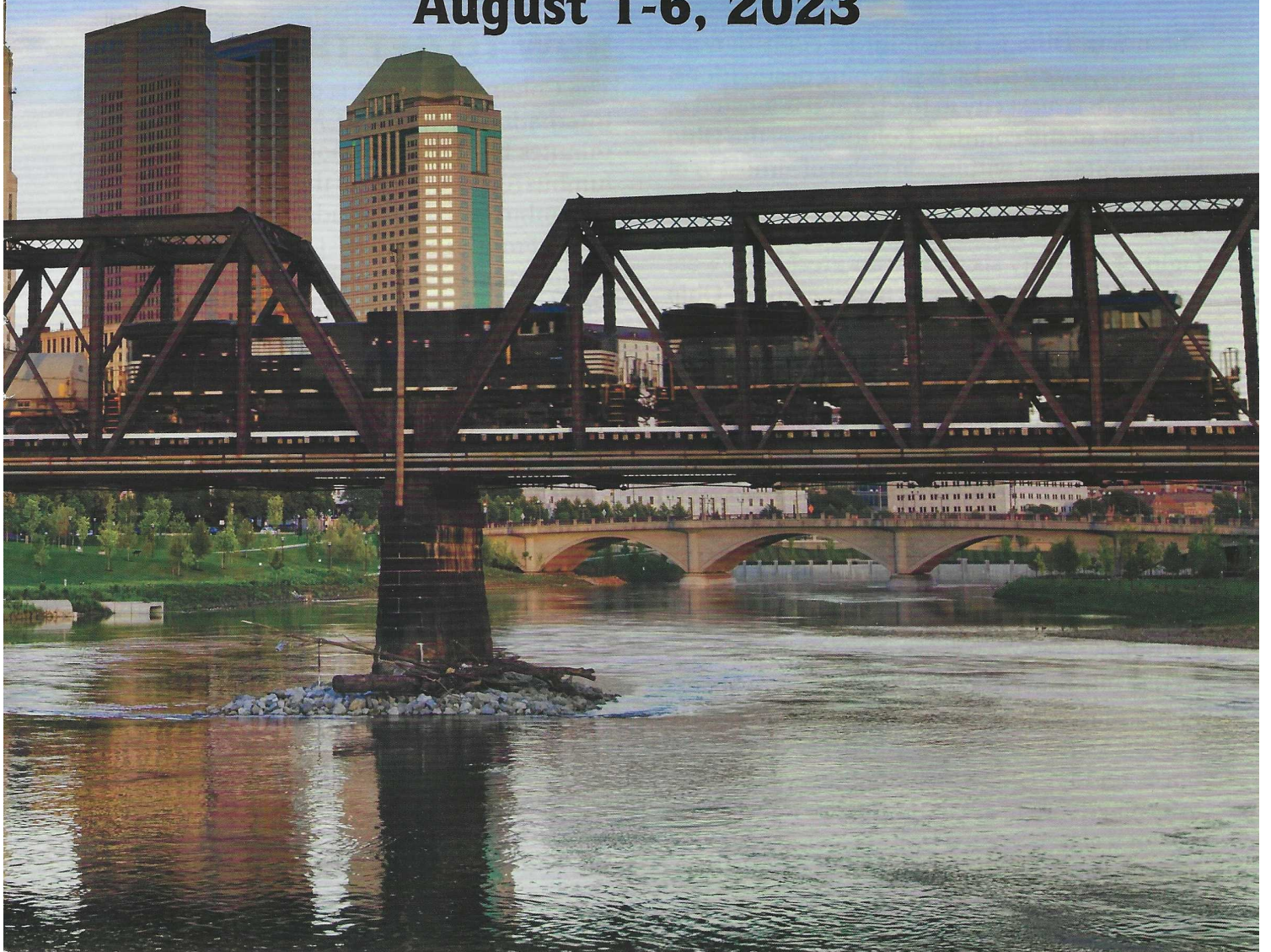


# Columbus Bound



**TTOS National Convention  
August 1-6, 2023**





## 2023 TTOS CONVENTION

# Columbus Welcome



Columbus, Ohio is known for its contributions to history, many parks, & shopping destinations, is the 15th largest city in the US and is located in the heart of the country. Columbus is the Ohio State capital and within 600 miles of almost ½ of the US population. More of our country's presidents come from Ohio than any other state. Eight of the forty six American Presidents were elected from the Buckeye State, earning Ohio the nickname "the Mother of Presidents."

