



# The Kingpin



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## Whistle Stop Dayton MID-CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION

June 4 - 7, 2026  
DAYTON, OHIO



Layout Tours and Op Sessions  
Model Contest,/Celebration, Displays,  
Clinics, Self-Guided Tours, Consignment Sales & Banquet

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## Contest Corner

It's generally considered to be the job of the host committee to recruit volunteers for the various convention positions, but it's always a big help if everyone attending can give a couple hours of their time.

We've been blessed in recent years with highly qualified evaluators (called judges until recently) and I'm certain that Dayton will be no exception. For those of you interested but without prior experience, training will be provided in both a clinic and on-the-job evaluating.

Finding Arts & Crafts evaluators tends to be more challenging. If you or your significant other can help, please share the idea in advance. Help us (and you) avoid last minute lobby recruitment!

We'll need one or two additional staff people throughout the weekend to help entrants get their entries properly registered and on display. A couple of hours of your time should suffice.

Security (usually two volunteers) will be required whenever the room is open. It entails politely enforcing a few rules to keep the entries and checked items safe.

A photographer will be needed for both pictures of entries and presentations during the banquet. Last year's guy is doing something else this time but I know that at least a few of you could do a better job than he did (and he won't mind a bit!)

And finally- bring your entries!

Thanks for your consideration.

Dave Williams

MCR Contest Chair [contest@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:contest@midcentral-region-nmra.org)

### DIVISION 7 CAR PROJECT

We still have the Division 7 Accurail N&W 2-bay covered hopper (3 available, different #'s). \$20 each.



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## **PRR Employee Tom Carr, General Foreman of St. Clair Avenue Engine House, Columbus Ohio**

**By Rick Tipton with Philip Carter**

Note: I offer this biography of Thomas Carr to members of the Mid Central Region, NMRA, because it deals with the 20<sup>th</sup> Century movement of PRR shop personnel from the older/smaller shops in our area to the larger, centralized shop complexes. Specifically, Tom began his career with Jeffersonville (Indiana) Shops, across the river from Louisville. And then the Pennsylvania Railroad moved him to Columbus Ohio; it happens I've lived and model railroaded in both places.

One of the pleasant by-products of having authored the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society's 2011 book *The Pennsylvania Railroad in Columbus Ohio* was being contacted by Philip Carter of Columbus Ohio. Philip offered biographical information on his grandfather, PRR employee Thomas Lockett Carr. I have added notes to expand understanding of locations and their roles in PRR operations.

My grandfather Thomas Carr was born circa 1874. I don't know if he was from a farm family, or whether he had siblings, only that his father was the Clark County (IN) Sheriff for several years. I recall my mother saying his formal schooling ended with the eighth grade. About 1892, at age 18, Thomas went to work for PRR at Jeffersonville, Indiana as a locomotive fireman. [Note: Jeffersonville, in Clark County Indiana, lies on the north bank of the Ohio River, across from Louisville, KY. Jeffersonville was PRR's operations base at the south end of PRR's Louisville Division main from Indianapolis. Even years later most PRR employees in the Louisville area were Indiana residents].

My grandmother Lillian M. Carr was eldest of ten children of a hard-working Clark County farm family. She graduated from the Borden Institute, a teacher preparatory college at Borden in Clark County, and taught thereafter, I believe. After she and Thomas Carr were married, and while the couple lived in Jeffersonville, Lillian cooked meals for the prisoners at the Clark County Jail for several years. Her earnings saved from doing these meals helped the couple build a house later, in the 1920s, in Bexley. [Bexley is a Columbus OH residential area not far from St. Clair Avenue Engine House and PRR's 20<sup>th</sup> Street Shops].

I don't know when he got on the ground from locomotives, but he worked at Jeffersonville, Indiana, in the shops until 1917. [Note: these ancestral shops of the Jeffersonville Railroad were downtown, in a shops/roundhouse/freight house/passenger station complex at the original JRR's southern terminal. These shops turned out significant steam power in the early days. However, a new PRR main line to the 1870 Ohio River Bridge to Louisville bypassed the original stations and shops, and later a new engine terminal and other facilities were built at the south (Louisville KY) end of the bridge].

