



GM&OHS 2019 MEETING INVITE/REGISTRATION... You're invited: the 2019 GM&O RR H.S. Annual Meeting will be in Kirkwood, MO October 10-12. Every Meeting is unique, but this one has the benefits of being in a big city while keeping a small, railroad-town feel. There will be plenty "to do" before and during the Meeting for both you and your family, if they want to come along. This includes rail activity just up the street. Great GM&O programs are lined up for both evenings.

The **host hotel** is the Best Western Kirkwood Inn, 1200 S. Kirkwood Rd. (in front of the Walmart). They offer the GM&OHS forty rooms at a group rate of \$92, plus tax (about \$16.50). Breakfast is included. Additional rooms at the Hilltop Hotel and at the Holiday Inn SW/Route 66, two blocks south.

The **organized Meeting activities** will begin Friday evening in the hotel's meeting room, where we'll enjoy GM&O **presentations**. Saturday, the GM&OHS will host a **train show** at a Lions Club hall that's an easy ten minute drive. The train show will include a model contest. There is time that afternoon for visiting nearby attractions such as the National Museum Of Transport. Saturday evening begins with "social hour" and then the **Banquet** at the Lions Club hall.



There are lots of reasons why this year's Annual Meeting will be special; one is that attendees will be close to **places of railroad interest**:

National Museum Of Transport – their collection, one of the nation's best, has three GM&O-related equipment pieces. A streetcar runs until 3pm, closes 4p. (7 mins from hotel).

Grant's Trail – walk on former MP rail line now a paved trail. (5 mins from hotel).

Kirkwood Depot – a fan favorite for train watching, including two Amtraks each way to/from KC (incl. 1:10, 4:20). Coffee shops & restaurants adjacent. (4 mins from hotel).

MetroLink – Ride on former rail and streetcar rights of ways. Lots of railroading to be seen from Shrewsbury east. (12 mins from hotel.)

Loop Trolley – vintage streetcars on a 2 mile route start at noon, stopping by restaurants, the history museum. (17 mins from hotel).

STL Union Station – see private cars and the "Great Hall". (25 mins from hotel).

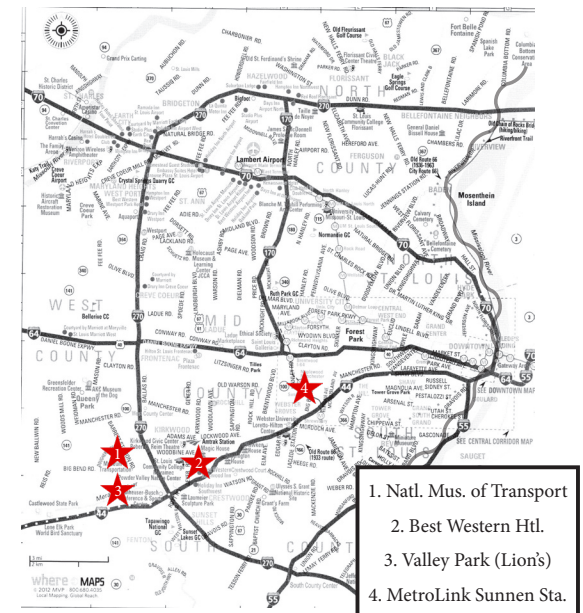
Iron Spike Model RR Museum, Washington MO (west on I-44 to Rte.50, 40 mins frm htl)

Classic Car Drive-In – every Friday early evening in season, local owners park their cars in the lot next to our hotel (by Sonic).

Brio-type toy train factory in Kwd. (Fri.aft.)

There are also a lot of **attractions for your family** easily reached from the hotel:

- Gateway Arch Museum N.P.S. site (35 mins)
- City Museum (downtown, 40 minutes)
- STL Zoo (Forest Park, free; 25 minutes)
- STL Science Center (F.Pk., free; 25 minutes)
- STL Art Museum (F.Pk., free; 25 minutes)
- STL History Museum (F.Pk., free; 25 minutes)
- US Grant rural homestead N.P.S. site (12mins)
- Downtown Kirkwood shop district (4 min)
- Laumeier Sculpture Park (5 mins)
- West County Shopping Center (10 mins)
- Missouri Civil War Museum (23 minutes). A gem of St Louis. It's near I-55 and I-270 (23 minutes). Perhaps visit on your way home.



