



The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society Buffalo, NY Annual Convention September 15 - 18, 2016

The Officers and Directors of the Society invite and encourage you to visit the 2016 Buffalo, NY Convention during the weekend from **Thursday, September 15 to Sunday, September 18, 2016**. Buffalo, strategically positioned on Lake Erie, became a transportation center first as the western terminus of the Erie Canal on Lake Erie and then grew into the one of the largest railroad centers in the U.S. allowing development of the large grain milling industry and the iron and steel industry. Participants can look forward to tours and presentations that highlight the history and the importance of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway / Baltimore & Ohio Railroad operations, structures and right of way in New York. The Buffalo and Susquehanna Railway, and its operations and short lived extension to Buffalo, will also be covered with a presentation and discussion on the tours.

- **Friday, September 16** will be spent following the BR&P/B&O right-of-way to Salamanca. The trip will include a visit to the beautifully restored Orchard Park, Springville and Salamanca depots. Our lunch stop will be at the Salamanca Rail Museum. From there, the tour will visit the East Salamanca station and site of the former roundhouse, shops and yard before stopping at the Ellicottville station. The next stop is Ashford Junction where the lines from Buffalo and Rochester converge before heading south into Pennsylvania. If time permits, we will visit the Arcade and Attica Railroad and a former B&S Railway station.
- Our **Saturday, September 17** tour will visit BR&P/B&O structures and facilities along the Rochester line - including the 1881 passenger station, the 1905 general office, building, the 1914 warehouse building, the 1882 partial roundhouse and shop buildings at Lincoln Park and the Brooks Ave. Yard. We will, also, visit the locations of the Genesee Dock and the Charlotte Dock. The Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad Museum will be the lunch stop, with their collection of locomotives and rolling stock including a BR&P caboose, a wagon-top caboose and a B&O baggage car. The tour will finish with stops at P&L Junction and the passenger stations at Mumford and LeRoy.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOTE: All events are subject to cancellation, substitution or schedule change on short notice.

Thursday, September 15, 2016:

- 12:30 – 3:30 PM: Board of Directors meeting at the hotel
- 4:00 – 5:30 PM and 7:30 – 10:30 PM : Convention registration and model/photo display
- 4:00 – 5:30 PM and 7:00 – 7:30 PM: Company Store Sales
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM: Dinner on your own
- 7:15 – 10:15 PM: Evening presentations:
 - Mike Zollitsch: *The BR&P/B&O from Buffalo to Salamanca, NY* – history and infrastructure
 - Stan Carlson: *Operations on the Buffalo line – historic through current (a railroader's perspective)*
 - Brian DeVries and Susan Yosten: *Making Use of Historical Documents to reconstruct a day in the life of the B&O Buffalo Division*

Friday, September 16, 2016:

- 8:00 AM: Board buses
- 8:15 AM – 4:15 PM: Busses leave hotel for a tour from Buffalo, NY southward, returning via Arcade, NY. We will cross over the BR&P/B&O Buffalo Creek yard en route to the site of the former Ganson Street yard and dock facilities. We will visit the well-preserved passenger stations in Orchard Park, Springville and Salamanca. After lunch, we will stop at the former Ellicottville station and the concrete signal tower at Ashford Junction. If time permits, we will visit the Arcade and Attica Railroad and the former B&S station in Arcade, NY
- 12:30 – 1:15 PM (approx): Box lunch at the Salamanca Rail Museum
- Return – 5:30 PM and 7:00 – 7:30 PM: Company Store Sales
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM: Dinner on your own
- 7:30 – 10:30 PM: Convention registration and model photo display
- 7:30 – 10:30 PM: Evening presentations:
 - Mike Zollitsch/Don Brown: *The BR&P/B&O line serving Rochester, NY*
 - Peter Gores: *The Buffalo and Susquehanna Railway revisited*
 - Brian DeVries: *B&O Operations on the former BR&P Middle Division*

Saturday, September 17, 2016:

