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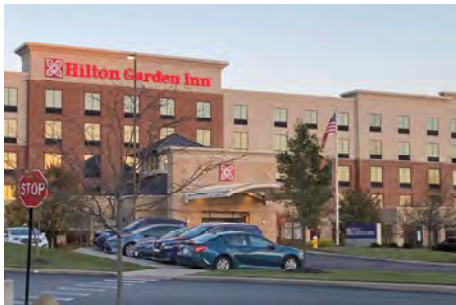


AKRON, OHIO - WHERE FUN IS ALIVE IN '25

Have you made your plans to join LOTS in Akron, OH for our 46th Annual Convention to be held July 6-12, 2025? We've managed to cram the best sites of Northeast Ohio into a week that promises great activities and wonderful memories.

Located just 40 miles south of Cleveland, the story of Akron is similar to many 19th century industrial cities. With the completion of the Ohio and Erie Canal in 1827 and the arrival of railroads soon thereafter, Akron became a transportation and manufacturing hub. The first rubber factory was built in Akron in 1871 and the city quickly became known as the "Rubber Capital of the World" as the industry grew. Firestone, General Tire, Goodrich and Goodyear all called Akron "home" at some point. The hangar where Goodyear airships are built and maintained is found in Akron and is the largest structure in the world without internal support. From a more appetizing perspective, Akron boasts the invention of the ice cream cone and caramel corn among its accomplishments.

Our convention hotel is the luxurious Hilton Garden Inn located at 1307 E. Market in the historic East



End neighborhood of Akron. Sporting a sleek, modern vibe, the hotel has an indoor pool and offers cable

TV, free WiFi access, coffee makers, microwaves, and refrigerators in each room. Other on-site amenities include the Garden Grille and Bar that serves breakfast and dinner, free parking, and a 24-hour front desk to meet all

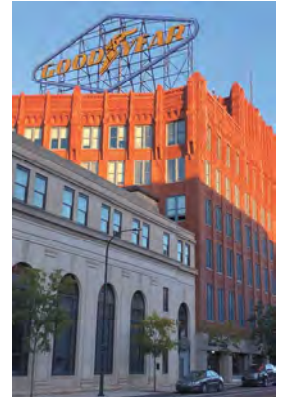


of your needs. Our preferred room rate is \$139.00 for single or double occupancy (no extra charge for children under 18 years.)

Reservations can be made now at 330-733-2900. Make sure to mention that you are with LOTS to receive the group rate.

Reservations must be received by June 14, 2025 and will be available thereafter only on a space and rate availability basis.

Located across the street from our hotel are the former headquarters of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. These buildings housed offices,



labs and even a theater. Our banquet will be held here in a former boardroom.



Our Rubber City Model Train Show will be held on Saturday, July 12 at Emidio's Exposition Center. Located at 48 E. Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls, OH,

Emidio's is a short 15-minute drive from our convention hotel. The show

will be open to the public from 10 am to 3 pm but will open to convention registrants at 9:00 am to get first shot at all the bargains. A highlight of every swap meet, our drag racing track will be set up for you to compete for the title of fastest loco in Akron.



If you have any questions or require additional information not contained in this brochure, please call Paula Smith at 513-598-8240 or email Scott Kuntz at स्कкtrains@aol.com.

Tour #1: Pro Football Hall of Fame, Corner Field Model Railroad Museum, and Penca Layout

Monday, July 7 • Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$110, Children: \$91

Pro Football Hall of Fame: We literally kick off a great week of touring with a visit to the Pro Football Hall of Fame ("HOF"). Canton was chosen as

HOF's home due to the significant role it played in pro football history. The NFL (then known as the American Professional Football Association) was founded in Canton in 1920 and the *Canton Bulldogs* were an early power house in the fledgling league, being the first repeat champions (1922-23.) Community fundraising efforts for the future museum also helped to sway Canton's selection.

HOF opened its doors as a simple two room museum in 1963. Through several building



expansions, HOF now has 118,000 square feet of exhibits. Through 2024, the Hall has enshrined 378 of pro football's greatest players & contributors. Candidates for

induction must have been retired at least 5 years and are selected by a 50 member committee. A Senior's committee also considers players retired more than 25 years and adds 1-2 names each year for the selection committee to consider. Inductees must receive at least an 80% vote of the committee. Exhibits highlight not just the exploits of players but the impact the NFL has had on society. Several galleries run videos that include everything from amazing plays to a behind the scenes peek into what transpires in the locker room before a game.



