Virginia is for Train Lovers

TTOS National Convention
July 31 - August 4, 2018
Tyson’s Corner, VA
The Tysons Corner Sheraton is located in Northern Virginia 12 miles from downtown Washington DC. The hotel is also equidistant, approximately 12 miles, from Dulles (IAD) and Reagan National (DCA) airports.

The Sheraton is also adjacent to one of three Tysons Corner Metro Stations (Metro is the Washington DC area subway system). Metro serves The Washington DC National Mall, Union station, Reagan National Airport (DCA) and Dulles Airport (the station at Dulles is currently under construction).

Two major Shopping Malls are also located at Tysons Corner. The hotel provides complimentary shuttles to both shopping malls (The Galleria and Tyson 1) and the Metro station. Hotel amenities include an indoor pool, 24 hour fitness center, complementary Wireless Internet, gift shop / newsstand, Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner restaurant, coffee shop, airport shuttle and valet and self-parking.

Rooms are Standard King or doubles at a rate of $129 (single-quad) per night

Registration Phone number: 1-800-325-3535, cutoff date July 17, 2018 plus a 72 hour cancellation.

**WHY ATTEND? WHAT DOES THE 2018 CONVENTION HAVE TO OFFER?**

Trains: If you like trains either the real thing or toy trains this is the place. The day trip via the Dover Harbor Pullman to Williamsburg via Amtrak is not to be missed. A one of a kind adventure! If you’re a SHAY engine fan the epicenter has to be Cass West Virginia. Photo ops galore, exciting train rides and the comradery of an overnight excursion. These real train rides are just the precursor to the Friday night attraction of the ever-popular Home Layout Tours that provide fascinating local layouts to help us all see how our hobby is practiced across America.

Beside the trains, there are other wonderful things to do and see in the Virginia/Washington DC metro area. Explore the National Mall’s museums and monuments after a docent guided Metro trip to Washington DC. Experience the above ground and underground subway system in the DC area. Take in the Washington Monument, Lincoln, Jefferson, Vietnam, and Word War II Memorials. Visit the Smithsonian (Air & Space, Natural History, Art, and American History), the Holocaust and African American Museums. Don't forget the outstanding Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles Airport, an extension of the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum.

Finally view the monuments at night while enjoying an epicurean delight aboard the “Dandy” Dinner Cruise on the Potomac.

Civil War Buffs can explore Harpers Ferry - the scene of the “John Brown Raid” before the start of the Civil War. If you’re a Civil War buff Northern Virginia saw more than its share of confrontations led by Lee and a host of Union Generals. The battlefields of 1st and 2nd Manassas, Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, the Wilderness, Bristoe Station and the Grey Ghost John Mosby’s Raider forays are maintained by the National Park Service and are within an easy one hour drive from the Tysons Corner hotel. Across the Potomac in Maryland lies Antietam or Sharpsburg and not far away is Gettysburg, PA.

Trains and the Civil War in Northern Virginia will be the subject of a FREE seminar by Doug Horhota resident historian of the Manassas Museum. Doug is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the contribution of Railroads to the war efforts of both the North and South. Set aside Friday August 3rd at 3:00 PM for a special treat!

**TRADING HALL & LAYOUTS**

The Sheraton offers ample room for the trading hall along with easy access for loading and unloading. For starters the hotel lobby will house a 50’ X 50’ O gauge layout by the Award winning National Capital
Trackers where Smart Phones and IPAD’s are common place for train operations. Inside the trading hall enjoy numerous layouts from Standard Gauge, S Gauge to N gauge. We promise you won’t be disappointed!

WELCOME PARTY AND BANQUET

The Thursday night Welcome Party is always very special and not to be missed. Greet old friends and meet new friends from across the nation all while sampling a selection of appetizers and beverages of your choice from a no-host bar. The Silent Auction offers a unique opportunity throughout the evening to add to your collection of trains and related items. The Saturday night Banquet is a fitting way to complete your convention experience. Enjoy a cocktail hour with friends then a delicious dinner served by a gracious hotel staff. Of course one of the highlights of the Banquet is the Live Auction. View all items beforehand and be ready for spirited bidding on that elusive piece you have been looking for.

CONVENTION OFFICE

The TTOS convention office is located in Icon Board-room located on level 2; use the elevator found near the hotel check-in desk.