- 8:15 AM: Board buses
- 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM: Busses leave hotel for a tour of the B&O/BR&P rail facilities along the Rochester line. The tour will visit the following buildings and facilities: the 1881 Passenger Station, the BR&P Main Office building, the site of the Genesee and Charlotte docks, the BR&P/B&O warehouse, Lincoln Park Shops and the Brooks Avenue Yard. The tour will then visit Pittsburgh & Lehigh Junction and passenger stations at Mumford and LeRoy before returning to the hotel.
- 12:00 - 12:45 PM: (approx) Box lunch at the Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad Museum
- Return – 6:30 PM: Company Store sales and please pick up your model and photo display items
- 7:00 – 9:30 PM: Don Brown: *From Rochester Railfan to Railroad President.*
- 9:30 – 10:30 PM: Company Store sales and please pick up your model and photo display items

Sunday, September 18, 2016:

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM: Annual Business Meeting
- 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Visit The Western New York Railroad Historical Society's Heritage Discovery Center containing exhibits on the history of the railroads, the steel industry and lighthouses in the Buffalo, NY and Lackawanna, NY area. **Have a safe trip home!**



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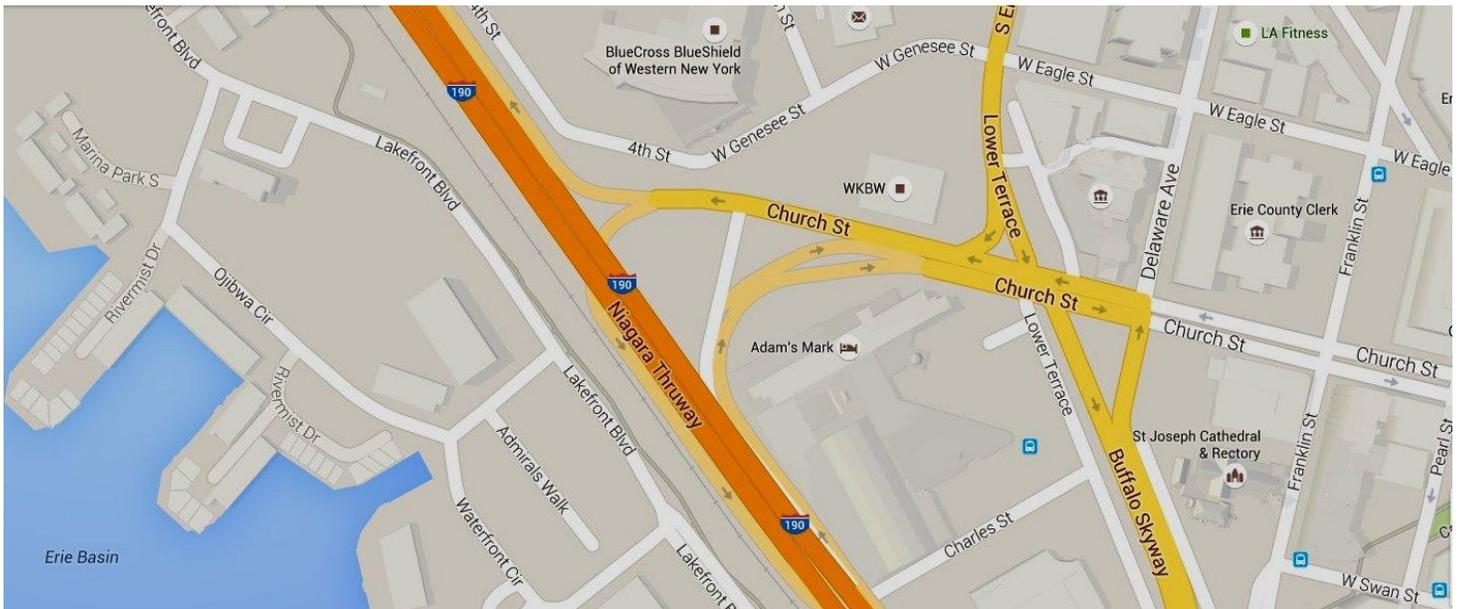
CONVENTION HOTEL AND DIRECTIONS

Adams Mark, 120 Church Street, Buffalo, New York 14202 is the convention headquarters hotel and will be the location for registration, presentations and the Company Store. The Society **hotel room rate is \$99.00** per night plus 13.75% taxes for a **Deluxe Double Double** room. The hotel parking is free with your room. Please state that the reservation is for the **Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society or the B&ORRHS** block of rooms when you make your room reservation. The group sleeping room rate will be honored three days before group arrival and three days after group departure based on availability. **Please book your room reservation no later than August 26, 2016.** After that date, room reservations for our group will not be available and taken on a space-available basis only. In order to get the group rate, you must call the hotel directly at **716-845-5100**.