Corner Field Model Railroad Museum: Corner Field Model Train Museum ("CFM") claims to be the largest family-owned O-gauge layout in the US and we're not going to argue. Open to the public in 2017, owner Tom Elesh, Sr. says this was a labor of love that was over 55 years in the making. Measuring 32' x 145' the layout has over 250 O-gauge engines (including the very latest from your favorite manufacturers,) 7,000' of track, 3,000 structures, 160 turnout switches and over 130 operating animations. The layout is constructed in a

freelance style and models everything from the 1940s through today. Included are numerous



freight and passenger yards, big and small urban areas, industrial sites, carnivals with numerous operating rides, a huge roundhouse, a replica of the Empire State Building, and even an intricate model of Denver's Union Station. The layout models many locations



actually found in Northeast Ohio and took 8 years to build. This is one of those layouts where the more you look, the more you see.

Evidence of Tom's commitment to family is everywhere. In large part, the layout was built to expose and attract children to the hobby. The operation is a family affair run by Tom, his wife Vicki, and children, Ashley and Tom, Jr., all of whom contributed to the construction and operation of the layout. The Corner Field name is derived from the large ballfield built in the family's front yard that Ashley wished for when recovering from a serious illness at age 10.

John Penca Layout: John Penca has been an active layout builder for almost 30 years, having built 5 layouts in that time. His previous layouts were all HO scale, but his current iteration is an O scale beauty. Modeling the Northeast Ohio region, John enjoys recreating the sights he saw during his railroading career with a strong sense of realism on his layout. One tip he offered is that painting trees on the backdrop helps to bring your layout to life. The layout is an "around the walls" design that

wastes no space in his basement. With over 150' of mainline track (he prefers Atlas,) John enjoys running engines and equipment from Lionel, MTH, Atlas and Weaver.



Included on the layout are buildings from Woodland

Scenics, MTH, Ameritown, and Menard's. If you look closely, you'll find over 200 people living on John's pike. John's layout was featured in 2 OGR magazines in 2017 and just keeps getting better.



Lunch: Lunch will be a buffet served at *Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen*. Traditional Amish foods such as all-you-can-eat home-style meats, dressing, mashed potatoes, noodles, veggies, salad bar, and more are included.

Tour #2: Cleveland History Center, Goodtime III Cruise, and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens

*Tuesday, July 8 • Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Adults: \$122, Children: \$89*

Cleveland History Center: The Cleveland History Center houses nice displays of the history and development of Cleveland. Of special note are the Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel and Crawford Auto Aviation Museum.

The Grand Carousel, built in 1910 by the Philadelphia Toboggan Co., replaced a smaller carousel at Cleveland's lakefront Euclid Beach Park. The Grand Carousel has four rows of horses with 3 "jumper" rows and a fourth row featuring stationary nearly life-sized horses and chariots. Sold in 1969 when the park closed, the carousel was reacquired by Cleveland



benefactors in 1998. The carousel underwent extensive renovations and reopened to the public in 2014. Not just an exhibit, you will be able to step back in time and actually ride many of the horses created in 1910. You'll also enjoy the many hand-painted scenes depicting Cleveland icons and Euclid Beach Park.

The Crawford Auto Aviation Museum boasts nearly 200 amazing vehicles including autos and aircraft.

The collection began when Frederick Crawford, President of Thompson Products,



learned that several historic cars displayed at the 1936-37 Great Lakes Expo in Cleveland, were to be



disposed of. Acting quickly, he acquired the rarer autos from the Expo, thereby beginning a lifetime of acquisition. Crawford

instructed his travelling salesmen to be on the lookout for older cars resulting in many great "barn finds". The collection traces the early development of the automobile and includes pristine versions of a 1905 Stanley Steamer, 1912 Pierce Arrow, 1929 Minerva AM custom Limo to name but a few of the many gleaming vehicles on display.