TTOS NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The National Board will meet in Icon A located next door to the TTOS Convention Office.

Help us get a quorum by attending!

This meeting room will be located on level 2; use the elevator found near the hotel check-in desk. Please advise the office staff if you wish to attend the TTOS meeting to be sure there is sufficient seating.

CONVENTION TOURS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOURS

1. Tours tend to sell out early and/or have limited seating. We suggest registering early so you get the tours you want.
2. All transportation and admission fees are included in the tour prices.
3. Meals are NOT included, except where indicated in the tour description.
4. Tours that do not reach 80% occupancy are subject to cancellation, so sign-up early.
5. The deadline for any and all refunds is July 1, 2018.
6. All tours depart from the hotel entrance.
7. Be at the bus at least 15 minutes prior to departure.
8. NO REFUNDS IF YOU MISS THE BUS.
9. Follow directions given by the volunteers; they volunteered to help you.
10. Most important, r-e-l-a-x and have a good time.
EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!
Once-In-A-Lifetime Opportunities!

TOUR A – DOVER HARBOR PULLMAN TRAIN EXPERIENCE

SUNDAY, July 29

Depart 7:00 am – Return 9:00 pm
Cost: $300 per person

The Dover Harbor Pullman excursion is a pre-convention offering that is unique in every way. The outside veranda provides a fantastic viewing area while inside you enjoy a dining experience not to be missed! Only 24 seats available, reserve now.

A fully restored, Amtrak certified Pullman car owned and operated by the NRHS of Washington DC. The Dover Harbor is attached to a scheduled Amtrak train departing Washington DC’s Union Station about 7AM arriving at Colonial Williamsburg about 10:30AM. A white-tablecloth dining experience with both Breakfast and Dinner served on board is included. Spend the day exploring the historic buildings, museums and shops of colonial Williamsburg. The Williamsburg admission is also included. Enjoy lunch on your own at your choice of eating establishments. The returning train departs Williamsburg around 5:15 PM arriving in DC about 9:15PM.

TOUR B – CASS SCENIC RAILROAD

Monday AND Tuesday, July 30-31

Depart 11:00 am Mon. – Return 10:00pm Tues. Cost: $280 per person all inclusive

The Cass Scenic Railroad excursion is a pre-convention overnight offering featuring Shay, Climax and Heisler engines. The fee includes tour bus, Cass admission fees plus the train ride with lunch, the Monday night hotel, dinner & Tuesday plus a Monday stop at the Rappahannock Cellars.

Cass West Virginia was the epicenter for the hardwood lumber industry at the turn of the 20th Century. The town is fully restored and a West Virginia State park. The logging operation featured multiple Shay, Climax and Heisler engines which are all still in service. The overnight trip departs at 11AM with a planned stop at the Rappahannock Cellars (Front Royal VA area) for a sampling of Virginia wines. Enjoy a great selection of Reds, Whites and Rosés. Once the tastings are completed the trip continues to Staunton VA for our overnight lodging and dinner. After a complimentary breakfast a short hour or so drive gets us to CASS and the world of Shay engines. Explore the facilities and engines and then board the train for a switchback trip up Mt. Baldy with a stop for lunch. At the conclusion of the excursion the bus will start the return trip to Northern VA with a dinner stop at Harrisonburg VA, then the final leg home to the Sheraton. A fascinating experience, especially if you’re a Shay fan.
TOUR 1 – WASHINGTON DC MONUMENTS

Tuesday, July 31

Depart 9:00 am – Return 3:00 pm  Cost: $20 per person

The mini tour is docent-guided and travels to the National Mall via Metro's Silver line (Metro Rail-Fare included). Board the train at the station adjacent to the Sheraton hotel for a short ½ trip to downtown Washington DC and exit at the Smithsonian station in the middle of the National Mall.

Upon arrival the choices of what to see and experience is almost limitless. Choose the Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, MLK, FDR, WW II, or Vietnam monuments for starters and of course the Smithsonian museums. Don't forget The African American and Holocaust museums. The latter require timed tickets for entry. No cost reservations must be made prior to visiting.

The Docent will accompany you on the metro Silver Line and once at the National Mall will provide direction to whatever monument / museum you desire.

Lunch is own your own at any of the museum cafeterias or the myriad of food trucks available. Meet at the metro station for the return trip about 3 PM.

