



NICKEL PLATE ROAD
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**2017 Convention
Cleveland, OH
September 28-30**

NKPHTS 2017 Convention Highlights

Hello everyone from the Cleveland Convention Committee. We welcome you. If you haven't attended an NKPHTS convention in a while we believe this is the one to attend.

The Convention will be held at:

Holiday Inn

6001 Rockside Rd. and I-77

Independence, OH 44131

Phone: (216) 524-8050

The Holiday Inn is offering a special room rate of \$95.00 per night for a single, double or king room. Just mention Nickel Plate Convention when booking. The more nights we book, the more credit we receive toward the cost of the hotel.

We have several sponsors this year. Thanks to HGR Industrial Surplus for covering the room rental of the English Oak Room. On Friday September 29th we will have a luncheon in this facility. We will have a tour of the Terminal Tower. Ladies you might want to consider attending this luncheon as Tower City Center is a shopping mall.

Division 4 MCR NMRA is another sponsor. They will be setting up an HO module layout. You are invited to operate on this layout. Either your equipment or Division 4's.
The layout operates on DCC.

Eastern Ohio Trains is another sponsor of the convention. Joe Andrews will have a suite and has invited Tony Koester to set up his "O" gauge modules in the suite. There will be a display room where Jim Canter will set up an additional "O" gauge module layout. Mark Fillipel a noted scale bridge modeler will have several Nickel Plate bridges built to scale on display. You'll be surprised how big the scale size models are. We would like individuals to bring their NKP models all sizes and scales. How about some of those what if models?

On Thursday afternoon September 28th will be the BOD meeting. In the evening we will have two presentations. One Hundred Years of the Shaker Rapid Transit by Blaine Hayes, and the Movable Bridges in the Cleveland Flats by Michael Lytle, that includes the NKP lift-bridge over Cuyahoga River.

Our auction will be a little different as it will be a silent auction or as some people call it a "Chinese" auction. You will add your bids to a bid sheet it will close at the end of the banquet. Last bid gets the item.

Friday display rooms will be open. The Luncheon at English Oak Room, Terminal Tower Tour. Friday evening will have another set of programs. Chip Symes will present the first program on Hulett ore loaders These giant machines were similar to those that were used at Huron. . Then National Director David Vaughn will give updates on his O gauge two track layout that has received national coverage in model railroad publications.

Saturday morning is the annual membership meeting. Later in the day twelve people will have an opportunity to operate on the HO Cuyahoga Valley and West Shore club layout. We will have several self-guided layout tours. We are going to have a program by John J. Bernet at the banquet. If you wonder how this is possible come to the banquet and see. We had a number of ladies at last year's banquet. You guys bring your ladies along. The Saturday evening banquet will also close our Convention. Don't forget your models and don't forget to bring something for the auction even if it is not NKP.

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