In 1917 Thomas Carr was transferred by PRR to Columbus OH. He and his wife Lillian had a wide circle of friends there and were respected and well-liked. She was a DAR member and a committed and active Presbyterian. They were members at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus from 1917.

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PRR's Columbus facilities east of the Union Depot included Twentieth Street Shops (heavy locomotive repair and car building and repair) and St. Clair Avenue Engine House, a 41-stall roundhouse which serviced freight engines off 1) the Panhandle Division from Pittsburgh, 2) the Columbus Division (to Logansport/Chicago and to Indianapolis), 3. the Akron Division (via Orrville to Akron and Cleveland), and 4). the coal-carrying Sandusky line north to Lake Erie. In 1917 and following years, this meant steam switchers, fleets of H6 and H8 Consolidations, I1/I1a Decapods, N2/N2sa (PRR's USRA 2-10-2's), and some articulateds (especially CC2s 0-8-8-0's) for transfer service. We might note that passenger engines were serviced at Spruce Street, a separate roundhouse/coach yard complex west of Columbus Union Depot.

Thomas rose to General Foreman, St. Clair Ave. Engine House, and was pictured in the *Ohio State Journal* Rotogravure Section, Sunday January 25, 1930. Pictured also was L.E. Doyle, Engine House Foreman, and others we haven't identified.

He was, I clearly recall, tall (6' 2" or 3"), good looking (as the 1930s picture shows), soft-spoken, genial, and not a big talker. He was a Mason (the diamond from his Masonic pin was the diamond in the engagement ring that grandson Philip Carter gave to his bride).

He was self-educated. I recall how impressed I was when I was in college, looking at the technical books on the shelves at their house, and at what was going on at the St. Clair enginehouse when he took me to visit in 1943 or '44 when I was five or six years old, and much later when reading *The Pennsylvania Railroad in Columbus, Ohio*. Though now obsolete, the technology which a foreman of a major enginehouse had to work with was (and still is) complex and intimidating.

My mother and grandmother often said that he was highly regarded by PRR senior management in Pittsburgh, was told by Pittsburgh that he would have been promoted into higher management if he had had a college degree, and that several men from Pittsburgh management made the trip to Columbus for his funeral. He was, my grandmother and mother so often said, admired and well liked by the St. Clair roundhouse employees.

My grandmother told me of a strike when pickets (laborers from St. Clair) were sent to their house in Bexley on a very hot summer day. She, always gracious, took lemonade out to them. They were, they said to her again and again, embarrassed being there, that they were picketing only because the union required them to be, and that they all *loved* him at St. Clair. Knowing my grandmother, I don't doubt for a moment that what happened was exactly as she told it

My understanding is that he was the head foreman at St. Clair Engine House when he retired, which I believe was in 1940 or '41. However, he returned as a special assistant, working on assignment in Columbus during WWII, until he died in 1944. Thus, he was a lifelong PRR employee, even past "retirement". His obituary says he was age 70, with residence at 2495 Bexford Place (Bexley) in Columbus.

# POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE MCR REGULATIONS

BOB SCHREVE

## Proposed changes to the regulations:

- 1) Change the title of “Region Convention Manager” to “Region Convention Advisor” throughout the regulations document.
- 2) Various typographic and formatting errors found in the document
- 3) Major changes to the following Articles / Sections:

### Article VII, Committees / Section 3. Regional Convention

**From:** “The Region Convention Manager shall be responsible for obtaining future convention bids, collecting convention information reports and assisting local convention committees in planning their meetings.”

**To:** “The Region Convention Advisor shall work with the Region President in obtaining future convention bids. The Advisor is responsible for collecting convention information reports and assisting local convention committees in planning their meetings. The Region President can appoint a Convention Committee to assist.”

