

The 2020 Convention in Fargo has been postponed to August 7-13, 2021

WHAT DO I DO NOW??

If you have already submitted your registration and payment for Convention, and/or have a reserved camping space at Red River Valley Fairgrounds for 2020, please read the FAQ list below to understand how the postponement of the 2020 Convention in Fargo may affect you.

Please read ALL of the questions carefully.

- I have already registered and paid for convention (or my paperwork has been sent in for processing). What are my options?
 1. Roll your registration to 2021. You will be ahead for next year (although you will need to renew your membership for 2021) *AND* you will receive a 2020 commemorative pin for each person listed on your registration form. If you choose this option, *you do not need to do anything*. Your pin(s) will be mailed to you in July.
 2. Donate your registration funds to PGI. Your donation will not be tax deductible but will be greatly appreciated to offset the loss that PGI will incur by not being able to hold Convention. You may donate by sending an email to membership@pgi.org no later than June 30, 2020. The email should be sent by the primary member registered for convention. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number in the email to minimize confusion. You will receive a 2020 commemorative pin for each person listed on your registration form. Your pin(s) will be mailed to you in July.
 3. Request a refund. You may request a refund by sending an email to membership@pgi.org no later than June 30, 2020. The email should be sent by the primary member registered for convention. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number in the email to minimize confusion. Requests for refund must be made in writing. Since the convention has been postponed, the normal \$25 cancellation fee will be waived until June 30, 2020. Your refund will be processed within 30 days via the method of payment used to register (check (check/credit card). PayPal payments will be refunded via check.

Request for refund must be received by June 30, 2020. After June 30, all remaining registrations will be rolled to 2021.

Requests for refunds after June 30, 2020 will be subject to the PGI cancellation policy listed on Convention registration forms: Cancellations/requests for refund must be sent in writing and postmarked by July 12, 2021 and are subject to a \$25.00/person fee. Requests for refunds postmarked after July 12, 2021 or received via email after July 15, 2021 will not accepted.

- How can I purchase a 2020 Fargo Convention pin?

Pins will be available for purchase later this summer. More details to follow!

- What about my 2020 PGI membership? Can I get a refund?

Membership dues support the Guild and its functions *other than* the Convention: production of bulletins and calendars; representation of hobbyist fireworks interests in legal and regulatory bodies; and support of activities in furtherance of the objectives of the Guild, which are enumerated on the inside front cover of each bulletin. These functions continue regardless of postponement of the Convention, and they require support via Membership dues. In accordance with long-standing policy, the Guild does not refund or transfer Membership dues.

- What will happen to my camping reservation at Red River Valley Fairgrounds?

You have options concerning your camping reservation and there are important requirements for retaining your reservation. Please read carefully and take some time to think about what your plans may be for next year.

1. IF you have a confirmed camping registration and have paid *all* camping fees required by June 10, 2020 you have three options:

1. Roll the entire registration and fees to 2021. Simply reply to the email you received on March 3, 2020 (which confirmed your space number and fees due) from RRVF stating your intent to roll your reservation and fees to 2021.
2. Request a refund of only the fees already paid that were required by June 10 and keep your \$50 for 2021. Simply reply to the email you received on March 3, 2020 (which confirmed your space number and fees due) from RRVF requesting a refund of fees but maintaining your reservation deposit of \$50 for 2021. **NOTE:** You must be a 2020 member by June 30, 2020 to maintain your reservation for 2021.
3. Cancel the entire reservation and request a refund of all fees paid. Simply reply to the email you received on March 3, 2020 (which confirmed your space number and fees due) from RRVF requesting cancellation of your reservation and a refund of all fees paid. **NOTE:** If you select this option, you will have no guarantee of camping space for 2021. Refunded spaces will be re-assigned to those on the current "waiting list". If spaces exist after clearing the "waiting list", camping registration for 2021 will be opened in the fall. Details on the registration process will be provided by RRVF in advance of any such registration.

2. IF you have a confirmed camping registration *but have not* paid camping fees required by June 10, 2020 you have two options:

1. Roll the \$50 registration deposit to 2021. Simply reply to the email you received on March 3, 2020 (which confirmed your space number and fees due) from RRVF stating your intent to roll your reservation deposit to 2021. **NOTE:** You must be a 2020 member by June 30, 2020 to maintain your reservation for 2021.
2. Cancel the entire reservation and request a refund of \$50 deposit. Simply reply to the email you received on March 3, 2020 (which confirmed your space number and fees due) from RRVF requesting cancellation of your reservation and a refund of \$50 deposit. **NOTE:** If you select this option, you will have no guarantee of camping space for 2021. Refunded spaces will be re-assigned to those on the current “waiting list”. If spaces exist after clearing the “waiting list”, camping registration for 2021 will be opened in the fall. Details on the registration process will be provided by RRVF in advance of any such registration.

All inquiries concerning camping must be made via email only to Emily@redriversvalleyfair.com.

Since the 2020 convention has been postponed, camping reservation deposits (\$50) will be refunded by RRVF for all refund requests received by June 30, 2020. Requests for refund after June 30, 2020 will be subject to retention of the \$50 reservation deposit. Refunds will be processed within 30 days via check.

