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**Annual Meeting
Rochelle, IL
October 5-8, 2017**

Information and Registration



Hickory Grove Convention Center / Comfort Inn & Suites

1127 - 1133 North 7th Street, Rochelle, IL 61068

Phone 815-562-5668 / 815-562-5551

Room Rates:

Single King Bed	\$94.99
2 Double Bed	\$99.99
Single King Suite	\$119.99
Single King Hot Tub	\$124.99
Two King Bed Hot Tub	\$139.99
Roll-away Bed – per night	\$15.00

Block group: **“Burlington Route Historical Society”**



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Welcome to the BRHS Fall Meet in Rochelle, IL

Rochelle is known as "The Hub City" where it's sports teams are called the "Hubs". This term relates to the intersection of several highways and the Chicago Burlington & Quincy, Chicago Northwestern and Milwaukee Road railroads. The Milwaukee Road had trackage rights on the Burlington from Rockford to Steward Jct., and even had a lone switch job at Rochelle for local business.

The Burlington's Chicago & Iowa (C&I) passed thru Rochelle on its way to Oregon, IL where it joined the Chicago Burlington & Northern (CB&N) that then carried the Burlington to the Twin Cities. A rarity on the hill and dale C&I, Rochelle was the only double track segment on the Burlington between Aurora and Savanna because of its flat and wide prairie setting and was one of the earliest CTC installations, between Flag Center and Steward Jct.

Rochelle was a coaling point in the steam era. In the late 1950's and especially in the 1960s, the Burlington business literally exploded as the city fathers encouraged industrial growth because of the access to highways and railroads.

In the 1960's the Burlington's business at Rochelle grew exponentially when Del Monte added plants and a distribution center, Carnation built a massive distribution center and the Rochelle City Utilities expanded to provide electricity to these new major customers. The town hosted two depots, one each for the CNW and the Burlington. What had been a somewhat sleepy town served by the Rockford wayfreight became a home base for up to three Burlington switch crews as well as a Milwaukee patrol to Rockford and return.

Rochelle was also home to the Whitcomb Locomotive Works for 40 years, beginning in 1907, producing 8 ton to 50 ton industrial and switching locomotives at a location on 5th Avenue which now houses the Behr Iron & Metal Recycling.

Today, Rochelle is home to Union Pacific's (ex-CNW) Global III Intermodal Terminal and the Rochelle Railroad Park, the first of its kind in the nation, for railfans to safely view and photograph operating trains.

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Meet Overview

We meet on Thursday for a cook-out at the famous Rochelle Diamonds. Chef Tom (aka the BRHS President) will be preparing brats and burgers. Early Registration will also be taking place. Thursday evening concludes with two layout tours, Mike McBride's **CNW-Iron Cross** in Dixon and Mike Schafer's **Illinois & St. Louis** in Lee, IL. The **CNW-Iron Cross** will be an operating session limited to the **first 18 registrants**, and an open tour at **Illinois & St. Louis**.

Friday day will consist of a bus tour to Freeport, IL to visit the Silver Creek and Stephenson Railroad, where you will enjoy a ride behind a Heisler Steam engine and Hannibal & St. Joe waycar with an accompanying on-site lunch, followed by a visit to the Stephenson Society of Model Trainmen to view the Fever River Model Railroad. The last stop of the day will be at the recently restored Oregon Depot and more train watching on the C&I. Friday evening concludes with a layout tour at Mike McBride's **CNW-Iron Cross** in Dixon.

Saturday will begin with swap meet set-up, followed by the Annual Business Meeting. (*Swap room will be closed during the Business Meeting*). Following the Business Meeting, members will enjoy the swap meet and Model / Photo Contest, and completing the afternoon with four Clinics of varying topics. Saturday evening will conclude with the Annual Banquet and a never before seen evening presentation.

Sunday will conclude the Meet with a breakfast buffet and an enlightening presentation on the Q's railroad personalities at Rochelle.

LADIES MEET ACTIVITIES AT 2017 BRHS ANNUAL MEET

The ladies will have their choice to accompany the tour group or enjoy one or two activities just for them. Their first activity will be on Friday at the Convention Center, where they will enjoy a personalized board painting and luncheon. Saturday, Sharon Hendricks has prepared a day trip to Rockford aboard a coach bus to enjoy dining and local attractions. Wine, food and chocolate will be enjoyed!

