



2022 FALL CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7-10, 2022

**Sheraton Hartford Hotel at Bradley Airport
1 Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT, 06096**

Step off the plane and walk to the conference! The 2022 Fall Conference and Annual Meeting will be held in person at the Sheraton Hartford Hotel at the Bradley Airport this September! Registration information and pricing will be available this summer.

The conference will open on the evening of Wednesday, September 7 with the opening night reception & Annual Meeting. Plenary and breakout sessions will take place at the hotel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, followed by visits to local member museums and railways in the afternoons: Essex Steam Train and Riverboat (Thursday); Danbury Railway and the Railroad Museum of New England (Friday); and the Connecticut Trolley Museum and Shoreline Trolley Museum (Saturday). The conference will end with the Saturday night banquet and awards ceremony. All meals and transportation will be provided.

Plan ahead: The Sheraton is currently accepting online reservations at conference rates for overnight stays from September 3 through September 15 at \$159 per night. To reserve your room online go to the conference page of the HeritageRail website (www.heritagerail.org) and click on RESERVE FALL CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS. When reserving your room online, click on the drop-down menu to select your specific arrival and departure dates.

Planning on driving? Parking at the Sheraton is FREE for conference attendees.

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Tentative Agenda

Wednesday September 7th

Opening Night Reception	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Vendor Spotlight	7:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Annual Meeting	8:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Thursday, September 8th

	Time
Breakfast with Vendors	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Plenary Session #1 Part 1 <i>Industry Issues and Challenges</i>	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Coffee Break with Vendors	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Plenary Session #2 <i>Approaches to Project Management with Shaelyn Amaio Public Engagement Manager Connecticut Landmarks</i>	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Board buses to Essex Steam Train and River Boat	10:45 AM
Arrive Essex Steam Train and Riverboat	NOON
Arrival Orientation - Lunch Provided	NOON - 12:30 PM
Essex Engine House Tours	12:30 - 1:30 PM
Board Steam Train for Goodspeed	1:45 PM
Train Departs Essex for Goodspeed	2:00 PM
Train Arrives Goodspeed (Run-around)	2:50 PM
Train Departs Goodspeed for Deep River	3:05 PM
Train Arrives Deep River, Board Becky Thatcher River Boat	3:40 PM
Becky Thatcher Departs for 1 hour 10 minute cruise on Connecticut River	3:50 PM
Becky Thatcher returns to the dock	5:00 PM
Train Departs Deep River for Essex	5:10 PM
Train Arrives Essex, Cocktails & Exploration	5:25 PM
Buffet Dinner in River Valley Junction	6:15 PM
Board buses for Sheraton Bradley	7:45 PM
Buses depart for Sheraton Bradley	8:00 PM
Arrive Sheraton	9:00 PM

Friday, September 9th

	Time
Breakfast with Vendors	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Plenary Session #3 Part 1 <i>Succession or Secession - The purpose and perpetuation of a Museum Board of Directors. Case study Western Maryland</i>	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Scenic with Wesley Heinz	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Coffee Break with Vendors	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Plenary Session #4 <i>Special Topic - AASLH Standards and Excellence Program with Scott Wands. Director, Grants and Programs Connecticut Humanities</i>	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Canadian Council Meeting	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Parts Committee Meeting	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Board buses to Railroad Museum of New England	10:45 AM
Depart Sheraton for Railroad Museum of New England (51 minutes)	11:00 AM

Arrive Railroad Museum of New England (Box Lunch on Bus)	NOON
Board Train for 1.5 Hour Trip	NOON - 1:30 PM
Tour Grounds Railroad Museum of New England	1:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Bus ride from RMNE to Danbury 45 minutes	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
Arrive Danbury Railway Museum	2:45 PM
Board Busses for Sheraton Bradley	5:00 PM
Depart Danbury Railway Museum (1 hr 30 min)	5:15 PM
Arrive Sheraton Bradley	6:45 PM
Vendor Sponsored Reception	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Show and Tell	9:00PM -

Saturday, September 10th

	Time
Breakfast with Vendors	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Breakout Sessions	8:00 AM
Breakout #1 <i>FRA / Regulatory Update</i>	8:00 AM -9:00 AM
Breakout #2 <i>Customer Service and Engagement Brian Messinger</i>	8:00 AM -9:00 AM
Breakout #3 <i>Marketing Your Museum Rene Mack</i>	8:00 AM -9:00 AM
Breakout #4 <i>Exhibit Design and Case Studies Jodi Shapiro / Polly Desjarlais</i>	8:00 AM -9:00 AM
Breakout #5 <i>Historic Preservation 101 Mary Dunne</i>	8:00 AM -9:00 AM
Coffee Break with Vendors	9:00 AM - 9:15 AM
Breakout Sessions	9:15 AM
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Breakout #2 <i>Customer Service and Engagement Brian Messinger</i>	9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
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Coffee Break with Vendors	10:15AM - 10:30AM
Board Buses for Connecticut Trolley Museum	10:30 AM
Depart for Connecticut Trolley Museum (15 minutes)	10:45 AM
Arrive & Tour Connecticut Trolley Museum	11:00 AM - 12:45 PM
Board Buses for Shoreline Trolley Museum (Box Lunch on Bus)	12:45 PM
Depart for Shoreline Trolley Museum	1:00 PM
Arrive Shoreline Trolley Museum	2:00 PM
Shoreline Trolley Museum Tour / On Site Seminars <i>Traction motor inspection and maintenance</i> with Jeff Hakner, <i>Bringing a critter back to life</i> with Ernie Darrow, <i>Playing by FEMA's rules after a disaster</i> with Wayne Sanford.	2:00PM - 4:45 PM
Board Buses for Sheraton Bradley	4:45 PM
Depart for Sheraton Bradley	5:00 PM
Arrive Sheraton Bradley	6:00 PM
Cocktail Hour	6:30 PM
Annual Banquet and Awards	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM