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Annual Meet
Sandwich, IL
September 18-22, 2019

Information and Registration



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Meet Hotel:

[Timber Creek Inn & Suites](#)

(Montcler Hotel, Trademark Collection by Wyndham)

3300 Drew Avenue

One Redberri Plaza

Sandwich, IL 60548

Phone: (630) 273-6000

Room Rate: \$129 per Night

Rooms can be booked now

Room block is under:

“Burlington Route Historical Society” or “BRHS”

Welcome to Aurora, the Birthplace of the CB&Q

At a time railroads were built under special state charters, and charters could be had for the asking so urgent was the public demand for railroads. Dozens of them were granted at every session of the Illinois legislature.

Aurora got a charter under the name “Aurora Branch” to build twelve miles north to Turner Junction. Peoria got one called “Peoria & Oquawka” to build from Peoria to Oquawka. Quincy got a charter named “Northern Cross” to build northeast toward Galesburg.

All three of these special charters were granted on the same day – February 12, 1849. These paper railroads were financed locally to the limited extent that the people of these communities were then able to raise money. The Aurora Branch people got together enough money in 1850 to build their twelve-mile road, which was the small seed out of which the CB&Q finally grew. At Turner Junction it connected with the Galena & Chicago Union, which later became the North Western and for five or six years, the CB&Q handled all its business into Chicago over the thirty miles of the North Western, using the Kinzie Street terminals until the building of the St. Charles Air Line in 1855.

Second hand strap rails were purchased and used, with the directors becoming personally responsible for their payment. A second hand engine, the Pioneer, and passenger car was purchased, along with some freight cars belonging to the G&CU which set the enterprise in motion.

In June of 1852, the charter of the Aurora Branch was amended to provide for a line southwest to Mendota and name of the company was changed to “Chicago & Aurora”, and before the close of 1853 the road was built to Mendota.

The “Central Military Tract”, with backing from John Forbes, began work in 1852 and completed the link between Galesburg and Mendota in 1854, and at the same time the Peoria & Oquawka with the same financial assistance pushed the construction of its line from Galesburg west and completed it to the Mississippi River, opposite Burlington, IA in March 1855, and at the same time, the name “Chicago & Aurora” was changed to “Chicago, Burlington & Quincy”, the word “Burlington” then appearing, by which it has ever since been popularly known. In 1856 the “Central Military Tract” was consolidated with the Aurora company under the name “Chicago, Burlington & Quincy”.

The Civil War brought the company's activities to a full stop, except that in 1864 the line was opened from Aurora direct into Chicago, via Naperville, and the entrance over the North Western was terminated, but the road was an established success, with good credit, good management, and a promising future.

In years to come, “Hannibal & St. Joe”, “Burlington & Missouri River Company”, “St. Louis Keokuk & Northwestern”, “Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs” and “Chicago, Burlington & Northern” all became part of the Burlington system. Southern Illinois coal, and the value of the connections with the “Louisville & Nashville” and that portion of the South, led to the acquisition of the Jacksonville line and its extension to Paducah, and the building of the Metropolis bridge, and at the same time, the control of the “Colorado & Southern” led the Burlington to be a respected, compact, prosperous and efficient railroad system, reaching every important commercial center between Chicago and the Rocky Mountains.

The **Burlington Route Historical Society** was founded in October 1979 and has enjoyed a steady growth that currently boasts over 1080 members, publishes two newsletters called The Zephyr and two informative publications called the Bulletin annually for 40 years. Which brings us to our 2019 Annual Meeting, celebrating these two mile stones in history, at Sandwich, IL. We hope you will enjoy the fellowship opportunities and programs prepared for this celebration!

