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Invites you to York, Pennsylvania for

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The mournful sound of a steam whistle, the rumble of a powerful diesel locomotive, the clang of a trolley bell, the rhythmic clack of wheels on rails, all beckon our visitors to experience a journey. They also inspire curiosity about why these transportation marvels were so important in building the America we know today. As tourist railroads and railway museums, we are uniquely positioned not only to share the love of the machines, but also to satisfy that curiosity about the central role they played in the development of our nation.

CONFERENCE HOST AND VENUE:

You are invited to join us this spring in York for the first ever joint meeting of the Association of Tourist Railroads and Railway Museums and the National Railway Historical Society. The Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society, an all-volunteer organization founded in 1986, will host the conference. The Society operates the Ma & Pa Railroad Heritage Village, a small museum that interprets the role of the railroad in the life of an early twentieth century village. It includes several historic buildings on a 31 acre site and 3.5 miles of the original M&P main line through the Muddy Creek Valley.



York has a rich history that extends to the colonial period. During the American Revolution the Articles of Confederation, the first governing document of the new United States, were adopted while the Continental Congress was meeting in York. It was the home of pioneer locomotive builder Phineas Davis, who built the first coal burning locomotive and developed the B&O's famous grasshopper design. In 1838 the Baltimore and Susquehanna completed one of the earliest long-distance railroads connecting York with Baltimore. The Howard

Tunnel, just south of York on this line, is the oldest railway tunnel in the United States. In the late 1800s Billmeyer and Small, a major car builder for standard and narrow gauge lines, built thousands of railroad cars in York, and by the 1930s York's industries were served by more than 130 dedicated sidings.

Our conference venue will be the Yorktowne Hotel, a downtown, steam-era property that is recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as a Historic Hotel of America. Located in the center of York, the Yorktowne is an easy walk to restaurants, museums, and York's famous Central Market.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

Thursday, April 16

- 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ATRRM Board and Strategic Planning Meetings
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Reception with light snacks (not a substitute for dinner) at the York County Heritage Trust. Local rail attractions will have exhibit tables and the Heritage Trust Museum Galleries will be open.
- 7:00 p.m. Frank Wrabel - *Steel Rails to the White Rose City: The Northern Central Railway in York County, PA* – A slide presentation about the NCR from its earliest era to today, covering its development, services offered, communities served, and impact.
- Dinner On your own in York before or after the Wrabel talk.

Frank A. Wrabel - From 1974 through 1986 Mr. Wrabel served the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society as an editor, writer, annual meeting coordinator, director and President of the Chesapeake Chapter. He also managed independent creative and display assignments and wrote historical sketches for Amtrak, Conrail, the Baltimore Streetcar Museum, and the Baltimore County Historical Society and taught several railroad history classes at Towson University. Mr. Wrabel's special focus includes the PRR/Northern Central Railway, the C&O/B&O Railroads, railroad engineering, structures, and passenger service. He has written over twenty-lecture/slide presentations on railroad subjects and authored numerous railroad articles including the *History of Pennsylvania Station-Baltimore*, *The Parkton Local*, *The Royal Blue: Its Influence on B&O Corporate Culture* and *Defining the Market: B&O Capitol Limited*

Friday, April 17

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Visits to local museums and tourist railroads



Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad – We begin the day with a train ride on the Milk and Honey Line. Weather permitting, the Rio de Janeiro 441 trolley will be out for inspection and short rides. We also expect to get a look at former Canadian National 2-6-0 Mogul No. 91.

Harrisburg Chapter NRHS – The restored Harris Tower simulates operations when the tower controlled more than 100 trains per day on the maze of tracks approaching Harrisburg Station. Because of limited space at the tower, half of our group will instead visit the Power Director's Office.



Agricultural and Industrial Museum – Celebrating the agriculture and industry of York County, this museum displays a York City trolley, a tiny EMD industrial switcher, a full size operating grist mill, Pullman automobiles manufactured in York, a 72-ton ammonia compressor, and much more.

Steam Into History – Ride the replica 1860's steam train from New Freedom to Hanover Junction where Lincoln made a stop on route to deliver the Gettysburg Address. On the train an interpreter will discuss events surrounding the Battle of Gettysburg, and the restored Hanover Junction station will be open for us to visit.



Dinner

Meet up with friends for dinner on your own in York

Saturday, April 18

- 8:30 a.m. – noon Three speakers on interpreting railroads in their historic context
- Andrew Masich – President of the Heinz History Center
 - G. Robert Gotwols – Steam Into History
 - Craig Sansonetti – Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society

Andrew E. Masich, PhD is the President and CEO of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh's oldest cultural institution and Pennsylvania's largest history museum, as well as the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, Fort Pitt Museum, and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village. He is also Chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Pennsylvania's official history agency. A leader in the field of public history, he serves on the American Alliance of Museum's Accreditation Commission and is known internationally for his lectures on history, museum management, and exhibitions; his Emmy-winning historical documentaries; and his award-winning books on American Indians, the Civil War, and sports history.

