



Erie Lackawanna  
Historical Society

## Erie Lackawanna Historical Society 2010 Annual Convention

**Marion, Ohio**  
**September 24 & 25**

This year, the Marion Union Station Association will host the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society Annual Meeting in Marion, Ohio. All convention activities, clinics and presentations will be at the Marion Union Station, 532 W. Center St. (S.R. 309) 43302 (Phone: 740-383-3768) just west of downtown Marion.

Marion was at the center of the Marion Division, and today continues to be a very active with Norfolk Southern's Sandusky-Portsmouth mainline and CSX's ex-C&O mainline crossing CSX's ex-Conrail (joint EL and PC) Indianapolis Line. AC Tower, which once controlled movements through the busy interlocking, has been maintained as it was received in 1995 from Conrail, complete with the restored working model board and interlocking machine. Inside the restored station houses a small Museum full of Erie and EL artifacts, as well as several interlocking machines and working signals from throughout Ohio. Marion is rated one of the top railfan locations in Ohio due to the high level of rail traffic.

This year's Saturday-night banquet will be held at the Harding Hotel, 267 W. Center Street in Marion (just a short walk/drive from the Station). Following dinner and desert, Preston Cook will be our feature presenter, who will provide a PowerPoint program on the Marion Diesel Shop where as a representative for EMD, he spent considerable time with EL shop forces on having new locomotives placed into service during the 1970's.

Members' slide night will be Friday night starting at 8pm at the Station – We will have a slide projector with a stack loader - Please bring your slides to show with other Erie, Lackawanna, and EL enthusiasts as well as your modeling work. The Marion Model Railroad Club layout will also be open on Saturday. ELHS will have their sales table on site from Friday 4pm through Saturday night.

Questions: Contact Rich Behrendt at [rbehrendt@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rbehrendt@columbus.rr.com) or by phone at 614-325-5089 (7am-3pm) or 614-219-2120 (7pm-9pm).

-----Detach and return the below Registration form-----

| Registration and Event Fees  | Member's Price | Non Member's Price | Quantity | Total                  |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|
| <b>Convention Registration Fee</b>   | \$25.00        | \$30.00            |          |                        |
| <b>Saturday Banquet at The Harding Hotel</b>                                   | \$25.00        | \$30.00            |          |                        |
| <b>Convention t-shirt</b>  |                |                    |          |                        |
| Size: M    L    XL    XXL  | \$15.00        |                    |          |                        |
| <b>Total enclosed</b><br>(Please Make Checks or Money Order Payable to: ELHS ) |                |                    |          | <b>Amount enclosed</b> |

**Note:** Registration fee includes information packages that will be handed out at the meeting. Packages will contain updated schedules, list of presentations, local attractions, and Marion Railfan Guide.

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| Name:         | Member No.: |
| Address:      |             |
| City:         | State       |
| Guest's Name: | Zip Code:   |

Send completed registration form w/check made out to 'ELHS' to:

**ELHS c/o Rich Behrendt**  
**5907 Heritage Farms Drive**  
**Hilliard, OH. 43026-7945**

To confirm by email, please provide your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Schedule of Events

(see Extra Board and <http://www.erielackhs.org> for details on presenters as they are confirmed)

### Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>

**12 p.m. - 8 p.m.** – Marion Union Station opens – check out the working signal displays, model boards and other displays inside - Tours of both the Station and AC Tower will be available.

**4 p.m.** – ELHS Registration Table opens at the Station. Attendees can pick up convention packets & name tags.

**Approx. 830p.m.** – Rich Behrendt: Introductions, Welcome and Announcements

**Approx. 900 p.m.** – ELHS Member Dave Oroszi starts off our Members open slide night with a special program dedicated to Marion.

Other short programs by Mike Schaffer, Pete Scheckerman, Dick Jacobs. Other short programs are invited

Other members are invited to bring their Erie, DL&W and EL related slides - a stack loader will be available.

### Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 a.m.** – Station opens

**10 a.m. – 2pm** AC Tower open

**10am** – Preston Cook: Marion shops in b&w

**1130am – 1 p.m.** Lunch on your own – The Shovel Restaurant out in front of the Station has a great, affordable breakfast, lunch & dinner menu on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**1:15 p.m.** – Dave Oroszi: The Dayton Branch

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.-** Programs conclude

**5:30 p.m.** - Harding Hotel opens for ELHS members – Cash bar available

**6:30 p.m.** Buffet banquet dinner

**7:30 p.m.** – Preston Cook's PowerPoint presentation on the Marion Diesel Shop

**After Banquet** – Members reconvene at Marion for nighttime slide presentations & train watching in the Station

**10:00PM** –? Nighttime tower operations display at AC Tower

### Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** -Railfanning and Departure

**Hotel Accommodations :** A good selection of hotels and restaurants are located on S.R. 95 off the U.S. 23 interchange just east of downtown Marion (about 4 miles from Marion Station). Those highlighted have offered special rates for the weekend - Please ID yourself as an ELHS member to qualify when making reservations to qualify:

**Other available hotels:**

### Listings for hotels near Marion, Ohio



1. Super 8 - (740) 389-1998  
2117 Marion Mount Gilead Rd - Marion
2. Holiday Inn Express Hotel & S... - (888) 897-0084 \$89/night + tax  
1842 Marion Mount Gilead Rd - Marion
3. Stay Inn Motel - (740) 382-2197  
725 N Main St - Marion
4. Fairfield Inn - (740) 389-6636 \$72/night + tax  
227 James Way - Marion
5. Country Inn & Suites - (740) 386-5451 \$75/night + tax  
2091 Marion Mount Gilead Rd - Marion

Not shown on map above:

- Comfort Inn: 740-389-5552
- Travelodge Marion: 740-389-4671
- America's Best Value Inn: 740-389-4671