



NORFOLK & WESTERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Convention 2020

June 4, 5, 6, 2020 • Cleveland, Ohio Area

Cleveland Rocks! According to the song, at least! We are going a bit further afield than we have in the previous conventions. Many folks ask why we are doing this and not staying on the original N&W? The answer is pretty simple, to quote another older song, “we’ve been everywhere, man!” That is true, we’ve been to so many locations on the original N&W that we have repeated many of them, and now everywhere we go, there is less to see each time. Unfortunately, that is a sad but true fact. Since the N&W did stretch further west in merger with the Nickel Plate and Wabash, we felt reaching out into that territory was a good idea.

However, any convention needs a person local to the area, who can negotiate with the hotels, have their boots on the ground for questions and things that need local supervision.

Cleveland has an interesting railroad history, with a whole variety of railroads including the NKP. We have chosen two primary locations for our tour, the fantastic Age of Steam roundhouse and Warther Museum. The Age of Steam is a complete reconstruction of a 18-stall brick roundhouse with 115-foot turntable and over 20 locomotives in various states of construction or preservation. The place looks just like it stepped out of the 1920s.

The Warther Museum is a truly unique experience, featuring the wood carvings of steam locomotives from Ernest Warther who did his first carvings in the 1930s and completed the last just before his passing in 1973. The work is something that must be seen to be understood.

As usual, we will have a number of clinics on a variety of topics and presentations. That schedule changes and will be updated on-line as often as we can.

Please send in your ticket orders early for the paid events (see order form) or you can go online to the N&WHS website and place your order conveniently from there. If a tour or event is not selling well, we will cancel the event if costs are not covered by ticket sales. So, the earlier the better, please!

We are expecting to have more clinics or discussions as we get closer to time, but due to print deadlines, this is what we have for now.

If you have an idea for a clinic, suggestions for topics, or can present a clinic, we’d love to hear from you! Please email Frank Bongiovanni (bongiovanni@nwbs.org) or Ken Miller (miller@nwbs.org) with your suggestions or offer to help.



Convention Hotel

\$99 special NWHS rate.

Please specify Norfolk & Western Historical Society when you register; cut off for this rate is May 5th.

The Holiday Inn Cleveland South
6001 Rockside Road • Independence, Ohio 44131
hirocksides.com

Phone: 216-524-8050, extension 298, N&WHS Group

Registration (per family, for any attendees, one registration per family required)

Convention Cost:

\$75 per family

SAVE Pay your registration by April 4, 2020
and it is only \$60 per family

Details and Schedule

(Please note this is preliminary and may change by necessity)

Please note registration and order form as well as on-line ordering will be available on the N&WHS website in late January.
www.nwhs.org/convention

Thursday June 4, 2020

8:00 AM – 8:20 AM	Volunteers meeting. Holiday Inn conference room.
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM	BOD Meeting
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration, Holiday Inn. Please note: Only one registration required for entire convention. \$75 per family
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Commissary and Exhibits, Holiday Inn Hotel.
Clinics – Holiday Inn	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	TBD
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	TBD
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Meet and greet session, held at Holiday Inn \$12 per person

Friday June 5

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration, Holiday Inn. \$75 per family
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Warther Museum and Age of Steam (see description on page 3). . . \$80 per person
Clinics – Holiday Inn	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	TBD
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	TBD
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	
7:30 PM - ???	Virginian Interest Group meeting, Holiday Inn conference room.

Saturday June 6th

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration, Holiday Inn lobby.
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM	Commissary and Exhibits, Holiday Inn
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Membership meeting, Holiday Inn
Clinics – Holiday Inn:	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	TBD
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	TBD
5:00 PM – 5:45 PM	Banquet happy hour-cash bar (on your own), Holiday Inn
6:00 PM - ???	Banquet, Holiday Inn. \$40 per person Our speaker will be Michael Connor, see the following page for a description.

Of course there are many other options available in the Cleveland area, way too many to list here. Please check the booklet for more information. If you go to visit any railroad please remember, keep off railroad property!

Convention Tours and Activities

Registration will be open as of 1 p.m., Thursday, June 4th. As of mid afternoon there will be clinics/seminars. Also the Commissary will be open and the Modeling Committee will accept entries for the model contest. The exact schedule will be updated as we firm things up.

Thursday evening, we are planning for a Meet-N-Greet at the hotel, with finger food. There will be clinics Thursday evening, including a preview of the next day's tour. Friday evening, after return from the tour will be the annual meeting of the Virginian Interest Group. We are working on seminars for Friday evening for those who choose not to attend either meeting.

The centerpiece of the convention is a day-long tour to the Dover, Ohio area where we have tours set up for the Age of Steam Roundhouse and the Warther Museum. If you're familiar with either or both of these facilities, you'll be pleased to see them again; if you haven't been there, we think you're in for a rare treat. There will be time for lunch in between. We have a capacity of 50 people on the bus. Warther Museum (thewarthermuseum.com) and Age of Steam Roundhouse (ageofsteamroundhouse.org). We will return to the hotel by late afternoon after the special outing.

Modeling Meeting

There will be a free-form meeting with modelers and the members of the modeling committee. This is for an exchange of information, ideas, and suggested projects. Schedule TBA

Saturday

Saturday will include historical and modeling seminars over the course of the day, ending with the Membership Meeting Saturday afternoon, followed by the banquet Saturday evening. Our schedule is in flux at the moment, we will post updates as available on the website.

General Membership Meeting

Join us to learn what is new with N&WHS and ask questions of the officers and directors. It is always good discussion and everyone leaves with more information than they came in with!

