



The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society Akron, Ohio Annual Convention September 30 – October 3, 2021

The Officers and Directors of the Society invite and encourage you to visit the 2021 Akron, OH Convention on **Thursday, September 30 to Sunday, October 3, 2021**. Akron is known as the rubber capital of the world with numerous rubber factories that made tires for America's burgeoning auto industry. The city benefited early in its history from being located on the Ohio and Erie Canal and later having three major railroads and a regional carrier serve the city. In the 1950s, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Akron Division headquarters were located inside the Metropolitan Building in downtown where the Superintendent, his staff and dispatchers ran a busy railroad. Ray Lichty, a dispatcher in the 1950s will describe what it was like to dispatch on this railroad.

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 from the perspective of a tower operator and dispatcher. On Friday, Dave Ori will discuss operations at Akron Junction, Mike Kole 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 Saturday, there will be a bus tour of B&O Railroad locations in Akron, a bus tour following the CT&V to Canton, and a group tour of the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek, OH. At the banquet, Jim Hill, Vice President of Transportation, Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co., will speak on current day operations. The annual business meeting will be early Sunday morning.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, September 30, 2021:

- 12:30 – 3:30 PM: Board of Directors meeting at the hotel
- 4:00 – 5:30 PM and 7:00 – 10:30 PM: Convention registration and model/photo display
- 4:00 – 5:30 PM and 7:00 and 10:00 – 10:30 PM: Company Store Sales
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM: Dinner on your own
- 7:30 – 10:00 PM: Evening presentations:
 - Ray Lichty: **Akron Division Tower Operator: 1955-1959**
 - Ray Lichty: **Akron Division Dispatcher: 1958-1959**

Friday, October 1, 2021:

- 8:30AM - 10:00 PM Company Store Sales and model/photo display
- 9:00 AM: Roger Durfee: **Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Action in the 1970s and 80s**
- 10:30 AM: Dave Ori: **Akron Junction: Years of Transition: 1953 – 1987**
- 11:40 AM: Lunch
- 1:10 PM: John Parker: **B&O Railroad Akron Division and the CL&W in the 1970s**
- 2:30 PM: Dave Beach: **Cleveland Terminal & Valley Railroad Memoires and the Canton Turn**
- 3:30 PM: Employee Roundtable: Art McGowan, Don Glass and Ron Spiga with Dave Ori, moderator
- 5:20 PM - 7:30 PM: Dinner on your own
- 7:30 - 10:15 PM: Evening presentations:
 - Mike Kole: **Cleveland Terminal & Valley Railroad History**

Saturday, October 2, 2021:

- 8:15 AM: Board buses
- 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM: Buses leave the hotel to go to the B&O Railroad locations in Akron, a tour following the CT&V to Canton and a group tour of the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek, OH.
- 11:30 - 12:20 PM (approx): Box lunch
- 4:45 – 5:45 PM: Company Store sales
- 5:45 – 6:15 PM: Get together at the at the hotel bar
- 6:30 - 9:30 PM: Banquet at the Hotel
- 7:45 PM: Banquet Speaker: Jim Hill, Vice President of Transportation, Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co.: **Current Day Railroad Operatio**
- 9:30 – 10:30 PM: Company Store sales and please pick up your model and photo display items

Sunday, October 3, 2021:

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM: Annual business meeting
- 10:30 AM: Activities on your own in Akron **Have a safe trip home!**



