

N&WHS 2015 CONVENTION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 20

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT
MARION STATION

CONVENTION HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION INFORMATION

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Holiday Inn Express Suites and Hotel Marion
1842 Marion-Mt. Gilead Road
Marion, OH 43302

<http://tinyurl.com/2015.nwhs>

Room rate of \$105.00

Hotel Telephone: 740-389-4300

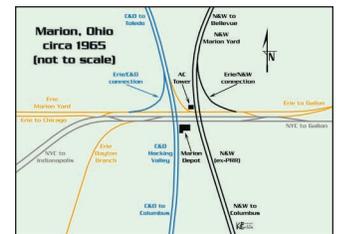
Reservations: 800-315-2621

*Mention the Norfolk and Western Historical Society
when registering*



MARION UNION DEPOT

Marion is located in north central Ohio on US 23 about 40 miles north of Columbus.



Convention Headquarters will be in the Marion Union Depot which sits at the juncture of three busy double track rail lines as shown in the Kevin EuDaly drawing (right). These lines were busy in the days of steam and continue to be busy today. The train station has been preserved and the grounds made into a park-like setting for rail fans. The station itself has many museum-like displays and an HO layout occupies one of the freight buildings.

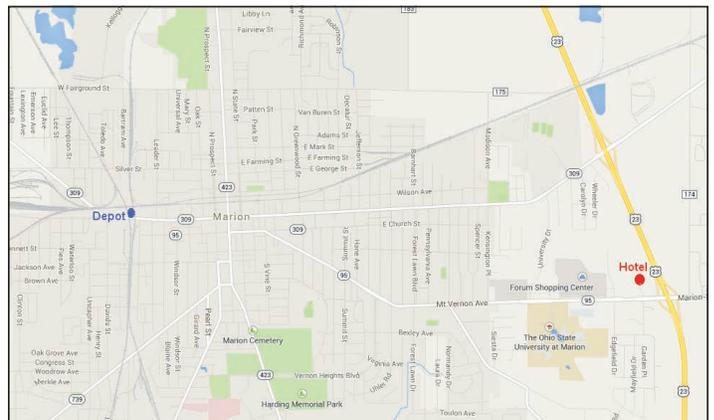
Our base hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Marion, about a 10-minute drive from the Marion Union Depot.



ABOUT THE HOTEL

Conveniently located off US23 in the Marion business district, the hotel is surrounded by historical sites, retailers and fine-dining options.

- Free high-speed Internet access
- Free Express Start breakfast bar
- Fitness center
- Indoor pool



2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events are at Marion Station unless otherwise noted

PRE-CONVENTION WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Visit our information desk at Marion Station for help planning Thursday's "On Your Own Rail Fanning"

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

3:00PM–7:00PM

Registration

7:00PM

Welcome, Tour preview, Marion history presentation

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

7:30AM–8:25AM

Registration at the Holiday Inn Express

8:30AM–4:30PM

Tour

5:00PM–7:00PM

Registration

7:00PM

Clinics—TBA

AFTER CLINICS

Virginian Interest Group meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

8:30AM

Registration

9:00AM

Clinics

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AFTER LAST CLINIC

Membership Meeting

6:00PM

Banquet at Warehouse Restaurant

COMMISSARY HOURS

Thursday: 3–6 p.m., 7–9 p.m.

Friday: 4:30–6 p.m., 7–9 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.–noon, 1–4 p.m.



Marion's AC Tower is the most complete functional restoration of a tower in the Midwest.

Wednesday

We will have an information desk at the Depot with rail fanning handouts and "experts" to help you plan an "On-Your-Own Rail Fanning" expedition on Thursday. (The handouts will also be available at the hotel.) Marion is convenient to many local areas of railroad interest, including the restored depots at Bucyrus and Galion, and the Ohio Railway Museum in Columbus. [Full disclosure; there is an N&W Pacific (No. 578?) at the Ohio Railway Museum; we hear that the locomotive is in sad shape and is deteriorating rapidly. The status of the museum itself is also unclear. Our current information is that it is only open, if at all, on Sundays]. We are going to have an informal pizza run at the Depot on Wednesday night for all those who show up and pitch in for a few slices. The handout will also be available for download on the convention webpage if you want to do some railfanning on the way to the convention.

Thursday

Those out rail fanning on their own on Thursday might want to include stops at the Warren G. Harding museum, the Shamrock Vineyard and Winery in Waldo, and try the Best Bologna Sandwich in the world at the G&R Tavern in Waldo.

Registration starts at 3 p.m. at Marion Station. The convention officially opens at 7 p.m. at Marion Station with welcoming presentations by NWHS officers, a preview of the Friday Tour by the Convention hosts, and a seminar.

