



# The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and Western Maryland Railway Historical Societies Cumberland, MD Annual Convention October 5 - 8, 2017



## Please Join Us For One Of The Most Extraordinary Annual Conventions The B&OHS and WMRHS Have Ever Offered. We Will Be “Out On The Railroad” In The Queen City Of The Alleghenies In Ways We Have Never Been Before

The Officers and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio and Western Maryland Historical Societies invite you to the 2017 Cumberland, MD Joint Convention during the weekend from **Thursday, October 5 to Sunday, October 8, 2017**. Cumberland is located at the junction of Wills Creek and the Potomac River, which also became the junction of three Western Maryland Railway lines to Baltimore, Elkins and Connellsville and three B&O Railroad lines to Chicago, St. Louis and Baltimore. 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 Western Maryland and B&O Railroads. Both railroads had important classification yards in the Cumberland area. Participants can look forward to activities that highlight the history and the importance of the B&O Railroad and Western Maryland Railway operations and facilities in Cumberland and the surrounding area.

On **Friday October 6**, in the morning, a train will leave the Western Maryland Railway passenger station for a trip to the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad shop facilities where we will be able to photograph 1309 as it gets prepared for its scheduled departure. There will be tours of the shop facilities and equipment. The group will then board the train behind 1309 for the scheduled 11:30 AM trip from Cumberland to Frostburg. Our coaches will be former B&O RDC-1s 1908 and 1910. A baggage car with open doors, and two cabooses will be available for our group. When the train reaches Frostburg there will be ample time photographing 1309 being turned on the turntable. During the trip, a box lunch will be provided and there will be a photo runby. On return to Cumberland station, members have a choice of returning to the hotel or continuing to Ridgeley as 1309 is turned for our afternoon trip. At 4:30 PM 1309 with the freight train and our chase train will depart Cumberland for a late afternoon photographing 1309 with the freight train. An Italian meal will be provided during the trip. We will return to the station around 8:00 PM.

On **Saturday, October 7**, the convention buses will visit the B&O, WM and C&P locations and structures in Cumberland and the surrounding area

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

### Thursday, October 5, 2017:

- 12:30 – 3:30 PM: BORHS Board of Directors meeting at the hotel
- 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Company Store and model/photo display set-up at the hotel
- 4:00 – 5:30 PM and 7:00 – 10:30 PM : Convention registration, Company Store sales, and model/photo display
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM: Dinner on your own
- 7:15 – 10:00 PM: Evening presentations:
  - Henry Freeman: *The B&O Railroad in Cumberland, Maryland: History and Facilities*
  - John King, Bill Hopkins and Randy Anderson: *Western Maryland Railway Operations in Cumberland, MD*

### Friday, October 6, 2017:

- 7:40 AM: Walk from the hotel to the Western Maryland Railway passenger station
- 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM: Western Maryland Scenic Railroad (WMSR) train departs passenger station for WMSR Ridgeley, WV engine and shop facilities. The group will be able to watch as 1309 is prepared for its departure and the train is put together. In addition, there will be tours of the shop facility and equipment. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.
- 10:40 AM Board train for the departure to the passenger station and the 11:30 AM scheduled departure to Frostburg, MD.
- En route to Frostburg: Box lunch
- 2:30 PM: Return to WM Railway Passenger Station for optional hotel break before a late afternoon photographing 1309 with a freight train.
- 4:15 PM: Board chase train to photograph 1309 with a freight train and dinner aboard the passenger train.
- 8:00 PM Return to the Western Maryland Railway passenger station.
- 8:35 – 10:30 PM: Convention registration, Company Store sales, and model/photo display
- 8:35 – 9:40 PM: Evening presentation:
  - Dave Downton: *Coal the Reason: The Birth, Growth, and Demise of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Co.*

