

# BRHS SPRING MEET

May 2, 2026

**Ottawa Knights of Columbus  
401 W. Main St. Ottawa, IL 61350**



Welcome to Ottawa!

Ottawa, it is at M.P. 83 on the branch from Montgomery to Streator, Ill. The crews referred to the line as the "Fox River Branch" because for a large part of the route the line is alongside the river. While the branch was a typical agrarian branch with grain elevators, stock yards, etc., it was also a heavy tonnage line.

The former Q branch mainline is at the edge of the Knights of Columbus parking lot, the Q Illinois river bridge is about one block south, the Q depot is about 2 blocks north, the former Q engine facility is less than 1/2 a mile away and still being utilized by Illinois Railway.



## **Host Hotel**

**Holiday Inn Express**

**2850 Columbus St. – Ottawa, IL 61350**

**Group Rate: \$140.00**

**Direct Phone: (815) 320-2230**

**Group Code: Burlington Route**

**(Room block pricing available Thursday through Sunday night)**

**Room Block Closes April 10<sup>th</sup>**



# Burlington Route Historical Society



## SCHEDULE

(Retain this page for your reference)

### Friday (May 1)

6pm – 10pm – Meet & Greet Hospitality Room  
Holiday Inn Breakfast area

### Saturday (May 2) All activities at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus

6:30am -Registration Open

6:30am-8:30am - Swap Meet Set-up

8:30am – Doors open (Coffee, Orange Juice & Donuts available – donation requested)

8:30am-11:30am - Swap Meet (**Swap Meet Only: Admission \$10.00 at the door**)

11:30am-Noon – Lunch setup

12 noon-12:45pm - Lunch provided. Ham & Swiss, Turkey & Cheddar or Tuna Sub box lunches.

1pm-1:45pm Clinic – “A Typical Day of Train Operations on the Fox River Branch” – Leo Phillipp

2pm-2:45pm Clinic – “Mail and Express on the Fox River Branch Motor Cars” – Jon Habegger

3pm-3:45pm Clinic – “Less Than Carload Freight on the Fox River Branch” – Bob Herrick

4pm-4:45pm Clinic – “Burlington Depots on the Fox River Branch & the I.V.&N. to La Salle” – Bill Hayward

5:30pm-6:30pm - Social Hour (cash bar) and Raffle Sales

6:30pm-7:30pm - Dinner Buffet (Tossed Salad, Roast Beef, Baked Bone-In Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Cheddar Biscuits, Iced Tea, Brownies)

7:30pm-8:30pm - Evening Presentation – “Researching and Reviewing Burlington Models” – Bryan Howell and Dave Lotz

**NOTE: No “official” Ladies Events are planned. Several activities are available in the area.**

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### Pricing

**Full Fare** (includes Swap, Lunch, Clinics, Banquet & Program) - \$70

**Day Fare** (includes Swap, Lunch & Clinics) - \$40

**Evening Fare** (includes Dinner & Program) - \$50

**Swap Meet Only Admission (payable at the door only)** – \$10

**Swap Tables (minimum Day Fare required)** BRHS Members- \$10

Non-Members - \$17

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# BRHS 2026 Spring Meet Registration Information

(Online registration (via PayPal) is NOT available for this event! )

**\*\* Please enter additional Guest Information on Back of this Form \*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number (required for swap tables): \_\_\_\_\_

## Meal Selections:

Lunch (with Day and Full Fare): (included with admission)

Ham/Swiss \_\_\_ Turkey/Cheddar \_\_\_ Tuna Salad \_\_\_ On my own \_\_\_

Soft Drinks and Coffee will be available for purchase

I am willing to volunteer at the meet: Yes \_\_\_ / No \_\_\_

## Registration Fees

Full Fare (Swap, Lunch, Clinics, Banquet & Program) -	___	x \$70.00 = \$	_____
Day Fare (Swap, Lunch & Clinics only) -	___	x \$40.00 = \$	_____
Evening Fare (Dinner & Program only) -	___	x \$50.00 = \$	_____
Swap Tables** BRHS Members* -	___	x \$10.00 = \$	_____
Non-Members -	___	x \$17.00 = \$	_____
		<b>Total: \$</b>	_____

\* - Membership Number Required

\*\* - minimum "Day Fare" required for Swap Tables

**Mail this form and check (made out to BRHS 2026 Spring Meet) to:**

BRHS 2026 Spring Meet

PO Box 93

Zumbrota, MN 55992

NOTE: Checks will be deposited the week following the Meet!

**To ensure meals – Registrations must be RECEIVED by**  
**Friday, April 17, 2026!**

**No refunds after April 17, 2026**

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