



# Missouri Pacific Historical Society

## 37<sup>TH</sup> Annual Convention

October 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2017  
 Drury Inn and Suites  
 Mt Vernon, Illinois



The Missouri Pacific Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held in Mt Vernon, Illinois, "The King City", on October 5-8. Using last year's format, we will have activities from Thursday afternoon through Sunday morning.

In addition, this year's meeting will be held jointly with the members of the C&E I Historical Society. This will be a unique opportunity for members from the two groups to get together and share time learning more about their favorite railroads. Given the close geographical relationship between the two roads, the vast majority of attendees will find all the activities interesting and worthwhile. The MoPac and C&E I were both well represented in the Mount Vernon area and the history in this area is unique and interesting. The schedule is designed to provide equal representation for both railroads.

Speakers: Presentations are always the core of our meetings. This year, we have over 9 hours scheduled for speakers and presentat

tions from Thursday evening through Saturday night. The schedule is full, but if you have a presentation that you would really like to give, contact the convention host immediately.

Model Display: Similar to the well-known Railroad Prototype Modeling events across the country, we will have space for MoPac and C&E I modelers to set up displays of their favorite projects. This can be completed models, works in progress, your plans for a model, structures, layout items, and tips and techniques you find useful and of interest. We want to be open to just about anything related to MoPac, T&P, C&E I, and all subsidiaries. We encourage members who are looking for information for their projects to set up a display of what they are looking for or where their project needs help. That can be a modeling project, but it can also be a place to get help and exchange information on articles for *The Eagle*, historic preservation, digitizing information, etc.

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***This is one convention you won't want to miss! We'll see you in Mt Vernon!***

### MPHS — CEIHS 2017 Convention Registration

Name:		Name to appear on Badge:			
Spouse Name:		Name to appear on Badge:			
Address:					
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:		
E-mail Address:	Quantity		Cost Each	Total Cost	
Registration Fee: All Four Days, Early Bird before Sept 1, 2017			\$30		
Registration Fee: All Four Days, After Sept 1, 2017 and at the door			\$40		
Registration Fee: One Day Only, either Friday or Saturday (indicate day)			FRI / SAT	\$20	
Swap / Model Display / Sales Tables			\$10		
Banquet Dinner and Key Note Speaker, Woody Sutton ( Convention Registration Fee Not Required to attend – Price per person )			\$25		
UP Salem Yard Tour (Sunday Morning – Limited Space Available)			\$20		
Total Registration Fee:					

**Payment Options:** PayPal (preferred) use the account: [payment@mopac.org](mailto:payment@mopac.org). Check or money order made out to MPHS, send to:

MPHS Company Store, 16318 Valley Street, Omaha, NE 68130. Be sure to include a Copy of this Completed Form with your payment.

For those preferring to Register Online please visit the Company Store at [mopac.org](http://mopac.org).

For Convention Info: Tom Austin, 627 E Broadway St, Centralia, IL 62801

Email: [joppasubdivision@gmail.com](mailto:joppasubdivision@gmail.com) Phone: (618) 292-9873

Swap Meet: This event will be open to members and commercial vendors. Keep in mind that MoPac, T&P, and C&E materials will sell the best. We will allow early setup, but the exact schedule is still undetermined. In order to be fair, we ask that no selling go on during setup. MPHS and CEIHS members can reserve tables for \$10 each. We have a large room reserved, but space cannot be guaranteed, so get your reservation in early. Commercial vendors desiring tables should contact the convention director for details at this email address: [joppasubdivision@gmail.com](mailto:joppasubdivision@gmail.com).

Local Area Tours: The Mt Vernon area has a lot of interesting attractions. Friday morning will provide the opportunity of a group driving tour to Marion, Illinois to visit the Crab Orchard & Egyptian Railroad, a local hobby shop and then follow the C&E (UP) mainline back to Mt Vernon.

On Sunday morning there will be a group tour of the recently rebuilt UP Salem, IL Yard. The UP 1982 MoPac Heritage unit will be on display and available for photos. Cost is \$20 per person and is limited to a maximum of 30 participants. Be sure to sign up early if you wish to attend.

A list of spouse activities will be available in the near future.

Railfanning in the Mt Vernon Area: While the Missouri Pacific and Chicago & Eastern Illinois are both long gone from the scene at Mt Vernon, there is plenty of rail activity on the UP (ex-C&E, MP), the NS (ex-Southern) and the Evansville Western Railway (ex-L&N).

The original Mount Vernon Car Company shops are located here. The buildings were later used by locomotive rebuilders Precision National, and currently National Railway Equipment (NRE).

Pre- and Post-Meeting Plans: There are several attractions in the area for those that want to extend their trip to the convention. The Rend Lake Golf Resort is located 20 miles south of Mt Vernon on I-57.