### Saturday, October 7, 2017:

- 7:45 AM: Board buses
- 8:00 AM Buses leave the hotel to visit and discuss B&O, WM and C&P structures and locations in Cumberland and the surrounding area..
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (approx.) Box Lunch
- 4:30 PM: Buses return to hotel.
- 5:00 – 5:45 PM: Make last minute purchases at the Company Store and please pick up your model and photo display items.
- 5:45 - 6:30 PM: Gather in the hotel bar before the banquet.
- 6:30 – 9:30 PM: Banquet: Nick Fry, *Links in the Chain: The B&O and Western Maryland Go Toward Pittsburgh* A look at the historic competition between the Western Maryland and the B&O for traffic from Pittsburgh to the East.
- 9:30 – 10:30 PM: Please pick up your model and photo display items.

### Sunday, October 8, 2017:

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM: BORHS Annual Business Meeting
- 1:00 PM Departure of Western Maryland Scenic Railroad trip to Frostburg and return to Cumberland with 1309.

**Have a safe trip home!**

## CONVENTION HOTEL AND DIRECTIONS

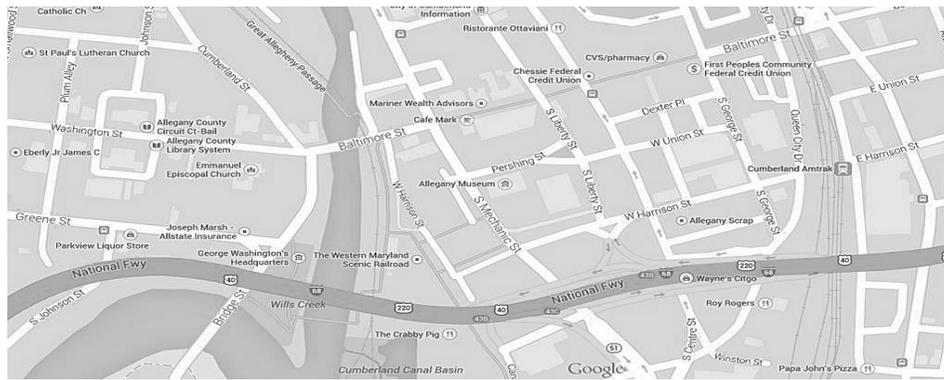
**Ramada Cumberland Downtown (former Holiday Inn), 100 South George Street, Cumberland, MD 21502** is the convention headquarters hotel and will be the location for registration, presentations and the Company Stores. The Society hotel room rate is **\$84.00** per night plus room taxes for a single or double room and includes a hot breakfast each day at no extra charge. Please state that the reservation is for the B&ORHS/WMRHS block of rooms when you make your room reservation. **Please book your room reservation by no later than September 6, 2017.** After that date, room reservations for our group will be taken on a space-available basis only. The hotel telephone number is **301-724-8800**.

### Air and Rail Transportation:

- **Air:** These are three options to choose from:
  - The **Pittsburgh International Airport** is approximately 125 miles and approximately two hours and forty minutes away from Cumberland using I-376E, I-76E and US 219. Another route is using I-376E, I-79S and I-68E, which is all 141 miles of four lane divided highway.
  - The **Baltimore/Washington International Airport** is approximately 141 miles and two hours and forty minutes away from Cumberland using I-195, I-95, I-695, I-70 and I-68. In addition, there is twice daily shuttle service to from the airport to Cumberland.
  - The **Dulles International Airport** is approximately 129 miles and approximately two hours and thirty minutes from Cumberland using VA-267W, US-15N, I-70W and I-68W. In order to reach VA-267W, the Dulles Access Road, a toll road must be used.

Please consult with a map, online map (MapQuest, Google, etc.) 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 across the railroad tracks from the hotel. Use the pedestrian crosswalk at Baltimore Street in order to cross the railroad tracks to reach the hotel. For reservations, find Amtrak on the internet at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or call **1-800-USA-RAIL**.



