

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society

2021 Akron Convention

Thursday September 30 to October 3, 2021

Speakers:

Ray Lichty – Akron Division Operator 1955 – 1959 and Akron Division Dispatcher 1958-1959.

Dave Ori - Akron Junction: Years of Transition 1953 - 1987

Dave Beach - Cleveland Terminal & Valley RR Memories and the Canton Turn

Roger Durfee - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Action in the 1970s and 80s

Mike Cole - Cleveland Terminal & Valley Railroad History

John Parker - B&O Akron Division and CL&W in the 1970s

The Society is holding the 2021 annual convention in Akron, Ohio at the Holiday Inn Akron West. For Thursday evening, Friday evening and Saturday there is an excellent program of presentations. On Thursday evening, Ray Lichty who started his long railroad career on the B&O Railroad Akron Division as a bridge tender, tower operator, dispatcher and chief dispatcher will talk about his experiences and the Division's operations as a tower operator and dispatcher from the perspective of those positions. On Friday, Dave Ori will discuss operations at Akron Junction and on Saturday, Mike Cole will present a history of the CT&V. Three excellent railroad photographers, Dave Beach, Roger Durfee and John Parker will present their photographs and knowledge of the operations and facilities on the Akron Division and the CI&W. On Friday, there will be a bus tour of railroad and industrial facilities, a Saturday evening banquet and a Sunday activity where members will use personal transportation to attend. The convention schedule, registration form and hotel reservation information will be sent out in both a later mailing and email.

The Society decided to hold the convention because of the progress of vaccinations and the reduction in total cases and serious hospitalizations. By the end of September, everyone who wants to be vaccinated should have received their two-dose regimen and the two-week time period should have elapsed for the vaccine to reach full effectiveness. For those who are planning on attending, the Society would urge that they receive the vaccine. The Society and the hotel will follow the state health protocol existing at the time of the convention. The Society looks forward to members being able to gather again and enjoy the company of other members and the history of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.