The first Wendy's is located in Columbus, and has the headquarters of White Castle (started in Wichita). The "Blue Jackets" hockey team is based here. (During the Civil War, Columbus made uniforms for the Union Army.) Ohio State University's OSU Stadium is the 4th largest college football facility. Geraldine "Jerrie" Mock, an OSU grad, was the first female to fly solo around the world. Ohio has a wealth of railroading opportunities and we will see many of them.

NOTE: our convention week begins with check-in Monday, July 31 so as not to miss any tours. The week ends on Sunday, August 6. If you have not been to a T.T.O.S. National Convention before, make sure to get to this one as we will have a great week co-hosted by the T.T.O.S. – Buckeye Division.

## HOW TO GET THERE

The Columbus Airport is called the John Glenn International Airport (CMH) and is about 3 minutes from our host hotel – the Marriott Columbus Airport. Some of the airlines that fly into Columbus are Air Canada, Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, and Spirit. There is a complimentary shuttle that goes to the Marriott Hotel; just call 614/475-7551.

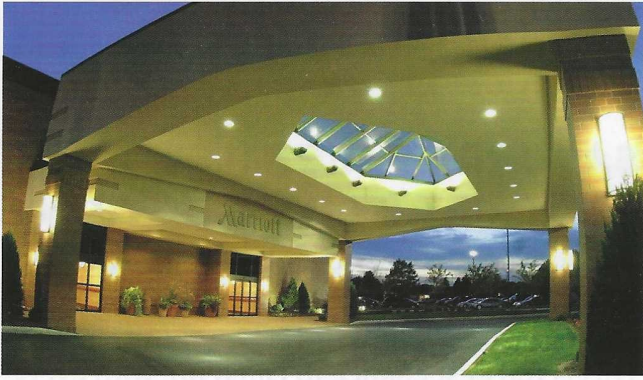
If you drive, I-670 runs through Columbus; our hotel is Northeast of downtown and near the airport.

Unfortunately for a few members, there is no Amtrak service to Columbus, Ohio.

## OUR HOST HOTEL

The Marriott Columbus Airport is the 2023 TTOS Convention Hotel, and it is located at 1375 N. Cassady Avenue, Columbus. OH 43219. Telephone is 614/475-7551. There is complimentary airport/hotel shuttle service 6am to midnight daily; just call 614/475-7551. The room rates are \$109+/night for king or double beds and the rate is good 3 days pre and post. Check-in is 3pm and check-out is 11am. TTOS has complimentary parking and WIFI. In room





amenities include a coffee/tea, hair dryer, iron & ironing board, and alarm; there is a coin-op laundry and an ATM on-site plus safe deposit at front desk. The hotel is a smoke free facility. This hotel completed a major renovation in 2022. All room reservations must be made before June 30 by calling 614/475-7551, then press #1 to get reservations and identify yourself with TTOS 2023. Best to check-in into the hotel on Monday, July 31 so no tours are missed. There is a restaurant on-site called the River City Grille.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Once you register for the 2023 T.T.O.S. National Convention (one-time \$40 fee before July 1), you can sign up for all functions such as Tours, Welcome Party, Banquet & Live Auction and early admission to the trading hall. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call the TTOS National Office at 714/449-9391 (Monday or Wednesday typically 10 -1 Pacific time).

