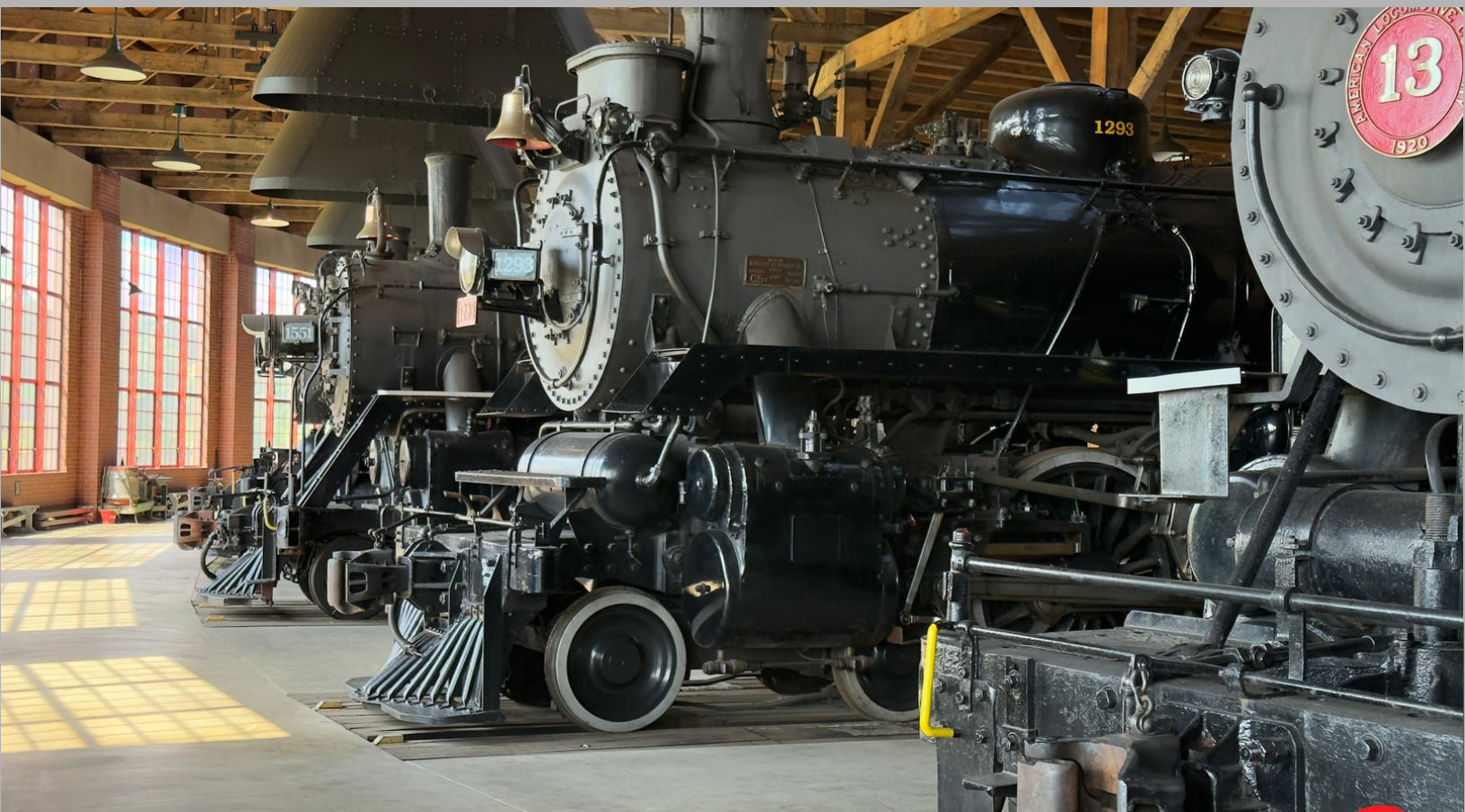




RAILROAD HISTORY TOUR

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Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum

Announcing the 2026 NRHS Convention - the Ohio Railroad History Tour! NRHS members will gather in Cleveland for four full days of trips designed to tickle the senses of anyone who appreciates railroad history. The week's activities are crafted to let you experience historical preservation projects, today's railroading, and everything in between. See you in September!

Buckeye Bound!

Every railroad has a story, and nowhere are those stories more richly woven together than in Ohio. From bygone bustling passenger terminals and heavy industry to scenic heritage railroads and world-class museums, the Buckeye State has helped shape America's railroad history for nearly two centuries.

Join us September 21–25, 2026, for the NRHS Ohio Railroad History Tour! Headquartered at the Crowne Plaza Cleveland at Playhouse Square in the heart of downtown Cleveland, this year's convention will take you on an unforgettable journey through Northeast Ohio's remarkable railroad heritage. Space is limited, reserve your hotel room now at <http://bit.ly/4bVXeqf>.

The NRHS convention is your annual opportunity to mingle with old friends, make new acquaintances, and experience railroad history up close.



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Monday Sept. 21st

Help Keep the NRHS Rolling!

The National Railway Historical Society is powered by its members, and every voice helps shape its future. Whether you're a longtime volunteer or simply curious about getting more involved, we invite you to join us for the NRHS Business Meetings and see firsthand how the Society keeps the wheels turning. Agenda includes meetings of the Advisory Council and Board of Directors. The last meeting of the day is the Annual Meeting where the members get to vote on any items requiring a membership vote, but also get to meet and speak to the Board and ask those burning questions

No charge to attend the meetings.

