

# N&WHS 2016 CONVENTION

THURSDAY, MAY 19, THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 22

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT  
**HILTON GARDEN INN**

## CONVENTION HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION INFORMATION

### HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Hilton Garden Inn Pikeville

849 Hambley Boulevard

Pikeville, KY 41501

<http://tinyurl.com/2016-nwhs>

Room rate of \$119.00 through April 22

Book your room early to obtain this special rate.

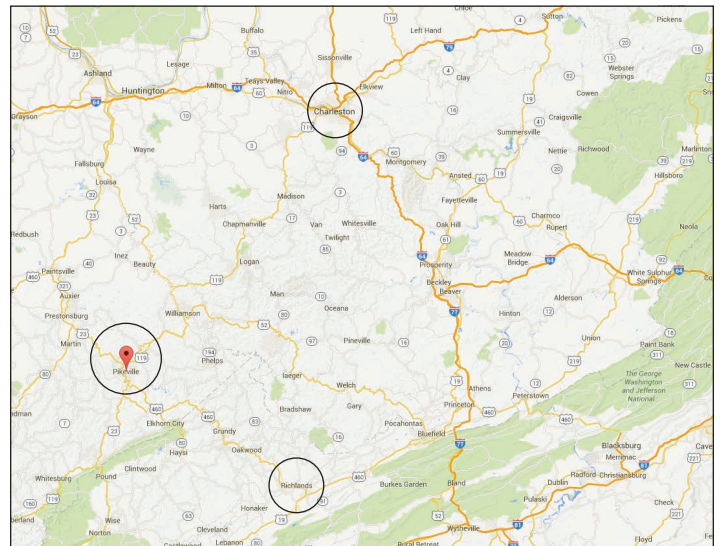
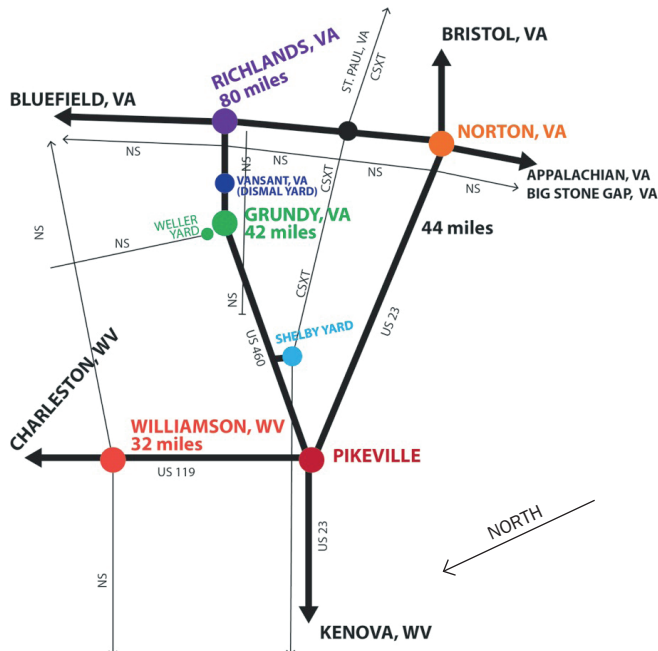
Hotel Telephone: 606-766-2000

*Mention the Norfolk and Western Historical Society  
when registering*



### 2016 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Coke Plant Tour
- Mine Tour
- Clinics
- Virginian Interest Group
- Railfanning
- Model and Photo Contest
- Hatfields and McCoys
- Main Street Live
- NWHs Banquet



# 2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

*Set up and early registration*

### THURSDAY, MAY 19

3:00PM

*Registration opens*

5:00PM–7:00PM

*Meet & Greet, Welcome, Clinics*

### FRIDAY, MAY 20

9:00AM

*Registration opens*

10:00AM

*Clinics*

*Hatfield-McCoy Tour*

3:00PM–8:00PM

*Coke Plant Tour*

7:00PM–11:00PM

*Virginian Interest Group*

*Main Street Live in Pikeville*

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

8:00AM–12:00PM

*Mine Tour*

1:00PM–5:00PM

*Clinics*

*Business Meeting*

6:30PM

*NWHS Banquet*

### 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.*



Weller Yard

Y'all come... "Back to the Coal Fields" for a weekend of fun, education and fellowship. This year's convention will be held in Pikeville, KY. Pikeville has been called the "energy Capital of America" and is centrally located within easy driving distance to several former N&W places of interest. Driving north from Pikeville, you are 30 minutes away from the Pocahontas Division Mainline in Williamson, WV. Driving east from Pikeville, you are 40 minutes from the former N&W (now NS) Buchanan Branch. Driving south from Pikeville, you are 45 minutes from Norton, VA and the Lower Clinch Valley District. There are also many branch lines that will be of interest to all N&W fans. Railfan guides will be available.

#### Thursday

The registration desk will open at 3:00 p.m. as the convention kicks off. Be sure to join us at 5:00 p.m. for a meet and greet, welcome and clinics.