### Article IX, Meetings

#### Section 1

**From:** “There shall be at least one regular general membership meeting held each year during April or May, known as the Spring Membership Meeting. The meeting hosts and Directors shall determine the most desirable dates. Any Region business may be transacted at this meeting. “

**To:** “There shall be at least one regular General Membership meeting held each year. The meeting shall be held during the MCR regional convention. If there is a year where no MCR regional convention is held, the Directors shall determine the date and format for the general membership meeting. Any Region business may be transacted at this meeting. “

#### Section 2

**From:** “There shall be at least one regular Board of Director’s meeting held each year during April or May, known as the Spring BOD Meeting. Whenever possible, a second similar meeting shall be held in September or October, known as the Fall BOD Meeting. The meeting hosts and Directors shall determine the most desirable dates. Any Region business may be transacted at either of these meetings.

**To:** “There shall be at least one regular Board of Director’s meeting held each calendar year, known as the Annual BOD Meeting. The meeting shall be held during the MCR regional convention. If there is a year where no MCR regional convention is held, the Directors shall determine the date and format for the Annual BOD Meeting. Whenever possible, a second similar meeting should be held in the second half of the year, known as the Fall BOD Meeting. The Directors shall determine the date and format for this meeting. Any Region business may be transacted at either of these meetings. “

## **Article XVI, MID CENTRAL REGION CONVENTIONS**

### **Section 1**

**From:** “The Mid Central Region shall hold at least one Region convention annually. This convention should also be held on such dates so that the Mid Central Region’s Spring Membership Meeting can be held during the convention.”

**To:** “The Mid Central Region shall hold a regional convention annually. This convention shall be held between mid-April and mid-June. The General Membership and Annual BOD meetings shall be held during the regional convention. In a year the NMRA National Convention is scheduled for a city within the Mid Central Region, or other extenuating conditions exist, the MCR BOD can choose whether or not to hold a regional convention during that calendar year.”

### **Section 2**

**From:** “The bids of host for Convention locations shall be submitted to the Region Convention Manager not less than eighteen (18) months prior to the meeting date. The Region Convention Manager shall report the bids with recommendations to the Region President, for Board of Director approval. Consecutive regular Conventions shall not be held hosted by the same Division unless there are no other bids. No bids will be entertained from groups who do not represent Divisions.”

**To:** “The Region Convention Advisor and Region President shall work together to solicit bids from various MCR Divisions to host a regional convention. If desired, two or more MCR Divisions may co-host a regional convention. Bids to host a Convention shall be submitted to the Region Convention Advisor not less than twenty-four (24) months prior to the convention date. The Region Convention Advisor shall report the bids with recommendations to the Region President, for Board of Director approval. Consecutive regular conventions shall not be hosted by the same Division unless there are no other bids, or the proposed convention is being cohosted with another Division. No bids will be entertained from groups who do not represent a Division.”

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**Clinics  
Held in  
Three  
Rooms**

**Clinics Morning, Afternoon and Evening**  
Topics include: Prototype and Models that Followed,  
Growing Up with the V & O plus Dayton & Troy Electric Railroad

**Model Contests/Celebration:**  
Models Judged by AP

**Company Store:** Will be offering Convention Cars

**Self-Guided Local Attractions:**

Rail Tours, Non-rail Activities, including area Museums and Historical sites

**Layout Tours & OP Sessions:** Self Guided Friday, Saturday & Sunday

**Evening Displays:** T-Trak

**Consignment Sales:** Sell your excess items



**Banquet Speake:** Otto M. Vondrak

Clinic Topic

The Impact of Allen McClelland's  
Virginia & Ohio

Banquet Topic:

90 Years of the RMC History



For More Information and Reservations

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Host Hotel - Marriott University of Dayton



## Convention Registration Page

- Registration - \$70
  - Family Member - \$25 each
    - Children under 16 are free
    - Number of family attendees
  - Non-NMRA - \$90
    - Non-member must complete the NMRA Rail Pass 9-month trial membership application prior to convention
    - Miami Valley Division will pay fee and mail the application
  - Please use the following link to provide your registration information: <https://whistlestop2026.regfox.com/whistle-stop-dayton-nmra-mcr-2026-convention>.
- *Note: Recommend viewing the rest of the charts before completing registering.*

