

2009 Meeting in Chicago, IL

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The History of Sleeping Cars 150th Anniversary Symposium



Held at
Chicago (Pullman), Illinois
April 23 – 26, 2009

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150th Anniversary Symposium
Held at: Chicago (Pullman), Illinois
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Held in conjunction with the passenger Train Historical Society's Conference

Official Meeting Hotel:

[Baymont Inn & Suites](#)
510 East End Avenue
Calumet City, IL 60409

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Pullman North Factory and Administration Building



Florence Hotel

Activities are to include:

- Historic Lectures about all types of sleeping cars, the trains, the porters, the people, and the village of Pullman
- Take a visual tour of sleeping cars created by compiled photographs and slides.
- Take a tour of the historic Pullman factory and village exhibiting the unique late 19th century architecture.
- Tours of historic station sites, current Metra and Amtrak train stations, and other operations in Chicago.
- Dinner featuring Pullman dining car menu selections, to be held at the Phil Stefani's Signature Pier 37 Restaurant within the Harborside International Golf Course
- **Saturday's featured Diner presentation:**

Fine Dining a la George Pullman: The Cars and the Cuisine that Made Long Distance Trains Possible

by James D. Porterfield

Jim is a columnist and feature writer for Railfan & Railroad magazine, a contributor to Classic Trains, author of Dining by Rail: The History and Recipes of the Golden Age of American Railroad Cuisine and of From the Dining Car: The Recipes and Stories Behind Today's Greatest Rail Dining Experiences. He also served as editor of Set Up Running: The Life of a Pennsylvania Railroad Engineman, 1904-1949, and of a reprint of Harry Bedwell's The Boomer: A Story of the Rails, regarded by many as the best railroad novel by a North American writer. His next book is On the Double Line: Stories of the Railroad Life by Those Who Lived It, an anthology of railroad fiction to be published by the University of Minnesota Press in 2010. He was for many years the organizer and host of the Penn State-Altoona Railroad Heritage Conference and served as the host on culinary-themed rail tours conducted by the American Orient Express. His presentations on dining car history and operations have also been popular with patrons of the Smithsonian Institution, chefs-in-training at Amtrak, students in high school culinary programs, and pre-school students who love the Western Pacific Cinnamon Toast he prepares for them.

- Take a field trip to the Pullman Library, the sleeping cars and other railroad equipment at the Illinois Railway Museum, in Union, Illinois.

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Sponsors are needed for April 23 - 26th 2009 Sleeping Car 150th Anniversary Symposium held at the Pullman Visitors Center in (Pullman) Chicago, Illinois.

Symposium sponsors would have their company or organizations name / logo published in the programs and will be permitted to display signs at the event.

Sponsors are needed for the following activities:

- **Thursday April 23**

Pre-event reception (food and beverages) for the open public meeting and slide shows.

Meeting room rental

- **Friday April 24**

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Morning beverages and donuts

Meeting room rental

Speaker travel expenses and gifts

Lunch (partial)

Overnight lodging for the Symposium speakers and special guests

- **Saturday April 25th**

Morning beverages and donuts

Meeting room rental

Speaker travel expenses and gifts

Lunch (partial)

Pre Banquet reception beverages - open bar and snacks

Banquet Dinner (Partial)

Keynote speaker

Overnight lodging for the Symposium keynote speaker and special guests

- **Sunday April 26th**

Morning beverages and donuts?

Field trip to IRM and the Pullman Drawing Library in Union, IL for shuttle bus trip expenses for bus from Metra Station (TBD) to IRM in Union IL and return.