



**Burlington Route
Historical Society**

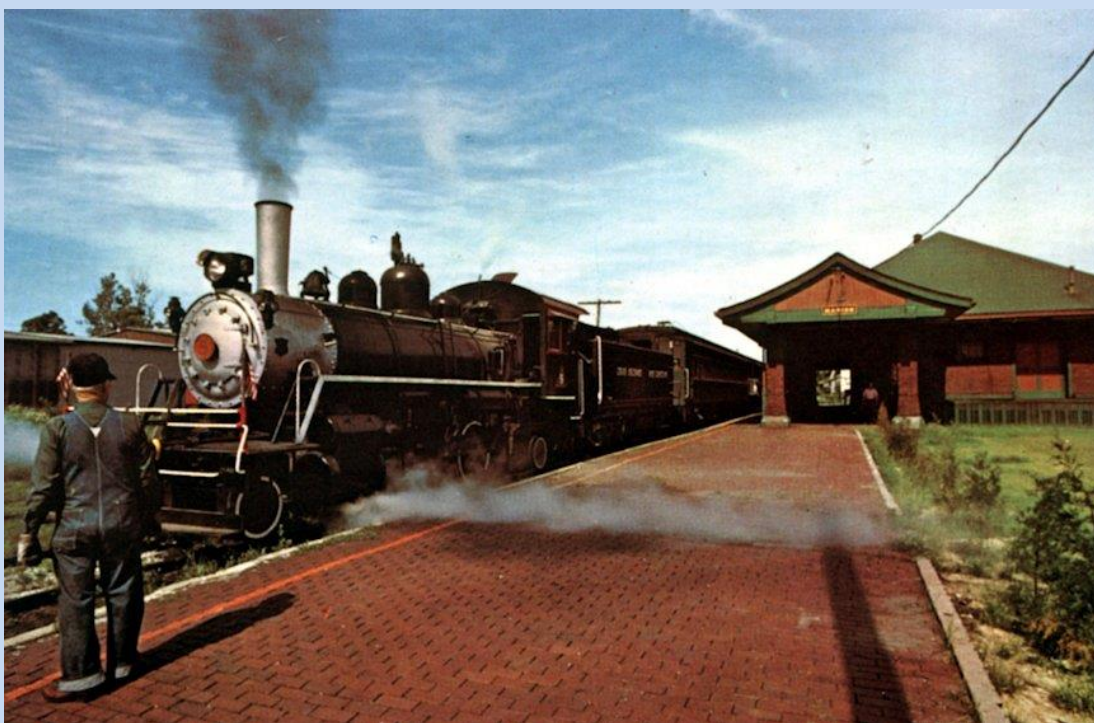


**C&E
Historical Society**



**Missouri Pacific
Historical Society**

**Joint Annual Meet
Marion, IL
October 9-11, 2025
Information and Registration**



**Crab Orchard and Egyptian Railroad – Marion, IL
All Activities To Be Held at "The Pavillion" in Marion**

**Meet Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites Marion
2706 W DeYoung St, Marion, IL 62959
Phone: (618) 997-9600**

**The block is for the nights of Wednesday the 8th through Sunday the 12th.
Room rate is \$159.00 per night plus tax.
If phoning in reservations, use group code: 10129413
Room Block Closes September 11, 2025!**



Welcome to Marion, IL

Burlington Route

The Burlington, founded in 1849, acquired control of the Colorado & Southern Railway (C&S) in 1908, gaining a route to the Gulf of Mexico. This also involved extensions south in the Mississippi Valley region, such as a line from Concord, Illinois, south to Paducah, Kentucky, where extensions were made to the coalfields of southern Illinois. The Burlington was not only an important transporter of coal, but an important user of coal along with commercial, industrial, and residential applications of the high volatile, medium sulfur, low ash, high BTU bituminous coal known as steam coal from the 'Quality Circle.'