Friday—Tour

Our bus will leave the Holiday Inn at 8:30 a.m. for an all day tour (lunch will be provided). We will head to the Norfolk Southern yard in Bellevue, OH. NS has graciously allowed us to tour this recently expanded and modernized yard. We will be given a guided tour of the facility, and will be allowed to your the engine shop. Note: hard soled shoes and long pants (no shorts) are required. From

Scheduled Clinicians:

Jim Nichols *Modeling the Pocahontas*

Paul Weber *Modeling N&W GP 35's*

Gale Martin, Marion historian

Alex Campbell *Columbus Area Railroads*

Mike Shockley *Modeling an Interlocking Tower*

Tom Salmon *The Virginian in Ohio—Hunh?*

And more to be confirmed





Fostoria Rail Park

the yard we will proceed to the Mad River & NKP Museum, also in Bellevue. Although there is an emphasis on the Nickel Plate, there are a number of N&W pieces at the museum, and a diverse exhibit with something for just about everyone. Lunch at the museum and museum admission tickets are included in your tour cost.

We will be back in time for dinner on your own, followed by an evening of clinics. There are many good restaurants within easy distance of the depot, although The Shovel, virtually on the station grounds, is very popular with railroad groups.

Note: hard soled shoes and long pants required. Only attendees on the tour bus will be permitted to enter the yard. Private vehicle admission is not authorized.

Saturday

There will be Seminars, Clinics and Train Watching at Marion Station. On site with the Marion Depot are the Marion Interlocking Tower, an Erie Lackawanna caboose, and a club HO layout. All of these are dependent upon volunteers. We are working with their groups to have them open for us for Thursday and Saturday, but as of this date we can't guarantee that they will be open.

Saturday night—Annual Banquet

Join us for an enjoyable dinner at the Warehouse Restaurant in Marion. Following our meal, we will present this year's Golden Arrow, Brakeman, H. Reid, and Precision Transportation awards and hear from Randy Winland, local Marion author.

Sunday

It is highly likely that many of us will be back at the station to see more trains, and perhaps take some pictures.

In the past there was a tradition of coordinating with local hobby shops for a "Midnight Madness" sale, emphasizing N&W and VGN models, with discounts for attendees. With the demise of many local hobby shops, this tradition has fallen by the wayside. To partially revive this, we have worked with The Train Station in Colum-

N&W crane at Mad River & NKP Museum



Model and Photo Contest

The Model & Photo Contest will have 12 categories, the winners to be decided by popular vote; winners in each category will get a \$25 cash prize. The categories for this year:

- N&W steam
- N&W pre-merger diesel and electric
- N&W second hand (i.e. post merger) diesels
- N&W freight rolling stock including cabooses
- N&W passenger rolling stock
- N&W MOW
- N&W structures
- VGN locomotives
- VGN rolling stock
- VGN structures
- Favorite Train
- Photos—print only; no slides please

Bring your models for the contest. We will be putting models on display starting Thursday afternoon. Ballots will be counted Saturday afternoon, and prizes will be awarded during the banquet Saturday night.

If you wish to display models, but not compete, we will have Bring & Brag space.

For contests and for the Bring & Brag we encourage you to fill out a sheet describing how you built/scratchbuilt/modified/detailed your model.

bus—one of the major hobby shops in the area—to offer our members a discount on Sunday the 21st. Save your badges. The Train Station is at 4430 Indianola Ave., Columbus, OH 43214.

Non-Rail Events

There is available a make-n-take "clinic" at a local flower shop; for \$5 attendees can assemble and bring home a potted plant or something similar. We are also arranging for a tour of historical sites in the Marion area: this tour is dependent upon participation.

Among the historical and other non-rail sites in the Marion area, there is the Shamrock Vineyard and Winery at Waldo, President Harding's birthplace, the Edward Huber Machinery Museum, and Heritage Hall. We will have visitor information available at Registration. The Marion Convention & Visitors Bureau has been a major help with this convention, and their website is an excellent starting point for additional visit planning: visitmarionohio.com

2015 N&WHS CONVENTION REGISTRATION

	SKU	Price	Number	Sub-Total
Basic Registration (before June 1)				
Member/Family	2412.1A	\$30.00		
Non-Member/Family	2412.1B	\$40.00		
Basic Registration (after June 1)*				
Member/Family	2412.1C	\$40.00		
Non-Member/Family	2412.1D	\$50.00		
Friday				
Rail Tour 8:30am to 4:30pm	2412.1E	\$65.00		
Non-Rail Tour	2412.1G	\$35.00		
Saturday				
Banquet	2412.1H	\$35.00		
TOTAL REGISTRATION				

Basic registration covers attendee and family members

***Register at the convention after June 1, 2015**

NOTE! Basic Registration is required for all activities. The Basic Registration Rate is a family rate; family members attending with the registrant are admitted to presentations and the commissary. Tour and banquet charges are per person.

Make check or money order payable to **Norfolk & Western Historical Society**. Do not send cash! **Do not mail after June 1, 2015**. All tickets are to be picked up at the registration table when you arrive. Receipts are returned via mail for registrations until June 1. After that you may pick up receipts with your convention package. Refunds after June 1 will be subject to a 25% penalty.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

First & last names of persons attending with you: _____

I wish to pay with credit card: VISA MasterCard

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