

**Santa Fe Railway
Historical & Modeling Society
2009 National Convention
The Red Express**

Chicago (Naperville), Illinois will be the site of the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society, July 16–19, 2009. Chicago was corporate headquarters for the Santa Fe Railway and is still the railroad center of the world. This year's theme honors the very first passenger train service from Chicago's Dearborn Station, the Red Express. Inaugurated in 1881, The Red Express provided premium service between Chicago and not Kansas City but St. Louis via Pekin Illinois.

Thursday July 16

Convention activities begin with an extra-fare bus trip to Chicago for a visit to the historic Railway Exchange Building, long-time corporate headquarters for the Santa Fe Railway. Then it's off to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry for lunch and an afternoon to tour the museum's exhibits. We will get a behind the scenes look at the large BNSF themed HO layout, and the Pioneer Zephyr.

Thursday evening we will be back at the hotel for a Wine and Cheese welcome reception, featuring a special presentation by Don Lamb covering the early history of the Illinois Division and the building of the Kansas City – Chicago Airline.

Friday, July 17

Primary convention activities begin. This includes a number of presentations and clinics. The vendor room will be open all day and we will be featuring a display of modular model railroads. The Model Contest and Photo Contest entry and display will be open Friday and Saturday. We encourage everyone to participate and enter these contests with their favorite Santa Fe models and pictures.

Saturday, July 18

The program of clinics and presentations continues. The vendor sales and modular layout display will be open all day as well as the contest displays. Saturday evening culminates with the Annual Banquet dinner and contest awards.

Sunday, July 19

We begin with a buffet Breakfast followed by the Society's annual business meeting. The highlight of the day will be a self-guided trip to the Illinois Railway Museum. The Illinois Railway Museum, the largest of its kind in the country, will feature its annual Diesel Days and the operation of many of the collection's vintage diesels. Several pieces of Santa Fe equipment will also be on display.

In addition to the above activities, several local layouts will be open for visits during the convention and there is plenty of action for railfans in the Chicago area.

Chicago, IL 60630
5130 W. Winona
Preston Hamilton
2009 SFRH&MS Convention

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Red Express Clinics and Presentations

Presenters at the Red Express Convention include:

Ramon Rhodes	Chillicothe Sub "Then and Now"
Richmond Bates	Illinois Northern
Don Lamb	Early History of the Illinois Division and the Air Line
Steve Rippeteau	ATC and ATS Signaling on the Illinois Division
Les Cisco	The Railroads of Streator
Larry Buell	Ballasted Deck trestles and other Bridges of the IL Div.
Tom Green	Modeling Cantilever Semaphore Signal Bridges
Joe Hoffman	The San Francisco Chief
Tom Casey	Modeling a Heavyweight Diner and Variations on the IHC Combine
Ken Rhoads	Santa Fe Business Cars
Jim Hinds	LED Lighting

Others to be announced at convention time, subject to possible changes.

For further information on the Red Express Convention, contact:

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Visit the SFRH&MS web site at <http://www.atsfrr.com/>

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Watch for Additional Information

MAKING RESERVATIONS AT THE CONVENTION HOTEL

The Red Express Convention will be at the

Holiday Inn Select
 1801 N Naper Blvd
 Naperville, IL 60563



Reservations may be made by contacting the hotel directly by phone (630) 505-4900 or fax (630) 505-8239.

When making reservations, please indicate this is for the Santa Fe Red Express Convention. Convention rates are \$99.00 plus taxes for a standard room, suites are \$129.00 plus tax.

Hotel reservations should be made by June 15, 2009. Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

From the East

- Follow I-88 west to Naperville Road Exit
- Exit I-88 at the Naperville Road Exit
- Turn Left onto Freedom Commons Drive
- Turn Left at the 2nd Stoplight
- Hotel is ahead 1/4 mile

From the West

- Follow I-88 east to Naperville Road Exit
- Exit I-88 at the Naperville Road Exit
- Turn Right onto Freedom Commons Drive
- Turn Left at the 1st Stoplight
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From O'Hare Airport

- Follow I-90 out of the airport to 294 south
- Follow 294 south to I-88 west
- Follow I-88 west to Naperville Road Exit
- Exit I-88 at Naperville Road Exit
- Turn Left on to Freedom Commons Drive
- Turn Left at the 2nd Stoplight
- Hotel is ahead 1/4 mile

From Downtown

- Follow I-290 west from downtown to the I-294 split
- Stay westward as I-290 will flow into I-88 west
- Follow I-88 west to Naperville Road Exit
- Exit I-88 at the Naperville Road Exit
- Turn Left on to Freedom Commons Drive
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From Midway Airport

- Follow Cicero Avenue north to I-55 south
- Follow I-55 south to I-355 north
- Follow I-355 north to I-88 west
- Exit I-88 at the Naperville Road Exit
- Turn Left on to Freedom Commons Drive
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