

The Santa Fe & BNSF Railway Historical & Modeling Societies 25th Annual Convention Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 16-21, 2020



The 2020 convention will be held in historic Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our convention headquarters will be at the Marriott Pyramid North where we have secured a standard room rate of \$99/night, and suites for \$119/night. With a few exceptions, we will be focusing on the 140-year history of the New Mexico segment of the Southern Transcon. Since that history begins with the Atlantic & Pacific Rail Road (Western Division) in 1880, we will also include the northern Arizona history. Three photo clinics will cover the Transcon in the 1880s, 1943, and the 1970s-1980s. We will have three evening guest speakers; Pueblo archivist Robert Mooney will talk about the Laguna Pueblo's history with the A&P and AT&SF, and the "Flowers Agreement." Joe Sloan, BNSF community relations, will talk about recent improvements and current operations on the New Mexico Transcon. And Chelsea Marshall, C2 Art Advisors, will talk about the AT&SF/BNSF art collection, its history, the artists, and show some 40 of the paintings.

Extra Fare: *(talks ongoing, stay tuned)*

Tuesday June 16th – Bus to Las Vegas, lunch at *Castaneda* (Allan Affeldt will say a few words), Amtrak *Southwest Chief* No. 3 to Albuquerque depot; bus will return us to hotel. (full day)

Wednesday June 17th – Bus to Santa Fe; Santa Fe Southern excursion to Lamy and return; lunch at Lamy (Allan Affeldt will say a few words). (Full day)

Thursday June 18th – Bus to 2926 restoration site, BBQ lunch there (2926 will host, donations welcome!); followed by the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History. (Easy full day)

Friday June 19th – Bus/van to Acoma/Sky City, lunch on your own there. (Very full day)

Saturday June 20th – Bus to Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, lunch on your own there. (half day)

Clinics:

Jürgen Dietrichkeit – Scaling Immensity; lessons learned from modeling a subdivision (the Belen cut off).

Matthias Meeh – Modeling AT&SF searchlight signals (on Jürgen's layout).

Randy Dunson – A railroader's history of the Belen cut off.

Dr. Mike Hartshorne (president of the 2926 Society) – 2926: restoring and operating; lessons learned.

Al Hovey (NMRA, Rio Grande Division) – New Members and Interest; introducing young people to modeling.

William Penner (Historical Society of New Mexico) – Boom and Bust on the Belen cut off.

Fred Isbell – Modeling the BNSF Transition Era.

Al Richmond (Arizona State Railroad Museum) – The Enigma; a photographer named Sanders (A&P 1880s photos).

George Shaw (Arizona State Railroad Museum) – History of the A&P RR (and its Western Division; NM & AZ).

John Taylor (HSNM & 2926 Society) – Jack Delano's 1943 photos of the NM & AZ AT&SF mainline.

Mike Tomei – Modeling AT&SF's GP39-2s.

Bob Walz – Santa Fe Locomotive Servicing Facilities, Clovis-Gallup.

Bob Walz – Santa Fe Trains 13 & 14.

Evan Werkema – Photographing the New Mexico Transcon in the 1970s/1980s.

Stan Kistler – DVD video presentation; "Remembering the Santa Fe."

Hotel Reservations:

Marriott Pyramid North, 5151 San Francisco Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Online: <https://www.marriott.com/ABQMC> Phone: 505-821-3333 *(ask for local registration, not centralized)*

Convention rates are good for three days before and three days after the convention dates.

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