



# The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society Cumberland, MD Annual Convention August 25 – August 28, 2022

The Officers and Directors of the Society invite and encourage you to visit the 2022 Cumberland, MD Convention from **Thursday, August 25 to Sunday, August 28, 2022**. Cumberland is located at the junction of Wills Creek and the Potomac River, which also became the junction of three B&O Railroad lines to Chicago, St. Louis, and Baltimore. It was also an important junction for the Western Maryland Railway. During the 19th century, Cumberland, the second largest city in Maryland and an industrial center, was a key western gateway and transportation hub with the National Road, the C&O Canal, and the two major railroads. Cumberland was an important classification yard for the B&O Railroad. Participants can look forward to activities that highlight the history and the importance of the B&O Railroad with Cumberland and the surrounding area.

On Friday, we will visit the shops of the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad and watch the preparation of 1309, a compound articulated steam locomotive, for its trip to Frostburg on the former Western Maryland Railway and Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad rights-of-way. After visiting the shops, we will proceed to the Western Maryland Railway Cumberland passenger station to board the train behind 1309 for the scheduled 11:30 AM trip to the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad passenger station in Frostburg.

On Thursday and Friday evenings there will be multiple presentations on each night and five presentations during the day on Saturday. The individuals presenting will be Ray Morriss, Bill Rettberg, Henry Freeman, Tom Biery, John Hankey, Joe Nevin, Dave Ori, and Nick Fry. Ray Lichty will make a presentation after the banquet on the hotels owned by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The presentations, banquet, and company store will be located at the Cumberland Country Club, which will allow attendees to eat in the dining room Thursday and Friday night, but the Club would like an indication of the number of attendees who want to eat dinner in order to staff properly. You can indicate interest on the registration form and/or when you register at The Sleep Inn.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

### Thursday, August 25, 2022:

- 11:00 – 3:00 PM: Board of Directors meeting at the Cumberland Country Club
- 3:30 – 5:30 PM and 7:00 – 10:30 PM: Convention registration at The Sleep Inn
- 4:00 – 5:30 PM and 7:00 - 10:00 PM: Company Store Sales located at the Cumberland Country Club
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM: Dinner on your own  
If you are eating dinner at the Cumberland Country Club, please indicate your interest on the registration form.
- 7:30 – 10:00 PM: Evening Presentations
  - Ray Morriss, Cumberland Mayor: **Welcome to Cumberland**
  - Henry Freeman: **Cumberland: The Heart of the B&O**
  - Nick Fry: **Walking the Tight Rope: John Garrett and the B&O in the Spring and Summer of 1861**

### Friday, August 26, 2022:

- 8:30AM: Using personal transportation, depart for WMSR shops in Ridgely, WV
- 9:00 AM -10:00 AM: Visit at the WMSR shops
- 10:00 AM: Using personal transportation, depart for Western Maryland Passenger Station (parking paid by credit card)
- 11:00 AM: Boarding designated passenger cars
- 11:30 AM: Train departs the Cumberland passenger station
- 1:15 PM: Lunch at Frostburg
- 4:00 PM: Train arrives at Cumberland passenger station
- 4:15 PM - 7:15 PM: Dinner on your own  
If you are eating dinner at the Cumberland Country Club, please indicate your interest on the registration form.
- 5:00 - 6:00 and 7:00 - 10:00 PM: Company Store Sales located at the Cumberland Country Club and Model and Photo display at the hotel
- 7:30 - 10:15 PM: Evening presentations:
  - John Hankey and Joe Nevin: **The Amazing Baltimore and Ohio Early E's**
  - Henry Freeman: **The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's Queen City Hotel**

### Saturday, August 27, 2022:

- 8:30 AM: The Cumberland Country Club will take lunch orders
- 8:45 AM: Company Store Sales will be open during the day until 5:00 PM
- 8:45 AM: Ray Morriss: **Cumberland Terminal Operations and the Reasons for Change Since 1983**
- 9:50 AM: Dave Ori: **History and Operations of the B & O Railroad's Central Dispatch Route (CSD)**
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Break for lunch and an opportunity to photograph 1309 leaving Cumberland
- 11:15 AM: Lunch will be served for those who ordered lunch from the Country Club
- 12:30 PM: Bill Rettberg: **Cumberland in the 1960s and 1970s: When the City Was a B&O Eastern Mecca**
- 1:35 PM: Tom Biery: **Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. and the B&O Railroad in Cumberland**
- 2:40 PM: TBD
- 5:45 – 6:15 PM: Get together at the at the Cumberland Country Club bar
- 6:30 - 9:30 PM: Banquet at the Country Club
- 7:45 PM: Banquet Speaker: Ray Lichty, **The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Hotels: 18 Hotels Built and Owned by the Railroad**