Air and Rail Transportation:

- **Air:** The **Buffalo International Airport** is approximately 12 miles from the Adams Mark Hotel. The hotel **does not operate a complimentary shuttle service**. The public bus system operates the **Downtown Express** bus to downtown Buffalo for \$2.50. *You must have exact change.* The bus will let you off at Pearl and Seneca Sts. that is two blocks from the hotel. The **Airport Express** shuttle or Act One Transportation costs \$28.00 for one or more individuals and the Airport Shuttle costs \$38.00 for the first person and \$10 for the second person. The Airport Taxi estimated the cost to be \$35.00 for one or more riders. Taxis use a meter for both mileage and time if the taxi is not moving.
- **Rail:** Amtrak's *Lake Shore Limited* runs between New York City and Chicago, IL and stops at the DePew, NY station which is 11 miles from the hotel, and the cost of **Act One Transportation** or **Airport Express** is approximately \$28 for one or more riders. The Airport Taxi is approximately \$40.00 for one or more riders. The *Maple Leaf* and two *Empire Service* passenger trains provide daily service from New York City to the Buffalo Exchange Street Station, which is a 15 minute walk or a less than \$10.00 taxi ride to the hotel. For reservations, find Amtrak on the internet at **www.amtrak.com** or call **1-800-USA-RAIL**.

Driving: **From I-90 East at Exit 53** use the two outside right lanes to take I-190 toward Downtown Buffalo. Then take **Exit 7** for Church Street and look for the hotel on your right. **From I-90 West** take the **I-190 Exit** toward Downtown Buffalo. Watch for the I-190 Exit carefully because the Exit can be misleading. Then take **Exit 7** for Church Street and look for the hotel on your right. **US-219 North** from Pennsylvania is a two lane road that requires crossing over the four lane divided US-219 before exiting onto it to continue toward Buffalo. US-219 merges into **I-90 East**. **At Exit 53** use the two outside right lanes to take I-190 toward Downtown Buffalo. Then take **Exit 7** for Church Street and look for the hotel on your right.



Safety: We will be on railroad property. All attendees are required to stay with their group and follow directions of the group leader. **For the tours, long pants and hard soled shoes/boots are required.**

QUESTIONS? For hotel, registration or convention questions, please call **Andy White at (301) 596-3845**. Any messages left on the phone mail system will be promptly returned.



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CONVENTION MODEL AND PHOTO DISPLAYS

You are encouraged to bring your models and photos to share with fellow members. Bruce Elliott will be our Chief Administrator for the model and photo activity again this year.

There will be no judging, by popular vote or otherwise. Instead, modelers and photographers are encouraged, but certainly not required, to provide some information about their work, with the idea that there are probably other fellow modelers who are interested in their techniques. It is suggested that the information listed below be provided, for example, on a 4"x6" index card. The data may be provided in a larger or smaller format, but 4"x6" is suggested as being sufficient to contain the most important data and at the same time not taking up too much space. Blank cards will be available at the convention, or you can e-mail Bruce Elliott and request a template at agelliott88@yahoo.com.

To help facilitate planning and make sure we have enough tables set up, you are encouraged to e-mail Bruce to let him know what you are bringing, especially if it involves any special requirements such as electrical outlets.

