

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society

2025 Eastern Mini-Con

Saturday July 19, 2025 – 9:30 AM EDT

The Paul and Barbara Denton Auditorium in the Society's Building
5745 Bartholow Rd Eldersburg MD 21784
or by Zoom on your home computer

Agenda

9:30 AM: Randy Anderson: - **USRA Mill Gondolas on the B&O Railroad**

10:45 AM: Break

10:55 AM: Bill Rettberg. – **Capitol Dome to Capital C: the B&O in Transition Through the Seventies**

11:55 Andy White - **Martinsburg Convention**

12:05 PM: Lunch

1:20 PM: Greg Smith - **Update on the Society**

1:40 PM: Ben Sullivan - **The Georgetown Branch**

2:25 PM: Break

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3:20 PM: Break

3:30 PM: Ray Lichty – **The Magnificent B&O Building**

4:15 PM: Closing Remarks and Questions

Registration

Advanced in-person and Zoom registration is \$10.00, but either one must be **postmarked** before July 13, 2025. Registrations postmarked after July 13, 2025, and walk-in registrations the day of the Mini-Con are \$12.00. To register, fill out the Registration Form on the last page and mail the registration fee to Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society, Box 1608, Sykesville, Maryland 21784-1608.

After registering for the Zoom presentation, you will receive a password via email with your Zoom link, on Thursday, July 17, 2025. If you do not receive the Zoom link by 1:00 PM EDT on Friday, July 18, 2025, send another email to virtualminicon@borhs.org. The Society's Zoom subscription allows for only 90 participants. Make your registration early to increase the probability that you will be able to attend.

Lunch

There are a variety of restaurants and fast food facilities near the meeting location. A list and map will be provided at the Mini-Con upon request.

Information for members attending the Eastern Mini-Con via Zoom

If you intend to use Zoom, then you must have the Zoom software installed on your computer. Go to <https://zoom.us/download>. Click on the appropriate link on the page to initiate your installation process. On the day of the meeting, click on the link in the email you received, and you will be in the virtual waiting room for participants. The waiting room will open at 9:10 AM EDT. Early entry to the meeting is recommended because of the time needed to verify registration. After the registration is verified, you will be admitted to the meeting. You can leave and return to the meeting during the day.

Information for members attending the Eastern Mini-Con in Eldersburg

No hotels are located near the Historical Society building in Eldersburg, MD. If you are coming from the south on I-81 and/or the west on I-70, Frederick, MD is probably the best location to look for a motel. Frederick is a 40-minute drive to Eldersburg. If you are coming from the east, north, or south on I-95 or US 29, Columbia, MD is the closest location and a 30-minute drive. An easy method to find a hotel is to enter "lodging near Eldersburg Maryland" in a web mapping program. The prices shown will probably not be the amount you are asked to pay, and they do not include tax and any extra fees.

The B&O Railroad Historical Society Company Store will be present, but vendor tables will not be available because of space limitations. Two tables will be available for models, photographs, and memorabilia display. Coffee, donuts, and pastries will be available in the morning for a donation.

Please note that items displayed are done so at your own risk, and the B&ORHS cannot be responsible for damage or losses that may occur. The B&ORHS will not be responsible for any personal injuries that may occur traveling to, during, and/or returning from the Mini-Con.

The Mini-Con will adhere to all current Federal, State, and local COVID rules about mask-wearing and social distancing at the time of the Mini-Con. No rules are in force at the time of writing.

Questions

If you have any questions, please call Andy White at 301-596-3845 or send an email to: andyswhite2000@yahoo.com.

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Name(s) of additional attendee(s): _____

Pre-registration: _____ x \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Late registration or admission the day of the Mini-Con is \$12.00 each

Make all checks payable to: Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society

Please send your completed registration form and payment to the following address:

B&ORHS Eastern Mini-Con Registrar

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society

P.O. Box 1608

Sykesville MD 21784-1608

Map to B&ORHS World Headquarters

