

SCRANTON

'THE ELECTRIC CITY' HOSTS THE LCCA



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All aboard the LCCA Convention Train, this year to Scranton, Pa. Headed by a successful history of great conventions with its motive power, the energy, and commitment of its members, the consist for 2025 will again delight and entertain. First comes the no charge President's Welcome Party followed by 10 wonderful tours. Of course there are dinners - the ever popular Get Acquainted Party and the Gala Banquet - the Trading Hall and the store. Interspersed in our metaphoric train are the traditional convention features, events and hotel activities with a few surprises for those attending. And, of course, we will have another 'can't miss' seminar by Lionel.

2025 is a significant anniversary year for both the LCCA (55th year) and Lionel (125th year). What surprises will be revealed? Take advantage of the opportunity to come to Scranton to see things up close and be part of the action.

And let's not forget a primary reason for selecting Scranton: Steamtown. Steamtown is a U.S. National Historic Site (NHS) in downtown Scranton at the site of the former Scranton yards of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad (DL&W). Lionel, the LCCA, special anniversaries, and Steamtown. Big things are coming together for a wonderful Scranton experience.

Scranton has a rich railroad history. Known as the "Electric City," it was once a hub for the rail industry, especially with



the development of electric locomotives by the Lackawanna Railroad. Overall, the combination of the LCCA, Scranton's railroad history, appealing location, and available infrastructure makes it a great place to hold a model train convention for *The Best Toy Train Club on the Planet!*TM

To properly house all LCCA convention goers, our Scranton host hotel will require an overflow hotel. While the trading hall will be in the Radisson Lackawanna, all other LCCA events and activities will be at the Scranton Hilton, the host hotel. More details and the answers to your questions about Scranton 2025 can be found at the 'Convention Blog' on lionelcollectors.org. Just search #LCCA2025 in the URL search bar for the most up-to-date information. Be sure to register early to reserve the hotel of your choice. 🚂



Scranton Tours

Scranton is known as the “Electric City”, and we promise some electrifying tours for your enjoyment at 2025 LCCA National Convention, July 20 to 26. Bob Verhoef and I have worked diligently to ensure a great time for our membership. Even with today’s inflation, we were able to keep each of our tours under \$99; and there are also no overlapping tours. You will not have to pick and choose. You can take every tour offered for a total of only \$689 per person. This is sure to be another great convention as the LCCA celebrates its 55-year anniversary and Lionel celebrates its 125-year anniversary.

Looking forward to seeing you in Scranton in July.

Monday, July 21, 2025

Tour #1: Steamtown National Historic Site

All-Day Train Excursion to East Stroudsburg
with a Catered BBQ Lunch
Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Maximum Guests: 180 people
Price: \$89

Our adventure begins with an all-day train excursion



provided by Steamtown National Historic Site to the historic East Stroudsburg Station; a 100+ mile-long excursion! All registrants will board the train at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel; guests staying at the Hilton Scranton Conference Center will only have to



walk next door to board the train. Set in what was once Scranton’s premier train station, the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel combines historic beauty with modern amenities. From the marble columns to the Tiffany stained glass ceiling, the stately lobby welcomes you with class and sophistication. Originally a French Renaissance-style train station opened in 1908, this iconic fixture in the



heart of downtown Scranton retains its historic charm while providing contemporary accommodations. Once all members are boarded, the train will wind its way through the Pocono Mountains of Northeast Pennsylvania, listening to the expert park rangers over the public address speakers in each car, as they point out major landmarks and historic locations until the train reaches East Stroudsburg Station. The station was built by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad in 1856. All guests can tour the signal tower and the station, and we will be treated to a BBQ lunch. (The station and tower are not ADA accessible). You can also visit the quaint town nearby with shops and a tasty ice cream shop. We will have a scheduled run-by where you can play photographer and capture video and photos of our train. Water will be provided on the train, but snacks are on your own. Basic restrooms are available on the coaches. Air conditioning is not available, but feel free to open the windows for fresh air. This tour has no specific dress code.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you plan to go on the Wine Tour #3, you will need to register for Tuesday’s train ride Tour #4; instead of Monday’s train ride Tour #1.

