

CSXTHS INVITED TO 2026 B&OHS CONVENTION

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society

Clarksburg, West Virginia Annual Convention September 17– 20, 2026

The Officers and Directors of the Society invite and encourage you to attend the 2026 Clarksburg, West Virginia Convention from Thursday, September 17, to Sunday, September 20, 2026, and visit a historic section of the B&O Railroad. In 1851, the Northwestern Virginia Railroad, which ran from Grafton to Parkersburg, West Virginia, was chartered by the Virginia legislature and completed in 1857. Clarksburg was located along the railroad and, during the Civil War, became an important supply and communication center for the Union Army. After the Civil War, Clarksburg developed into an important rail junction and a commercial and wholesale center serving the surrounding West Virginia counties. Three railroads were built by Johnson N. Camden from Clarksburg to serve local communities and transport the area's mineral and timber resources. The West Virginia and Pittsburgh Railroad was completed in 1879 from Clarksburg to Weston, and eventually extended to Richwood. In 1890, the Monongalia River Railroad completed a 33-mile line to service coal mines along the West Fork River between Clarksburg and Fairmont. Finally, he built The West Virginia Short Line Railroad from Short Line Junction in Clarksburg to the Ohio River Railroad at Brooklyn Junction. The three railroads became part of the B&O Railroad. In addition, branches served industries and coal mines around Clarksburg; and the Monongahela West Penn, an interurban railroad connecting Fairmount, Clarksburg, and Weston, exchanged freight and coal cars.

On Thursday evening, Chris Stroger will make a presentation on the B&O Railroad operations in Clarksburg, and Terry Arbogast will present on operations in Grafton. On Friday evening. Dick Deuz provides a history of the glass industry located between Grafton and Salem, West Virginia and The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society Clarksburg, West Virginia Annual Convention September 17– 20, 2026

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOTE: All events are subject to cancellation, substitution, or schedule change on short notice.

Thursday, September 17, 2026

- **1:30 – 4:00 PM: Board of Directors meeting at the Best Western Plus, the convention hotel**
- **3:30 – 5:30 PM and 7:00 – 10:30 PM: Convention registration in the convention hotel lobby**
- **4:00 – 5:30 PM and 7:30 - 10:00 PM: Company Store Sales located in the Coal Room**
- **5:00 – 7:15 PM: Dinner on your own**
- **7:30 – 10:00 PM: Evening Presentation: Imperial Ballroom**
 - o **Chris Stroger: The B&O Railroad in Clarksburg**
 - o **Terry Arbogast: Grafton: An important B&O Railroad Junction**

Friday, September 18, 2026

- **8:10 AM: Load buses**
- **8:20 AM: Buses depart and visit the railroad facilities and passenger stations in Clarksburg, Grafton, Philippi, Weston, and Lost Creek**
- **12:00 PM to 1:00 PM: Lunch**
- **1:00 PM: Continue to Philippi, Weston, and Lost Creek**
- **4:30 PM: Arrive at the hotel**
- **5:00 PM: Dinner on your own.**
- **7:15 - 10:00 PM: Company Store Sales**
- **7:15 – 9:45 PM: Evening presentation: Imperial Ballroom**
 - o **Dick Deuz: History of the Glass Industry: From Grafton to Salem**
 - o **Lars Bryne: Fulfillment of the Grafton & Greenbrier Railroad's Aspirations**

Saturday, September 19, 2026 Presentations: Imperial Ballroom (there will be a break between presentations)

- **8:00 AM – 6:00 PM: Company Store Sales will be open during the day**
- **8:30 AM: Matt Reese: The Northern West Virginia Coal Industry and the Cowen Sub**
- **9:40 AM: Nick Fry: Burning Bridges: The B&O Main Stem and the North Western Virginia Railroad During the Civil War**
- **10:50 AM: Matt Robertson: Chessie's Clarksburg Operations in the 1980s**
- **12:00 PM - 1:20 PM: Break for lunch**
- **1:15 PM: Roy Ward: The B&O Pittsburgh Division**
- **2:40 PM: Annual Business Meeting**
- **5:45 – 6:15 PM: Socializing in the bar before the banquet**
- **6:30 - 9:30 PM: Banquet followed by presentation:**
 - o **8:00 PM: Pete Taylor: The Most Hated Man in Clarksburg**

Sunday, September 10, 2023

- **10:00 AM: Visit the Clarksburg Railroad Club and the Clarksburg History Museum**

➤ CONVENTION HOTEL AND DIRECTIONS

The Best Western Plus Bridgeport Inn is the convention headquarters hotel and the location for registration, presentations, and the model/photo display. It is located at 100 Lodgeville Road. Bridgeport, WV 26330. The Society hotel room rate is \$110.00 per night, plus 13% sales and occupancy tax, and includes breakfast. The hotel parking is free. The telephone number is 304-842-5411. To make a sleeping room reservation, call the hotel directly and ask for a sleeping room group reservation in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society block of rooms. Please book your room reservation on or before August 30, 2026. After that date, rooms reserved for our group block will be released and available only on a space-available basis. Based on availability, the group sleeping room rate will be honored one day before group arrival and one day after group departure.

QUESTIONS: For hotel, registration, or convention questions, call Andy White at (301) 596-3845. Messages left will be promptly returned.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

******* CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**

Only members in good standing of the B&O RR Historical Society, the Chessie System Historical Society and the CSXT Historical Society

Convention registration submitted by Thursday, September 10, contact Andy White at (301) 596-3845 to confirm availability.

Mail registration form to:

B&ORHS, c/o Andy White, Convention Registration, 6240 Bright Plume, Columbia, MD 21044.

Member Name:

Additional Name(s):

Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____ **E-mail Address:**

REGISTRATION FEE:

The member must register and will receive the convention packet.

#_____ @ \$45.00 \$_____

Pay an additional fee for each additional packet (the convention book and convention pin)

TOURS AND MEAL SELECTIONS – PLEASE INDICATE FOOD CHOICES:

• FRIDAY, September 18, 2026: Bus tour of B&O Railroad facilities:

Clarksburg, Grafton, Philippi, Weston, and Lost Creek, West Virginia.

Lunch: Ham_____ Turkey_____ Veggie_____ #_____ @ \$62.00 \$_____

• **SATURDAY, September 19, 2026**

Banquet Dinner: Entrees consist of roast beef au jus or stuffed herbed chicken breast, with tossed garden salad, mixed vegetables, roasted redskin potatoes, rolls and butter, assorted fruit pies for dessert, coffee (regular and decaf) or tea (hot and cold)

Dinner: Sliced Roast Beef _____ Stuffed Herb Chicken _____ @ \$37. 00
\$ _____

TOTAL OF PAYMENT PROVIDED FOR CONVENTION ACTIVITIES: \$ _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT US and Canada only. For MasterCard, VISA, Discover, or AmEx, please provide the information required below.

CARD # _____

Expiration: ____/____ (MM/YY) Security Code []

Signature

Mail registration form to:

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