

# **WABASH RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

## **2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Decatur, Illinois**

### **September 18-19-20**

Our host facility and headquarters is the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, located at 4191 W US Highway 36 (Wyckles Road) Decatur, Illinois. There is a block of rooms reserved for the WRHS at \$82 per night, so be sure to mention the WRHS when making a reservation at 877.352.8800.

#### **Friday, 18 September**

5:00P-???

Gather at our headquarters, the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, for our customary informal get-together, impromptu slide shows, show and tell, etc., until ??? The Decatur Conference Center and Hotel is the former Holiday Inn on the west side of Decatur, where we have met in the past.

#### **Saturday, 19 September**

10:00A-5:00P

We are joining with the festivities at the "Railroad Jamboree" in conjunction with the Decatur Train Show at the Decatur Civic Center, #1 Gary K Anderson Plaza (N. Franklin & El Dorado). There will be tables for display and for selling/swapping. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to show/share. Doors open at 10:00A and there is a separate \$4 admission fee.

Informal tours of Wabash-related sites around the Decatur area.

#### **Dinner Meeting**

5:00 pm Social Hour

6:00 pm Banquet

7:30 pm Program

The formal activities will begin with announcements and the annual award presentation, followed by a special presentation by our guest speaker, Mr. Jim Tilton. Mr. Tilton is a former Wabash employee who retired as the Supt. of Signals, Western Region, for Norfolk Southern Ry. After the program, we will have an open microphone for anyone who wants to give a talk, show slides, etc.

#### **Sunday, 20 September**

The WRHS has chartered our own special train at the Monticello Ry. Museum in Monticello, Illinois (around ½ hr. east of Decatur on I-72) in conjunction with the MRM's annual "Railroad Days" celebration. The MRM is known for their preserved railroad equipment including several pieces of Wabash equipment, such as the sole operating Wabash F-7A locomotive unit (the 1189) and the WRHS' two Wabash cabooses, the 2824 and the 2834. Our charter will consist of Wabash F7-A 1189, the NKP VistaGon, a combine, and Wabash caboose 2834. We will cover most of the MRM trackage with special photo run-bys. The charter will run on Sunday morning prior to the regularly-scheduled runs at the MRM. Tickets for the charter are available in advance and will be sold on-site. More details about the run will be announced at the meeting. Also, the MRM and the WRHS are planning another special, secret treat for Wabash fans attending Railroad Days on Sunday.

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REGISTRATION FORM**

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Email:		
Name of Spouse attending with me:		
Name of Children attending with me:		

<b>Registration Fees (includes banquet meal Sat. nite)</b>		
	Number	Cost Each
Self	1	\$30
Spouse	1	\$30
Children		\$22
WRHS Excursion Train at the Monticello Ry. Museum		\$25
Total (Make checks payable to WRHS)		

**MAIL TO:**

WRHS 2009; c/o Randy Rippy, 9323 Duckwood Trail, Woodbury, MN 55125-9394


The Decatur Civic Center is located on the corner of Franklin (Route 51 North) and Eldorado St. (Route 36)



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