### Sunday, August 28, 2022:

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM: Annual business meeting in the meeting room at the hotel. Afterward, activities on your own include the Western Maryland NRHS Chapter's Cumberland Railroad Museum, the Allegheny Museum, bike ride and rail bike 'speeder' rides (tracksandyaks.com) on the WMSR, and locations to view railroad facilities from public property. **Have fun and a safe trip home!**



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## CONVENTION HOTEL AND DIRECTIONS

**The Sleep Inn at 13320 Ali Ghan Road NE** is the convention headquarters hotel, and it will be the location for registration and the model/photo display. The Society **hotel room rate is \$104.00** per night plus 14.00% taxes for a standard room with breakfast. The hotel parking is free. Reservations are made by calling the hotel directly at **1-240-580-1333**. Please state that the reservation is for the **Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society** block of rooms. If you are asked for a code, provide BSCDVP. **Please book your room reservation no later than August 11, 2022.** After that date, room reserved for our group will be released and will be available on a space-available basis only. The group room rate will be honored one day before group arrival and one day after group departure based on availability. Convention events will be held at the Cumberland Country Club. Directions to the Club will be provided at the registration table at The Sleep Inn.

### Air and Rail Transportation:

- **Air:** There are three airports to choose from:

**Pittsburgh International Airport** is approximately 125 miles and two hours and forty minutes away from Cumberland

**Baltimore/Washington International Airport** is approximately 141 miles and two hours and forty minutes away

**Dulles International Airport** is approximately 129 miles and two hours and thirty minutes from Cumberland.

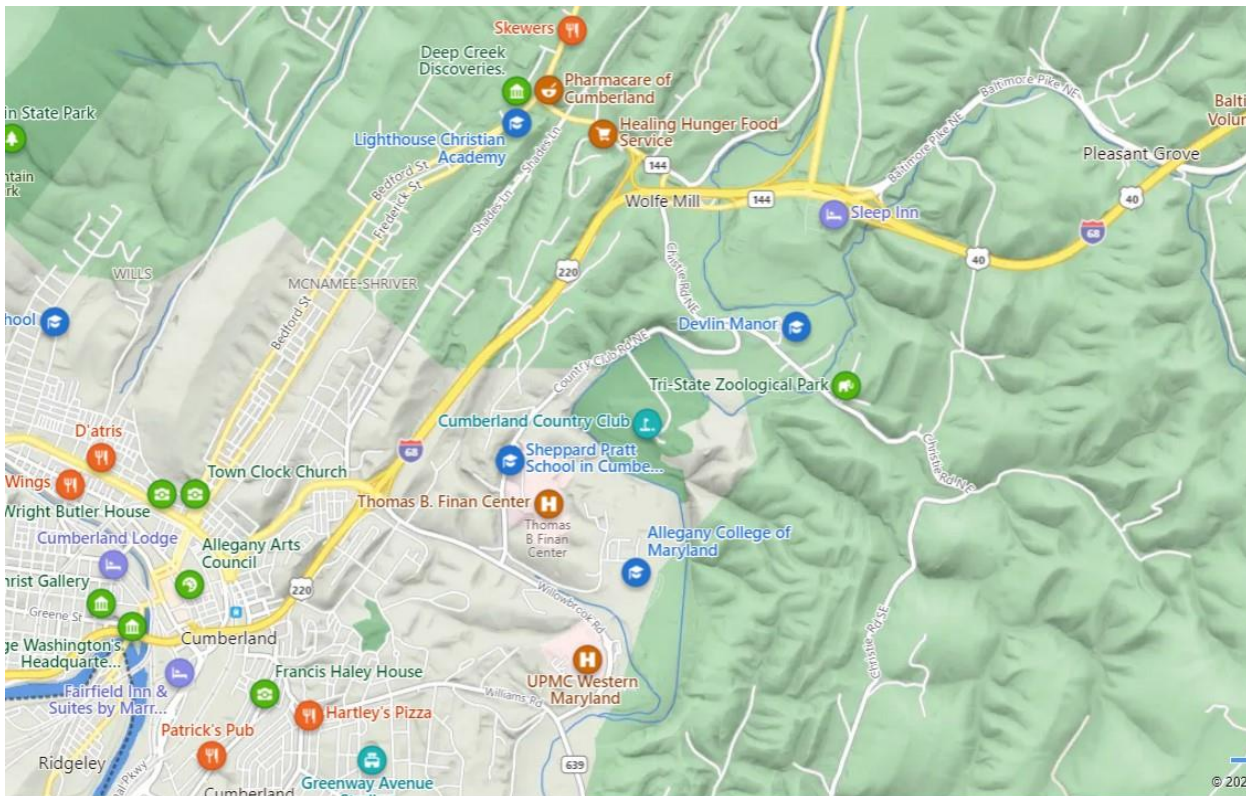
Please check an online map service or your GPS device for directions from the airport to the hotel.