The Burlington was known as a "Granger Railroad" and worked closely with farmers and ranchers, promoting agricultural practices along its routes. This suggests a strong presence in the agricultural areas of Illinois, including southern Illinois. Being a pioneer in various railroad technologies, including the first printing telegraph, train radio, streamlined diesel trains, and centralized traffic control, some of these innovations may have been implemented on lines in southern Illinois.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois

The Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad linked Chicago to Evansville, Indiana, and served as a connecting line for passenger service on the "Dixie Route" from Chicago to the southeast and Florida. The C&EI was organized in 1849 with the charter of the Evansville & Illinois Railway. Coal from mines in central and southern Illinois and central western Indiana was moved by the railroad to Chicago as fuel for heating the city and associated with the growth of Chicago. In 1902, the Frisco gained control of the C&EI; this association lasted only a decade before the C&EI regained its independence in 1913. Missouri Pacific began to purchase C&EI stock in 1961 leading to a merger approved in 1967 and continued to operate the C&EI under its own name for several years thereafter.

Acquisition of the C&EI in 1967 gave Mo-Pac direct access to Chicago from the West and Southwest. The C&EI also provided a direct line between the major Chicago and St. Louis terminals. The C&EI, along with the Texas & Pacific, were formally merged into the Mo-Pac railroad on October 15, 1976.

Missouri-Pacific

Looking back, it was the discovery of gold in California in 1848 that brought forcibly to the attention of the American people the urgent need for more rapid and dependable transportation facilities in Missouri and the West. St. Louisans visualized a railroad all the way to the Pacific Ocean and wanted very much for that railroad to start from their city. Leaders of St. Louis secured a Missouri charter in 1849 for the "Pacific Railroad" to extend from St. Louis to the western boundary of Missouri and thence to the Pacific Ocean. Looking north from St. Louis, Mo-Pac had long recognized that the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad represented a natural extension of its routes into Chicago, the nation's largest rail gateway and the primary gateway for traffic moving between the U.S. and Canada. Mo-Pac began acquiring C&EI stock in 1961.

Mo-Pac's acquisition of the C&EI made possible a direct service over the Missouri Pacific System between Chicago and the West and Southwest, bypassing the busy St. Louis gateway in southern Illinois. The C&EI's western leg also provided Mo-Pac direct service between the important Chicago and St. Louis gateways.



Meet Overview

Note: All activities will take place at the Pavilion in Marion. No activities will be held at the host hotel.

See the "Schedule of Events" for more details.

Thursday -

- During the afternoon, the Societies will be setting up their Company Stores and the clinic room. Registration will be open at The Pavillion during the setup hours and in the evening.
- The evening will have the first three clinics.

Friday –

- Registration will be open at 8:00 am.
- The morning will present the second set of three clinics.
- Friday afternoon is open for you to tour the Marion area.
- The last set of three clinics will be presented in the evening.

Saturday –

- The BRHS and MPHS will hold their annual Business meetings in the morning.
- The swap meet set up will occur before the Business meetings and over the lunch break
- THE MODEL and PHOTO CONTEST will be held in the afternoon. Be sure to indicate your interest on the registration form!
- The Swap Meet will be held in the afternoon
- The evening includes the Happy Hour (cash bar), Banquet and Keynote Speaker

For the Ladies – There are no planned activities for the Ladies. A list of area activities will be available at the Registration table.

Clinic Presenters

Presentation Times Provided at Check-In

- "A tour of the C&EI from Salem to Marion" – Dave Forbes
- "CB&Q Depots of Southern Illinois" – Bill Hayward
- "Missouri Pacific Southern Illinois Coal Fields" – Jerry Michel
- "Crab Orchard & Egyptian" – Edward Bridges
- "C&EI Passenger Trains & Equipment to Little Egypt" – Dave Forbes
- "Railroads of Southern Illinois Book" – Mike Kelly
- "Working in the Marion Area" – Norbert Shacklette & Dennis Faircloth
- "SmugMug" – Rich Gortowski
- "CB&Q Mark Twain Zephyr" – Dave Lotz



Schedule of Events

All Activities Held At "The Pavilion"