## REGISTRATION DESK

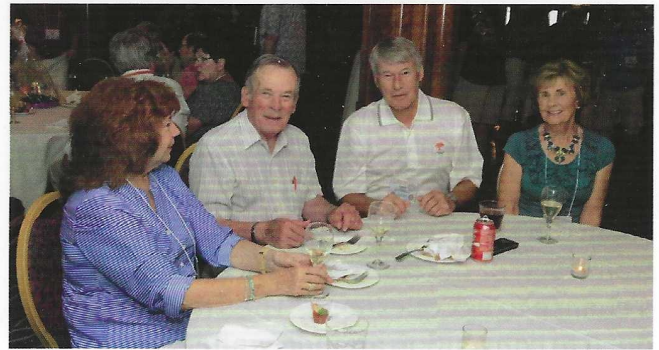
TTOS Convention Registration will be located in the lobby of the hotel near the hotel registration desk. Please refer to the Timetable for times the



registration packets will be available. Members of the Buckeye Division will be volunteers and will be there to answer questions about places to go and things to see in the Columbus area.

## TTOS NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The TTOS National Board Meeting will be held in Gahanna Boardroom Thursday, August 3 (4-6pm). If you would like to observe the meeting, please advise the TTOS Convention Registration Desk volunteers so we can have adequate seating available. The meeting is open to all TTOS members.



## TRADING HALL

The Trading Hall will be located in Deshler II – IV on Saturday, August 5 (10am to 2:30pm). TTOS Convention registrants can enter the hall at 10 am. The public is admitted at 10:30am.

Note to Sellers: Sellers can enter the hall to set-up their tables on Friday, August 4 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Be sure to bring a cart to move your merchandise as well as table covers.

Move out is Saturday, August 5 (2:30pm to 5pm).







## WELCOME PARTY

The Welcome Party will be in Deshler I and is a time to share our experiences of the seek as well as the past year, and meet friends new and old. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be a silent auction with items donated by members and divisions from across the nation.

## TTOS ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This meeting will be important for all members and will take place Saturday, August 5 (9am to 10am). The meeting is an opportunity to hear from each of the National Officers and give you a chance to ask questions. The Trading Hall will open to convention attendees after the meeting. NOTE: Banquet Table Sign-up sheets will be

available at this meeting and then moved to the Trading Hall. This is the time to select friends you wish to sit with at the Banquet.

## SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET & LIVE AUCTION

The convention week culminates with the Banquet & Live Auction and takes place Saturday night, August 5 (7pm to 10:30pm) in Deshler I. This is the best chance to catch up with everyone during the Social Hour (6pm to 7pm) as well as view a variety of items on the Silent Auction tables. At 7pm we will have a sit-down dinner and look over the special items reserved for the Live Auction. After dinner, auction bidding can be lively, so get ready for some fun.

Attire: Business casual or better.



# 2023 T.T.O.S. National Convention Table Request Form

**ALL SELLERS MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SUBMIT WITH REGISTRATION FORM  
-- OR -- TABLE(S) WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TTOS # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

I want my table next to: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

I have an Ohio sellers permit (Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_)

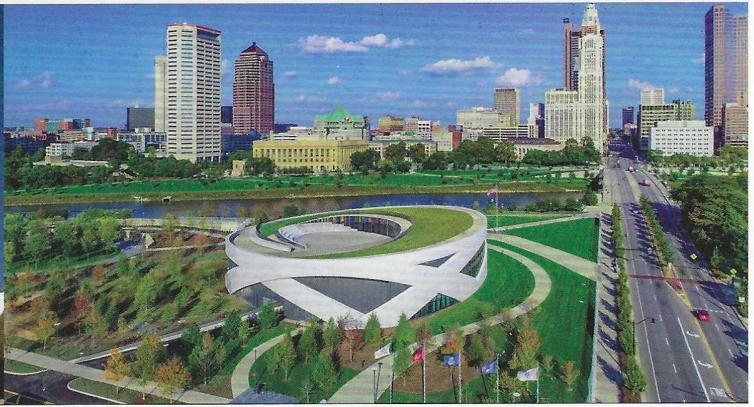
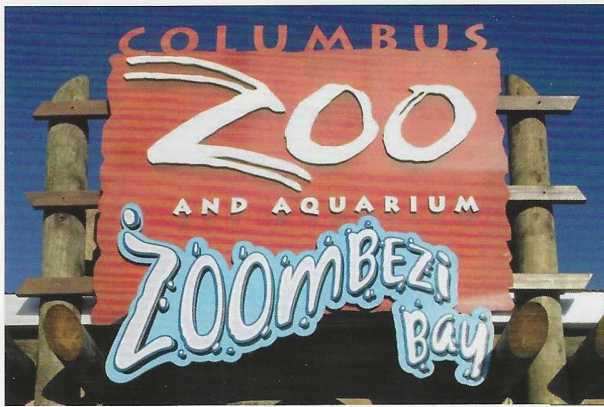
I attached a copy of the permit