Goodtime III Cruise: Come aboard, matey! The Goodtime III offers a unique two-hour narrated cruise in Lake Erie and along the Cuyahoga River, providing great



views of downtown Cleveland, the Cleveland skyline, the Flats, and surrounding areas. You'll

learn of the history of Cleveland and how the Cuyahoga River, once one of the most polluted in the US, has recovered to be an environmental asset. With four decks to choose from, you'll have plenty of room to move about and can either enjoy the sun or relax on the temperature-controlled main deck.

Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens: Stan Hywet is the gilded age home and estate of F.A. Seiberling, co-founder of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The Manor house was designed to accommodate their growing family and be an entertainment center for the Akron area. Construction of the Manor began in 1912 and the family moved in during 1915. Stan Hywet (old English for "stone quarry") was the Seiberlings' home for 40 years before it became a museum in 1957. Originally a vast estate of 3,000 acres, 70 acres around the Manor Home have been retained.



The estate is a national historic landmark containing 5 historic buildings including the Manor, which is the sixth largest historic home open to the public in the US. The Manor is one of the finest examples of the Tudor Revival style in America and employed



the finest materials available at the time. Housing three stories (four stories in the tower,) the Manor is 300' long and has 64,500 sq feet under roof. The interior décor evokes the feel of an English manor with a two-story Great Room and music room that can seat hundreds.

Outside the Manor, the Seiberlings employed renowned landscape architects to create a formal English garden, the "Great Garden" (that holds a

rose garden, grape arbor and 15 planting beds for vegetables and flowers to decorate the manor,) and a birch tree allée that leads past the Great Garden to the Tea House. At the Tea House, visitors can overlook a lagoon and view the Cuyahoga Valley in the distance.

Lunch: Lunch will be on board the Goodtime III prior to cruise departure. The buffet will include either chicken piccata or braised beef brisket (chef's choice,) carrots, smashed or whipped potatoes, focaccia bread, fruit cup, and cookies or brownies.

Tour #3: RubberDucks Baseball Game

*Tuesday, July 8 • Time: 6:00 p.m. till game end
Adults: \$26, Children: \$26*

There is nothing like watching America's pastime in the middle of summer. Join us as at Akron's Canal Park as the RubberDucks (the AA affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians) take on the Richmond Flying Squirrels. Game time is 6:35 pm and transportation is included. Dinner is on your own at the ballpark.

Tour #4: Fannie May, McKinley Presidential Library and Museum, Ohio and Erie Canal, Cuyahoga Valley Railroad Train Ride

*Wednesday, July 9 • Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Adults: \$89, Children: \$81*

Fannie May: Who can turn down the sweet treats offered at Fannie May? From the success of butter creams in the 1920's to the introduction of Pixies in 1946 to Mint Meltaways in 1963, Fannie Mae has been a leader in selling fine chocolates for over 100 years. You will hear the history of Fannie May, learn about the chocolate-making process, and see where the magic happens in their behind the scenes factory tour. After that, you will have a chance to buy some of these great chocolates in Fannie May's iconic store with red and white striped awnings.

McKinley Presidential Library and Museum:

The history of Stark County, OH and the story of our 25th President share space in this Museum. One of seven Presidents from Ohio, McKinley was assassinated in 1901 while in office. Despite this, he is now viewed as a decisive leader who set the US on a course to becoming a world power. Since McKinley's home was razed before the preservation movement could save it, the Library focuses on collecting and preserving artifacts associated with the President. In the McKinley Gallery, furniture

and various belongings of McKinley are displayed, and an animatronic President and First Lady speak



to audiences on topics of the day.

Elsewhere in the museum, a “Streets of Yesteryear” gallery allows you to saunter past store windows typical of a small early 1900s Ohio town including stores, offices, a hotel, and a gas

station. On display are various artifacts appropriate for each type of business. Of particular note is a nice HO layout depicting the 1940s era of railroading in Northeast Ohio. The local club has a large collection of HO engines on display.

Outside the Museum is the impressive McKinley Memorial. Built by a grieving nation, the marble and granite edifice sits atop a high hill within yards of the Museum. The President’s body was moved to the Memorial in 1907 and the Memorial remains open to visitors as a solemn reminder that freedom can



come with a high cost. During our lunch, a museum staff member will share interesting details of the life and times of President McKinley.