## Hotel Information

- The 2026 MCR Convention will be held in The Marriott at the University of Dayton, 1414 South Patterson Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio 45409
- Accommodations include:
  - Luxurious rooms (2 twin beds or 1 King size bed)
  - On-site restaurant
  - Pool and Fitness equip
  - Free transportation within 5 miles
- Convention reservations must be made with the hotel before 7 May 2026
  - Details on the next page





## Hotel Reservations

- Reservations for the room block will be made by individuals calling into Marriott direct at 1-800-MARRIOTT (800-627-7468)(must mention the National Model Railroad Association Mid Central Region, to get the established Group Rate) or by using this customized reservation link: **Book your group rate for National Model Railroad Association-Mid Central Region**. Guests will have until your cutoff date of **05/07/2026** to make reservations with the discounted rate of **\$165/night** plus taxes (16.5%) and will be responsible for their own charges. Your contracted room block is below:
- The reservation link URL is also: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservationlink.mi?id=1737987110395&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink>
- Guests can either call into 1-800-MARRIOTT (800-627-7468)(must mention the National Model Railroad Association Mid Central Region) OR by using the url or booking link ("Book your group rate for National Model Railroad Association- Mid Central Region") above.

## Banquet Information

The Whistle-Stop Dayton 2026 regional convention concludes Saturday evening, June 6, 2026 with the convention/awards banquet. Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm with a social hour, cash bar, and cheese and crackers. At 6:45 pm conferees will move to the banquet room with the banquet starting at 7:00 pm.

- We will formally recognize those who have achieved Master Model Railroader (MMR) status in the past year and congratulate winners of the Celebration of Modeling contests.
- The banquet will be capped off by our featured speaker, Otto Vondrak, Editor of Railroad Model Craftsman Magazine.
- Just before closing, we will hear a summary of next year's convention details by Division 7.



## Banquet Information continued

This year's banquet offers a choice of four entrees—**Sirloin Steak, Grilled Salmon, Grilled Chicken, Vegan Ravioli,** and desserts. Complete information on the menu can be found on the next page. If you have any dietary limitations or dairy-specific allergies, please contact the banquet chairman through the On-Line Banquet button on the Registration Page. Each meal is listed with a separate cost. Also please note that once you have selected and paid for your meal, that selection cannot be changed. Color-coded meal tickets will be issued with your registration packet and must be displayed next to your plate so the serving staff can serve you with the correct meal.

When you have selected your menu preference, please return to the registration page

## Banquet Menu

### BASEBALL SIRLOIN STEAK -- \$59

(INCLUDES GRATUITY)

8 oz cut, chef cooked to medium (GF) (NOT V)

Served with a Cabernet Demi Reduction

Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes (V) (GF)

California Blend Vegetable Medley (Broccoli

Cauliflower, Red Peppers, Carrots, Zucchini) (V) (GF)

Ranch (GF) and Cranberry Champagne Dressing (GF)

Note: Ranch dressing contains dairy

Fresh Artisan Rolls with Butter (V) (NOT GF)

Carrot Cake (V, HAS NUTS) OR New York Style Cheesecake

Cheesecake (V) (BOTH DESSERTS NOT GF)

Coffee (Regular or Decaf; Hot or Iced Tea)

### HERB CRUSTED SALMON – \$48

(INCLUDES GRATUITY)

6 oz filet (GF) (NOT V)

Oak grilled & served with a Roasted Pear Ragout and Balsamic

Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes (V) (GF)

California Blend Vegetable Medley (Broccoli,

Cauliflower, Red Peppers, Carrots, Zucchini) (V) (GF)

Ranch (GF) and Cranberry Champagne Dressing (GF)

Note: Ranch dressing contains dairy

Fresh Artisan Rolls with Butter (V) (NOT GF)

Carrot Cake (V, HAS NUTS) OR New York Style

Cheesecake (V) (BOTH DESSERTS NOT GF)

Coffee (Regular or Decaf, Hot or Iced Tea)



## Banquet Menu

GRILLED CHICKEN ASIAGO -- \$43

(INCLUDES GRATUITY)