I am an occasional seller (selling in Ohio 1 or 2 times in 2023)

My driver's license # (include state): \_\_\_\_\_

I will have a display only; I will not be selling

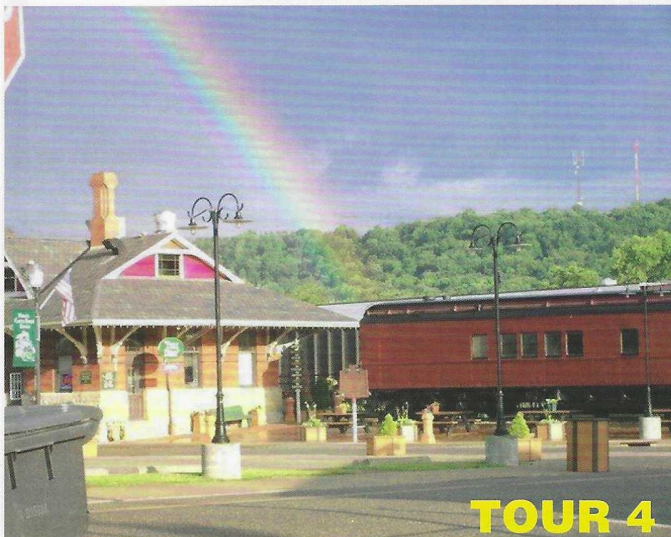




## THINGS TO DO & SEE IN THE GREATER COLUMBUS AREA

*Beside the tours listed later, here are a few ways to play and eat in this fascinating city.*

Franklin County Botanical Garden	National Veterans Museum	Orton Geological Museum
Center of Science & Industry (COSI)	Wyandotte Winery (+others)	Central Ohio Fire Museum
Wagner-Hagans Auto Museum	Jack Nicklaus Museum	American Whistle Corp.
Columbus Zoo & Aquarium	Columbus Museum of Art	German Village
Hollywood Casino Columbus, etc.	Segway Tours	Multiple shopping malls
Kelton House Museum & Garden	Billy Ireland Cartoon Library	Olentangy Indian Caverns
Mott's Military Museum	Topiary Garden	Park of Roses



**TOUR 4 LOCALES**



# CONVENTION TOURS



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOURS

1. Tours tend to sell out early and/or have limited seating. Please register early.
2. All transportation and admission fees are included in the tour prices.
3. Meals are NOT included, except where indicated in the description of the tour.
4. Tours that do not reach 80% occupancy are subject to cancellation.
5. The deadline for any and all refunds is July 1, 2023.
6. All tours meet in the hotel lobby and go to the bus from there.
7. Be in the hotel lobby at least 15 minutes prior to departure.
8. NO REFUNDS IF YOU MISS THE BUS.
9. Follow directions given by the volunteers; they volunteered to help you.
10. Most important: *r-e-l-a-x* and have a good time.



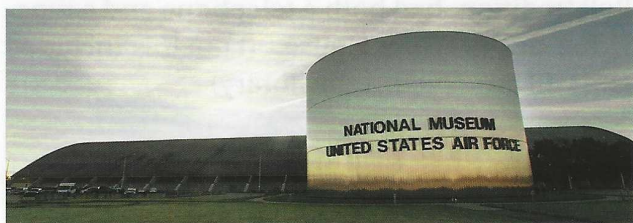


# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

**Tuesday, August 1**

**Depart 7:00 am – Return 9:00 pm Cost: \$90 per person**

Of all the tours to be available at the 2023 T.T.O.S. National Convention, this is the most requested tour to be offered. Please register early for this tour as seats are limited!