Erie Canal and Cuyahoga Valley Railroad: The Cuyahoga Valley National Park (“CVNP”) became one of our newest National Parks in 2000. The park encompasses parts of the Cuyahoga River and the Ohio and Erie Canal that was constructed near the river during the 1820s. Initially connecting Akron to Cleveland and Lake Erie, the canal was ultimately extended through Columbus all the way to the Ohio River near Portsmouth, OH. The canal carried freight from 1827 to 1861 when the construction of railroads reduced demand. Once largely ignored and abandoned, parts of the canal have become a

National Heritage Area, providing green spaces for recreation and enjoyment.

To overcome differences in height and terrain, locks had to be constructed at strategic points along the canal. CVNP has a couple of locks within the park and the Canal Exploration Center offers information and a demonstration on how these locks work.

The Valley Railroad was built in the 1870s and began service in 1880 through land now comprising the CVNP.

The railroad later came under the control of the B&O Railroad and was



purchased outright in 1915. After CSX abandoned 26 miles of rail running through the park in 1985, the National Park Service bought the rail rights in 1987. Shortly thereafter, the scenic railroad (now known Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad) resumed train rides through the park. As we travel along the rushing Cuyahoga River during our 1½ hour train ride, you may spot eagles, deer, beavers, and heron as we pass through the lakes, forests, marshes, and quarries of the park.

Lunch: Box lunches will be served at the McKinley Presidential Library during a presentation by staff members. Choose from a turkey or roast beef sandwich or veggie sub and indicate your preference on your registration.

Tour #5: Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum, Ernest Warthur Museum and Gardens, MAPS Air Museum

*Thursday, July 10 • Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Adults: \$105, Children: \$91*

Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum: So why would anyone build a brand new steam roundhouse in 2010? To store your steamers in, of course!

That’s what Jerry Jacobson did when he retired from



railroading in 2008. After amassing a collection of 23 steam locos and an assortment of diesels, freight, and passenger cars, and miscellaneous equipment, Jerry bought and developed a 34-acre property to store his treasures. The site contains the amazing 18-stall roundhouse, a 115' roundtable, depot, coal loader, wooden water tank, and two miles of storage tracks. His foundation now operates the museum for the purpose of restoring and preserving historically relevant railroad equipment and to educate people about the important role railroads played in the growth of the US. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the roundhouse and its locos, and even see the shops where museum staff maintains the collection.



Ernest Warthur Museum and Gardens: The Ernest “Mooney” Warther Museum and Gardens pays tribute to the master carver who integrated his



love of steam trains into his hobby. His life's work of 54

intricate models tracks the history of steam engines from Sir Isaac Newton's sketches to modern behemoths that belched fire and cinders well into the 20th century. Using knives he designed, Warther transformed wood and ivory into artistic



marvels that earned him accolades from even the Smithsonian. Paying tribute to one of the men Mooney admired most in life, one of Mooney's most impressive models is a 7-foot long depiction of Lincoln's funeral train assembled from thousands of pieces without glue. It is so detailed that Lincoln can be seen lying in his coffin through a railcar window.

MAPS Air Museum: MAPS traces the history of aviation from early flight to modern aircraft. With

an emphasis on military aircraft, you will see examples of many of the aircraft that kept America a dominant power throughout the 20th century. Everything from a WWII's P-51 *Mustang*, to a nimble Blue Angels *Skyhawk*, to the colossal C-130 *Hercules* can be seen up close and personal. In fact, you can actually go into some of the aircraft. Other memorable items include the gondola from a Goodyear blimp and fully stocked military Field Hospital!

MAPS is more than just propellers and wings, however. Numerous exhibits share the stories of ordinary men and women who achieved extraordinary accomplishments. One area contains exhibits from the Ohio Military Museum and



displays artifacts of local heroes going back as far as the War of 1812. Another exhibit honors Ohioans who were awarded the Medal of Honor and describes the deeds that earned them the highest military honor awarded in the US.

Lunch: Box lunches will be served at the Warther Museum. Choose from a cranberry pecan salad, chicken salad croissant, or ham/turkey sub, and indicate your preference on your registration.