Schedule of EventsThursday – October 5th

- 11:00a – 04:00p Registration Open at Rochelle Railroad Park - 124 North 9th Street
- 12:00a – 04:00p Cookout at Railroad Park
- 04:00p – 10:00p Hospitality Room in Vineyard Room – Comfort Inn & Suites
- 05:30p – 10:00p Operating Session – Mike McBride - Dixon, IL
- 06:00p – 09:00p Layout Tour – Mike Schafer – Lee, IL

Friday – October 6th

- 07:00a – 08:00a Registration Open
- 08:00a – 10:00p Hospitality Room in Vineyard Room – Comfort Inn & Suites
- 08:30a – Sharp Buses leave for Freeport, IL
- 09:30a – 01:00p At Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad – Freeport, IL
- 10:00a – 02:00p Ladies Activity – Board Painting
- 01:15p – 02:15p Stephenson Society of Model Trainmen
- 03:00p – 04:00p At Oregon Depot Museum
- 04:30p Arrive – Rochelle
- 06:00p – 09:00p Layout Tour – Mike McBride – Dixon, IL

Saturday

- 06:00a – 08:00a Swap meet set up
- 08:00a – 06:00p Hospitality Room in Vineyard Room – Comfort Inn & Suites
- 07:00a – 12:00p Registration Open
- 08:00a – 09:00a **Annual Business Meeting (all members encouraged to attend)**
- 09:00a – 04:00p Ladies Outing – Rockford (meet in main lobby)
- 09:00a – 12:30p Swap Meet
- 09:00a – 02:00p Model/Photo contest
- 01:00p – 01:45p “Big Rock, IL - A TYPICAL MID-WESTERN FARMING COMMUNITY SERVED By The Q” - by Jon Habegger
- 02:00p – 02:45p “How The BURLINGTON ADAPTED To INDUSTRIAL GROWTH And DEVELOPMENT” - by Bob Herrick
- 03:00p – 03:45p “The CB&Q COAL HOPPER FLEET FROM 1925-1960” - by Jerry Hamsmith
- 02:30p Remove models from contest room
- 04:00p – 04:45p “FANS And SCOUTS 1960” - by Jim Singer
- 06:00p – 07:00p Social Hour
- 07:00p Banquet/Raffle/Awards/Keynote Presentation – “RAILROADING In OGLE And DEKALB COUNTIES” - by Rich Gortowski and Jim Singer

Sunday

- 08:00a Breakfast Buffet
- 08:30a “ROCHELLE’S Q CHARACTERS” - by Leo Phillipp
- 09:30a Drive Safe and Thanks for coming! See you next year in Quincy, IL

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Registration Information

Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Street: _____

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

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(used for registration confirmation only!)

I am willing to volunteer time to help at the meet: Yes _____ / No _____

Mail Registration To _____ or _____ Register Online

**BRHS 2016 Fall Meet
PO Box 93
Zumbrota, MN 55992**

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	#	Price Each	Total
Full Fare (includes ALL Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday events)	___	\$160.00	\$ _____
Ladies Full Fare Options			
Option A: Thursday Cookout, Friday Tour w/Lunch, Saturday Ladies w/ Banquet & Program, Sunday Breakfast/Program	___	\$160.00	\$ _____
Option B: Thursday Cookout, Friday Ladies Tour w/lunch, Saturday w/ Banquet & Program, Sunday Breakfast/Program	___	\$160.00	\$ _____
Option C: Friday/Saturday Ladies Tour w/Lunch, Saturday w/ Banquet & Program, Sunday Breakfast/Program	___	\$160.00	\$ _____
Thursday Cookout Only	___	N/C	\$0.00
Layout Tours			
Thursday OPERATIONS at IRON CROSS limited to first 18 Registrants	___	N/C	\$0.00
Thursday Only - Open Tour at I&St L	___	N/C	\$0.00
Friday – Open Tour at IRON CROSS	___	N/C	\$0.00
Friday Bus Tour (Freeport)	___	\$65.00	\$ _____
Saturday ONLY Full Fare (all Saturday events)	___	\$65.00	\$ _____
Saturday HALF DAY Fare (swap meet & clinics)	___	\$35.00	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet & Program ONLY	___	\$45.00	\$ _____
Sunday Breakfast ONLY	___	\$30.00	\$ _____
SWAP Tables (8 foot tables)			
Member:	___	\$10.00	\$ _____
Non-Member:	___	\$20.00	\$ _____
LATE REGISTRATION (Postmark after September 27, 2017)	___	\$20.00	\$ _____
NOTE: No refunds after October 1, 2017			
Total Amount Due			\$ _____