Served with Roasted Tomatoes and Spinach,  
Topped Asiago Cream Sauce (GF) (NOT V)

California Blend Vegetable Medley (Broccoli,  
Cauliflower, Red Peppers, Carrots, Zucchini) (V) (GF)  
Ranch (GF) and Cranberry Champagne Dressing (GF)  
(GF)

Note: Ranch dressing contains dairy

Fresh Artisan Rolls with Butter (V) (NOT GF)

Carrot Cake (V) (NOT GF: HAS NUTS) OR

New York Style Cheesecake (V) (BOTH DESSERTS  
NOT GF)

Coffee (Regular or Decaf); Hot or Iced Tea)

VEGAN RAVIOLI – \$36

(INCLUDES GRATUITY)

Vegan Ravioli with House Roasted Pepper Red  
with Romesco Sauce (V) (NOT GF)

California Blend Vegetable Medley (Broccoli,  
Cauliflower, Red Peppers, Carrots, Zucchini (V) (GF)  
Ranch (GF) and Cranberry Champagne Dressing

Note: Ranch dressing contains dairy

Fresh Artisan Rolls with Butter (V) (NOT GF)

Carrot Cake (V) (NOT GF: HAS NUTS) OR

New York Style Cheesecake (V) (BOTH DESSERTS  
NOT GF)

Coffee (Regular or Decaf); Hot or Iced Tea)

NOTE: Salads, salad dressings, and desserts (4 carrot cake (with nuts) and 4 cheesecake) will be preset at each table. If a GF dessert option is needed, a Chocolate Mousse (GF) is available thru the Dietary Restriction Button.

## Layout Tour Information

- We have 16-20 home layouts available during periods of the convention and again on Sunday.
  - Several other have been contacted but have not yet committed
- Layouts will be assigned by geographical area
- Most layouts will host an Open House on Sunday
- [Click here for a list of layouts open for tours](#)



## THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR THE WHISTLE-STOP, DAYTON 2026 CONVENTION, OTTO VONDRAK, EDITOR OF RAILROAD MODEL CRAFTSMAN MAGAZINE, WILL SPEAK TO US ON THE HISTORY OF MODEL RAILROAD CRAFTSMAN MAGAZINE AND OFFER PERSPECTIVES ON THE FUTURE OF MODEL RAILROADING.

Otto is a native of New York State, and he is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)'s graphic design program. He is a lifelong model railroader from his start with a Lionel train set at age five and later getting into HO with a Bachmann freight set on a 4X6 layout. Childhood trips to New York City with his father riding early Metro-North commuter trains on the Harlem Line cemented his love of railroading. He is a member of the National Model Railroad Association, Northeast Region and a co-founder of the RIT Model Railroad Club. He enjoys kitbashing and scenery, as well as track planning and proto freelancing. As a published author, his work has appeared in Railroad Model Craftsman, Railpace, Railfan & Railroad, CTC Board, Trains Magazine, and a number of books on railroad history. He joined the staff of Railfan and Railroad as an associate editor in 2011. He is also an active volunteer and president of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum. He has been working with White River Productions since Railfan & Railroad and Railroad Model Craftsman were acquired from Carstens Publications in 2014. Otto will also present a clinic on the Legacy of the V&O and will make himself available to interact with convention attendees throughout the WHISTLESTOP DAYTON 2026 CONVENTION. Many thanks to Otto Vondrak.

## Operation Sessions

- A limited number of operating layouts will be available on a first come/first serve basis due to the limited capacity of each layout.
  - At this moment only 2-3 layouts will be available for operation
  - The number of spaces available has not yet been determined
- T-TRAK ops sessions in the Hotel
  - Sessions planned for 30-45 minutes
  - Schedule for reservations to be provided later
  - First come /First serve



## Clinics

- Variety of clinicians from throughout the region
  - Otto Vondrak, Publisher, RMC
  - Alex Heckman, Historian, Carillon Historical Park
  - Steve Salaman, Historian, Medina
  - Brad McClelland, V&O Historical
  - Dave Oroszi, noted historian
- Several Topic categories
  - Railroad History
  - Construction, including 3D printing, scratch building, etc
  - Electronics
  - AP Program
  - And others

## Clinics: Additional Examples

How the RB and B&B Circus moved to 130 Cities in the 1920's, by Jerry Severson. How the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Baily Circus moved huge numbers of people, horses and wagons, etc. without telephones and computers.

