



9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Registration begins at 8:15)

Speakers and Topics

Featured Speaker—William “Bill” Howes—Director of passenger service, C&O/B&O until Amtrak

Where Did Everybody Go-The Highs and Lows of C&O/B&O Passenger Service in Michigan and

Main 200: The Last Salute: The Story of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Funeral Train

Craig Sanders – *Michigan’s Bootstrap Campaign: Passenger Development in the Amtrak Era*

Kay Chase—MARP *A Brief Look at What is Happening Now in Passenger Service in Michigan*

Paul Trap – *Steam Railroads of Ottawa County*

Norm Krentel – *Interurban Railroads of Ottawa County*

Carl Bajema with Joe Rogers – *Logging Railroads in the Grand and Muskegon River Valleys*

Nathan Holth— *“International Railroad Bridge in Sault Ste. Marie*

Art Chavez and Stephen McMillan— *Alternative Design Concepts of the Lake Michigan Car Ferries*

T.J. Gaffney – *Using/Reading Employee Records for Historical Research*

Friday, September 22 Fieldtrip: Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago Railway

Norm Krentel will lead a fieldtrip following the route of the interurban line that ran between Grand Rapids and Saugatuck. In the past these trips have been by auto caravan, with as many as 27 vehicles. For this conference, use of a motor coach is planned. That way everyone will be traveling together and can share Norm’s narration along the way. It should be safer and more convenient. The bus will leave Holland at 9:00 am and proceed to Saugatuck then follow the line toward Grand Rapids ending the trip in the early afternoon. The fee for this bus excursion will be \$25.00 and will be limited to the capacity of the bus. If there is not enough interest to cover the cost of the bus, payments submitted will be refunded. Maps and information will be included in the conference notebook. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Sunday, September 23 Fieldtrip: Railroading in Northern Ottawa County.

A Sunday fieldtrip is being planned by auto caravan with a limited number of stops beginning with a tour of Consumer Energy's J. H. Campbell Generating Complex and its extensive rail facilities. This fieldtrip will entail walking about 2 miles total with various stops and will include views from the top of the building. Long pants and shoes with covered toes are required (no shorts-no sandals). Hard hats, hearing protection and safety glasses will be provided. Further instructions will follow. Stops at sites in northern Ottawa County are being planned..

Facilities

The Maas Center is located on the Campus of Hope College in downtown Holland. Parking is available on weekends in Hope College parking lots within easy walking distance of the Maas Center. Lunch will be provided in the Phelps Dining Hall across the hall from the meeting room. Beverage and snack service mid-morning and mid-afternoon will be provided by Hope catering services. These are included in registration fees. Breakfast is available for a fee in the dining hall.

Vendor Tables

A very limited number of vendor tables will be available, but limited to academic and non-profit publishers of railroad history books and materials. Cost of a table is \$120.00 and includes registration for one individual. To request one of these spaces send a statement of intent including name of organization and fee to MRHC, P.O. Box 852, Royal Oak, MI 48068. Name of representative can be submitted later.

Organization Tables

There will be space for a limited number of table displays and posters for railroad history groups to provide information about their organization, activities, services and publications. Each space will be 36 x 30 inches (one-half of a six-foot table). There will be no charge for the space, but there must be one representative of the group as a paid attendee. No sales will be allowed at these spaces, but information about ordering publications and memberships can be distributed. To apply for one of these spaces send a description of the group to mirrhistconf17@gmail.com.

Notebook

A notebook with maps and background information will be distributed to all participants. If you have material you would like to contribute for this notebook contact Mark Worrall - mirrhistconf17@gmail.com

For the Rest of the Family

There is plenty to do while you are attending this conference. Holland's unique downtown with quality shops and many places to eat is just 2 blocks from the Maas, 3 art galleries within 3 blocks and Holland Museum in 4 blocks. Windmill Island Gardens with historic windmill is close-by and Holland State Park and Lake Michigan about 7 miles away. Check in fall for schedule of Hope College campus activities.

The Michigan Railroad History Conference is a non-profit corporation, 501(c) 3, managed by volunteer directors with the sole purpose of offering this biennial conference.

For more information and updates see www.michiganrailroadhistory.org or visit on Facebook by searching Michigan Railroad History Conference. Questions contact Paul Trap, Chair: mirrhistconf17@gmail.com or (616) 396-6492.

Registration--Registration is required for all events.

Use a separate form for each attendee so name tags can be prepared

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Conference Registration (Includes Luncheon)

If postmarked before September 1 --- \$60.00 -- If postmarked after September 1 --- \$70.00

Friday Fieldtrip-Bus tour focusing on Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago Railway, 22 September---\$25.00

If trip has to be cancelled or over-subscribed payment will be refunded.

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Would like to attend the Conference _____, Friday Fieldtrip _____, Sunday Fieldtrip (No fee)

Total Charges _____ Make check or money order out to ***Michigan Railroad History Conference***.
Mail to: MRHC, P.O. Box 852, Royal Oak, MI 48068