Monday, July 21, 2025

Tour #2: Lackawanna Coal Mine

The Anthracite Heritage Museum with Lunch

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Maximum Guests: 200 people

Price: \$67



Go down in history! Put on a hard hat, board a flange wheel mine car, and descend 300 feet beneath the Earth's surface into an anthracite coal mine originally opened in 1860. Follow your guide through the underground gangways and rock tunnels past three different veins of hard coal. Listen as they explain the fascinating methods and heroic efforts involved as men and boys worked to heat a nation and fuel the

conversion of America's economy from agriculture to industry. SPECIAL NOTE: We will be dividing into groups of about 25 people to go into the mine. Each group will receive their own color wristband showing the time that you will tour the mine. Dress appropriately; the coal mine stays a cool 53 degrees year-round, and the underground tour lasts about an hour. Closed-toe shoes are also recommended. Each guest will be provided a hair net and hard hat to be worn at all times in the mine. The mine car is not confining, but has a gentle slope and slow ride.

The Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum focuses on the history of hard coal mining, its related industries, and the immigrant culture of Northeast Pennsylvania. The Museum tells the story of the people who came from Europe to work in the anthracite mining and textile industries. As you tour the facility, you will experience the lives of proud people who endured harsh working conditions, provided a better future for their families, and carved out communities steeped in tradition. The Museum will have volunteer docents throughout the venue to answer your questions. SPECIAL NOTE: A light boxed lunch will be provided in McDade Park, where both museums are located. Guests can walk the grounds, check out the park amenities, or enjoy lunch inside if it is raining. This tour (#2) will be repeated on Tuesday as Tour #5.

Monday, July 21, 2025

Tour #3: Lackawanna Wine Tour

*(Available to those taking Tour #4,
but not available to those taking Tour #1)*

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Maximum Guests: 100 people

Price: \$99



Sip and socialize as you stroll along the Lackawanna County Wine Trail! Each group of 50 (assigned tickets when you register) will visit two wineries before meeting at Maiolatesi Wine Cellars for a tasting and sit-down dinner in the picturesque countryside. Each winery you visit will have its own personality, delicious wine recipes, and scenery. Group 1A will visit Riverview Winery and Case Quattro Winery. Riverview Winery is a big red barn that leads directly out to the Lackawanna River with an immersive outdoor seating area for guests while Case Quattro Winery aims to bring the hills of the Italian village of Isola Fossara to the small town of Peckville, Pa. This winery produces more than 20 different wines, including several inspired by the family's long-time tradition of making wine. Group 1B will visit Lucchi Family Wine Cellars and Capra Collina Winery. The Lucchi Family produces their own grapes and uses them in their wines;



the original vines were planted in 1970. Capra Collina Winery prides itself on creating wines from around the world that visitors can enjoy while checking out the local artisan retail items. All wineries will have bottles of your favorite wines for sale. The final stop is Maiolatesi Wine Cellars overlooking the surrounding mountains of Lackawanna County. After your dinner, enjoy the massive deck with a glass of wine, or cozy up next to the sunken fire pit area before returning to your hotel.

Tuesday, July 22, 2025
 Tour #4: Steamtown National Historic Site

All-Day Train Excursion to East Stroudsburg with a Catered BBQ Lunch
 Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Maximum Guests: 180 people
 Price: \$89

This is an exact replica of Tour #1 on Monday. All excursions, tours, and meals will be duplicated. Please read Tour #1 description carefully for all details.

SPECIAL NOTE: All participants who are taking the Wine Tour (#3) will need to register for this train tour and not Monday's Tour #1.

Tuesday, July 22, 2025
 Tour #5: Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour & The Anthracite Heritage Museum with Lunch

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Maximum Guests: 200 people
 Price: \$67

This is an exact replica of Tour #2 on Monday. All tours and meals will be duplicated. Please read Tour #2 description carefully for all details.

Tuesday, July 22, 2025
 Tour #6: "History Set in Stone"

Architectural Driving Tour
 Time: 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
 Maximum Guests: 100 people
 Price: \$48

Discover the architectural wonders of the city of Scranton. This customized tour will take you to the Scranton Iron Furnaces where the largest production of T-Rails once occurred, the Radisson Lackawanna Station



Hotel to learn about its history as a train station, the Everhart Museum where Dr. Everhart displayed his passion for science and art that is on display to educate the public, Nay Aug Park and its amenities such as the Brooks Mine and David Wenzel Treehouse, Courthouse Square that was once a cranberry bog but is now a thriving cityscape, and the Gothic District of Scranton that is home to the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple designed by the same architect as Rockefeller Center. A docent from the Lackawanna Historical Society will be joining you on the bus as you travel throughout the city. Specific locations will have different tour guides to show you through their facilities. This in-depth tour will highlight the seldom-seen gems of Scranton.

