

Saturday, April 6, 2024



VFW POST 1197

645 S River Street/Illinois Route 25

Batavia, Illinois

Along the Historic CA&E Batavia Branch Right of Way

Doors Open 9:00AM



## A Day for the Archives

**Affiliated Sponsors BRHS, CNWHS, GNRHS, LAKE STATES, MRHA, SHORE LINE, SLHTS**

### **A Weekend to Benefit Multiple Archive Efforts**

Collectively, all the participating groups archive efforts will benefit from this event, both financially and in collective knowledge.

Great presentations, networking and archive updates from participating organizations.

9:00 10:00 am – Registration

### **Schedule of Presentations**

10 am – James Wade – “Canst Thou Send Lightnings” A history of Telegraphy

11 am – Andy Nelson – “Railroad Audio Artistry”

Noon to 1 pm – Lunch Provided

1:30 pm – Bob Hanmer MRHS, GNRHS, NPRHA – “All Rail Ore”

2:30 pm – Walter Keevil Shore Line – “Movies from the Keevil Archive Collection”

3:30 pm – Potpourri also Society shorts / socializing / networking  
Craig Willett BRHS

“50 Years of Craig Willett Photography”

Jerry Pyfer NWI Chapter NRHS

“Stuff from Little Yellow Boxes”

4:30 pm Jeff Eggert CNWHS

“From the CNWHS Archives, A Selection of Slides from the J. David Ingles Collection”

5:30 pm – Buffet Dinner and Dessert

6:30 pm – Paul Swanson LSRHA “The Moonlighters on VIA’s Canadian”

7:00pm – George Forero LSRHA, BRHS, Soo Line H&TS, MRHA

“St. Louis Union Station : Its Darkest Hours Before Dawn”

7:30 pm – Paul Swanson LSRHA – “Mississippi River Railroading”

From the Collections at Lake States – IC, Q, Milw Rd. and CNW



Short Archive  
Updates during our  
periodic breaks.

On Site Lunch  
Provided  
11:30 am to 1 pm



**Full Fare Includes:** Presentations, Lunches, Buffet Dinner and Friday Rail Event **\$175.00#**  
#of which \$100 is tax deductible

**Admission To Day Presentations Only** Including Lunch - **\$110.00@**  
@of which \$80 is fully tax deductible

**Evening Presentations and Dinner (after 5 pm) - \$75.00**

**Friday Only Rail Fare, Including Lunch - \$75.00**

**Limited Archive/Society Company Stores will be on site during this event.**

*A room block has been arranged for those traveling from out of town at:*

**Comfort Inn & Suites**

1555 E. Fabyan Parkway • Geneva, IL 60134 • 630-208-8811

\$119.00 Double Occupancy, use code ARCHIVES 2024



Scan the QR Code  
and enter  
**HOTEL CODE:**  
**ARCHIVES 2024**  
for reservations.

**VFW Post 1197:** (645 S. River St., Batavia, IL) Is located on the west side of Illinois Route 25 (S. River Street) about 3 miles south of Downtown Batavia. Batavia is approximately 40 miles west of downtown Chicago. Access off of I88- exit Farnsworth from the east or Illinois Route 31 from the west and proceed north to Illinois Rt. 56. Take Illinois Rt. 56 as appropriate to Illinois Route 25, then north to VFW Post 1197.

**Hotel Reservations:** The official hotel for the Day for the Archives is the Geneva Comfort Inn and Suites, 1555 E. Fabyan Parkway, Geneva, IL 60134. The hotel is located on the north side of Fabyan Parkway just east of Kirk Road (Farnsworth at I88). Rooms are blocked for Wednesday - Sunday nights at \$119.00 + tax. Call (630) 208-8811 for reservations.

Hotel Code: ARCHIVES 2024

Room Block Releases on 3/15/2024

Each participating organization has been offered an opportunity to update donors/attendees on archive efforts during our short breaks.

I understand that not 100% of the total amount may be tax deductible as some goods and services may have been received. Amounts will vary by individual and donation received.

We welcome all other non member organizations to support our fund raising efforts.

**Friday all day Metra Rail Trip gathering between 8-8:15 am at Chicago Union Station. Chicago to Manhattan returning to CUS then Chicago to Fox Lake and return including lunch and speakers. Returning about 5:30 pm.**

### Check Affiliation(s)

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Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

--- Reservations due by March 29th 2024 ---

### Registration Fees

Full Fare includes Lunches, Friday Rail Fare, Dinner & Programs postmarked on or before 3/23/2024 (per person) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$175.00

Saturday Presentations including Lunch 9am 5pm (per person) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$110.00

Evening Presentations and Dinner after 5pm (per person) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$75.00

Friday April 5th Only Rail Fare, Presentations including Lunch (per person) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$75.00

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Add'l Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: BRHS Archive Day

Total \_\_\_\_\_

\* Address Envelope BRHS Archive Day  
and Mail to: PO Box 456

LaGrange, IL 60525

No Refunds After 3/23/2024

☐ I will volunteer to assist during the meet  
please contact me.

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