

NMRA Mid Central Region Members -

This updates and shares important new information about the **Cincinnati Marriott North** hotel reservations for the May 17-20 **Cincinnati Express** Convention –

- We recently discovered the Marriott national number of **(877) 739-9460** is the best way to make your reservation, **not** the local (513) 874-7335 number that we previously provided in the registration forms. It seems the local folks are not equipped to deal directly with such group event reservations, but the national reps are. Still, if you call the local number they would usually just forward your call to the 877 number.
- There is a **Courtyard by Marriott Cincinnati North** very close to our **Cincinnati Marriott North**. Apparently the national reps sometimes get them confused when folks are asking for reservations. Please make sure you tell them our hotel is **not** the Courtyard.
- For your on-line booking convenience, we've now received a **special link** to book your reservation on-line. It goes directly to the right hotel and the correct event and discounted rates, and for the correct dates.
- Both the new phone number and the link are now in all our materials on our convention webpage at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>.
- Also for your convenience, our contract with the **Cincinnati Marriott North** hotel guarantees these discounted room rates for not only May 17-20, but also 3 days before and after.
- In addition to the pre-tax \$109/night King Bed and \$119/night 2 Double Bed rooms, the hotel is now providing a new type of room at a similar discount for us. They now offer a **King Room with Sofa Bed for \$119/night pre-tax**. This room has a bit more space than the standard King, and the sofa can also sleep 1 or 2 people.

Other **Cincinnati Express** updates –

- While the convention and hotel registrations are brisk, there is plenty of room for more of you to join us

- While some activities are starting to fill up, there is currently still room for you to sign-up for the various Rail, General Interest, Guest Operating, EnterTrainment Junction, Non-Rail, Luncheon and Banquet Events – please do so soon so you don't miss out. Use the slightly revised registration forms within the **expanded registration package** on our webpage at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>.
- We're working on the Rail Clinics schedule and will post it on our website as soon as it is available, likely in several weeks
- Please do not wait for the Rail Clinics schedule to sign up for other events you'd like to participate in. Once that schedule does come out you can always modify your event sign-ups if needed, per the terms of our [refund policy](#), where tours may be cancelled or changed prior to April 1 without penalty.
- We are having a huge White Elephant Sale at this convention. Please review the simple instructions and entry form on our webpage, and bring items you wish to have our team sell to other attendees. This is a great way to pay for part or all of your trip!

We're looking forward to seeing you at this action packed fun convention,

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