PRR in our area, by Scott Lindsey. A Substantial part of railroading in our part of the state, and country.

The Impact of Allen McClelland's Virginian & Ohio, by Otto Vondrak. One of the great layouts of all time, not just in the Dayton area.

Intermodals: How We Got Here, Both Prototype and Model, by John Larsen. Reports by an expert in the business, not only prototype but also models.

Highlights and Exhibits of Carillon Park, by Alex Heckman. This is a must for not only model railroaders but also family members! Dayton's industrial, rail history and otherwise.

The Beauty of Scale, by Rick Lach.

The Life and Carvings of Ernest Warther, by Rick Lach.

Twentieth Century Presidential Whistlestop Trains in Dayton, by Steve Salaman.

Using an Arduino in Model Railroading, by Gordon Carlson.



## More Clinics

The Charles F. Kettering Research Lab: Ridgeleigh Terrace to Yellow Springs & Beyond, by C. E. Johnson. A report on one of the greats in Dayton's history.

Moving the Troops (in WWII), by Ric Zimmerman.

Exploring the Sugar Industry, by Ric Zimmerman.

3D Printing, by Erik Buck.

Warped Modeling-More Modeling Ideas Using Cardboard & Cardstock, by Sam Swanson (probably two).

Prototype Photos and the Models That Followed, by Sam Swanson (probably two).

An AP Program Update, by Ray Persing (probably two).

Scratchbuilding in Wood, by Ray Persing (maybe two).

Dayton & Western #602, by Ray Persing (maybe two).

Dayton & Troy Electric Railway, by Ray Persing (maybe two).

Building a Brick Engine Shed From Cardboard, Paper & Sticks, by Phil Gliebe.

## Celebration Room

- We'll have both a popular vote contest and an evaluated contest using AP guidelines
- Bring those models and photos - we'd like to beat last year's total number!





## Celebration Room (Cont)

- Never entered a model before? We'll have people there to help you!
- Want to volunteer to help out in the room or as a model evaluator? Click the link below:
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949AFAD23A31-58854557-whistlestop>
  - This data is needed to determine the number of support personnel required

*For more information on the Celebration Room, contact Ray Persing at [trpersing@gmail.com](mailto:trpersing@gmail.com)*

## Company Store

- The company store will have the follow items on sale:
  - Dayton, Duluth & Western (DD&W), 40' boxcar, manufactured by *Accurail* - \$30.00 ea.
  - Kadee couplers, Intermountain metal wheelsets and ¼ oz weights - \$15.00 per set.
  - Separate items -
    - Kadee #148 couplers - \$8.00 per 4-pack
    - Stick-on ¼ oz. weights - \$3.00 per weight
    - Intermountain Metal wheelsets - \$8.00 per set of (4)
  - Other items
- All Items available as supplies last



## Consignment Sales

- Consignment area is available for NMRA members to sell personal railroad items
  - The sign-up forms should be completed before turning in items
  - The convention will collect 10% of all sales
  - Consignment area instructions and sign-up forms are available on line at [www.modelraildayton.com](http://www.modelraildayton.com)
- The Company Store will take CASH or CHECKS (with proper ID)
- SORRY no CREDIT CARDS accepted
- Make Checks Payable to: Division 3 Mid Central Region NMRA
- The Company Store will keep a 10% commission from the sale of ALL items sold.
- All State and Local taxes included in the cost of all sales.

