

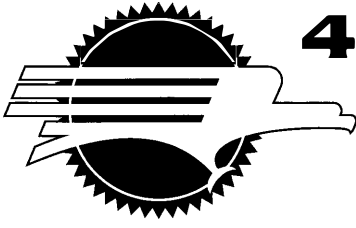
Missouri Pacific Historical Society

43rd Annual convention

October 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2023

Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview

Wichita, Kansas



The Missouri Pacific Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held in Wichita, Kansas on October 5–8. Using the same format of the last few years, we will have activities from Thursday afternoon through Sunday Morning.

Wichita began as a trading post on the Chisolm Trail in the 1860's and was incorporated as a city in 1870. Wichita is the largest city in Kansas, was served by five major railroads and a couple of smaller ones and an interurban. Wichita's Missouri Pacific station was the headquarters of the Wichita Division. Today two major lines pass through town on the Wichita Terminal Association, and much of the traffic for the MP Hardtner and Hutchinson subs still passes through town. Wichita is home to Cowtown and other attractions of general interest also, and the birthplace of White Castle (1921) and Pizza Hut (1958).

Venue: The meeting hotel is the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, 400 West Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS 67202

The MPHS special convention guest room rate is:
 \$139.00 plus tax for single King Bed Deluxe
 \$139.00 plus tax for double Queen Beds Deluxe
 Overnight parking available at \$5.00 per parking spot per day

Members are encouraged to take advantage of this discounted rate before Sunday, September 3, 2023. Remember, using the convention hotel for your stay helps the Society save money on meeting room costs. Reservations can be made online at www.drury.com, or by calling 1-800-325-0720. Use Group Number 2453394 for MPHS Room Rates.

MPHS 2023 Convention Registration

Name:		Name to appear on Badge:	
Spouse Name:		Name to appear on Badge:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
E-mailAddress:	Quantity	Cost Each	Total Cost
Registration Fee: All Three Days, Before September 3, 2023		\$50	
Registration Fee: All Three Days, After September 3, 2023		\$55	
Registration Fee: One Day Only, Friday or Saturday (indicate day)	FRI / SAT	\$20	
Swap Meet Sales Table (very limited number available)		\$10	
Total Registration Fee:			

Questions to assist with logistics:	Yourself	Spouse
Will ride the Train Trip on Friday (A&SV) Fare is \$75.00 per person	YES / NO	YES / NO
Will attend Group Dinner on Saturday evening? Additional Separate Fare TBD	YES / NO	YES / NO

You may Register Online by visiting the convention page at <https://www.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

Questions? Send an email to 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:

Abilene & Smoky Valley RR: Friday, October 6. Train trip behind steam on the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad. This charter train will depart from Abilene on former Rock Island trackage. Power will be Baldwin Pacific type locomotive ATSF 3415. Bus transportation will be provided from Wichita to Abilene and return. Lunch will be available for purchase at a nearby restaurant in Abilene. Cost for the train ride and bus transportation is \$75.00 per person.

Great Plains Transportation Museum: Open Saturday 9:30am – 4:40pm. Exhibits that illustrate many facets of railroading in Wichita. Exhibits include AT&SF #3768, various cabooses, tank cars, artifacts and memorabilia, and books. Visit their website for additional information, <http://www.gptm.us>

Saturday Group Dinner: A Group Dinner is being planned for Saturday evening at the nearby Great Plains Transportation Museum.

Local model railroad tour: Ron Merrick's "MP Wichita Division" will be open on Sunday.

Spouse Activities: A list of spouse activities will be available in the near future. Wichita has many museums and points of interest.

REMINDER: To take advantage of the MPHS Hotel Rate you must book your room before September 3, 2023 by calling to hotel direct, or online.

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

Tentative Agenda

(times subject to change)

Thursday October 5

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 Wichita
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 6

8:00am – 10:00am Registration open
----- TRAIN EXCURSION -----
8:00am – 9:30am Bus Ride to Abilene
10:00am - 12:30pm A&SV Excursion Train to Enterprise
12:30pm – 5:00pm Lunch and 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 7

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

Sunday, October 8

Local layout tours (on your own), and information on local rail attractions to visit on your way home.

More information on the planned train excursions, along with a full list of presenters and their topics, will be posted on the Convention page at <https://www.mopac.org> as they become available.

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