### Driving:

- **From the West:** Approaching Cumberland on I-68E, Take exit 43C toward downtown, turn left onto Queen City Drive, turn left onto W. Harrison Street and then take the first right onto S. George Street. The hotel is on the right.
- **From the North:** Take US-220 to I-68W and then take exit 43C. Turn right onto W. Harrison Street and then left onto S. George Street. Hotel is on right. One also can take US-219 to I-68 and use the instructions for approaching the hotel from the West.
- **From the South:** Take US-220 to I-68E. Take exit 43C towards downtown, turn left onto Queen City Drive, turn left onto W. Harrison Street and then take the first right onto S. George Street. The hotel will be on the right. One could also use I-79N, exit onto I-68E and use the instructions for approaching the hotel from the West.
- **From the East:** Take I-70W to Hancock, take exit 1A on the left for I-68/US40W toward Cumberland. Merge onto I-68W to exit 43C towards downtown, turn right onto W. Harrison Street and then left onto S. George Street. The hotel is on the right

**Safety:** We will be touring railroad facilities, and will be on tight touring schedules for this convention. All attendees are required to stay with their group and follow directions of the group leader. **For the tours, long pants and close toed shoes or boots are required to go on tours of facilities.**

**QUESTIONS?** For hotel, registration or convention questions, please call **Andy White at (301) 596-3845**. Any messages left on the phone mail system will be promptly returned.



## CONVENTION MODEL AND PHOTO DISPLAYS

You are encouraged to bring your models and photos to share with fellow members. Bruce Elliott has agreed to be the Chief Administrator for the model and photo activity 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. Blank cards will be available at the convention, or you can e-mail Bruce Elliott and request a template [agelliott88@yahoo.com](mailto:agelliott88@yahoo.com).

**To 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 or WM, 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 WM or B&O colors) are welcome.
- Models should demonstrate some aspect of the owner's model 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", 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. Again, for the purposes of sharing, it is recommended that a 4"x6" 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*, *The B&O Modeler* and/or *the Blue Mountain Express*.
- 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 *Blue Mountain Express*, *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 No. /Type of Equipment/Class (for a structure, type of structure and location)
- ✓ Origin of model (kit, 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](mailto:agelliott88@yahoo.com). Let's have a robust turnout of models and photos this year!

**We give a special thanks to the staff of the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad for their help, and cooperation.**





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**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

\*\*\*\*\* CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 \*\*\*\*\*

Only Baltimore & Ohio and Western Maryland Railroad 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 in either Society or both Societies at the same time (membership application forms will be available at the convention). Please complete a separate form for the membership 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 September 16, 2017, please contact Andy White at (301) 596-3845 to confirm availability.**

**Mail reservation form to:**  
**B&ORHS or WMRHS, c/o Andy White, Convention Registration, 6240 Bright Plume, Columbia, MD 21044.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u># of People</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REGISTRATION FEE:</b> Each participant must register, but only <b>one family member</b> need pay, unless multiple registration packets are desired.	# _____	@ \$35. <sup>00</sup>	\$ _____

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

• **FRIDAY, October 6, 2017 – WMSR Shop Tour, Scenic Railroad Trip & Freight Photo Train:**

Box Lunch: Roast Beef \_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Veggie \_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100.<sup>00</sup> \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Includes: chips, dessert, sodas, water

Train Dinner: Baked lasagna, tossed salad, Italian rolls, cookies, coffee, iced tea, water and soda

• **SATURDAY, October 7, 2017 – Bus Tour:**

Box Lunch: Ham \_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_ Veggie \_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$37.<sup>00</sup> \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Includes: chips, dessert, sodas, water

Banquet Dinner: Roast Beef \_\_\_ Baked Chicken \_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.<sup>00</sup> \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Menu: Roast beef Au Jus, herbed roasted chicken, mixed vegetables, red skin potatoes, garden salad, dinner rolls, German chocolate cake, and coffee (regular and decaf), tea (hot and cold) and water

• **SUNDAY, October 8, 2017 – Western Maryland Scenic Railroad Trip:**

This trip is included as part of the Friday Fee. : # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please indicate if you want to ride on Sunday

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