



**The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society, the
Gulf Mobile & Ohio Railroad Historical Society, the Chessie System Historical Society and the CSX
Historical Society
St. Louis, MO Annual Convention Oct. 3 – Oct. 6, 2024**



The Officers and Directors of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the Gulf Mobile & Ohio Railroad Societies along with the Chessie Railroad and the CSX Railroad Societies, invite and encourage you to attend the 2024 St. Louis, MO Convention from **Thursday, October 3 to Sunday, October 6, 2024**. Our convention hotel will be based out of the Holiday Inn, St. Louis Airport West in Earth City, MO. This is conveniently close to St. Louis Lambert International Airport and Interstates 70 and 270.

St. Louis was and still is one of the important railroad centers of the nation with every class 1 railroad having facilities in the metropolitan area. St. Louis is also one of the few metropolitan areas that has a unified terminal railroad that is owned by all other class one railroads that serve the area. Historically it was a major traffic area for the B&O and GM&O, affording each with connections to the Southwest.

The Convention will have a site tour of Gateway Rail Services on Saturday October 5th that will include a brief train ride on the property to allow us to see the entirety of the facility. [It is on the site of the former C&NW Yard in Madison, IL.] We will follow that stop with lunch at the National Museum of Transportation in Kirkwood, MO where we will have the afternoon to tour their facility and see their collection of important rail artifacts including a B&O Davis Camel, GM&O passenger cars, and other items of note.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, October 3, 2024 (all hours are CDT)

- 1:30 – 4:00 PM: BORHS Board of Directors meeting at the Holiday Inn Airport, West-Earth City
- 3:30 – 5:30 PM and 7:00 – 10:30 PM: Convention registration at Holiday Inn Airport, West-Earth City
- 4:00 – 5:30 PM and 7:00 - 10:00 PM: Company Store Sales located at the Holiday Inn Airport, West-Earth City
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM: Dinner on your own
- 7:00 – 10:00 PM: Evening Presentations:
 - 7:00 PM: Dave Ori: **B&O Facilities and Operations in East St. Louis: 1947 - 1986**
 - 8:15 PM: Bob Oliver: **Why the Alton Didn't Live Up to the B&O's Expectations?**

Friday, October 4, 2024 (there will be a break between presentations)

- 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM: Company Store sales will be open during the day, except for lunch and dinner
- 8:00 AM: Frank Dewey: **Washington, Indiana**
- 9:00 AM: Dave Ori: **B&O LCL and Piggyback Operations: 1950 – 1986**
- 10:00: Duane Carrell: **The Springfield to Shawneetown Line**
- 11:00: Ricky Naugle: **B&O 50, In All of Its Changes**
- 11:30 AM: **Lunch**
- 1:15 PM: Dave Oroszi: **Images of the St. Louis Division**
- 2:30 PM: Dick Wallin: **The GM&O Historical Society, A Co-Founder's Recounting" (aka "Dick Wallin Tells All") "Rare Films of Central Illinois Trains in the 1960s" (aka "Wallin's Wonders")**
- 3:30 PM: Father Tom Keller: **The Wiggins Ferry Company**
- 4:30 PM: GM&O RR Historical Annual Business Meeting in the presentation room
- 4:30 PM: Chessie Historical Society Annual Business Meeting in the breakfast room
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Dinner on your own
- 7:00 - 10:00 PM: Company Store Sales
- 7:00 – 10:00 PM: Evening presentations:
 - 7:00 PM: Brent Wood, President, Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis: **The TRRA and the B&O and GM&O**
 - 8:15 PM: Ray George: **St. Louis Union Station**

Saturday, October 5, 2024

- 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM: Load buses for a visit to the National Transportation Museum, and Gateway Rail Services in Madison, IL. **SAFETY: Exercise care when getting on and off the bus. A signed release form for Gateway Rail Services is required to board the bus.**
- 5:45 – 6:15 PM: Cash bar and socializing prior to the banquet in the area adjacent to the banquet room
- 6:30 - 9:30 PM: Banquet followed by a presentation:
 - TBD

Sunday, October 6, 2024

- 8:30 AM B&O Railroad Historical Society business meeting

➤ CONVENTION HOTEL AND DIRECTIONS

The Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport, West-Earth City, 3400 Rider Trail South, St. Louis, Missouri 63045 is the convention headquarters hotel, and it will be the location for registration, presentations, and the model/photo display. The Society **hotel room rate is \$134.00** per night plus 14.99% tax for a king or two queen bedroom that includes a breakfast buffet. When available the group rate is honored three days pre and post event. The hotel parking is free. Reservations are made by calling the hotel directly at **1-314-291-6800** or Guest Services at **1-800 -465-4329**. Please state that



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the reservation is for block code **BOR** which is the code for the **Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society/Gulf Mobile & Ohio Historical Society** block of sleeping rooms. **Please book your room reservation on or before September 4, 2024.** After that date, rooms reserved for our group block will be released and rooms will be available on a space-available basis only.