Gala Opening Reception

In the evening, join us for our gala opening reception, featuring hors d'oeuvres, a complimentary drinks, and a presentation by a noted railroad historian.

\$40 (\$30 early bird)



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Tuesday Sept. 22nd

Ohio's Iron Crossroads

Experience the heart of Ohio railroading on a day that blends legendary history with nonstop modern action! Spend time observing the action at the iconic Marion Union Station, where multiple busy main lines converge to create one of the Midwest's premier train-watching destinations. Then, explore the fascinating collection of the Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum in Bellevue.

From historic depots to modern freight operations, this is a day that showcases why Ohio truly is the crossroads of American railroading. Buffet lunch included.

Departure 8:00 AM, arrival 4:15 PM

\$148 (\$130 early bird)

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*Mad River & NKP
Railroad Museum*

*Marion
Union
Station*



Wednesday Sept. 23rd

Railroad Restoration Ramble

Step back into the golden age of railroading as we journey through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. The day begins with a tour of the railroad's Fitzwater maintenance facility, after which we will board our southbound train. The train will turn at Akron for the ride north to Independence (Rockside Road). Box lunch will be served on the train. The NRHS group has unfettered access to the dome cars! .

Our afternoon consists of a visit to the former Cleveland B&O roundhouse now occupied by the Midwest Railroad Preservation Society. MRPS is working on several preservation and restoration projects. This roundhouse is also the home of American Steam Railroad's former Reading 4-8-4 2100, now lettered American Freedom Train 250. Lots to see in the roundhouse that's been in continuous operation since 1907!

Whether you're admiring magnificent steam power or simply soaking in the scenery, this day promises an unforgettable blend of history and natural beauty.

Departure 7:30 AM, arrival 4:15 PM

\$167 (\$145 early bird)



Amerian Steam Railroad



Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad



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Thursday Sept. 24th

Cathedral of Steam

Step inside one of the most remarkable collections of steam locomotives in the world as we visit the spectacular Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum in Sugarcreek. This one-of-a-kind facility offers a rare opportunity to experience these iron giants exactly as they were meant to be seen—under one roof in a working roundhouse. In addition to access to virtually all of the roundhouse, we'll enjoy hands-on demonstrations with the shop crew. One locomotive will be under steam, and will power short rides through the yard. This inspiring visit is a true celebration of America's steam railroad heritage. Amish buffet luncheon included.

Departure 8:15 AM, arrival 4:00 PM

\$262 (\$227 early bird)



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Friday Sept. 25th

Clearance Granted!

We leave Ohio for a visit to Erie, Pennsylvania and an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Wabtec locomotive factory. Wabtec's Erie facility remains focal to new locomotive manufacture, locomotive modernization, and kit supply to other Wabtec facilities. It has been the home to GE and Wabtec locomotive design and manufacture for over a century, and continues to be one of Wabtec's critical design and manufacturing hubs. This rare experience offers a firsthand look at where cutting-edge locomotive technology is designed, assembled, and tested for railroads around the world.

Because of the unique nature of this visit, participation will be limited, and all attendees will be required to follow strict security and safety procedures—but the reward is an unforgettable glimpse inside one of the most important names in modern railroading. This tour will operate in two sections, early and late. Buffet lunch provided.

Early departure 7:00 AM, arrival 3:30 PM

Late departure 10:00 AM, arrival 6:45 PM

\$117 (\$101 early bird)



GCRTA Breda LRV

Friday Sept. 25th JUST ADDED!

Newly Added!

There's one more short tour on the convention itinerary: On Friday, September 25 The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority opens its doors for an exclusive look behind the scenes at its rail maintenance shop.

GCRTA is in the midst of an ambitious program to unify its railcar fleet. Today, the Red Line is served by a fleet of 40 high-floor heavy rail vehicles built by Tokyu in 1984-85; the Blue and Green Lines operate with 29 Breda low-floor light rail vehicles commissioned beginning in 1981. For the future, Siemens Mobility is building 54 new cars that will be utilized on all GCRTA lines. First deliveries are expected later in 2026; they are scheduled to be placed in service on the Red line in summer 2027.

There is time on Friday to take advantage of this quick tour before embarking on the late Wabtec tour.

\$14 (\$12 early bird)



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Deluxe motor coach transportation is included in all activity prices. All trips are full-day affairs to satisfy your hunger for all things railroading. Times listed herein are estimated hotel departure and return times, and are subject to change

Use the NRHS member portal to reserve your Ohio Railroad History Tour experiences at secure.nrhs.com (log in with your email address). Convention registration opens at Noon EDT, July 28, with reduced-rate pricing in effect through 11:59 pm August 11. Registrations will be accepted through 11:59 pm August 24. While online, you'll have an opportunity to pre-order a wide selection of convention merchandise, which may be picked up at the hotel.

General convention information and terms & conditions are posted at www.nrhs.com/site/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/2026NRHS-ConventionTerms.pdf. Your convention planners look forward to welcoming you to the NRHS 2026 Ohio Railroad History Tour!

Book Today!



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