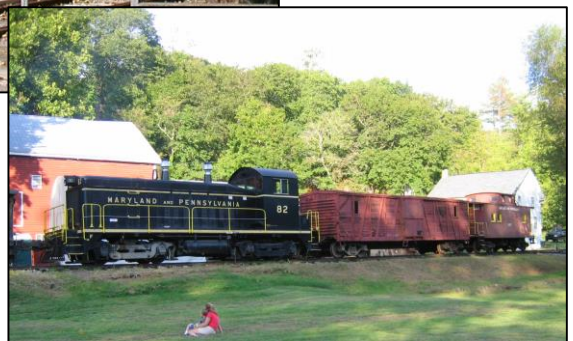
G. Robert Gotwols was born in Philadelphia and currently resides in Wrightsville, PA. His railroad career began in 1976 as a trackman on the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad. In 22 years with the M&P and its parent, Emons Transportation Group, he rose through increasingly responsible positions to become Vice-president Operations with responsibility for Emons Logistics Services and for railroad operations on the M&P, Yorkrail, and Penn Eastern Lines. From 1998 to 2010 he marketed warehousing and logistics services for D&D Distribution Services. Since 2010 he has been Chief Operating Officer of Steam Into History. In this capacity he has overseen the development of SIH from concept to the very successful tourist line of today.

Craig J. Sansonetti has recently retired after a 33 year career as a research physicist and now devotes full time to his long-time interests in railway preservation and local history. A charter member of the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society, he has been actively involved in all aspects of the Society's operations with special interest in track maintenance, oral history, archives, docent training, and interpreting the mill that is part of the Society's museum. He has twice chaired Society strategic planning efforts that have led to its current focus on interpreting the role of the railroad in the development and economic and cultural life of communities it served. He was recently elected president of the Society after serving for 28 years as corporate secretary.

Noon – 1:45 p.m. Luncheon buffet at the Yorktown – a full hot meal with salad and dessert

2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Visit to the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Heritage Village

Little changed from 1915 when 300 carloads of freight were handled here, Muddy Creek Forks exemplifies the central role that railroads played in countless rural villages a hundred years ago. Visit the general store with four floors of merchandise, the Post Office, and railroad station. Tour the mill and grain elevator. Ride a motorcar train through the Muddy Creek Valley. Take a walking tour of the village, and check out the small collection of railroad equipment. Most important - talk to the docents.



6:30 p.m.

Conference ends with return to York. Dinner on your own.

REGISTRATION:

Plan to register early at www.atrrm.org

Registration fee:	On or before March 15	\$ 85
	After March 15	\$ 135

Conference registration includes:

- Conference program
- Thursday night reception and lecture
- Transportation and tickets for Friday site visits
- Friday box lunch
- Saturday plenary sessions
- Saturday morning coffee break
- Saturday buffet luncheon – full hot meal with salad and dessert
- Visit to Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Heritage Village

CONFERENCE HOTEL:

Since 1925, the Yorktowne has been York's premier downtown hotel. A Historic Hotel of America, it retains its original décor and architectural integrity. Built at the height of the steam era, the Yorktowne is an attractive and appropriate venue for a rail preservation conference.

For the nights of April 15-18, the Yorktowne is accepting reservations at a conference rate of \$121 single occupancy or \$130 double occupancy plus tax. The conference rate includes a full hot breakfast and parking for one car. Parking for a second car is \$8.

Breakfast will be served buffet style in a dedicated room – a great opportunity to meet and talk with other conference attendees.



ACCOMPANYING PERSONS:

We are not providing a specific program for accompanying persons at this conference. The Yorktowne Hotel, however, is in the heart of historic downtown York. From the hotel it is easy walking distance to the famous York Central Market, museums and historic houses, and the York County Rail Trail. The York County Heritage Trust will offer discounted entry to its downtown museums – the Historical Society Museum, the Agricultural and Industrial Museum, and the Colonial Complex including the Colonial Courthouse, the Gates House, the Barnett Bobb Log House, and the Golden Plough Tavern – for the conference. Tickets for the Saturday buffet luncheon at the Yorktowne Hotel will be available at a charge of \$25.



TRAVEL TO YORK:

Amtrak to Baltimore (50 miles)
 Harrisburg (24 miles)
 Lancaster (26 miles)

By air to Baltimore Washington International Airport (65 miles)
 Harrisburg International Airport (30 miles)

Limousine service between both airports and York is available by pre-arrangement

By Greyhound Bus to York

OTHER AREA ATTRACTIONS:

Plan to arrive early or stay over to visit other area attractions. All of the following are within a one hour driving radius of York.

Strasburg

Strasburg Railroad
Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania



Baltimore

B&O Museum
Baltimore Streetcar Museum
Fort McHenry
Baltimore Museum of Industry

Gettysburg Battlefield



Lancaster County Amish Country