The museum is located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, northeast of Dayton, OH. The NMUSAF is oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world, with more than 360 aircraft and missiles on display. This museum draws about a million visitors each year, making it one of the most frequently visited tourist attractions in Ohio.

The museum dates back to 1923, when the Engineering Department of Dayton's McCook Field first collected technical artifacts for preservation. The collection moved to a number of locations and in 1954, the United States Air Force Museum became public and housed in its first permanent location which was a former engine overhaul hangar. Through the 1960's and the 1970's, the square footage grew to triple



its size. In 1988 another hangar was added, and another in 2003 and yet another in 2016 bringing the museum to 1,120,00 sq. ft. In October 2004, the museum name changed to the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

The museum's collection contains many rare aircraft of historical or technical importance as well as other artifacts from the history and development of aviation. A few examples of the 350 aerospace vehicles and missiles include the Apollo 15 command module Endeavor, one of four remaining Convair B-36 Peacemakers, the only surviving North American XB-70 Valkyrie, and the Bockscar – the Boeing B-29 Superfortress that dropped the Fat Man atomic bomb on Nagasaki. You will also see a number of presidential aircraft as well as a museum section devoted to the Wright Brothers. Throughout the museum you will see many pieces of clothing and uniforms and flying jackets.

For an additional fee, guests can view aviation- and space-oriented films in the theater that was recently upgraded from Imax to 3D with 7.1 surround sound system.



Note: Wear comfortable shoes as there is lots to see in 19 acres of the museum.

Note: lunch is on your own at the museum cafe. Leave back packs on the bus.

Note: We will stop for dinner on our way back to Columbus - included in tour price.



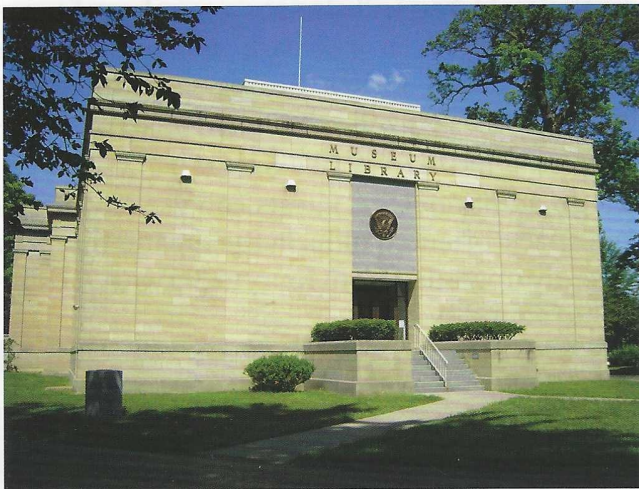
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## RUTHERFORD B. HAYES PRESIDENTIAL CENTER AND MAD RIVER & NKP RAILROAD MUSEUM

**Wednesday, August 2**

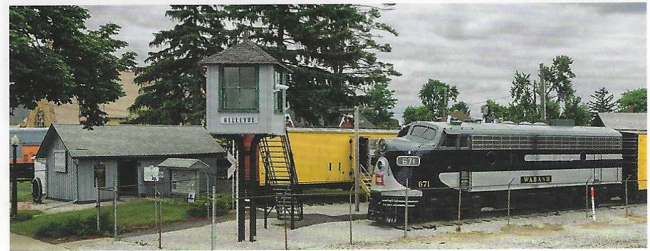
**Depart 7:00 am – Return 8:00 pm      Cost: \$115 per person**

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, located in Fremont, OH, is a complex of several buildings related to his life and presidency. It was the first presidential library, built in 1916, and one of three such libraries for US presidents during the 19th century. You will see the Hayes Museum and Library as well as the Spiegel Grove, an estate encompassing the Hayes home, and home of several generations of the Hayes family. The library holds 12,000 volume personal library of Hayes, as well as materials related to his military and political career – particularly his presidency of 1877 to 1881, and 70,000 volumes plus newspapers and journals from the time of the Civil War to the eve of World War I.