- **Rail:** Amtrak's Capitol Limited runs between Washington, DC and Chicago, IL and stops at Cumberland, MD.

The Amtrak station is located at 201 E Harrison St. next to the Cumberland Post Office. For reservations, find Amtrak on the internet at [amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com) or call **1-800-USA-RAIL**. If coming by rail on August 25th, transportation will be provided from the train station to the hotel and

on August 28<sup>th</sup> transportation will be provided back to the train station.

**Driving:** The Sleep Inn is located just off I-68, 3.9 miles east of Cumberland, MD. From the **west** on I-68, take exit 46 to Ali Ghan Rd. and turn left. Go to the stoplight and turn right then immediately make a left turn into Love's Travel Stop. Drive through the area in front of the travel stop to the parking lot in front of the Sleep Inn. From the **east** on I-68 take exit 47 and drive straight ahead to MD 144 Baltimore Pike. Make a left turn, drive to the stoplight, and make a left turn then immediately make the left turn into Love's Travel Stop. Drive through to the hotel. From the **north** on US 220 (from I-76, the Pennsylvania Turnpike), the highway crosses over I-68 to the stoplight, continue straight then make the left turn into Love's Travel Stop. Drive through to the hotel.



**Safety:** We will be visiting the WMSR shop facilities. All attendees are required to stay with their group and follow directions of the group leader. **For the visit, long pants are required and open toed shoes are not permitted.**

**QUESTIONS:** For hotel, registration, or convention questions, please call **Andy White at (301) 596-3845**. Any messages left on the phone voice mail 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"x 6" index card. The data may be provided in a larger or smaller format, but 4"x 6" is suggested as being sufficient to contain the most important data and at the same time not taking up too much space. Downloading the card by going to the **EVENTS** tab on the Society website and scroll to **FORMS** is recommended. Blank cards will be available at the convention, or you can e-mail Bruce Elliott at [agelliott88@yahoo.com](mailto:agelliott88@yahoo.com) to request a template.

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.

- 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 modeling 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, 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"x 6" 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 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*.

#### **Suggested information to be provided on a 4"x 6" data card to accompany each model:**

- ✓ Road Number/Type of Equipment/Class (for a structure, type of structure and location)
- ✓ Origin of model (kit-built, 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 at [agelliott88@yahoo.com](mailto: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 August 16, 2022 \*\*\*\*\***

Only members in good standing of the B&O RR Historical Society and the Western Maryland Chapter NRHS, 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 the 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 Thursday August 16, 2022, please contact Andy White at (301) 596-3845 to confirm availability.**

**Mail registration 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>Number of People</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REGISTRATION FEE:</b> Each participant must register, but only one family member need pay, unless multiple registration packets are desired. Registration includes a copy of the Cumberland Convention book, the convention pin, and admittance to the presentations.	# _____	@ \$40. <sup>00</sup>	\$ _____

**TOURS AND MEAL SELECTIONS – PLEASE INDICATE FOOD CHOICES:**

- **FRIDAY, August 26, 2022 – : Tour of WMSR shop and trip on WMSR behind 1309**  
 Lunch:     Ham\_\_\_\_ Turkey\_\_\_\_ Veggie\_\_\_\_     # \_\_\_\_\_     @ \$41.<sup>00</sup>     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Includes: chips, cookies, soda, water

- **SATURDAY, August 27, 2022 –: Presentations**  
 No charge; covered by Registration Fee     @ \$00.<sup>00</sup>     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet Dinner:** Entrees consist of sliced roast beef or baked chicken breast with olive oil/herbs, including tossed garden salad, mixed vegetables, roasted redskin potatoes, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee (regular and decaf) or tea (hot and cold)

Dinner:     Sliced Roast Beef\_\_\_\_ Baked Chicken\_\_\_\_     # \_\_\_\_\_     @ \$35.<sup>00</sup>     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- **SUNDAY, August 28, 2022 –**  
 Annual Meeting, then activities on your own in Cumberland

**GRAND TOTAL OF CHECK ENCLOSED FOR CONVENTION ACTIVITIES:**     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Make check or money order payable to “B&O Railroad Historical Society”)

**Indication of Interest to Eat Dinner at Cumberland Country Club:     Thursday \_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_**