

National Carousel Association

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THE NATIONAL CAROUSEL ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ITS 27TH CONVENTION, “CAROUSELS OF DISCOVERY” IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

WHAT: 37th Annual Convention

WHERE: Spokane, WA

WHEN: September 22-26, 2010

The 37th Annual National Carousel Convention will be centered out of Spokane, Washington. The event will begin September 22, 2010 and run through September 26, 2010. Although the group will be staying at the Spokane Ramada Airport, they will travel to Kennewick and Republic, Washington, Missoula, Helena, Boulder and Butte, Montana. A stop is also planned for Silverwood, Idaho. The convention theme is “Carousels of Discovery” as this is the first convention to encompass the big sky of Montana and majestic mountain scenery of Northern Idaho. All stops are planned for one thing, to ride a painted pony on a carousel.

Tuesday, September 21, owners and operators of carousels throughout the United States will convene one day prior to the convention for a Technical Day hosted by Riverfront Park’s 1909 Loeff Carousl. The day will be filled with presentations and interaction by attendees on operations of a classic wooden carousel.

A pre-convention optional tour takes place on Wednesday with over 70 of the carousel enthusiasts traveling to Kennewick, Washington to view the 1910 newly restored carousel that is waiting for placement in a new building. Wednesday is also a kick-off event of rides and dinner at the Spokane 1909 Loeff Carousl by the full attendance of the conference.

Thursday morning they will begin their travels of Montana and Idaho. Many of the carousels visited were community saved or created. Saturday they will swing through Grand Coulee Dam as they journey to Republic, Washington and will then return to Spokane for their annual banquet and auction fundraiser.

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Fact sheet:

The National Carousel Association was founded in 1973 in Sandwich, MA by a group of nearly 100 people who shared a common love of the wooden hand-carved carousel. The NCA is devoted to the promotion of the appreciation, conservation, and enjoyment of the art of the classic carousel.

Today, it is a 501 c3 organization with growing memberships throughout the world. Its fundraisers are used for their grant program that assist carousels in restoration, preservation and education for the purpose of promoting conservation, appreciation, knowledge and enjoyment of the art of the classic wooden carousel and the preservation of the complete wooden carousel. The annual Technical Conference programs help the owners and operators in all matters of carousel management. They also have collected a century's worth plus more of carousel history - the National Carousel Association Archives - which is housed in the C. W. Parker Carousel Museum, Leavenworth, Kansas. Its contents are utilized by carousel historians, enthusiasts and media around the world. They also publish a quarterly historic journal, the *Merry-Go-Roundup*.

Further information can be found on their web site: www.nca-usa.org

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