



Missouri Pacific Historical Society 42ND Annual Convention

October 6 - 9, 2022
Comfort Suites
Palestine, Texas

The Missouri Pacific Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held in Palestine, Texas on October 6-9. Using previous years' format, we will have activities from Thursday afternoon through Saturday night.

Palestine (Texan pronunciation Pal-es-teen) was founded in 1846 as the seat of Anderson County. 2022 marks the 150th anniversary of arrival of the Houston & Great Northern and the International Railroad in 1872. Both roads combined to create the International-Great Northern. Shortly after the arrival of the railroad, Palestine became the general office and shop headquarters. The I-GN built a major depot in 1892 and a modern passenger coach shop in 1902, making Palestine an important locomotive and coach maintenance location.

Venue: The meeting hotel is the Comfort Suites – Palestine, TX. The hotel address is 301 Willow Creek Parkway, Palestine, TX 75801.

The MPHS special convention guest room rate is:
\$96.80 plus tax for single King (single or double occupancy).
\$105.80 plus tax for double Queen (single or double occupancy).

Members are encouraged to take advantage of this discounted rate on or before Friday, September 9, 2022. Remember, using the facility for your stay helps the Society save money on the costs of meeting rooms. To make reservations call the hotel at (903) 723-0284 and ask for the MPHS group rate.

MPHS 2022 Convention Registration

Name:		Name to appear on <i>Badge</i> :		
Spouse Name:		Name to appear on <i>Badge</i> :		
Address:				
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:	
E-mail Address:	Quantity		Cost Each	Total Cost
Registration Fee: All Three Days, Before September 9, 2022			\$40	
Registration Fee: All Three Days, After September 9, 2022			\$45	
Registration Fee: One Day Only, Friday or Saturday (indicate day)			FRI / SAT	\$20
Swap Meet Sales Table (<i>very limited number available</i>)			\$10	
Total Registration Fee:				
Questions to assist with logistics:			Yourself	Spouse
Will ride the Texas State Railroad Excursion on Friday?			YES / NO	YES / NO
Will attend the Group Dinner on Saturday evening?			YES / NO	YES / NO

You may Register Online by visiting the convention page at <https://mopac.org>

If you prefer to register by mail, please send Check or Money Order payable to MPHS, along with a copy of this completed form, to:

Missouri Pacific Historical Society, 17330 W. Center Road, Suite 110, PMB 295, Omaha, NE 68130

For additional convention information, email: convention@mopac.org

Speakers: Presentations are always the core of our meetings. This year, we have over 8 hours scheduled for speakers and presentations from Thursday evening through Saturday night.

Meet and Greet Thursday Evening: Relax and visit with old and new friends. Beverages and snacks provided by MPHS.

Swap Meet Saturday Afternoon: Annual swap meet and MPHS Company Store.

Planned Activities and Local Area Tours:

Texas State Railroad Excursion: Friday, October 7 Train Trip on the Texas State Railroad. We will be riding their Piney Woods Express – Diesel departing from the TSR Palestine Depot at 11:00 am for round trip to Rusk, with return to Palestine at 3:00 pm. Lunch is available for purchase at the Mail Car Café located in the Rusk depot during the lunch stop.

You must contact the Texas State Railroad directly for reservations. Call 855-632-7729 and tell them you are with the MPHS, you will receive 10% off the published fare for First Class Coach only. The regular fare for this venue is \$55.00 +tax . Please visit their website for additional information, <https://texasstaterailroad.net>

Upon return to Palestine, visit the TSR engine house which holds two T&P steam engines, D-9 4-6-0 #316 and I-1a 2-10-4 #610

Palestine Railroad Heritage Center: Open Saturday 9:30am – 4:40pm. Exhibits that illustrate many facets of railroading in Palestine. Includes the Domis Model Railroad. Admission is included in the MPHS Full Registration Fee. Visit their website for additional information, <https://www.visitpalestine.com/business/railroadheritagecenter>

Local model railroad tour: Devin Jackson's "The Mesquite Belt Railroad" will be open on Saturday. <https://www.mesquitebelt.com/home>

Spouse Activities: A list of spouse activities will be available in the near future. Palestine has 23 historical sites on the National Register of Historic Places

Saturday Group Dinner: There will be a group dinner on Saturday evening at nearby restaurant, The 1855 Steakhouse. <https://1855steakhouseandseafoodcompany.com>

REMINDER: To take advantage of the MPHS Hotel Rate you must book your room before September 9, 2022 by calling to hotel direct.

To reserve your seat for Friday's train trip, call direct to the Texas State Railroad. Mention the MPHS and get 10% off their First Class fare.

Please check the Convention page at mopac.org for the latest information.

Tentative Agenda

(times subject to change)

Thursday October 6

1:00pm– 4:00pm MPHS BOD Meeting
3:00pm– 5:00pm Registration open
5:00pm– 7:00pm Dinner on your own
7:00pm–10:00pm EVENING PROGRAM
7:00pm– 7:15pm Welcome to Palestine
7:15pm– 8:00pm Presentation #1
8:15pm– 9:00pm Presentation #2
9:00pm–10:00pm Meet and Greet, socialize with fellow MPHS members

Friday, October 7

8:00am–10:00am Registration open
9:00am– 9:45am Presentation #3
10:00am–10:30am Carpool from hotel to TSR Palestine depot
11:00am– 3:00pm Texas State Railroad Piney Woods Excursion
3:00pm– 4:00pm Viewing T&P #610 and #316 at TSR Engine house
4:00pm– 5:00pm Return to hotel
5:00pm– 7:00pm Dinner on your own
7:00pm–10:00pm EVENING PROGRAM
7:00pm– 7:15pm Announcements / News of the Day
7:15pm– 8:00pm Presentation #4
8:15pm– 9:00pm Presentation #5
9:15pm–10:00pm Presentation #6

Saturday, October 8

7:00am–11:00am Registration open
9:00pm–11:00am MPHS Membership Meeting
11:00am– 1:00pm Lunch on your own
Noon– 5:00pm AFTERNOON PROGRAM
Noon– 1:00pm Swap Meet set up
1:00pm– 4:00pm Swap Meet
4:00pm– 5:00pm Swap Meet tear down
5:00pm– 5:30pm Car pool to restaurant
5:30pm– 7:30pm Group dinner at The 1855 Steakhouse
8:00pm– 8:45pm Presentation #7
9:00pm– 9:45pm Presentation #8
9:45pm–10:00pm Closing Remarks

There will be a full list of presenters and their topics posted on the Convention page at mopac.org.