Annual Banquet

Holiday Inn Ballroom. Happy hour begins at 5:00 PM. Banquet begins at 6:00 PM. We will have dinner and our speaker will be Michael J. Connor, who has worked in the railroad industry for over 55 years. Mr. Connor's experience includes being in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps, the Erie Railroad, the New York Central, and working for the late Jerry Jacobsen at the Age of Steam. Mr. Connor's banquet speech will be on Dereco. Dereco was the holding company that controlled the Erie-Lackawanna and the Delaware & Hudson, and was itself controlled by the N&W in the 1970's.

Door Prizes

We are looking for donations for door prizes, if you have something to offer or know of someone that has something, please feel free to contact Frank at bongiovanni@nwhs.org or Ken Miller at miller@nwhs.org.

Our commissary will have a nice selection of merchandise, if you are looking for specific items, please email the commissary@nwhs.org with any special requests. Remember your purchases do help the Society.

2020 Convention Volunteers

The Convention planning team is tying up the last minute details for this year's convention. We are looking for VOLUNTEERS! We need folks to help ensure everything goes smoothly. We hope those who volunteer will have fun talking to new people, feeling like they are part of the team, and maybe even become a regular volunteer. Here are a few frequently asked questions.

Q) Will I have to spend all my time working? How much will I have to do I want to enjoy the Convention too?

A) Most folks will simply answer questions or help at the registration table or commissary. Naturally, the more folks we have, the less everyone had to do.

Q) I have never done anything like this before. How will I know what to do?

A) There will be a brief meeting on Thursday morning where we hand out assignments and information.

Hopefully, if you volunteered last year, we'll be glad to see you this year and thanks for helping make a difference

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Model Contest Categories

(download the entry form on the website)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> N&W steam | <input type="checkbox"/> VGN structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N&W diesels and electrics | <input type="checkbox"/> Norfolk Southern (current NS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N&W second hand diesels (i.e. former NKP, VGN, Wabash, P&WV, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Favorite Train |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N&W freight cars | <input type="checkbox"/> What If? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N&W cabooses | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N&W passenger cars | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N&W MOW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N&W structures | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VGN steam | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VGN diesels and electrics | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VGN freight cars including cabooses | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VGN MOW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VGN passenger cars | |

A model may only be entered in one category. If there is any question as to the "correct" category for a model to be entered in, the decision will be made by the Modeling Committee. Category winners will receive a \$25 NWHS Commissary Gift Certificate.

You can also bring your models for display and not enter them in the contest if you so desire.

Brand New Books! Never Before Offered!

Turbine Power **Big, Fast & Loud**

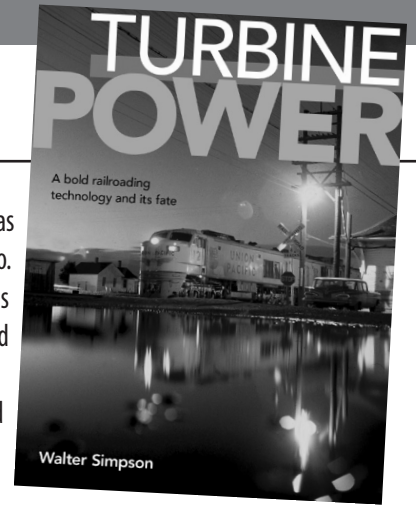
By Walter Simpson

Are there any other better words to describe it? Turbine Power by Walter Simpson is a new book that covers steam and gas turbine locomotives and trains, how they functioned, and the technology used from the 1939-2003 era that made them go.

This is the first book that brings together information about turbine locomotives and trains that collects all of the various projects in one place. From first prototypes to the most recent proposals, everything is presented with vintage images and references that all railroad fans will enjoy.

This book will be of special interest to N&W fans, as the 2300, *Jawn Henry* is specifically covered and the Society provided much support and a number of images for the book.

Stock No. SKU 150.151, Turbine Power Book \$19.99 Member/\$22.99 Regular

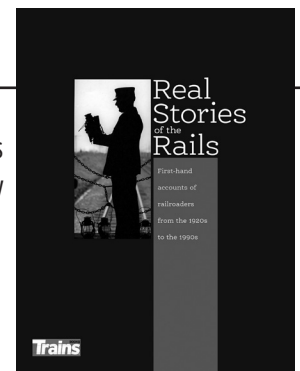


Real Stories of the Rails

Collected from the pages of Trains Magazine

Real stories from the pages of Trains Magazine. Employee stories and real-life experiences in working on the railroad from the 1920s through the 1990s with most from the 1950s and after. Fascinating reading. Relatable to the N&W and all railroads. Stories finally collected in a single place. A must have for folks who like to read true tales of the rails.

Stock No. SKU 150.152, Real Stories of the Rails\$20.99 Member/\$24.99 Regular



Please print and completely fill out the form below.

Event	Price	Quantity	Total
Registration	\$75.00		
Thursday Evening Meet and Greet	\$12.00		
Friday Tour	\$80.00		
Saturday Evening Banquet	\$40.00		
Order Complete Package by March 4	\$185.00		
Order Complete Package after March 4	\$ 205.00		
T Shirt* <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL	\$20.00		
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

Special Note: A T-Shirt will only be designed and produced if there are sufficient advance orders. If you order T-shirts they will be picked up at the Convention, nothing will be mailed in advance.

Order by Credit Card or make your check or money order payable to N&W Historical Society and mail to:

N&WHS 2020 Convention • P.O. Box 13908
Roanoke, VA 24038-3908

If you have questions, please leave a message at (540) 342-0575. Be sure to leave your telephone number and the best times to contact you. To place a credit card order by FAX 24 hours/day, (540) 342-7439

- Check Money Order
 VISA MasterCard

Enter card number below

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Please do not send your credit card number via e-mail.

Note: Any personal information we collect is not used outside this organization. We use e-mail to communicate with you as necessary.

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Name(s) of family members attending with you _____