

# Welcome Back!



**May 17-20, 2018**

## Greater Cincinnati

### Known for

- Beautiful Ohio Riverfront
- Ice Cream – Graeters, UDF and Aglamesis
- Cincinnati Style Chili – Skyline, Gold Star, ...



### Also Known for

- 7 Hills and 7 Pre-Merger Class 1 Railroads
- Abundance of premier model railroads
- Great model railroad conventions



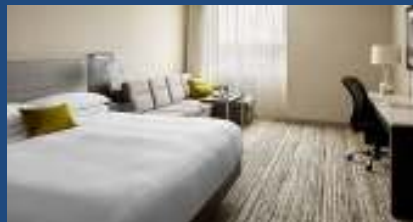
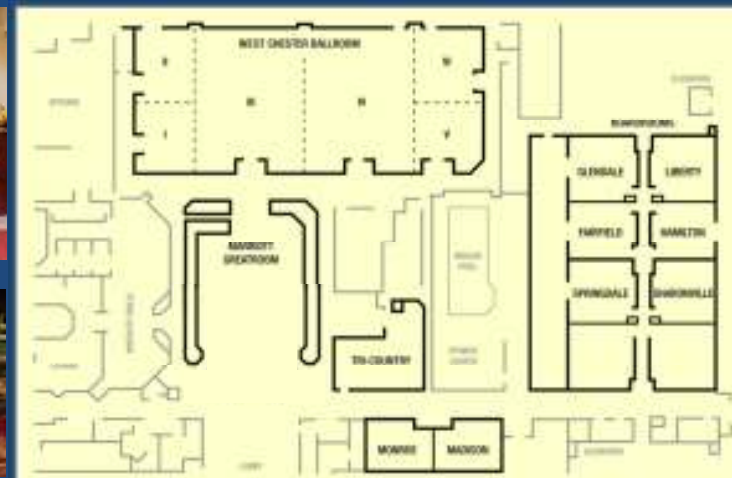
This will be our first convention since the 2005 NMRA National – We welcome you back!

## Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel

- I-75 and Union Center Blvd in West Chester, Ohio
- \$109 King Bed, \$119 Two Double Beds, Pre-Tax
- Book Using Code “National Model Railroad Assoc.”

## Marriott North Hotel

- Totally remodeled in 2016/2017
- All convention activities on 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- All parking free



## Full Slate of Activities

- **Layouts Galore** – numerous tours and op sessions
- **Rail Tours** – fantastic industrial prototype tours
- **General Interest Tours** – fabulous all new venues
- **Clinics** – numerous rail and general interest
- **Contests** – model, photography and crafts
- **White Elephant Sale** – huge!
- **Co. Store and Raffle**
- **Thursday Pizza Party**
- **Hospitality Room**
- **Non-Rail Luncheon**
- **Saturday Banquet**



## Great Presenters

- **Expert Clinicians** – presenting in large clinic rooms
- **Banquet Keynote Speaker** – Gerry Leone, MMR
- **Special Guest Clinicians** – Lou Sassi and Hal Miller
- Many other premier guest clinicians

**Hal Miller**



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**Gerry Leone**



**Lou Sassi**



## Fantastic Rail Industry Tours

- **Matandy Steel** – coil steel cold rolling and slitting
- **Cincinnati Barge & Rail Terminal** – barge, truck and rail transloading steel, dry bulk and general
- **Excel Logistics Tropicana** – Florida orange juice train unloading, processing and distribution
- **Enerfab Brighton Tru-Edge** – largest cold formed process vessel head manufacturer in N. America
- **Cincinnati Railfanning** – hot spots guided bus tour



# Fabulous Non-Rail Activities

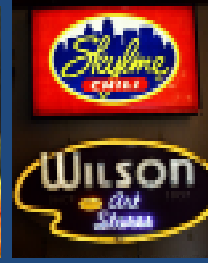
## Exciting Half Day General Interest Bus Tours

- Findlay Market + Krohn Conservatory
- American Sign Museum + Historic Spring Grove

## Luncheon – with Chef led Cookie Decorating

## Clinics and Gatherings

- Meet & Greet Wine Tasting
- Genealogy Clinic
- Greeting Card Making Clinic
- Water Aerobics



# Outstanding Layouts

- **Abundance of Inspiring Layouts**
  - 67 layouts, 30 published, 10 in GMR
  - 21 hosting guest operations
- **Exclusive Thurs Afternoon** early-bird visits to the stunning layouts of **Bob Lawson** and **Larry Bonhaus**
- **“Great Model RR” Minibus Tours** – 2 Fri and 2 Sat, covering 12 premier layouts (3 per half day tour)
- **Operating Sessions** – all 4 days!
- **Layout Open Houses** – all 4 days!
- **In Hotel** - Scenicked Layouts

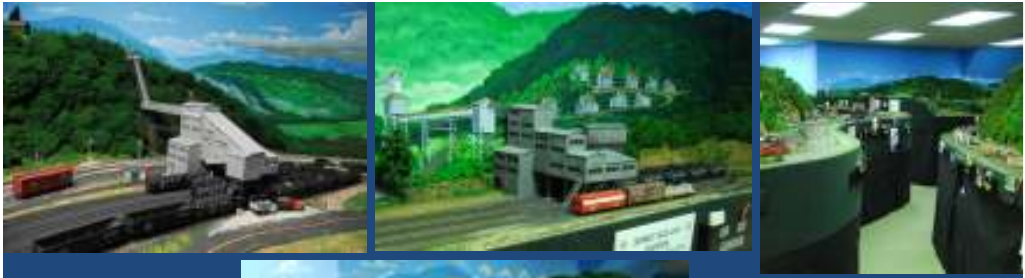


Bob Lawson





Larry Bonhaus



Gerry Albers



Matt and Debie Snell



Enter-  
Trainment  
Junction  
**ENTERTRAINMENT JUNCTION**



## Special EJ Arrangements



### Thursday Dinner Private Reception

- Bargain Priced Extra Fare Event
- **Pizza**, Chips, Cookie and Soft Drinks
- Access to their huge "**Train Journey**" Layout
- At-your-pace "**Behind the Scenes**" tour
- Access to large **Modular Layouts** in Expo Center

### Discount Admissions at other times

- \$10 Access to "**Train Journey**" Layout
- \$4 for Scheduled "**Behind the Scenes**" Tours
- Includes N & HO Modular Layouts in Expo Center

## Special Train Control Systems Booth

- **Free Install** of TCS Decoder, Speaker, Keep Alive
- Requires **time slot sign-up** before convention
- **Discount purchase** of the components/kits
- Select from variety of **loco specific install kits**
- You bring your loco, then enjoy seeing the install



## How About Registering Now?

### Low Base Registration Fees

- Only \$75 Rail and \$25 for Family (Spouse/Teen)
- Pre-registering: 1<sup>st</sup> priority on extra fare events!

### Wonderful Marriott Hotel

- Convenient, High Quality, Newly Remodeled
- \$109 King Bed, \$119 Two Double Beds, Pre-Tax
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### Loads of Fun Filled Activities For All

- Great Guided Tours – all with Commercial Buses
- Awesome Layouts, Clinics, Non-Rail, Ops, ...

*Come enjoy the fun!*



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