The National Mall provides a great selection of museums and monuments to experience, but you can't see it all within a 5-6 hour period. Be selective, prioritize your visit and enjoy.

Holocaust Museum; USHMM website
African American Museum: NMAAHC website
Enjoy dinner on Nina’s “Dandy” while witnessing the beauty of the Washington, D.C. Monuments at Night. The dinner cruise departs Alexandria, Virginia around 6PM and returns at 9PM. Select your entrée from the Dandy menu and served table side. The gratuity is included.

Entrees selections: Prime Rib, Cornish Game Hen, Stuffed Shrimp w/ Crab, Beef Burgundy, Fillet of Cod, Spanakopita, Vegetarian Platter, Pasta Primavera.

Harpers Ferry witnessed historic activity prior to the outbreak of the civil war. John Brown’s raid took place here and the Union soldiers sent to quell the uprising were the US Army’s Capt. Robert E. Lee and Lt. Stonewall Jackson. Explore the town where this all took place while putting on your rail-fan hat and experience the Harpers Ferry Train station and the main CSX line with a host of trains every day. Numerous eating establishments offer a varied selection for your enjoyment. Lunch is on your own.

TOUR 3 – DINNER CRUISE THE POTOMAC

Wednesday, August 1

*Depart 5:00pm – Return 11:00pm*  
*Cost: $145 per person*
TOUR 4 – UDVAR-HAZY
SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Thursday, August 2

Departs: 9:00 am – Returns: 3:00 pm  
Cost: $50 per person

Commercial, Military, and Space exploration aircraft dominate the museum. Featured are the space shuttle Discovery, a Blackbird FR-71 and the B29 Enola Gay.

The Smithsonian National Air and Space museum’s Steven F Udvar-Hazy Center is the sister site to the Smithsonian National Air and Space museum located on the National Mall. Together they house the world’s largest aviation and space collection. The Udvar-Hazy Center is annexed to Washington’s Dulles International airport and contains artifacts of aerospace planes, rockets and satellites. If you are fascinated by airplanes this is the place to see. Whether Space exploration, military aircraft from around the world, or a myriad of commercial aircraft both old and new all to be explored and enjoyed with a docent guided tour. Complete the tour with an IMAX movie of your choice.

Lunch is your responsibility.
One of the crown jewels of every convention is the Home Layout tours. Every layout is unique and offers an insight to the creativity of the host. Whether large or small no matter what the gauge, seeing member's dreams and visions come to fruition is exciting and usually very informative. Members are very proud of their layouts and it shows. The layouts coupled with gracious hosts welcoming you into their home is always a one of a kind experience.

Due to the volume of rush hour traffic the tour will begin a bit earlier at 4:00 PM.

**STOP #1**

The host is primarily a Standard Gauge collector and operator, but don't be surprised to see O Gauge and S Gauge trains flying around the large layout with a fascinating collection of accessories. What makes this layout different, unlike a basement operation so normal for this area, you will climb the stairs to an above the garage train room that is full of surprises. Of course you can't miss the collection of antique cars, parked in the garage, on the way to the stairs. The real jewel of this stop is the fabulous collection of Home Made trains not to be seen anywhere else!

**STOP #2**

O gauge Hi-Rail (early) layout designed in 1999 and built over the next 10 years. A modest 16 X 8 U shaped layout using over 160 feet of Gar Graves track on three separate levels all interconnected. Basically command operated primarily operating MTH engines using DCS, with a sprinkling of conventionally operated engines. There are plenty of mountains, bridges, tunnels, and of course a Pittsburgh Steel Mill to be enjoyed.
Tour 5 – Home Layout Tours

Friday, August 3

Departs: 4:00 pm – Returns: 9:00 pm  Cost: $40 per person

STOP #3

A 17 X 7 O Gauge Hi Rail at its best in a modest space. The scenery detail is a feast for your eyes! Gar Graves throughout is the choice of track and switches and tally command operated. 100% DCS command control. A prime example of a modest size layout supporting 0-72 curves and Scale engines all MTH Premier. Innovation at its best.

STOP #4

Due to time constraints, the tour will probably only be able to stop at one or the other.

4a: Toy Trains and Collectables is a local train shop owned by long time TTOS members Dan and Hope Dan-ielson. Enjoy the store layout that features O gauge (Leading edge Smart phone and IPAD operated), S gauge, HO and N gauges. The store offerings include a excellent selection of Lionel, MTH trains and rolling stock plus accessories and of course the collection of collectables may be just what you’re looking for.