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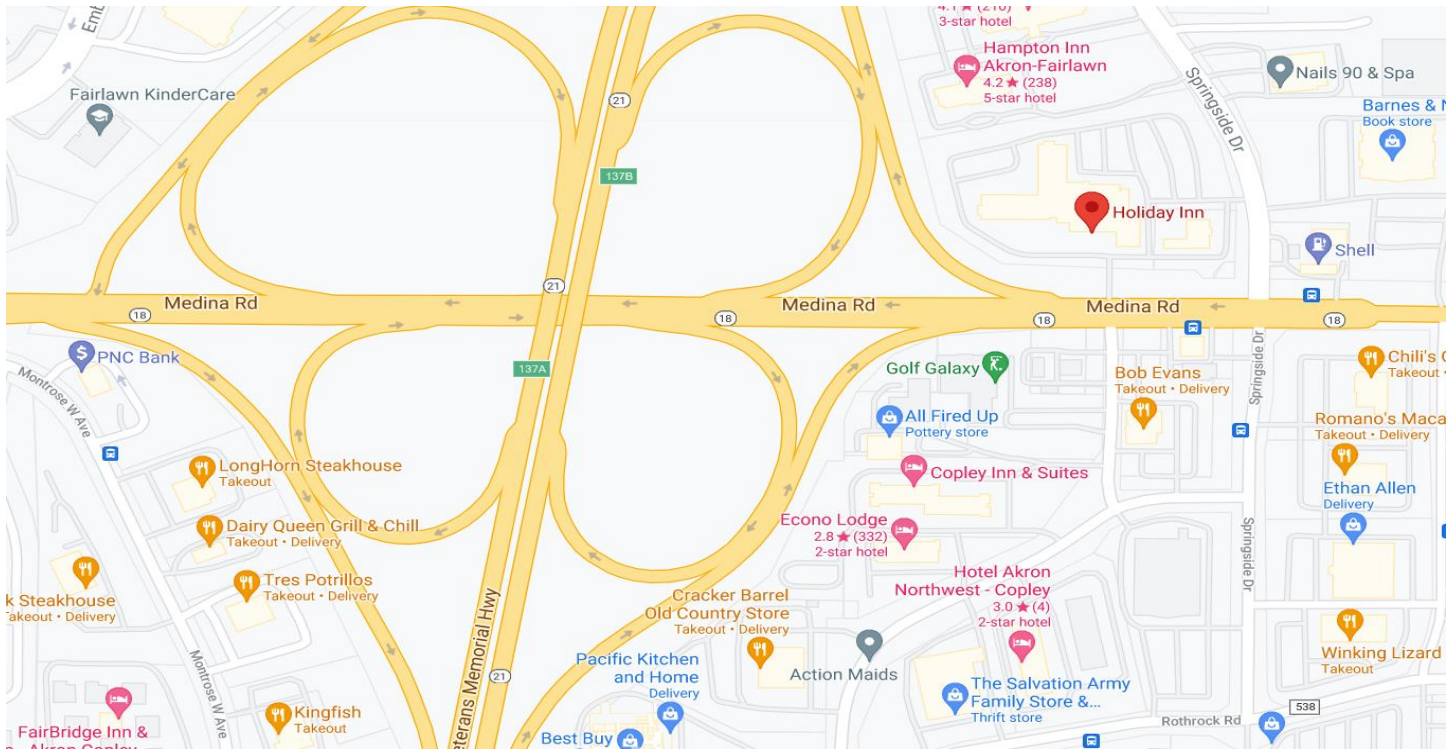
CONVENTION HOTEL AND DIRECTIONS

Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road, Akron, Ohio 44333 is the convention headquarters hotel and it will be the location for registration, presentations, and the Company Store. The Society **hotel room rate is \$89.00** per night plus 15.25% taxes for a standard room with a breakfast. The hotel parking is free. Reservations are made by calling the hotel directly at **1-330-666-4131** or the hotel's central reservation hotline at **1-800-465-4329**. Please state that the reservation is for the **Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society** block of rooms. **Please book your room reservation no later than September 10, 2021.** After that date, room reservations for our group will be released and available on a space-available basis only. The group sleeping room rate will be honored one day before group arrival and one day after group departure based on availability.

Air and Rail Transportation:

- **Air:** Akron-Canton is approximately 24 miles from the hotel and served by American, United, and Spirit airlines. The hotel does not provide a shuttle service. Taxis, ride sharing, and rental cars are available for transportation to the hotel. Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is served by all major airlines and is approximately 30 minutes from the hotel. Again taxis, ride sharing, and rental cars are available from the airport to the hotel.
- **Rail:** The Cleveland Amtrak Lakeshore station is the closest passenger station to Akron. It is served by the Capitol Limited and the Lakeshore Limited with each having an eastbound and westbound train daily. Unfortunately, the trains are scheduled to stop in Cleveland during the early morning hours. A rental car would probably be the best way to get from the station to Akron. Amtrak should have arrangements for a rental car company that serves the station. The station is open from midnight to 7:30 AM.