1602 Sioux Dr, Marion, IL 62959

Thursday – October 9th

- 12:00 pm 05:00 pm Registration Open
- 12:00 pm 05:00 pm Company Store and Clinic Room Setup
- 05:00 pm 07:00 pm Dinner on your own
- 07:00 pm 09:00 pm Registration Open
- 07:00 pm 10:00 pm Meet & Greet (cash bar available)
- 07:00 pm 10:00 pm Company Stores Open
- 07:00 pm 10:00 pm Clinics
 - Crab Orchard & Egyptian" – Edward Bridges
 - "CB&Q Depots of Southern Illinois" – Bill Hayward
 - "SmugMug" – Rich Gortowski

Friday – October 10th

- 08:00 am 11:00 am Registration Open
- 09:00 am 12:00 pm Clinics
 - "Missouri Pacific Southern Illinois Coal Fields" – Jerry Michel
 - "C&EI Passenger Trains & Equipment to Little Egypt" – Dave Forbes
 - "Working in the Marion Area" – Norbert Shacklette & Dennis Faircloth
- 12:00 pm 07:00 pm Open Time On Your Own
- 06:30 pm 09:00 pm Registration Open
- 07:00 pm 10:00 pm Company Stores Open
- 07:00 pm 10:00 pm Clinics
 - "CB&Q Mark Twain Zephyr" – Dave Lotz
 - "Railroads of Southern Illinois Book" – Mike Kelly
 - "A tour of the C&EI from Salem to Marion" – Dave Forbes

Saturday – October 11th

- 07:00 am 04:00 pm Registration Open
- 07:00 am 08:30 am Swap Meet Setup
- **08:30 am 10:00 am MPHS Annual Business Meeting**
- **10:00 am 11:30 am BRHS Annual Business Meeting**
- 11:30 am 12:30 pm Swap Meet Setup
- 11:30 am 12:30 pm Lunch on your own
- 12:00 pm 12:30 pm Model/Photo Contest Drop-off
- 12:30 pm 04:00 pm Swap Meet
- 12:30 pm 04:00 pm Model/Photo Contest Viewing & Voting
- 12:30 pm 04:00 pm Company Stores Open
- 05:30 pm 06:00 pm Registration Open
- 06:00 pm 07:00 pm Social Hour (cash bar)
- 07:00 pm 07:45 pm Banquet/Raffles/Awards
- 08:00 pm 09:00 pm Keynote Presentation

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Fill out both sides and mail with your check to address below.

	# ATTEND	COST	TOTAL
Full Fare (includes ALL Thursday, Friday and ALL Saturday events)	___	\$100.00	\$ _____
Thursday Only Fare	___	\$25.00	\$ _____
Friday Morning Fare	___	\$25.00	\$ _____
Friday Evening Fare	___	\$25.00	\$ _____
Saturday Swap Meet Only (payable at the door only!)		\$10.00	
Saturday Evening Only (Banquet and Keynote Speaker)	___	\$40.00	\$ _____
Swap Meet Tables			
Members:	___	\$10.00	\$ _____
Non-Members:	___	\$20.00	\$ _____
Total Amount Due			\$ _____

Mail Form and Check To _____ **or** **Register Online**
BRHS/MPHS/CEIHS 2025 Joint Meet <http://www.burlingtonroute.org>
P.O. Box 93
Zumbrota, MN 55992

To ensure meal choice – Registrations must be RECEIVED by Friday, September 26, 2025!

No refunds after September 26, 2025

NOTE: Checks will be deposited the week following the Meet!



Registration Information

Name: _____

Historical Society Affiliation (select all that apply):

BRHS: _____ MPHS: _____ CEIHS: _____ None: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(used for registration confirmation only!)

I am planning to participate in the: Model Contest: _____ Photo Contest: _____

I am willing to volunteer time to help at the meet: Yes: _____ No: _____

Guest Name: _____

Full Fare: _____

City/State: _____

Thursday: _____

Friday Morning: _____

Friday Evening: _____

Saturday Evening: _____

Guest Name: _____

Full Fare: _____

City/State: _____

Thursday: _____

Friday Morning: _____

Friday Evening: _____

Saturday Evening: _____