Rutherford B. Hayes was a lawyer who had studied at Harvard and volunteered time as a lawyer for the underground railroad. He served in the House of Representatives and as Governor of Ohio. During the Civil War, he was wounded 5x and served as a major general. His campaign for presidency was founded on the principals of civil service reform and sound currency. As president, he eliminated booze at the White

House. He signed legislation allowing women to argue before the Supreme Court. A few firsts for President Hayes: oath of office in the White House, visited the west coast, started the Egg Roll tradition, had both a telephone and a typewriter at the White House. (Lunch is included and will be served at the library)



After lunch, we will go to the Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum in Bellevue, OH. Here we will be treated to a wide variety of railroad equipment and artifacts at the largest railroad museum in the state of Ohio. The museum has steam engines and diesels, cabooses, mail cars, dining cars, 200-ton wrecker, the first dome passenger car built in the US, box cars, a WWII troop car, telegraph car, watchman's tower, and a section house. You will also see the bell from the Lincoln Funeral Train. The museum is on both sides of a live track and we may see Norfolk Southern trains pass while we are there. The train station has other forms of memorabilia and a gift shop. The museum is run 100% by volunteers willing to talk to you about the history of railroads and Bellevue. We will have fun here. Dinner is included.





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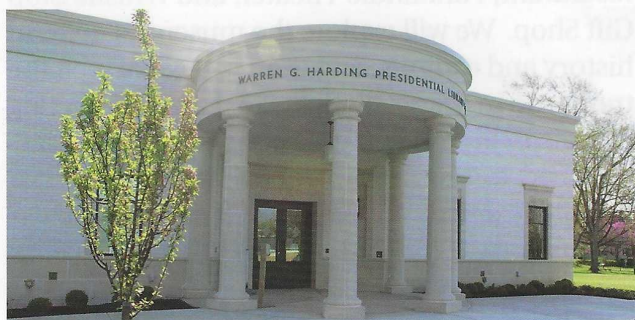
## WARREN G. HARDING LIBRARY & MUSEUM AND MARION UNION STATION MUSEUM

**Thursday, August 3**

**Depart 8:00 am – Return 4:30 pm**

**Cost: \$80 per person**

The Warren G. Harding Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to our 29th president of the United States from 1921 – 1923 and is located in Marion, OH adjacent to the Harding Home, now an historic house museum that you will see. We will first go by the Harding Memorial – the largest presidential memorial outside of Washington D.C. At the Library and Museum, we will view multiple interactive exhibits. The museum houses artifacts and memorabilia that were once owned by the former president and his wife Florence. Harding became a publisher of a newspaper, served in the Ohio Senate and Lt. Governor as well as the US Senate. He embraced technology and was sensitive to the plight of minorities and women.



Harding conducted his election campaign mainly from his house's expansive front porch. During the three-month campaign, over 600,000 people traveled to the Harding Home to listen to Warren speak. In 1920, Harding built a small bungalow-style structure behind his home so newspaper reporters had workspace to type their stories. Election Day, Nov. 2, 1920, was Harding's birthday. Oh, what a present it was when he won the popular vote by just over 60% - a landslide!

Not all of the Harding administration served the people of the US. Some of his friends were using their official positions to enrich themselves.

Harding may have said, "They're the ones that keep me walking the floor at night". He asked his Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover, to investigate. However, Harding died before the Teapot Dome Scandal was solved. Note: Lunch will be served at the library and included in price.

After lunch we go across town to the Marion Union Station and museum with its unique double railroad crossings and switch tower. The station is a former passenger station that served several train lines: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis Railway, and Erie Railroad (and its successor Erie Lackawanna Railroad). These lines intersected at the station, so it was a significant transfer point between different geographic points.