Tour #6: Layout Tours

Friday, July 11 • Time: 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Adults: \$65, Children: \$65

Today is layout day – one of the highlights of every convention! Here is what's in store for you:

Charlie Easton layout: Charlie is the President of the local TCA Division and has been into model trains since he received a Marx train when just 7 years old. His U-shaped layout sits in a 14' x 22' room and features soaring mountains, tall buildings and long bridges, many of which were scratch-built. Perhaps the most impressive bridge was the custom-built double deck lift bridge that allows access to the room without ducking!



Alan Lakis layout: The art of model railroading is evident on Al's layout. Besides a plethora of great trains and realistic scenery, you'll be struck by the amazing mural that runs seamlessly from layout to ceiling, creating an artistic masterpiece. There is no doubt why Classic Toy Trains chose to feature this pike in a recent issue.



Ian Vago layout: Featured in TM Video #12, Ian's basement is a robust marriage between collection and layout. His walls are lined with shelves filled



with pristine post-war and tin-plate collectibles in both O and G gauge. Ian is not afraid to run many of his rare treasures and the vibrant colors of his buildings make a great backdrop for his speeding trains. This is a collection not to be missed.

Olmstead Falls Depot layouts: What could be better than a layout in a real train depot? How about four layouts? This club models N, HO, O and



G scales and does all of them well. While HO is the largest layout, the O layout shows some real modeling

skill. Most every nook and cranny of the depot is filled with trains except for the station master's office near its center.

Lunch: We'll enjoy a buffet at the 3 Spot Restaurant featuring a Party Menu of pasta, meatballs, salad, sliders and similar offerings.

LOTS Annual Business Meeting and Future Convention Site Preview

*Thursday, July 10 • Time: 8:00 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn, Ballroom BC*

Your officers will report on the club's activities during the past year and receive your input on various topics. A presentation about the LOTS 47th Annual Convention will be given as well. Door prizes will be awarded. Free to ALL LOTS Members and guests.

LOTS 4th Annual Toy Train Auction

*Friday, July 11 • Time: 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn, Ballroom BC*

The LOTS 4th annual "no reserve, no buyer's premium" live toy train auction will continue our liquidation of a collection of all types of trains and train stuff from Cris Matuszak, DM-1399, a long time LOTS member who passed away in 2020. To bid on any item in the auction, you must attend the auction in person. Cash, checks and credit cards (with 4% fee) will be accepted as payment.

Rubber City Model Train Show

*Saturday, July 12 • Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Emidio and Sons Expo Center
48 E. Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*

Registered LOTS members and their guests can attend the show free of charge beginning at 9:00 a.m. Emidio and Sons Expo Center is about 15 minutes north of the hotel by car. For those in need of transportation, a rideshare sign-up sheet will be posted in the registration room at the Hilton Garden Inn. Remember: Registered LOTS Members get exclusive access to the show before the public and non-registrants are admitted at 10:00 a.m.!

LOTS Annual Banquet

*Saturday, July 12 • Time: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Goodyear Theater Community Room
1201 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio*

Our annual banquet will be held one block from the hotel in a former board room of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. A cash bar will be available beginning at 6:30 pm with dinner served at 7:30 pm. Dinner will be a buffet style meal featuring chicken marsala and lemon pepper cod accompanied by a salad, starch, vegetable and dessert. Children's meals will be kid-friendly chicken tenders and Tater Tots™. As with all past LOTS banquets, door prizes, table favors, and unparalleled camaraderie are also included.

LOTS 2025 Annual Convention Registration Form

New for 2025 - Each "Member" Registration received BEFORE April 15, 2025, will receive \$25 of LOTS Loot in their registration packet.