BRHS 40th ANNIVERSARY

2019 ANNUAL MEET

OVERVIEW

At noon on **Wednesday**, September 18, we will kick off our 40th Anniversary event for the BRHS at the historic depot located at Plano, IL. Our event will begin with trackside registration and a cookout consisting of grilled Italian sausages with peppers and onions, grilled burgers with cheese and beverages prepared by BRHS President Tom Whitt. There will be plenty of freight and passenger trains to see and the Plano Depot will be open for viewing during the event courtesy of Kay Mulliner, evening Depot Agent and wife of member Scott Mulliner. The day will culminate with a Welcome Reception courtesy of the Montcler Hotel at the host hotel.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday there are non-railroad related events for the Ladies to attend. Thursday begins with breakfast and a listing of available shopping and tourist opportunities, all on your own for the day. Or relax and read poolside at the hotel! On Friday, the Ladies will travel to Elburn and Maple Park to enjoy some local dining at a popular restaurant and wine tasting at a local apple orchard, and let's not forget the opportunity for shopping. Saturday consists of a trip to nearby Plainfield for a late breakfast and the opportunity to create your own scarf while enjoying appetizers and wine, and again more shopping in the quaint business district! Suse and Vicki have arranged for all to have a great time in carrying on the Ladies Event tradition!

For the railfans, **Thursday** begins at Timber Creek Inn & Suites, Sandwich with early registration and boarding our bus for the first extra fare event to tour original depots at Batavia and West Chicago, lunch and viewing of Waycar # 14351 at St. James Farm, and then on to the depot at Lisle. We will have extra time at Lisle to view the 'dinky parade' on the triple track mainline. We will return to Sandwich where you can dine on your own at Club Montcler in the hotel, or venues such as Bull Moose (featured in Zephyr #66), Sante Fe, LakeView Grille and other local fares. Members will be able to gather in our designated Hospitality area.

Again for the railfans, **Friday** again begins at Timber Creek Inn & Suites, Sandwich with early registration and boarding our bus for the second extra fare event to Chicago Union Station*. We will depart for Chicago from the Aurora Transportation Center, located in the original Aurora Roundhouse and Shops, aboard Metra. Upon arrival, we will be greeted by the staff from Amtrak for a tour of the grandeur of CUS and some behind the scenes features not available to the public. Lunch consisting of catered Italian Beef sandwiches will be provided in a separate dining area. There should be enough time to look around on your own before boarding our express train back to Aurora. Upon returning to the hotel, again dining will be on your own to enjoy the local fares. Members will be able to gather in our designated Hospitality area. **Please note that this event is limited to 56 persons on a first come basis and that the tour is not handicapped accessible. This is a walking tour consisting of steps to different levels of the Station.*

Saturday morning begins early with set-up for the Swap Meet and registration, followed by our Annual Meeting, Swap Meet, Model/Photo Contest, Clinics and the evening events of our cocktail hour, Annual Banquet, awards and evening program.

We culminate our 40th Anniversary event on **Sunday** at the home of member Paul Andermann of Oswego, who along with fellow member Steve Farmer, operate a 7.5-inch live steam layout. Featured will be operating CB&Q Steam and Diesel engines, as well as other RR's that will be offering rides to those in attendance. This is a fantastic layout and is a great opportunity to bid farewell to fellow members and friends until next year, all while enjoying a simple cookout consisting of grilled pork chop sandwiches, chips and beverages.

Next year, the BRHS is on the road! We begin the year with a joint meet with the Rio Grande Historical Society in Golden, CO. This is will be a great event for the Lines West guys to have a meet on your end of the System! The Annual Meet for 2020 takes us to Duluth, MN. Not on the System, but the co-chairs have arranged for a ride in the restored CB&Q dorm-buffet-lounge car No. 250, the Silver Club. Watch for further information!



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY (September 18)

12 noon – 5:00 pm – Registration

Meet & Greet trackside cookout at the Historic Plano Depot (100 West Main St.) Food & beverages provided. Depot will be open during event

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Welcome Reception Hosted by Montcler Hotel

THURSDAY (September 19)

6:30 am – 7:45 am - Registration

8:00 am – 5:00 pm – Depot Bus Tour

Tours of the Batavia, West Chicago & Lisle Depots. Upon leaving West Chicago, we will travel to St. James Farm in Wheaton to view Waycar #14351 and enjoy a boxed lunch in the adjacent pavilion. At Lisle, view the 'dinky parade' on the triple track raceway.

FRIDAY (September 20)

6:30 am – 7:45 am - Registration

8:00 am – 5:00 pm - Station Tour of Chicago Union Station Limited to 56 Persons

***Walking Tour not Handicapped Accessible**

Bus departs Montcler Hotel at 8 am sharp for the Aurora Transportation Center where we board Metra for our trip to CUS. Upon arrival at CUS, we will be greeted by Amtrak for a tour of the recently revived splendor of the Depot as well as a behind the scenes tour of the facilities past and present. A hot lunch will be provided in a dining area, as well as some free time to look around before our express trip back to Aurora.