Saturday Banquet with Key Note Speaker: There will be a buffet-style BBQ dinner on Saturday evening hosted in the hotel's ballroom immediately followed by key note speaker Woody Sutton, former Superintendent of the Illinois Division, which included the MP and ex-C&E territories in southern Illinois. The cost of the evening event is \$25 per person and payment must be received in advance.

Location: The meeting hotel is the Drury Inn & Suites – Mt Vernon. It is located alongside I-57 at Illinois Route 15 (Broadway) exit. Their address is 145 N 44th St, Mount Vernon, IL 62864. The phone number is (618) 246-5201.

This is a nice facility and it is the only one in Mt Vernon that is large enough to host our convention. The MPHS special convention guest room rate is \$99.99 plus tax for single King and \$104.99 plus tax for double Queen, and includes a hot breakfast and evening snacks.

Members are encouraged to take advantage of this discounted rate before Tuesday, September 5, 2017. We have a block of 60 rooms. Remember, using the convention facility for your stay helps the Society save many on the costs of meeting rooms. In order to get the special rate, you may call 1-800-325-0720 and refer to our group number – 229468. Or online with following link:

<https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2292468>

Getting to Mt Vernon: Mt Vernon is located at the junction of I-57 with I-64. It is about a one and one-half hour drive from St. Louis to Mt Vernon.

The closest Amtrak stations are St. Louis, MO and Effingham, IL. St. Louis is served by the *Texas Eagle*, the *Missouri River Runner*, and *Lincoln Service* trains. Effingham, IL is served by the *City of New Orleans*, and *Illini Service* trains.

For flying, the largest major airport in the vicinity is St. Louis Lambert International with several airline and flight options available.

Remember: Please check [mopac.org](http://mopac.org) for the latest information.

## Agenda (presentation order and times subject to change)

### Thursday October 5 (all presentation in the Ball Room)

1:00pm–4:00pm MPHS BOD Meeting  
3:00pm–5:00pm Registration open  
5:00pm–7:00pm Dinner on your own  
7:00pm–10:00pm EVENING PROGRAM  
7:00pm–8:00pm Rick Schroder - The MoPac arrives in Danville on the C&E  
8:00pm–9:00pm Ed Bridges - Crab Orchard & Egyptian Railway  
9:00pm–10:00pm Meet and Greet, socialize with soft drinks and snacks

### Friday, October 6 (all presentation in the Ball Room)

8:00am–12:00pm Registration open  
9:00am–12:00pm Driving Tour to Marion, IL; CO&E and hobby shop  
12:00pm–1:30pm Lunch on your own  
1:30pm–3:30pm MPHS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
1:30pm–1:45pm President's Welcome, Schedule of Events, BOD Meeting Overview  
1:45pm–2:00pm Treasurer's and Secretary's reports  
2:00pm–2:15pm Eagle Magazine Editor's comments  
2:15pm–2:30pm Archivist's comments / Digital Project  
2:30pm–3:00pm Member Discussion, Elections  
3:00pm–5:30pm AFTERNOON PROGRAM  
3:30pm–4:00pm Kevin Love - Overview of mopac.org and the BB forum  
4:00pm–5:00pm Brian Banna - MP/C&E GP35 diesels  
5:00pm–7:00pm Dinner on your own  
7:00pm–10:00pm EVENING PROGRAM

### Friday, October 6 (continued)

7:00pm–8:00pm Craig Ross - "I'd buy five!" – How model manufacturers decide what to make and how they make it.  
8:00pm–9:00pm Jerry Michels - The Coal Belt Electric  
9:00pm–10:00pm David Forbes - C&E equipment - Hopper Cars

### Saturday, October 7 (all presentation in the Ball Room)

7:00am–12:00pm Registration open  
9:00am–12:00pm MORNING PROGRAM  
9:00am–10:00am Norbert Shacklette - Working in Mt Vernon Area as a Railroader  
10:00am–11:00am Tom Austin - Joppa Subdivision (C&E Operations post MP)  
11:00am–12:00pm Blaine Hadfield - A presentation from ExactRail on MoPac/CEI Equipment offerings  
12:00pm–1:00pm Lunch on your own  
1:00pm–5:00pm AFTERNOON PROGRAM  
1:00pm–2:00pm Swap Meet & Model Display set up  
2:00pm–4:00pm Swap Meet & Model Display  
4:00pm–5:00pm Swap Meet & Model Display tear down  
5:30pm–10:00pm EVENING PROGRAM  
6:00pm–7:00pm Group BBQ buffet dinner at Hotel (extra cost)  
7:00pm–8:00pm Key Note Speaker, Woody Sutton  
8:00pm–10:00pm Slide / Video Show, Open Discussion

### Sunday, October 8

8:00am–9:00am Informal Group Breakfast: Member input on meeting  
9:00am–1:00pm Tour of UP Yard in nearby Salem, IL (extra cost, limited seats)