The Marion Union Station was built in 1902 and featured marble walls and patterned mosaic tiles on the floors. In 1923, it was the last stop on president Warren Harding's funeral train. It



was a canteen stop for soldiers during WWII. It had its last long-distance train in 1971 with the end of the Chesapeake & Ohio's connector to the George Washington. Presently the station is the site of a museum run by the Marion Union Station Association. There is a chance that we could get up into the preserved interlocking tower that overlooks the double-crossing tracks. We should see some of approximately 60 CSX and Norfolk Southern freight trains that pass each day.



# 4

## AGE OF STEAM ROUNDHOUSE MUSEUM AND DENNISON RAILROAD DEPOT MUSEUM

**Friday, August 4**

**Depart 9:00 am – Return 5:00 pm**

**Cost: \$85 per person**

We will first travel to Sugar Creek, OH to go the Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum. The roundhouse was built by Jerry Joe Jacobson, former CEO of the Ohio Central Railroad System, and houses steam and diesel locomotives, passenger cars and other railroad equipment.

In October 2008, he sold his interest in the OCRS to Genesee & Wyoming, including track, modern equipment and most workshops. He kept a collection of vintage steam and diesel locomotives, other old equipment, and a depot. He then bought 34 acres and began constructing a 48,000 sq. ft. roundhouse with 18 stalls to house his collection. The building was completed in 2011 and all steam locomotives along with a few select pieces of rolling stock were moved inside. It was the first large roundhouse built in the US since 1951. *(Since there isn't enough room for photos we placed them at the bottom of page 5.)*

NOTE: This is a working railroad and there are inherent dangers involved. All participants must sign a "Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement" prior to this tour. This agreement will be mailed to all who sign up; read it and return it to the TTOS or you cannot board the bus that day.

Our next stop is the Dennison Railroad Depot Museum. Recognized as a National Landmark, the restored 1873 Pennsylvania depot is the most significant remaining example in the nation of a railroad canteen still reflecting its WWII heritage. It served 1.3 million service members free food by 4,000 volunteers at the then called Dennison Depot Salvation Army Serviceman's Canteen. These service men and women traveled by troop train along the National Defense Strategic Railway and stopped at the Depot as they were going off to fight in the war.

The Homefront hospitality became so well known, that the nickname Dreamsville, USA was given by the soldiers themselves. The Depot is fully restored and now houses a museum, restaurant, Panhandle Theater, and Whistle Stop Gift Shop. We will explore the museum's railroad history and exhibits, and then you can watch the trains run in a large Model Train Layout depicting Dennison in its heyday. Among the railroad cars attached to the depot, we will see a rare WWII hospital car with WWI and WWII collections.

Note: You can eat lunch in the Over the Rail Diner upon arrival (1:00pm?) (Not included)

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## HOME LAYOUT TOURS

**Friday, August 4**

**Depart 7:00 pm – Return 10:30 pm**

**Cost: \$40 per person**

Generally, this is the highlight of each convention and probably the best attended tour of all tours. Three Buckeye Division members will be sharing their home layouts and collections with us this year. One the homes we will visit will have a Lionel layout built on his display cabinetry. Another home has a basement layout with lots of action. And the third home has a large layout with trains on several levels. You have to come to see what is store for you as these guys are ready to show you a good time.



# TOY TRAIN OPERATING SOCIETY

## 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION – Columbus, OH – August 1-6

*PLEASE PRINT* – print your name as you want it on your badge

Name \_\_\_\_\_ TTOS # \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Day you plan to arrive: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Significant Other included in member's registration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child: \_\_\_\_\_ (age: \_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_ (age: \_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_ (age: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 (Children 21 years or older must register separately and must be a TTOS member)

Only TTOS members may attend the convention (add \$35 membership) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee** must be received in the TTOS office by July 1, 2023 x \$40 = \$ **40.00**

