

## **2027 Convention Committee Report**

Our 2027 Convention Committee is pleased to announce we've achieved our first big milestone to find and secure a suitable venue and dates for us to host the 2027 Mid-Central Region NMRA convention.

The event will occur on **Thursday through Sunday, June 3-6, 2027** and will be conducted at the **Cincinnati North Holiday Inn in West Chester, Ohio**. This hotel was just being built during our 2018 Convention, and is only a couple blocks away from the Marriott hotel where we hosted that 2018 Convention. As before, all activities at the hotel will end after the banquet on that Saturday night, with only layout tours and operations continuing on that Sunday as everyone travels home.

This Holiday Inn is very clean and modern with great meeting rooms, lodging rooms and food service. It also has 33% more meeting room space than we've had before – with a wonderful floor plan and everything co-located in the same side of the hotel. Everyone has a golden opportunity to see the hotel and the meeting room areas at our next monthly Division 7 meeting on Sunday, January 12. We hope to see you all there then!

### **Next Steps**

- Continue to build leadership and volunteers team (great progress so far)
- Select a convention name and design the convention logo
- Develop Milestone Schedule (including May 15-18 Columbus MCR display)
- Refine Event Space Plan, Schedule, Budget (BOD review at March meeting)
- Develop an initial web page for the convention
- Investigate electronic registration options

### **Volunteering**

Please contact me now to discuss your opportunities to volunteer or lead. Recall, we need everyone's help to make this special event a big success.

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