Wednesday, July 23, 2025
Tour #7: The Honesdale Stourbridge Line

Railroad Train Ride and Box Lunch
Times: Group 7A: 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Group 7B: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Maximum Guests: 400 people
Price: \$99



We will travel an hour north by bus through the beautiful Pocono Mountains to reach our quaint destination, Honesdale, Pa., the Birthplace of American Railroading. Guests will board the train through the B&O 1922 Presidential Car #97. This car has been used by Presidents Hoover, Coolidge, and FDR. We will depart and travel east on the train, then reverse to continue back to White Mills where passengers will disembark for a photo run-by and enjoy a boxed lunch at the pavilion. After lunch, everyone will re-board the train and return to Honesdale. At the conclusion of the ride, members can visit the famous museum that houses the “Stourbridge Lion Engine.” The very first real engine to run in the U.S. was the “Lion,”

with engineer Horatio Allen on August 8, 1829, 196 years ago from Honesdale. This was the first commercial engine in the United States. Take time to observe the other unique items, peruse the gift shop, and browse the local retail store in town. The second tour (Group 7B) will be the same tour as Group 7A, but in reverse order. Register early for this tour before it sells out!

Honesdale is a historic little town. Enjoy your visit.
SPECIAL NOTE: Lionel produced its own highly detailed die-cast O gauge model of the Stourbridge Lion. Tom Nuzzo of the Lionel Company presented the first one to the Museum in 2009. The Stourbridge was one of Lionel's four Heritage Series of 19th century locomotives. The others were the Best Friend of Charleston, the John Bull, and the DeWitt Clinton. These four Lionel collectibles are fairly hard to locate today.

Thursday, July 24, 2025
Tour #8: Steamtown National Historic Site

**Scranton Limited Yard Shuttles,
The Electric City Trolley Station,
Museum, and Trolley Excursion.**
Time: Tour 8A – 8 a.m.
Tour 8B – 9 a.m.
Price: \$53

You may stay as long as you wish or return at any time. Tour 8A - loads at 8 a.m., departs at 8:30 a.m.; and your return time is at your discretion. Tour 8B - loads at 9 a.m., departs at 9:15 a.m.; and your return time is at your discretion.



NOTE: The last return train shuttle from Steamtown to the Radisson leaves Steamtown at 2:30 p.m. Anytime after this, you must either walk (3-5 blocks) or find and pay for your return. Maximum Guests: Capacity for Steamtown's Yard Shuttle is 180 guests at a time / Capacity for the Trolley Excursion is 60 at a time.

This all day visit to Lackawanna County's National Park consists of three museums, excursions on a vintage trolley, and yard shuttles on the train. You must pick and

choose all your different events and activities on your own. At Steamtown National Historic Site, you can learn the history of the steam engine, see the giant locomotives that helped expand our nation, and ride the rails. You will feel the weight of history as you tour this national museum and will be amazed at the ingenuity of the engines and turntable. We have been promised that our group will be able to climb into the cab of the recently restored “Big Boy” engine for a photo op. The Scranton Limited Yard Shuttles will depart at specific times throughout the day; the first leaving at 9:30 a.m. and the last at 2:30 p.m. Each shuttle will stop briefly at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel for those who would like to get on or off the train. Since there is a 180-capacity limit per train ride, you are not guaranteed to get on at the hotel when the train stops. The train will then continue past the University of Scranton campus and other city landmarks before looping back to Steamtown. Steamtown National Historic Site will also offer open access to its Restoration Shop with stations throughout. Volunteers will show you different aspects of restoring these giant locomotives as well as a “Ring of Fire” demonstration.

The Electric City Trolley Station and Museum commemorates the first successfully operational electric-powered streetcar system in the U.S. Enjoy the interactive exhibits and displays, including vintage trolleys. Climb aboard an authentic antique trolley for a 5 ½ miles trip over Roaring Brook, through the mile-long tunnel, and along the original “Laurel Line.” This excursion stops at the Trolley’s Restoration Shop near PNC Field on Montage Mountain, home to the SWB RailRiders, the AAA affiliate of the New York Yankees.

Soak in all the information and history as you explore the museums. Make sure to wear comfortable walking shoes, take breaks throughout, enjoy the relaxing excursions, stay hydrated, and make lifetime memories. Note: We are hoping the shuttle will be pulled by the live steam Baldwin 0-6-0 steam engine!

Friday, July 25, 2025
Tour #9: Pocono NASCAR Racetrack

Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Maximum Guests: 200 people
Price: \$68

This stunning adventure starts with an hour bus ride through the Pocono Mountains with beautiful scenery at every turn. On arriving at the gate, everyone will proceed under the track where we find ourselves in the middle of the infield of one of NASCAR’s largest tracks. This racetrack was built in 1971 in a spinach field. The track is called the “Tricky Triangle” due to its shape being closer to a triangle than an oval. We will break into smaller groups to visit the grandstand, take an elevator to the top of the stadium to tour the high-end suites and see the flag stand



at the start/finish line. We will cross the track again to visit the Winners Circle, the pit boxes, and the garages. Finally, we will conclude our adventure with a nice BBQ picnic lunch in the infield and also visit the souvenir stand, if it is finished by our tour event. Everyone will return to the hotels in time for the afternoon LCCA business meeting and the Lionel seminar.

