralia (abandoned town with underground coal mine fire)

6:00 Welcome Reception, meet & greet, Taste of Philly dinner buffet, speakers include Charles Jacques with some memories of Fred Fried and Stacey Swigart on the Please Touch restoration.

Thursday 9-24-09

7:45 Bus departs for Arnold's Family Fun Center, Oaks, PA

8:15 Visit Arnold's Mechanical Music collection

11:00 Bus to Hersheypark

12:15 Free time at Chocolate World and lunch on your own

2:00 Meet to view Hersheypark Carousel (1919 PTC #47)

3:15 Bus to Shady Maple

4:30 Dinner at famous Shady Maple PA Dutch Smorgasbord & gift shop

6:15 Bus to Pottstown

7:15 Visit Carousel at Pottstown (PTC #9 frame, Ed Roth carvings)

8:30 – 9:15 Bus returns to hotel.

Friday, 9-25-09

7:15 Bus to Dorney Park, Allentown, PA

8:15 Visit Dorney Park Carousel (1921 Dentzel 4-row)

9:30 Bus to Weona Park, Pen Argyl

10:30 Visit Weona Park Carousel (1900 Dentzel, original paint) BBQ lunch served

12:30 Bus to Fonthill, the famous cement castle of Henry Mercer

1:45 Tour Fonthill (Can visit Moravian Tile Works on own, within walking distance.)

3:45 Bus to Peddler's Village, Lahaska, (1922 PTC #59 frame, Ed Roth carvings)

4:00 Visit Peddler's Village Carousel with time to shop

6:00 Bus to Perkasio, PA

6:45 Visit Perkasio Carousel (1951 Allan Herschell 3-row metal) dinner on own at carousel

8:15 – 8:45 Bus returns to hotel, will pass current PTC factory

Round About Faire will be open after return to hotel.

Saturday, 9-26-09

8:00 Bus to Philadelphia

8:30 Visit Please Touch Museum (1924 Dentzel/Muller, restored 2008)

11:00 Bus to Soupy Island, Thorofare, NJ (1900 Heyn 4-row)

11:30 Visit Soupy Island Carousel, Soup & sandwich lunch served from the soup kitchen

1:30 Bus back to Philly, guided bus tour of Historic Philadelphia, stop to see Liberty Bell

4:00 Arrive back at hotel

6:00 Reception, banquet & auction, Round About Faire

Sunday, 9-27-09

Morning wrap up meetings at hotel

Post Convention Options: On your own on Sunday. Open Houses – Ken & Barb Weaver, Spring City, PA., Arnold's Mechanical Music Collection, (100,000 sq. ft of band organs, mechanical music, cars, circus items, etc.) Oaks, PA, Germantown Historic Society Museum, etc.