4b: A Classic Lionel Large Postwar O gauge layout that fills a basement. Don’t miss the spectacular collection of every train imaginable lining the walls. A true feast for the eyes for every collector and operator.

Come out and enjoy!
Enjoy the peace and quiet of the family home of one of the leaders of early America. Review the history and visit the home of America’s first President.

Transportation to Mt Vernon is via a Tour bus leaving the hotel and arriving at the destination within 40 minutes. The trip will take you along the scenic Potomac River from Alexandria, VA to George and Martha’s home at Mt. Vernon.

Explore George Washington’s Mt. Vernon Plantation home and surrounding grounds. Don’t miss the beautiful landscaping while seeing fully restored interior rooms, grist mills, the distillery, burial sites, and spectacular vistas of the Potomac which runs behind the main building.

Complete the tour of George and Martha’s home with High Tea with Martha. A gracious and relaxing way to spend a wonderful Saturday afternoon in rural Virginia.

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**Table Request Form**

*ALL SELLERS MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SUBMIT WITH REGISTRATION FORM -- OR -- TABLE(S) WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED*

| NAME | ____________________________ | TTOS # | __________ |
| ADDRESS | ____________________________ | APT | __________ |
| CITY | ____________________________ | STATE | _________ | ZIP | __________________ |

I want my table next to: ____________________________ & ____________________________

☐ I have a Virginia sellers permit (Permit Number: ____________________________)

☐ I attached a copy of the permit

☐ I am an occasional seller (selling in Virginia 1 or 2 times in 2018)

  My driver’s license # (include state): ____________________________

☐ I will have a display only; I will not be selling

*Sales Tax in Virginia = 6%*
TOY TRAIN OPERATING SOCIETY
2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION – Tyson’s Corner, VA– July 31 - August 4

PLEASE PRINT – print your name as you want it on your badge

Name _____________________________________________ TTOS # ___________ Division_____________________
Street Address _________________________________________________________ Phone ___________________
City _______________________________________________ State ________ Zip/Postal Code _________________
Email address ________________________________________________

Day you plan to arrive: __________________

Spouse/Significant Other included in member’s registration ______________________________________________

Child: ___________________ (age:___), _____________________ (age: ____), ____________________ (age: _____)
(Children 21 years or older must register separately and must be a TTOS member)

Only TTOS members may attend the convention (add $35 membership) =    $________

Registration Fee must be received in the TTOS office by July 1, 2018
x $40 =   $________
⇒ After July 1, you must register in Virginia
x $45 =   $________

Trading Tables (96” x 30”) (2 trading days – Friday, Aug. 3 & Saturday, Aug. 4) Qty _____ x $32 =   $________
**(Trading tables sold on first-come, first-served basis)** (Indicate wish that your tables to be next to a friend & attach form on page 10)

Electrical Outlet (our cost).............................................................. Qty _____ x $35 =   $________

Tours:
#A – Sunday, July 29 Dover Harbor Train Ride Qty _____ x $300 = $________
#B – Mon-Tue July 30-31 Cass Scenic Railroad Trip (2 days) Qty _____ x $280 = $________
#1 – Tuesday, July 31 DC Mall & Monuments Qty _____ x $20 =   $________
#2 – Wednesday, Aug. 1 Harpers Ferry (Civil War site) Qty _____ x $45 =   $________
#3 – Wed. Night , Aug. 1 Dinner Cruise - DC Highlights Qty _____ x $145 = $________
#4 – Thursday, Aug. 2 National Air & Space Museum Qty _____ x $50 =   $________
#5 – Friday Night, Aug. 3 Home Layouts Qty _____ x $40 =   $________
#6 – Saturday, Aug. 4 Mount Vernon Qty _____ x $85 =   $________

Welcome Party Thursday, Aug. 2 Pre-registration Qty _____ x $45 =   $________

Banquet, Saturday Night, August 4 - (includes salad, main course, dessert, and tea or coffee)

Beef Qty _____ x $69 =   $________
Fish Qty _____ x $69 =   $________
Chicken Qty _____ x $69 =   $________

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION =   $________

Please make check payable to: TTOS - 2018 Convention
TOTAL ENCLOSED =   $________