Air and Rail Transportation:

- **Rail:** Amtrak serves St. Louis with five passenger trains a day from Chicago including the Texas Eagle that also provides service from Kansas, Arkansas and Texas. Kansas City has two trains a day to St. Louis. The St. Louis Gateway Transportation Center is a 24-hour intermodal hub for passenger transportation. Light rail is **NOT RECOMMENDED** to reach the hotel as it will only get you to the airport. Cab or rideshare services are your best option to reach the hotel from the station.
- **Air:** Most major airlines serve St. Louis Lambert International Airport, and the hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to the airport.
- **Driving:** The hotel is conveniently located off I-70. If coming in from the East, you're actually better off taking I-270 East when the road splits near Troy, IL. Take I-270 West to I-70W and then take the exit for MO-141N the Earth City Expressway. At the first light, turn left onto Rider Trail South. After the 2nd traffic light, make the left turn after you pass the Phillips 66 gas station on your left. This is the driveway to the hotel.



QUESTIONS: For hotel, registration, or convention questions, please call Andy White at 1 (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 this year.

There will be no judging, whether 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 some other fellow modelers or photographers are interested in their techniques. The information listed below are suggestions for information to be provided on half of a letter-size sheet of paper. **Only your name and a general description of the model or photograph are required.**

No more than two entries will be permitted per member for the photo display and two for the model display. This will allow a total of four entries per member. Please contact Bruce Elliott if you are planning to display models or photographs at the convention, or have additional questions, because the display space is limited, and he may need to allocate the display space. Contacting Bruce in advance will help him plan the displays. His email address is agelliott88@yahoo.com.

- **Models and photos** should represent a prototype of the B&O, GM&O, Chessie System, CSX Corp., 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 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 a mat board with the photographer's name, address, and phone number on the back. For sharing, the photographer's name, location, date, subject matter, and any relevant camera and/or film information can be included on the half sheet of paper next to the photo. This is also important if we want to contact you to reproduce your photo in one of the society's magazines.
- 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 owner's property 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 Society's magazines.

Suggested information that can be provided on a one-half sheet of paper to accompany each model:

- ✓ Road Number/Type of Equipment/Class (for a structure, type of structure, and location)
- ✓ Society Affiliation
- ✓ Finally, and very importantly, modeler's identity and contact information



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

******* CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 *******

Only members in good standing of the B&O RR Historical Society Gulf, Mobile& Ohio Railroad Historical Society, the Chessie Historical Society, and the CSX Historical Society 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 for the appropriate historical society. Membership application forms are available on the respective Society's websites. This registration form is for one family only. Please complete a separate form for each family. Your payment 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 when submitting 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 Monday, September 23, 2024, please contact Andy White at 1 (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: _____

Historical Society Affiliation (circle one): **B&O** - Member # (if known): _____ **Chessie** **CSX** **GM&O**

Additional Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

IS THIS AN ADDRESS CHANGE? Yes ___ No ___ IF 'Yes', IS IT PERMANENT? Yes ___ No ___

REGISTRATION FEE:

All members must register and will receive one convention packet.

Pay an additional fee for each additional packet (the convention book and convention pin).

<u># Selected</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
# _____	@ \$45. ⁰⁰	\$ _____

TOURS AND MEAL SELECTIONS – PLEASE INDICATE FOOD CHOICES:

- **Thursday evening October 3, 2024 and Friday all day and evening October 4, 2024:** No charge; covered by Registration Fee
- **Saturday, October 5, 2024: Tour will visit the National Transportation Museum and Gateway Industries**

Lunch: Ham____ Turkey____ Veggie____ #_____ @ \$70.⁰⁰ \$_____

Includes: chips, cookies, soda, water

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)

Selection: Sliced Roast Beef____ Herb Baked Chicken____ #_____ @ \$40.⁰⁰ \$_____

- **SUNDAY, October 6, 2024** – Activities on your own.

GRAND TOTAL OF PAYMENT PROVIDED FOR CONVENTION ACTIVITIES: \$_____

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

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: For MasterCard, VISA, or AmEx, please provide the information required below.

CARD #: _____ Expiration: ____/____ (MM/YY)

Security Code/CVV: []

Signature: _____