## Raffle

- The Company Store will sell raffle tickets in the Store & Consignment area.
- One (1) Raffle Ticket for \$1; Six (6) Raffle Tickets for \$5
  - Convention Volunteers may wander through the convention area selling tickets, as well
- Raffle numbers will be drawn on Saturday after 2:30 PM and displayed outside the store by 3:00 PM



## Extra Fare

- 2026 Convention Car - \$27 (if ordered during registration)
  - Honoring the late Bob Fink MMR
- 2026 Convention Pocket Polo Shirt - approx. \$32
  - Orders must be placed by 15 April to ensure delivery
- Tour of Hawthorn Hill, Wright Mansion – \$14 per person)
  - (limit of 14 people per tour- No refunds or changes)
  - Thursday afternoon (1.5 hours)
  - Friday afternoon (1.5 hours)
  - Transportation from Carillon Park is provided round trip

## Guided Tour of Hawthorn Hill

- We are pleased to announce two special tours to Hawthorn Hill, the Wright Home, with special admission prices. Dayton History and Carillon Park is offering a special guided tour on two separate dates and times during the Whistlestop Dayton Convention.
- Most people know that the Wright Brothers are from Dayton; however, they may not be aware that they can tour the renovated mansion built by the Wright Brothers in 1914 and lived in by Orville Wright and his sister Katherine Wright and their father for 34 years. Then it was purchased by NCR but subsequently turned over to Dayton History at Carillon Park and is now available to the public.
- We are offering tours at 2:00 pm on Thursday, June 4, 2026 and at 12:30 pm on Friday, June 5, 2026. These special guided tours begin and end at Carillon Park and are available at the special convention price of \$14 person for a max of 14 people per tour (first come first served). Register early on the Registration page to guarantee your ticket. No refunds.



## Local Attractions

- Carillon Historic Park
- Wright Brother Bicycle Shop, Hawthorn Hill, The wright flying field
- The National Museum of the United State Air Force
- The Lebanon Scenic Railroad
- The Packard Car Museum
- Dayton Dragons Minor League Baseball
- And much...much more

## Display Room

- T-TRAK - Operating Display
  - Over 1000 sq ft for modules
  - Bring your division's modules
  - Make our T-Trak display the "talk-of-the NMRA"
- Dalmatian Switching District
  - 24 x 2.5 ft HO switching display
  - Available for attendee operation with assistance
    - Special session will be available for wives



We invite you to come to Dayton and have a great convention; bring you family; enjoy the great historical aspects of this great American city; hear some great model railroad clinics; visit several layouts.

HAVE FUN!

We plan to give you our best, always.

*Discover Dayton!*

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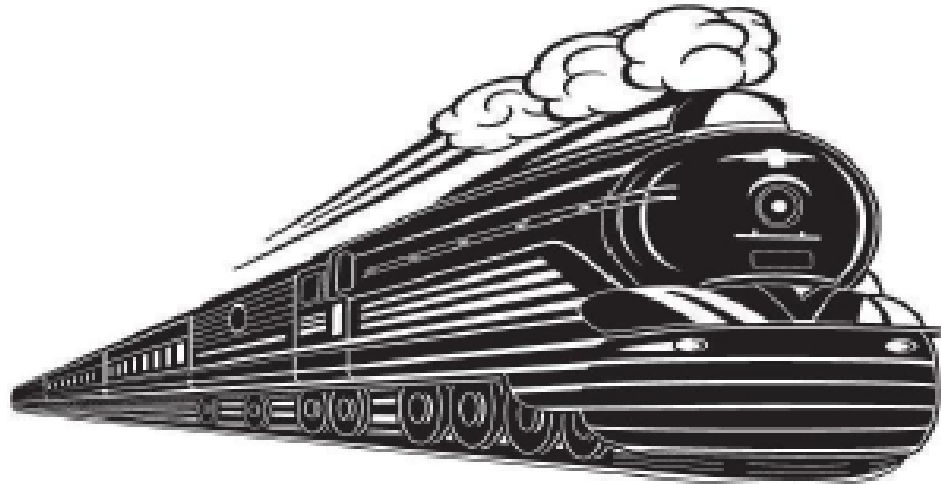
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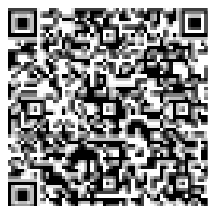
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