Member Name: _____ Phone # _____ LOTS # _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Arrival Date and Time: _____ Departure Date and Time: _____
 Via: Car Air Train Accommodations: Hilton Camping Local Willing to Volunteer? Yes or No
 Names of those attending the Convention: _____

Member Registration Fee: One fee covers the member, spouse or companion, all family members under 18 and includes one set of registration commemoratives. Must register by June 1, 2025		\$70	
Non-Member Registration Fee: One fee covers the non-member, spouse or companion, all family members under 18 and includes one set of registration commemoratives. Must register by June 1, 2025		\$100	
Guest/Extended Family or Friends (over 18 years of age) Registration Fee - No comemmoratives:		\$10	
Monday, July 7 - Tour #1: NFL Hall of Fame, Mary Yoder's, Corner Field RR Mus. and Penca Layout	Adult	\$110	
	Child	\$91	
Tuesday, July 8 - Tour #2: Cleveland History Center, Goodtime Cruise, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens	Adult	\$122	
	Child	\$89	
Tuesday, July 8 - Tour #3: Akron RubberDucks (AA) Ballgame	All	\$26	
Wednesday, July 9 - Tour #4: Fannie May, McKinley Presidential Mus., Cuyahoga Valley Railroad	Adult	\$89	
→ Tour #4 Lunch: ___ Turkey ___ Beef ___ Veggie	Child	\$81	
Thursday, July 10 - Tour #5: Age of Steam, Ernest Warthur Museum and MAPS Air Museum	Adult	\$105	
→ Tour #5 Lunch Selection: ___ Cranberry Pecan Salad ___ Chicken Salad Sandwich ___ Ham & Turkey Sub	Child	\$91	
Friday, July 11 - Tour #6: Home Layout Tour	Adult	\$65	
	Child	\$65	
Saturday, July 12: LOTS Annual Banquet (Buffet Style Meal)	Adult	\$67	
	Child	\$35	
Embroidered Golf Shirt - short sleeve, forest green color with LOTS 2025 Convention Logo			
Without Pocket: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL		\$35	
With Pocket: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL		\$40	
Shipping for Shirts if you <u>ARE NOT</u> attending the Convention. 1 shirt \$12, Additional shirts \$5 more ea.			
Hard Plastic LOTS Membership Badge: _____ Magnetic or _____ Pin Fastener		\$20	
→ RM - _____ Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____			
Convention Bar/Dangle for Membership Badge: "Akron, OH '25"		\$5	
	Total by Check:		
	A 3% fee is due, if paying with a credit card. Total _____ X .03 =		
	Grand Total Due:		

- Tours are not handicap-accessible. All tours are subject to change based upon demand and facility availability.
- **No personal vehicles are allowed to follow the buses - NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Child: ages 2 - 12 years old. Children under 2 are free. Children under 2 must sit on an adult's lap during travel time and lunch is not available.
- **Do you need to cancel?** All refunds must be requested in writing to LOTS. No refunds will be given for registrations cancelled after June 15, 2025.
- LOTS Loot is good towards the purchase of LOTS cars offered 2024 or earlier.

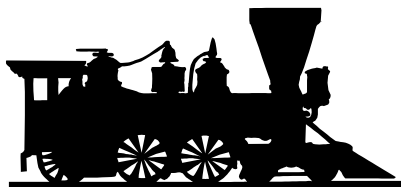
Type of Payment: ___ Check # _____ ___ Money Order ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover
 Credit card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Sec Code: _____
 Signature: _____ Billing Address: _____

By my signature, I authorize LOTS to charge my credit card account for the amount indicated above. If check or money order: Payable to "LOTS" - US Dollars Only!

Mail to: LOTS 2025 Convention, 6376 W Fork Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247 Register online at: www.lots-trains.org



Rubber City Model Train Show



July 12, 2025: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Emidio and Sons Expo Center

48 E. Bath Rd, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223

The LOTS Annual Train Show will be held at Emidio and Sons Expo Center, 48 E. Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223. Attendance to the show is free for all LOTS Members and their guests beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 12, as long as they are wearing their 2025 Convention name badges. Emidio and Sons Expo Center is located approximately 15 minutes from the hotel. There will be a rideshare sign-up sheet in the Hilton Garden Inn registration room for those flying to Akron or an UBERX ride is about \$17 each way. It's important to remember that registered LOTS members get exclusive access to the show until 10:00 a.m.! Parking is free at Emidio and Sons Expo Center.

Vendor tables (8' x 30") are available at \$30 each. **Register Early!! Tables will be assigned in the order they are received, starting closest to the entrance.**

If you want your table next to another Member, please list their name as a special request below. Electrical hook-ups are available for a \$20 fee. No flashing lights, sirens, blowing horns, etc. are allowed. All train items must be clearly marked and priced.