Driving: Driving: The Holiday Inn is located at the intersection of I-77 and Ohio 18. From either the north or south use **I-77** and take exit 137A onto Medina Road. From the north, move to the left lane in preparation for a left turn at Springside Drive. From the south, use the straight exit lane to permit moving directly to the left lane once traffic is clear. Once a left turn is made onto Springside Drive, turn left at first opportunity into the Holiday Inn. From the west on I-76, use exit 13B for OH 21 to I-77 north and from the east on I-76 continue straight onto I-77 north. Follow the directions for I-77 from the south to the hotel.



Safety: We will be visiting the **Age of Steam Roundhouse**. 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. No open toed shoes.**

QUESTIONS: For hotel, registration or convention questions, please call **Andy White at (301) 596-3845**. Any messages left on the phone voice 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 at agelliott88@yahoo.com Bruce Elliott 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.

- 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 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 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"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 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"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 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 21, 2021 *******

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 Friday September 24, 2021, 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: _____

Number of People Fee Total

REGISTRATION FEE:

Each participant must register, but only one family member need pay, unless #_____ @ \$45.00 \$_____ multiple registration packets are desired. Registration includes a copy of the Akron Convention book, the convention pin, and admittance to the presentation.

TOURS AND MEAL SELECTIONS – PLEASE INDICATE FOOD CHOICES:

• **FRIDAY, October 1, 2021 – Presentations:**

#_____ @ \$00.00 \$ 0.00

• **SATURDAY, October 2, 2021 – Bus tour and Age of Steam Roundhouse:**

- Includes: chips, cookies, sodas, water
- The tip for the bus driver is included in the payment for the trip.

Box Lunch: Ham_____ Chicken_____ Veggie_____ #_____ @ \$55.00 \$_____

Banquet Dinner: Entrees consist of baked chicken breast with olive oil/herbs, grilled pork chop, or seared salmon; mixed green salad, green beans, roasted redskin potatoes, rolls and butter, apple cobbler for dessert, and coffee (regular and decaf) or tea (hot and cold)

Dinner: Pork Chop_____ Salmon_____ Baked Chicken_____ #_____ @ \$33.00 \$_____

• **SUNDAY, October 3, 2021 –**

Annual Meeting, then activities on your own in Akron

GRAND TOTAL OF CHECK ENCLOSED FOR CONVENTION ACTIVITIES:

\$ _____

(Make check or money order payable to "B&O Railroad Historical Society")

Employee Roundtable Participants

Art McGowan: Known as the " Godfather of Akron Junction", Art hired out on the B&O in Cleveland in June of 1967. Over the course of his 41 year career with the B&O/Chessie/CSXT, Art worked at various locations on the Akron Division including Youngstown (Haselton), DeForest Junction, Massillon, Dover, Lorain, Cleveland, Parma and Akron Junction. During the B&O era, Art worked such trains as the Akron-Deforest Turn and Canton Turn as well as Cleveland-Holloway runs. His last assignment was Train D754, the Elyria Shift. This train operated between Lester and Lorain and return. Art retired from CSXT in November, 2008.

Don Glass: Born and raised in Lorain, Ohio, Don began his railroad career with the B&O in June, 1967. He primarily worked the yards at Lorain and Cleveland. On occasion, Don worked the road on such trains as Lorain 92, Lorain 97, Haselton Turns, Warwick Turns, Cleveland 294/Cleveland 297 and the Lorain-Holloway run. Over the course of his career, Don worked at various locations on the Akron Division including Lordstown (GM plant), Parma (Chevy plant) Dover and Massillon (Republic Steel). Don retired from CSXT in June, 2009 after a 42 year career.

Ron Spiga: Ron grew up in the Cleveland suburb of Garfield Heights. He hired out on the B&O at Clark Avenue Yard on June 23, 1967, During his first tour of duty, Ron worked various yard jobs and locals based at Cleveland. These jobs included the Hump Job, Standard Job, Dupont Job, Lower Yard Job, CL Local and Newburgh Local. He then worked at various locations on the Akron Division, including Cleveland, Parma (Chevy plant), Lorain, Massillon and Dover. Ron also worked such road trains as Lorain 92, Lorain 97, XN Turns and the Cleveland-Holloway Run. Ron worked his very last yard assignment at Akron Junction in the early spring of 2008 after which Akron Yard closed. He then marked up briefly at Clark Avenue Yard and retired a month later in April 2008.