

***“Welcome Home”***  
***2024 C&NWS Convention***  
***Union / Crystal Lake, Illinois***

**May 17-19, 2024**



**Holiday Inn Crystal Lake**  
**800 South Route 31, Crystal Lake, IL 60014**

**For room reservations call 1-800-465-4329**

**Use the code, “NHS - Chicago North Western Historical Society” for the convention rate of \$114.00, single or double per night plus tax.**

The room block will be released April 26, 2024.

**CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Dedication and Tours of Our New Archives Facility.**
- **A Day at the Illinois Railway Museum.**
- **Presentations on Local C&NW History.**
- **Banquet Speaker – Michael Iden – CNW, AVP Motive Power and UP, Senior Director Locomotive Engineering.**
- **Society Model Railroad Show and Photo Contests.**  
**Please bring models and photos to display.**
- **Modelers’ Roundtable Discussion on Friday Evening.**
- **Company Store and Silent Auction.**
- **Non-Rail Local Outings.**
- **Sunday Swap Meet with the Elmhurst Model Railroad Club.**

**Questions? Looking to Volunteer?**  
**Contact:**

**Registration questions: Registrar John Berg [jberg@hbc.com](mailto:jberg@hbc.com) or 507-429-2922**

**Meet questions and volunteer offers:**

**2024 Meet Chair Tim Coyle: [president@cnwhs.org](mailto:president@cnwhs.org) or 402-677-8264**

## DAILY MEET ACTIVITIES

(Schedule - subject to change)

### Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - at Holiday Inn Crystal Lake

7:00-8:30 AM – Breakfast Buffet in Conference Hall

7:00-9:30 AM – Registration opens. Model Show & Photo Contest drop-off.

Sign up at registration for Saturday tour time for Archives Facility.

7:30 to 9:00 PM – Company Store, Model Show/Photo Contest and Silent Auction Room Open

8:30-9:30 AM – Presentation #1 – Cindy Wilson – “We Suffered Much, Charles Wood Irish and the Dakota Territory Railroad Survey of 1879-1881”

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Non-Rail Local Tour and Luncheon

(Car-pooling has been arranged for this activity.)

10:00-11:00 AM – Presentation #2 – Nick Kallas – “Welcome to IRM”

11:30-1:00 PM – Lunch in Conference Hall

1:30-2:30 PM – Presentation #3 Bill Shapotkin – “C&NW Freeport Line”

3:00-4:30 PM – Annual Business Meeting

5:30 PM – Model Show/Photo Contest Voting Ends – Final Bids on Silent Auction

5:30-6:00 PM – Happy Half-hour in Conference Hall (Cash Bar)

6:00-8:00 PM – Annual Banquet. Guest Speaker – Michael Iden – CNW, Assistant Vice President Motive Power and UP, Senior Director Locomotive Engineering

*“High Noon on the North Western: 1978-1995”*

- a retrospective look at the final 17 years of the CNW.

Also announcements, raffle drawings, door prizes, model show/photo contest results

8:00-9:30 PM – Modelers’ Corner Roundtable

9:30 PM – Model Show/Photo Contest and Silent Auction Pick-up

9:30 PM – Open showing of members’ slides

### Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – at Illinois Railway Museum

Breakfast on your own – Restaurant available at Hotel

9:00 AM-6:00 PM – A Day at the Illinois Railway Museum

(Transportation to museum is on your own or with a friend — no buses provided.

Trip is 17 miles to 7000 Olson Road, Union, Illinois 60180)

10:00-11:00 AM – Dedication of New Archives Facility

11:00 AM-6:00 PM – Scheduled Tours of the Archives Facility

11:00 AM-4:00 PM – Non-Rail Local Tour & Luncheon

(Car-pooling has been arranged for this activity.)

4:00-6:00 PM – Picnic Dinner at IRM

### Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – at Holiday Inn Crystal Lake

Breakfast on your own– Restaurant available at Hotel

7:00AM-1:00 PM – Swap Meet. The event is being organized by the Elmhurst Model Railroad Club.

Contact Bob Pearson at 847-867-1367 or [bobpearson8444@yahoo.com](mailto:bobpearson8444@yahoo.com). Table Rental is \$25. Set up starts at 7 AM. Members are allowed in at 8:30 and general public at 9:00. The event closes at 1:00 PM.

(Free admission for conference attendees.)

Place Your Hotel Reservation Today!



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**Rooms**

Single King Bed or Double Queen Beds

**\$114 a night**

+ Tax

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**Direct: 815-477-7000**

**Code: NHS – Chicago & North Western Historical Society**

**Rooms Available Thursday through Sunday May 16-19, 2024**

Rooms are blocked through April 26, 2024

**See you at the**

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