Unloading and set-up will be on Friday, July 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, July 12, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. No trading will be allowed during set-up times. Violators will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to sell at the meet.

Show Times: Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Registered LOTS Members have exclusive access from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.) Several modular train groups will bring their large layouts to fill the 20,000 sq. foot hall with wailing whistles and clouds of smoke. **Train drag racing will begin at 11:00 a.m.**

Send this coupon along with your payment information (checks payable to "LOTS") to the address below.
 (A 3% fee will be assessed when paying with a credit card.)

Name _____ LOTS Member #: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
 Arrival Date & Time: ___ Friday at _____ p.m. or ___ Saturday at _____ a.m. **Cargo Trailer:** ___ Yes ___ No
 Description of sales items and special requests: _____

**Deadline to register:
 June 14, 2025 -- or when
 we are sold out!!**

Table(s) (8' x 30" w/ 1 chair): _____ @ \$ 30 = _____
 Electricity: _____ @ \$ 20 = _____
 Extra Vendor Buttons (2 are included): _____ @ \$ 5 = _____
Total: \$ _____
 If paying by credit card: **Total:** _____ **X .03** \$ _____
Grand Total Due: \$ _____

Type of Payment: ___ Check **payable to "LOTS"** ___ Money Order ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover
 Credit Card Number: _____ Exp Date: _____ CVV: _____
 Billing Address: _____
 By my signature, I authorize LOTS to charge the total amount due. Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send Form to: Rubber City Model Train Show, c/o LOTS, 6376 W Fork Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247

If you have any questions, call Javen - 316-253-5918 or e-mail: lotstrainshow@gmail.com

Lionel Operating Train Society's 46th Annual Convention

Akron, OH

July 6 - 12, 2025

Sunday, July 6

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Member Registration – The Boardroom
8:15 pm - 10:00 pm Board of Director's Meeting – Conservatory

Monday, July 7

8:30 am - 6:00 pm **Tour #1: NFL Hall of Fame, Mary Yoder's, Corner Field Railroad Museum and Penca Layout**
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Member Registration – The Boardroom

Tuesday, July 8

8:00 am - 5:15 pm **Tour #2: Cleveland History Center, Goodtime III Cruise, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens**
4:30 pm - 5:45 pm Member Registration – The Boardroom
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm **Tour #3 Akron RubberDucks (AA) Night at the Ballpark**

Wednesday, July 9

8:30 am - 5:15 pm **Tour #4: Fannie May, McKinley Presidential Museum, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Member Registration – The Boardroom

Thursday, July 10

8:00 am - 4:45 pm **Tour #5: Age of Steam Roundhouse, Ernest Warther Mus. and Gardens, and MAPS Air Museum**
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Member Registration – The Boardroom
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm **2025 Annual Business Meeting and 2026 Convention Preview – Ballroom BC**

Friday, July 11

8:15 am - 5:15 pm **Tour #6: Home Layout Tour**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm **Rubber City Model Train Show Dealer Setup – Emidio and Sons Expo Center**
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm **LOTS 4th Annual Toy Train Auction – Ballroom BC**

Saturday, July 12

7:00 am - 9:00 am **Rubber City Model Train Show Dealer Setup – Emidio and Sons Expo Center**
9:00 am - 3:00 pm **Rubber City Model Train Show – Emidio and Sons Expo Center**
11:00 am **LOTS Annual Train Drag Race – Emidio and Sons Expo Center**
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm **Cocktails and Cash Bar – The Community Center - Goodyear Hall**
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Annual Banquet – The Community Center - Goodyear Hall**
10:00 pm Convention Closes. See you next year!

- Registration will not be open each morning. Please pick up your tickets and registration packet the night before your first tour, or call Paula Smith at 513-598-8240 to make other arrangements.
- All tours depart from the Hilton Garden Inn Akron Front Entrance.
- Boarding will begin as soon as the bus arrives (usually 15 minutes prior to the tour departure time).
- You must have a ticket to board.
- Front row seats are reserved for tour volunteers. No saving seats for others.
- Buses will leave at the scheduled departure time.
- If you are late you will miss out! No refunds will be issued.
- No personal vehicles are allowed to follow the tour buses. No exceptions.

Note: All Times are EDT (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)