(Do NOT send cash – send check or money order) ⇒(NO refunds after July 1, 2018)⇐

Visa or MasterCard # ____________________________________________ Exp. Date ________
Verification Code __________________ Signature ____________________________

If name on credit card and/or the credit card billing address differs from the name and/or address above
Please write card information here: _______________________________________________________________

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope for a pre-registration gift and your registration confirmation

What day(s) can you volunteer for 1-2 hrs? ( ) Tuesday ( ) Wednesday ( ) Thursday ( ) Friday ( ) Saturday

Mail registration to: TTOS – 2018, P.O. Box 6710, Fullerton, CA 92834
Fax registration to: 714-449-9631
# 2018 T.T.O.S. National Convention - Timetable

**SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE – FINAL DETAILS IN CONVENTION OFFICE**

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| SATURDAY, JULY 28 | 6:00pm – 7:30pm | Lobby
| | | Registration Desk Open |

| SUNDAY, JULY 29 | 6:30am – 7:00am | Lobby
| | | Registration Desk Open |
| | 7:00am – 9:00pm | Hotel Entrance
| | PRE-CONVENTION TOUR – Dover Harbor & Colonial Williamsburgh |
| | 6:00pm – 7:30pm | Hotel Entrance
| | Registration Desk Open |

| MONDAY, JULY 30 | 9:00am – 11:00am | Lobby
| | PRE-CONVENTION TOUR – Cass Scenic RR |
| | 6:00pm – 7:30pm | Lobby
| | Registration Desk open |

| TUESDAY, JULY 31 | 8:00am – 9:00am | Lobby
| | Registration Desk open |
| | 9:00am – 3:00pm | Hotel Entrance
| | Tour to Washington DC Mall & Monuments |
| | 6:00pm – 7:30pm | Lobby
| | Registration Desk open |
| | 10:00pm | Cass Scenic RR Tour returns |

| WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 | 8:00am – 9:00am | Lobby
| | Registration Desk open |
| | 9:00am – 3:30pm | Hotel Entrance
| | Tour to Harpers Ferry |
| | 4:00pm – 5:00pm | Lobby
| | Registration Desk open |
| | 5:00pm – 11:00pm | Hotel Entrance
| | Dinner Cruise – DC Monuments at Night |

| THURSDAY, AUGUST 2 | 8:00am – 9:00am | Lobby
| | Registration Desk open |
| | 9:00am – 3:00pm | Hotel Entrance
| | Tour – Udvar Hazy (Smithsonian at Dulles) |
| | 12:00pm – 4:30pm | Lobby
| | Sellers Move In |
| | 4:00pm – 5:30pm | Rappahannock
| | National Board of Directors Meeting |
| | 7:00pm – 10:00pm | Ashgrove Foyer
| | Welcome Party and Silent Auction |

| FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 | 7:00am – 8:45am | Fairfax Ballroom
| | Move in and Set-Up for Sellers |
| | 7:00am – 3:00pm | Fairfax Ballroom
| | Registration Desk open |
| | 9:00am – 11:00am | Fairfax Ballroom
| | Trading Hall / Conventioneers Only |
| | 11:00am – 3:00pm | Fairfax Ballroom
| | Trading Hall / Public enters |
| | 2:15pm – 3:00pm | Fairfax Ballroom
| | Raffle Drawing / Hall closes for today |
| | 3:00pm – 4:00pm | To Be Determined
| | Seminar: Trains & Civil War in N. VA |
| | 4:00pm – 9:30pm | Hotel Entrance
| | Home Layout Tour |

| SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 | 8:00am – 9:00am | Fairfax Ballroom
| | TTOS General Membership Meeting |
| | *9:00am – 2:00pm | Fairfax Ballroom
| | Trading Hall open (attendees & public) |
| | 11:00am – 3:00pm | Hotel Entrance
| | Tour to Mt. Vernon – High Tea with Martha |
| | 1:15pm – 2:00pm | Fairfax Ballroom
| | Raffle drawing / Trading Hall closes 3pm |
| | 2:00pm – 5:00pm | Fairfax Ballroom
| | Sellers Move Out |
| | 6:00pm – 7:00pm | Tysons Ballroom
| | Social Hour & Silent Auction - (no host bar) |
| | 7:00pm – 11:00pm | Tysons Ballroom
| | Banquet & Live Auction |

See you next year in Wichita, KS - August, 2019