Instructions to Lions Club Hall: Kirkwood Rd. N (Rt.) to next light, Big Bend; go W (Left) on B.B. to 1st light after College and fire station; go W (Left) on Marshall Road past fields to levee; Lions Club on L. (approx. 10 min.drive)

The **train show** on Saturday (9-1) offers 40 vendor and display tables. Bring your entries for a model contest (all scales) of GM&O related customized commercial and scratch-built items. Bring GM&O-related items you no longer need, which the HS can help you sell (or auction). Some proceeds will go to the GM&OHS. Or, donate items to be part of the evening's raffle. (Raffle tickets are placed in jars corresponding to items sought. We'll draw from those jars during the Banquet).

For the evenings' programs: we have a great line-up...

Friday Night: At 7pm, Nick Fry, Curator of the RR collection at the Mercantile Library starts us with an introduction to the treasures there; Mike Wise shows his great slides of "the GM&O Around STL", and then Open Mike - bring your own images' to share on our digital projector.

Saturday (banquet) Night: At 5pm, we'll have a Social Hour (cash bar) at the Lion's Club Hall. Then at 6pm, we'll begin the banquet. There'll be officers reports, model contest awards, the raffle wins, then Jeff Schramm sharing his late Dad's images of and passion for the GM&O, and Jim Doerr's slides of "Experiencing the GM&O with My New Employee Friends".

Sunday morning, attend the Board meeting 9a.

IF YOU PLAN TO COME, COMPLETE THIS SIDE AND MAIL PHOTOCOPY OF IT WITH CHECK.

For our planning purposes, please indicate which if any of these **extras activities** you plan to participate in (provide own transport):

Thursday, 10 October:

Afternoon at Natl. Mus. Of Transport _____
 Kirkwood Depot @ 4p to watch Amtrak _____
 Kirkwood Depot @ 5p for pizza party _____
 Visit Kwd. RR Assn. HO Club @7p _____

Friday, 11 October:

Visit to Natl. Museum Of Transport _____
 Tour wood toy train ("Brio") factory _____
 Eve. program in hotel meeting room _____

Saturday, 12 October:

Afternoon at Natl. Mus. Transport _____
 Will you be bringing an item(s) for the HS to sell, auction or raffle at the Train Show and/or Banquet? Yes___ NO___

Order your Meeting **exclusive GM&O HS T-shirt**, @ \$17, payment due with this registration form. It's full-color on a maroon 100% cotton shirt. Pre-order for p/u at Meeting only.
 Name: _____
 Size/Quantity: (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL, 4XL)



GM&O HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2019 ANNUAL MEETING, **October (10)-11-12-(13), 2019 – H.S. REGISTRATION Best Western Kirkwood Inn** (reservations 800-528-1234, group rate 40 rooms) 1200 S. Kirkwood, MO 63122 (314-821-3950 Front Desk) www.bestwestern.com/kirkwoodinn (Additional rooms available ½ mile south at Hilltop Hotel, 1580 S. Kwd. Rd., 63127. (314) 984-8181 www.hilltophotelstl.com and also at Holiday Inn SW -Route 66, 10709 Watson Road 63127, www.hiroute66.com, 314-821-6600.)

Note: Membership required (not vendors) to attend Meeting's evening activities; to join the GM&OHS, please include additional \$30.

Direct questions to asisk@sbcglobal.net with the subject line "GM&OHS Meeting Question"

NAME and MEMBER NUMBER or if New Member, check here _____

GUEST(s) NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Quantity: Total cost:

MEMBER + GUEST(s) _____ @ \$30 _____
 TRAIN SHOW TABLE(s) _____ @ \$15 _____
 "South Meets North" T-Shirt _____ @ \$17 _____
 (on previous panel, indicate size, your name)

TOTAL ENCL. (Check #:) _____/_____

Please return with payment to: GMOHS Secretary, PO Box 382303, Germantown, TN 38183