Saturday, July 26, 2025
Tour #10: Houdini Museum & Magic Show

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Maximum Guests: 50 people
Price: \$73



Touted as the only building devoted to Harry Houdini in the world, the Houdini Museum in Scranton is a rare treat for young and old alike! Take a guided tour of the 150-year-old historic building, enjoy a short film, and top it off with a fun-filled stage magic show with the female Houdini herself, Dorothy Dietrich. Dorothy is the first female to catch a bullet in her mouth and has mastered escapes like Houdini’s, such as the burning rope and straight jacket escape. The Museum is home to many personal belongings of Houdini’s such as keys and locks, his magic vest, and artifacts from his home in New York City. This is also a great option for our Kid’s Club members and their parents/grandparents.

2025 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 20, 2025

President's Reception, 7 p.m.

Monday, July 21, 2025

Tour #1 Steamtown National Historic Site's All-Day Train Excursion to East Stroudsburg 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tour #2 Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour & The Anthracite Heritage Museum, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tour #3 Lackawanna County Wine Tour, 2:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Tour #4 Steamtown National Historic Site's All-Day Train Excursion to East Stroudsburg, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tour #5 Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour & The Anthracite Heritage Museum, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tour #6 "History Set in Stone" Architectural Driving Tour, 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Tour #7 The Honesdale Stourbridge Line Railroad Train Ride Times: Group 7A, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Group 7B: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

First Timer's Reception, 7 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 24, 2025

Tour #8 Steamtown National Historic Site and Scranton Limited Yard Shuttles, The Electric City Trolley Station, Museum, and Trolley Excursion, Group A 8 a.m., Group B 9 a.m.

Get Acquainted Party 6 to 10 p.m.

Friday, July 25, 2025

Tour #9: Pocono NASCAR Racetrack, Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LCCA Annual Business Meeting 3 p.m.

Lionel Seminar for LCCA Membership 2 to 5 p.m.

Trading Hall (open to members only) 6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Tour #10: Houdini Museum & Magic Show, Time: 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Trading Hall (open to members only) 8 to 9 a.m.

Trading Hall (open to the public) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre-Banquet Reception 6 to 7 p.m.

Banquet 7 to 10 p.m.

VERY IMPORTANT EXTRA TOUR NOTES

Please read carefully!

1. Tours will always leave the hotel on time as posted. Don't miss the bus. No refunds!
2. We will always attempt to return as listed, but due to traffic, detours, wrecks, etc., we may not always be able to meet our designated return time.
3. July is a hot month. When necessary, we will have two bottles of water for each person on bus rides of extended length of time or distance. Or, to be safe, you may wish to bring your own water.
4. Not all tours are ADA compliant. Some venues cannot handle wheelchairs, scooters, etc.
5. Most buses are equipped with restrooms, but please use only in case of an emergency.
6. Food is allowed on the buses, but please be courteous and remove all trash.
7. Tours may be eliminated if we don't meet a minimum requirement by a given date. (normally 30 by May 1).
8. For your safety, closed toe shoes should be worn on most tours. Some places require them.
9. Please follow directions for food, photography, handbags, etc. at each site and venue.
10. Some tours have a limited capacity. Register early. If you snooze, you lose!
11. All tours have one price, regardless of age.
12. If you require certain diets when food is provided on the tour, please note that we cannot be responsible for your specific needs; and you must bring your own food on those particular tours. The LCCA is not responsible.
13. All TIPS (the bus driver, venues, food servers, etc.) are included in the price of your ticket and we pay these in advance. Extra tips are not expected at any of our destinations or events.
14. Some tours may include quite a bit of walking! Some have stairs. Check it out early.
15. We will have an LCCA designated volunteer on each tour bus. Please rely on them and do not distract the bus driver.
16. Our volunteers will have emergency phone numbers in case help is necessary.
17. Do not expect the bus driver to help load/unload your scooters, etc. Our volunteers may assist whenever possible and at their discretion.
18. Some venues offer discounts in their Gift Shops. We will not advertise this as we have had problems in the past. You may ask them if there is a discount when you check out at their register.
19. Enjoy your tours and inform us of your experiences when you return. We hope to please!