



# **PCRRHS 2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**September 22-24, 2016 - Buffalo, NY**



Our 2016 Convention will be held in Buffalo, NY, and will be hosted by James S. Torgeson, in cooperation with the Western New York Railway Historical Society (WNYRHS).

## **HOTEL**

The convention hotel is the Hampton Inn Buffalo-Airport/Galleria Mall, located at 1745 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225. (Contrary to its name, the hotel is NOT at the airport!) The property was completely renovated last year, and it is conveniently located adjacent to New York State Thruway Exit 52W. Our room rate is \$109.00 per night plus 13.75% tax. The rate includes a hot breakfast and there's plenty of free parking. Multiple restaurants are adjacent to the hotel, and countless more are nearby. Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel by calling (716) 894-8000. Be sure to mention that you are with the Penn Central Railroad Historical Society and request our special "PCR" room rate. You can also make reservations online by using a link located on the convention page of our web site:

<http://www.pccrrhs.org/event/convention/2016-convention>

## **MEETING VENUE**

All meetings, presentations and meals (except Saturday lunch) will be held at the Heritage DiscoverY Center (HDC), a museum complex and event venue in South Buffalo that is owned by the WNYRHS. The HDC is located at 100 Lee Street and is a quick, six-mile drive from the hotel via the New York State Thruway. It is fully handicapped-accessible, and has ample off-street parking. The HDC campus is also adjacent to the busiest railroad location in Buffalo, the corridor shared by CSX, Norfolk Southern, and the Buffalo & Pittsburgh at CP Draw.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Buffalo is served by all of the major airlines and Amtrak. The *Lake Shore Limited*, *Maple Leaf*, and a pair of *Empire Service* trains all call on Buffalo. The Buffalo-Niagara International Airport (BUF), and the Amtrak Buffalo-Depew station (also BUF) are a few miles from the Hampton Inn and the hotel will run their shuttle to both. (Note that Buffalo has two Amtrak stations. The Exchange Street station (BFX) is the other, and it is too far for the hotel shuttle.)

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

Early arrivals are welcome to come to the HDC at any time after 10am to check out the many exhibits, including the Railroad and Steel Plant Museums, and to railfan from the grounds or nearby areas. Sales and display tables can also be set up at this time. Complimentary coffee and tea will be available throughout the day. Coincidentally, this is also the WNYRHS Public Meeting night. Registrants are encouraged to join WNYRHS members for a specially tailored PC-era program drawn from the Society's extensive archives. A cash bar will be available.

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

The HDC will open at 8am. Complimentary coffee and tea will be available throughout the day. PCRRHS business and membership meetings will occupy the morning. At lunchtime, we'll have a cookout featuring hotdogs, hamburgers and other picnic staples. Following lunch, there will be several area model railroads open for visitation via carpool. Registrants are also welcome to stay at the HDC. After an afternoon on the road, some registrants may want to have dinner on their own elsewhere, so an extra-fare pizza and Buffalo chicken wings dinner will be served at the HDC for those interested. Evening programs will start with WNYRHS President Joe Kocsis giving an overview of the HDC project, followed by several noted Buffalo photographers with PC-era presentations. A cash bar will be available.

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

A luxury coach will depart the Hampton Inn in the early morning for a day-long narrated tour of the Buffalo railroad and industrial scene, past and present. Scheduled stops tentatively include Buffalo Central Terminal, the Buffalo Southern Railroad shops, the Metro-Rail light rail maintenance facility (located in the former DL&W passenger terminal), the Orchard Park BR&P Depot, the Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier (featuring PC Tower EL-2), and the Williamsville Lehigh Valley Depot. (Note that this should not be considered a final list.) A box lunch will be served at one of the stops. The bus will return to the hotel in the late afternoon so that registrants can have some time to refresh before returning to the HDC for the evening programs. At the HDC, a happy-hour with appetizers and a cash bar will be followed by the banquet dinner, served buffet style, featuring such Buffalo specialties as pierogi and beef on weck. A pertinent guest speaker will follow dinner, and additional presentations may follow.



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

ITEM	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Full Registration for Current PCRRHS Members – All Activities & Saturday Banquet , but not Friday Dinner <i>(Per person)</i>	\$ 106		\$
Full Registration for Non-Members – All Activities & Saturday Banquet, but not Friday Dinner <i>(Includes 1 year PCRRHS Membership, per person)</i>	\$ 141		\$
Optional Friday Pizza & Buffalo Chicken Wings Dinner <i>(Per person)</i>	\$ 10		\$
Saturday Banquet <i>(Spouse/Partner)</i>	\$ 26		\$
Long-Sleeve Gray T-shirts, with Embroidered “PC inside Buffalo” Logo. Please choose size(s): S__ M__ L__ XL__ XXL__ XXXL__ XXXXL__ <i>(Please order shirts by September 8<sup>th</sup>!)</i>	\$ 25		\$
8’ Sales & Display Tables <i>(A limited number are available!)</i>	No Charge		<del> </del>
<b>Total Enclosed</b>			\$
Please indicate any dietary requirements below, and we’ll do our best to accommodate them!			
I would like to give a presentation. My subject is:			

*\*Full registrations are limited to 56, so do not delay! A waiting list will be maintained.\**

*\*\*Your registration fee DOES NOT include any meals not specified above, lodging, or other costs.\*\**

Name:	
First Name/Nickname to appear on the name badge:	
Spouse/Partner Name (if attending):	
Spouse/Partner First Name/Nickname to appear on the name badge:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Phone: (    )	Email:

Return this form, with your check or money order payable to “PCRRHS” to:

**PCRRHS Buffalo Convention 2016**  
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A confirmation mailing containing additional convention information will be sent to you.

**Questions or Concerns? [jstorgeson@gmail.com](mailto:jstorgeson@gmail.com) or (716) 628-2556**

*Convention registration is also available on the PCRRHS Society Store website at <http://store.pcrrhs.org>*