→ After July 1, you must register in Columbus x \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Trading Tables** (6' x 30") (1 trading day – Saturday, Aug.5) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* (Trading tables sold on first-come, first-served basis)\*\* (Indicate if you wish your tables next to a friend)

**TOURS: #1** – Tuesday, August 1 National Museum of the US Air Force Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$90 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#2 – Wednesday, August 2 Hayes & Mad River Railroad Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$115 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#3 – Thursday, August 3 Harding Museum & Marion Station Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$80 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#4 – Friday, August 4 Age of Steam & Dennison Depot Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$85 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#5 – Friday Night, Aug.4 Home Layouts Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Welcome Party:** Thursday, August 3 pre-registration Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$70 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet,** Saturday Night, August 5 - (includes salad, main course, dessert, and tea or coffee)

Filet Mignon Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Salmon Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Classic Chicken Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$53 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make check payable to: **TTOS - 2023 Convention** TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Do NOT send cash – send check or money order) → (NO refunds after July 1, 2023) ←

Visa or MasterCard # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Verification Code \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If name on credit card and/or the credit card billing address differs from the name and/or address above

Please write card information here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your registration confirmation.**

What day(s) can you volunteer for 1-2 hrs? ( ) Tuesday ( ) Wednesday ( ) Thursday ( ) Friday ( ) Saturday

Mail registration to: **TTOS – 2023, P.O. Box 6710, Fullerton, CA 92834-6710**

Fax registration to: 714-449-9631



# 2023 T.T.O.S. National Convention - Timetable.

The National Board of Directors & the T.T.O.S. Buckeye Division members welcome you to Columbus.

The host hotel staff at the Marriott Columbus Airport are ready to assist you for an enjoyable stay.

**\*\* SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE – FINAL DETAILS IN CONVENTION OFFICE\*\***

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
<b>MONDAY, JULY 31</b>		
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Lobby	Registration Desk open
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 1</b>		
6:30am – 7:00am	Lobby	Registration Desk open
7:00am – 9:00pm	Hotel Entrance	Tour – Air Force Museum
7:30pm – 8:30pm	Lobby	Registration Desk open
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2</b>		
6:30am – 7:00am	Lobby	Registration Desk open
7:00am – 8:00pm	Hotel Entrance	Tour – Hayes / Mad River RR
7:00pm – 7:30pm	Lobby	Registration Desk open
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 3</b>		
7:45am – 8:00am	Lobby	Registration Desk open
8:00am – 4:00pm	Hotel Entrance	Tour – Harding / Marion Station
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Gahanna Boardroom	National Board of Directors Meeting
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Lobby	Registration Desk open
7:00pm – 10:00pm	Deshler I	Welcome Party and Silent Auction
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 4</b>		
7:30am - 8:00am	Lobby	Registration Desk open
9:00am – 5:00pm	Hotel Entrance	Tour – Age of Steam / Dennison RR
5:30pm – 8:30pm	Deshler I – IV	Vendor trading hall set-up
7:00pm – 10:30pm	Lobby	Tour - Home Layouts
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 5</b>		
7:00am – 8:15am	Deshler I - IV	Vendor trading hall set-up
9:00am – 9:45am	Wallick II	TTOS General Membership Meeting
*10:00am – 2:30pm	Deshler I – IV	Trading Hall open - convention registered
<i>* = trading hall opens after Membership Meeting</i>		
10:00am – 1:00pm	Deshler Entrance	Registration Desk / Banquet-Table sign-up
10:30am – 2:30pm	Deshler I – IV	Public Admission
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Deshler I – IV	Raffle drawing
2:30pm – 4:30pm	Deshler I – IV	Sellers Move Out
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Deshler I – IV	Social Hour & Silent Auction - (no host bar)
7:00pm – 11:00pm	Deshler I – IV	Banquet & Live Auction
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 6</b>		
Safe travels home		

*Relax! Have Fun! Enjoy yourself with good friends new and old*

**Please attend the Membership Meeting Saturday at 9:00 a.m.**

Conducting the Annual General Membership Meeting is a legal requirement of our not-for-profit corporation