#### Friday

The morning will be devoted to clinics and local non-rail tours. You might want to check out the Hatfield-McCoy Tour and gain insight into their legendary feud.

At 3:00 p.m. the bus will depart for Vansant, VA and a tour of the Sun Coal and Coke Jewell Coke Plant. (Tour is limited to 34 people. No dinner provided.) We will travel along the former Chesapeake and Ohio (now CSXT) Big Sandy mainline passing Elkhorn City, KY and the connection with the Clinchfield Railroad. Moving into Buchanan County, VA, we will travel along

#### Clinics and Presentations:

At press time the following are planned, and there will be more to come. Subject to change.

Jim Nichols: *Kitbashing Tenders*

Alex Schust: *Branch Lines From Narrow Gauge Railroads*

Paul Weber: *Modeling Norfolk & Western signals*

Dean Taylor: *NWHS fre-mo modular group; modeling N&W branch lines*

Everett Young: *Area railroad slideshow*

There will also be previews of the two tours, the annual meeting of the Virginian Interest Group, and the Membership Meeting.







Coal & Coke Plant in Vansant, Virginia Oct 25, 2012

the N&W Levisa Branch to its junction with the Buchanan Branch main line at Weller Yard, VA. Then continuing east and following the N&W line through the town of Grundy, VA past the Dismal Yard, we will arrive at the coke plant. The plant has been in operation since 1960. This facility heats metallurgical coal in large scale, specially designed ovens to more than 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. This leaves behind a carbon rich product called coke. The coke is shipped on the former N&W (now Norfolk Southern) Buchanan Branch to steel mills where it is mixed with iron ore and other elements and heated again in a blast furnace as part of the steel making process.

After the tour you can relax and enjoy Main Street Live in downtown Pikeville. Live music, food, soft drinks and beer.

The Virginian Interest group will meet Friday evening after Coke Plant tour.

### 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 freight rolling stock including cabooses
- N&W passenger rolling stock
- N&W structures
- N&W original diesels
- N&W second hand diesels
- Virginian steam
- Virginian diesel and electric
- Virginian passenger and freight rolling stock including cabooses
- Virginian structures
- NS locomotives (the current NS)
- Photo contest (prints 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 & Bag space.

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

### AREA RAILFANNING

There are many opportunities for railfanning in the area. Several mine runs originate in Williamson, as well as coal trains and a good number of run through freight and grain trains. Matewan offers an accurate recreation of the N&W Matewan depot



Buchanan Branch

and the location of the Matewan Massacre mine war. On the Buchanan Branch there are six mine runs operated out of Weller Yard. These run Monday through Friday

with extras on Saturday and Sunday. Loaded coal trains leave westbound from Weller Yard and are pushed up a 1.7% grade with three unit pusher sets. There are several mines operating on the Buchanan Branch as well as Sun Coal and Coke's large coke plant. Norton, VA has at least two mine runs operating to serve local coal industries such as the operation at Tom's Creek along with loaded and empty trains moving on the Lower Clinch Valley Line.

### Saturday

This morning, weather permitting, we will head out on a mine tour. Our tour bus will leave the hotel at 8:00 a.m. to tour local coal facilities, including a strip mine site and/or coal prep plant. Weather conditions will determine locations.

The afternoon will be devoted to clinics and the annual business meeting.

The annual banquet will begin at 6:30. The banquet will be buffet style and will consist of beef bourguignon (beef tips braised in a red wine gravy), roasted Hawaiian chicken, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, southern style green beans, dinner rolls, chef's choice of dessert, tea, coffee, water. Cocktails and soft drinks can be purchased at the bar. Entertainment by Coaltown Dixie.



SunCoke-NS Coke loading on February 6, 2014

# 2016 N&WHS CONVENTION REGISTRATION

	SKU	Price	Number	Sub-Total
<b>Basic Registration</b> (before May 7)				
Member/Family	2412.1A	\$30.00		
Non-Member/Family	2412.1B	\$40.00		
<b>Basic Registration</b> (after May 7)*				
Member/Family	2412.1C	\$40.00		
Non-Member/Family	2412.1D	\$50.00		
<b>Friday</b>				
Hatfield-McCoy Tour	2412.1E	\$3.00		
Coke Plant Tour 3:00pm to 8:00pm**	2412.1F	\$25.00		
<b>Saturday</b>				
Coal Mine Tour 8:00am to noon**	2412.1G	\$25.00		
Shopping Tour	2412.1H	\$3.00		
Banquet	2412.1I	\$29.00		
<b>TOTAL REGISTRATION</b>				

**Basic registration covers attendee and family members**

**\*Register at the convention after May 7, 2016**

**\*\* Tours limited to 34; register early to make sure you have a seat.**

**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 May 7, 2016**. All tickets are to be picked up at the registration table when you arrive. Receipts are returned via mail for registrations until May 7. After that you may pick up receipts with your convention package. Refunds after May 7 will be subject to a 25% penalty.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First & last names of persons attending with you:** \_\_\_\_\_

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