SATURDAY (September 21)

6:00 am – 11:00 am - Registration

6:00 am – 8:00 am – Swap Meet Setup

8:00 am – 9:30 am – Annual Business Meeting (Swap room closed)

9:30 am – 12:30 pm – Swap Meet

10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Model/Photo Contest

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm – Train Orders by Steve Holding

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm – Burlington F-Units by Charlie Vlk

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Model/Photo Contest Pickup

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm – Twin Cities Zephyr by Bryan Howell

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm – Modeling CB&Q Structures by Greg Baumgardner

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Cocktail Hour

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm – Banquet, Awards, and Evening Program

Sunday (September 22)

6:30 am – 9:00 am – Board of Directors Meeting (breakfast included)

9:00 am – 2:00 pm – C. & N.W. (Cheap & Nothing Wasted) Layout Tour & Cookout

Members Paul Andermann & Steve Farmer operate a 7.5" scale layout at the Andermann residence located at 1270 Plainfield Road in Oswego, IL, and have graciously invited the BRHS to experience and ride operating CB&Q Steam and Diesels, as well as other RR motive power. There will be a cookout and beverages to enjoy before your trip home!

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6 pm – 8 pm Welcome Reception Hosted by Montcler Hotel

THURSDAY

A Day on Your Own

There will be a list of things to do around the area when you check in.

FRIDAY

9 am – 5 pm

Trip to Elburn and Maple Park

A 15-passenger van* will provide transportation to local shopping and lunch (on your own) at Schmidt's Northwood's Tap and Grill in Elburn. Then off to Kuiper's Farm, Wine and Apple Tastings in Maple Park, where there is also a bakery, gift shops, and other attractions. Even a train to ride! Fun for all!!!

*If the van fills up, not to worry, as transportation will be provided in other vehicles.

SATURDAY

9 am – 5 pm

Trip to Plainfield

A 15-passenger van* will provide transportation to a Late Breakfast (on your own) at Hopscotch and Vine. From there we head over to Silk Avenue, where you will be making and designing your own silk scarf while enjoying appetizers and refreshments. We will end the day, depending on how much time is left, with shopping in the quaint downtown.

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Pricing & Registration

Please fill out both sides and return with your registration

	# ATTEND	COST	TOTAL
Full Fare (includes Cookout, Swap Meet, Clinics, Banquet & Sunday Cookout) DOES NOT INCLUDE BUS TOURS	___	\$140.00	\$_____
Ladies Full Fare (includes Cookout, Ladies 2-day Event, Banquet & Sunday Cookout)	___	\$140.00	\$_____
Wednesday Cookout Only	___	\$25.00	\$_____
Thursday Bus Tour – Depot Tour			
With Full Fare	___	\$40.00	\$_____
Without Full Fare	___	\$65.00	\$_____
Friday Bus Tour – Chicago Union Station			
With Full Fare	___	\$45.00	\$_____
Without Full Fare	___	\$70.00	\$_____
Saturday (select ONLY if not using Full Fare)			
Day Fare (Swap Meet, contests & clinics and banquet)	___	\$90.00	\$_____
½ Day Fare (Swap Meet, contests & clinics ONLY)	___	\$20.00	\$_____
Banquet Only	___	\$70.00	\$_____
Ladies Two Day Event Only	___	\$75.00	\$_____
Sunday Cookout & Layout Tour Only	___	\$25.00	\$_____
Swap Meet Tables (8 foot)			
Members:	___	\$10.00	\$_____
Non-Members:	___	\$20.00	\$_____
Late Fee (post marked after September 6 th)	___	\$20.00	\$_____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			\$_____

Please Note: Checks for mailed registration will not be deposited until after the event.

No Refunds after Thursday, September 12, 2019



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Name: _____

Member Number: _____ (required for Swap Tables)

Guest Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(used for registration confirmation only!)

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

Mail Registration To _____ or
BRHS 2019 Annual Meet
P.O. Box 93
Zumbrota, MN 55992

Register Online via PayPal
<http://www.burlingtonroute.org>