

## 2019 Convention and Membership Meeting

June 5-8



Hyatt Place Overland Park  
Convention Center  
5001 West 110<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Overland Park, KS 66211  
(913) 491-9002

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **BNSF's Argentine Yard and Diesel Service Facility Tour**

Argentine Yard is the largest hump yard on the BNSF Railway's system, critically positioned along BNSF's Southern Transcon and Heartland Corridor, and processes between 1,800 and 2,000 cars daily. The Argentine Locomotive Maintenance and Inspection Terminal (LMIT) focuses primarily on General Electric Locomotives. The Argentine Diesel Servicing Facility (DSF) also handles many other unique locomotives destined for BNSF's Overhaul Shops in Topeka, KS, EMD Shops in Lincoln and Alliance, NE, and foreign railroad power for interchange home.

#### **National Academy of Railroad Sciences Tour**

Thanks to our partnership with BNSF, we've secured a rare opportunity to tour the National Academy of Railroad Sciences, located on the campus of Johnson County Community College. This is a robust training facility for all facets of railroading and is one of the main BNSF training facilities.

#### **Railfanning Opportunities**

Kansas City is the nation's second-busiest railroad hub and a major connection point for eastern and western carriers. Daily opportunities will be provided to railfan several BNSF lines including the ex-BN Fort Scott sub, the ex-BN St. Joseph sub, the ex-BN Brookfield sub, the ex-ATSF Transcon, and of course, the famous West Bottoms. To the extent possible, we plan to have some railfan guides available to help guide those who may not be as familiar with the area.

#### **Pre-Convention Operating Sessions**

Prior to the start of the official convention, two local model railroaders have graciously opened their layouts to our attendees to operate. Tuesday evening, there will be an opportunity to operate on [Joe Kasper's](http://kcprairierail.org/layouts/Kasper/kasper.html) N-scale BN Marais Division layout (<http://kcprairierail.org/layouts/Kasper/kasper.html>) and Wednesday morning will bring an opportunity to operate on [Bill Hirt's](http://kcprairierail.org/layouts/Hirt/hirt.html) HO-scale CB&Q Hannibal Division layout (<http://kcprairierail.org/layouts/Hirt/hirt.html>).

#### **Member Photo/Video shows**

Bring digital photos and/or video you'd like to share for member shows. We'll provide a Windows computer, projection equipment and a screen. Bring your photos on a CD/DVD or USB drive.

#### **Modeler's Showcase**

On Friday evening, we will host a modeler's showcase. Convention attendees are invited to bring any BN/BNSF/MRL models to display for all to see and appreciate.

#### **Banquet**

The Saturday night banquet is the culmination of our convention. The dinner will be held at the Hereford House Leawood and followed by a presentation from a BNSF representative and our annual auction.

#### **Hotel Rooms**

The convention is being held at the Hyatt Place Overland Park Convention Center in Overland Park: (913) 491-9002. Rooms are \$111 per night. Mention you are with The Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad convention when making your reservation. **Make your reservation by May 18th to get the convention room rate.**

#### **More Information**

Check the FOBNR web site: [www.fobnr.org](http://www.fobnr.org) for up-to-date information, or contact Benjamin Hucker at [bhucker@alumni.iastate.edu](mailto:bhucker@alumni.iastate.edu).