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2016 CONVENTION
Bellevue, Ohio
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NKPHTS 2016 Convention Highlights

Welcome back to Bellevue for the 50th Anniversary of the Nickel Plate Road Historical & Technical Society. We at the Mad River & NKP RR Society are glad you chose us to host such a milestone. It will be a time to reconnect with old friends and make many new ones so the future of the NKPHTS will be sure to last another 50 years.

The festivities begin late Thursday afternoon with the arrival of the Board of Directors. An Early Bird BBQ dinner is scheduled for those who come early and the NKP Diner will stay open for a Hospitality suite during and after the Board meeting.

Friday starts at 8am for vendor set up in the Monument Station and Registration opens at 9am. There is time to allow you to explore the many NKP displays in the museum before lunch. After lunch, there is a photo shoot scheduled from the Route 4 overpass. We will have the southbound lane closed for a short time to safely take photographs of the working hump and engine facilities of Norfolk Southern's Moorman Yard. Upon returning to the museum, we will be having a slide show covering the restoration of our latest NKP piece, Caboose #783 and afterwards take a short ride in it. A dinner of pizza and subs will be served in the NKP Diner at 5pm. After dinner, Picture Night will begin with some never before seen photos by Willis McCaleb from the Jim Semon collection. The Hospitality Suite will be open in the NKP Diner again for those who wish after the slide show.

Saturday begins at 9am with the Annual Membership meeting at St. John's Church. Following the meeting there will be a modeling seminar put on by Dan Merkel in the NYC Freight House. A light lunch will be available in the NKP Diner around 12pm. After lunch, a Ladies Tour is being put on by the local organization called "Shop Bellevue". There will also be a self-guided Model Railroad tour of local layouts by Jim Moore of Castalia, George Keller of Bellevue, and the Model Railroad Club of Monroeville. Upon returning from the tours, it will be time to get ready for the 51st Annual Banquet and Auction. The keynote speaker will be Tom Hillhouse with a history of NKP railroading in Bellevue followed by Society presentations and awards. The annual NKPHTS auction will be another feature of the evening.

The following hotels are within a short driving distance of Bellevue. Please make your own reservations.

Red Roof Inn, Clyde, 419-547-6660 (Host Hotel) Price range from $80.00 to $99.00 a night
Be sure to mention "Mad River Convention" for proper discounts

The Victorian Tudor Inn, Bellevue, 419-483-1949 Quaint Bed and Breakfast, Limited rooms

Bellevue Hotel & Suites, Bellevue, 419-483-5740 Reserve at own risk. Recent reports have NOT been favorable

There are also several hotels in the Fremont, Ohio and the Sandusky/Milan, Ohio area. Both locations are within 20 minutes of Bellevue and are also located close to the Ohio Turnpike.