- Guidelines for the models and photos remain basically as in the past with one addition: Models and photos should represent a prototype of the B&O, a subsidiary or a predecessor line.
- However, models of equipment that never existed but which might have under imaginary scenarios (e.g. a 2000's-era diesel lettered in traditional B&O colors) are welcome also.
- Models should demonstrate some aspect of the owner's model abilities, e.g. custom paint, scratch-built, kit built, kit-bashed, assembled from a craftsman kit, detail parts or interiors added, etc.
- Photos should be 8"x10", 8"x12", or 10"x12" in size. It is recommended that they be mounted and unframed on mat board with the photographer's name, address and phone number on the back. For the purposes of sharing, it is recommended that a 4"x6" data card with the photographer's name, location, date, subject matter and any relevant camera and/or film information be completed and positioned next to the photo. This is also important if we want to contact you to reproduce your photo in *The Sentinel*.
- Modelers consent to having their models moved, if necessary, to a location suitable for photography (with care, of course.) We will try to get DECENT photos this year since the lighting of models *in situ* is often suboptimal.
- All models and photos remain the property of the owner and must be removed from the display after the Saturday banquet dinner. The Society assumes no responsibility for loss, theft or damages. Any models NOT so removed become the property of Bruce Elliott (just kidding to see if you were reading!).
- Displayed entries may be featured in *The Sentinel* and/or *The B&O Modeler*.

Suggested information to be provided on a 4"x6" data card to accompany each model:

- ✓ Road Number/Type of Equipment/Class (for a structure, type of structure and location)
- ✓ Origin of model (kit, scratch built, kit-bashed—and what did you start with)
- ✓ Source of information
- ✓ Any unusual construction techniques to be shared
- ✓ Finish/decals
- ✓ Feel free to provide any drawings or other supplemental information
- ✓ Finally, and very importantly, modeler's identity and contact information

No more than five entries will be permitted per member for the photo display and five entries for the model display. This would allow a total of ten entries per member. If you have any additional questions about the above, please contact Bruce Elliott directly at agelliott88@yahoo.com. Let's have a robust turnout of models and photos this year!



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

***** CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 *****

Only B&O RR Historical Society members in good standing, their families and approved exhibitors may attend the convention. Non-members may send in their registration form and request an application for membership at the same time (membership application forms will be available at the convention). Please complete a separate form for each registration. Your check or money order (no cash, please) must accompany this form. We must receive your registration by the date noted above to guarantee accommodations in convention activities, as space is limited. Preference for events will be given to members of record paying full registration fee upon receipt of this form. Some events may have a limited capacity; space will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. **If you don't get your convention registration in by September 1, 2016, please contact Andy White at (301) 596-3845 to confirm availability.**

Mail reservation form to:

B&ORHS, c/o Andy White, Convention Registration, 6240 Bright Plume, Columbia, MD 21044.

Name: _____ Membership #: _____

Spouse/Partner Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____ - _____ E-mail Address: _____

	<u># of People</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
REGISTRATION FEE: Each participant must register, but only one family member need pay, unless multiple registration packets are desired.	# _____	@ \$35. ⁰⁰	\$ _____

TOURS AND MEAL SELECTIONS – PLEASE INDICATE FOOD CHOICES:

• **FRIDAY, September 16, 2016 – Bus Tour:**

Box Lunch: Roast Beef ____ Turkey ____ Veggie ____ # _____ @ \$40.⁰⁰ \$ _____
Includes: chips, cookies, sodas, water

• **SATURDAY, September 17, 2016 – Bus Tour:**

Box Lunch: Ham ____ Chicken ____ Veggie ____ # _____ @ \$48.⁰⁰ \$ _____
Includes: chips, cookies, sodas, water

Banquet Dinner: Roast beef ____ Baked chicken ____ # _____ @ \$28.⁰⁰ \$ _____
Dinner will include a tossed salad, vegetable, potatoes, dessert and coffee (regular and decaf) and tea (hot and cold)

• **SUNDAY, September 18, 2016 – Heritage Discovery Center:** open 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Exhibits on the history of the railroads, the steel industry and lighthouses in the Buffalo, NY and Lackawanna, NY area.

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GRAND TOTAL OF CHECK ENCLOSED FOR CONVENTION ACTIVITIES: \$ _____
(Make check or money order payable to "B&O RR Historical Society")