

BRHS SPRING MEET

April 26-27, 2024

**Savanna Museum and Cultural Center
406 Main St, Savanna, IL 60174**



Welcome to Savanna!

In 1885, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad came to town, purchasing 60 acres below the Milwaukee terminal for a roundhouse and repair shop. Track laying began later in the year. By October of 1886 the lines were open to traffic. The new rail line was constructed from Oregon through Savanna to St. Paul (319 miles) and from Fulton to Savanna (16.72 miles). J.M. Barr was the first superintendent as the CBQ was headquartered here for the new lines. A depot, roundhouse, and repair yard were constructed along with nine tracks but that quickly expanded to 20 tracks.

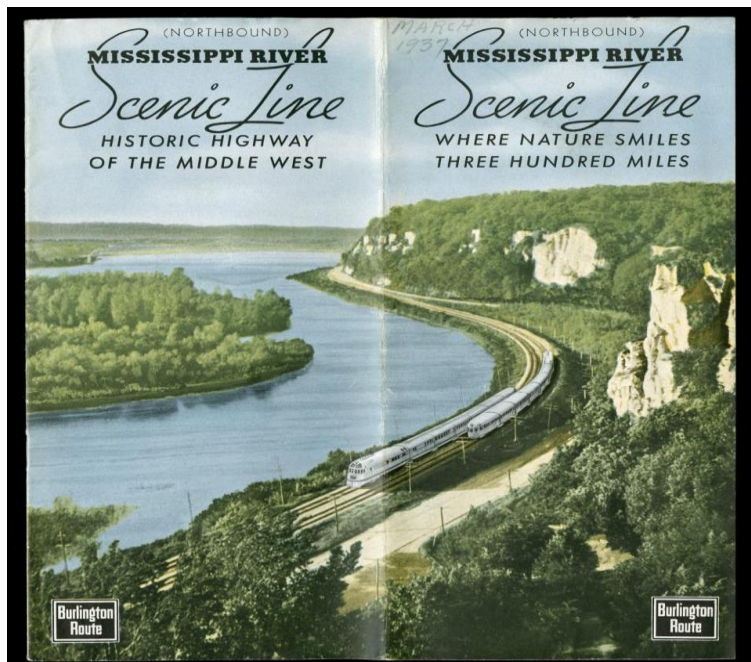
The La Crosse division was double tracked through Savanna in 1909 and the entire line from Savanna to Minneapolis was eventually doubled line.

In 1911, the Burlington built a viaduct across the tracks which became part of the Great River Road south to Thomson. In 1913, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy constructed a modern passenger station and office just east of Marquette Park and by 1917 had finished the viaduct on Wacker Road.

By 1910, the city's population had reached 3,691 but the next decade would see a 42 percent increase as Savanna grew to 5,237 by 1920. The railroads and the arrival of the U.S. Army had put Savanna on the map as the town's population now topped Galena by 500 residents.

During 1942, the Savanna Ordnance Depot loaded and shipped 8,392 carloads of ammunition and components and received and stored 10,487 carloads. All carloads were handled by the CB&Q.

Savanna's bomb loading plant was selected to load the special bombs used by Gen. James Doolittle in his historic raid over Tokyo in 1942.



**Meet Hotel: Savanna Inn & Suites
101 Valley View Drive – Savanna, IL 60174
Call 815.273.2288 to make reservations**

**30 rooms for Friday and Saturday night - under BRHS Spring Meet 2024
Rates: King \$133 – Double Queen \$143 plus tax
Rates available Thursday thru Sunday
Cancellations required before 3:00 pm on April 24!**



Burlington Route Historical Society



SCHEDULE

(Retain for your reference)

Friday (April 26) All activities at the Savanna Museum and Cultural Center

2:30pm-7pm – Registration open

3pm – 8pm – Museum open for Swap setup

4pm - 7pm – Open House at Dale Brown in Sabula, IA

5pm – 8pm – Museum open for visitors

Saturday (April 27) All activities at the Savanna Museum and Cultural Center

6:30am -Registration Open

6:30am-8:30am - Swap Meet Set-up

8:30am – Doors open (Coffee, Orange Juice & Donuts available – donation requested)

8:30am-11:30am - Swap Meet

11:30am-Noon – Lunch setup

12 noon-12:45pm - Lunch provided. Ham, Turkey or Tuna Sub box lunches.

1pm-1:45pm Clinic – Laying Over in Savanna by Leo Phillipp

2pm-2:45pm Clinic – Milwaukee Road in Savanna by Milwaukee Road Historical Society member

3pm-3:45pm Clinic – 3D Printing for Model Railroaders by Gregory A. Johnson

4pm-5pm Clinic – Illinois Corn – Texas Beef by Ron Atherton/William Brown

5:30pm-6:30pm - Social Hour* and Raffle Sales

6:30pm-7:30pm - Dinner Buffet (Tossed Salad with dressing, Roasted Sirloin of Beef, Baked Chicken, Roll/butter, Mashed Potato w/ gravy, Escalloped Corn, Green Bean Casserole)

7:30pm-8:30pm - Evening Presentation – Savanna Army Depot & the CB&Q by Savanna Museum and Cultural Center

* Wine will be available for purchase at the Museum. Other alcohol is available across the street.

Sunday (April 28) Possibilities

• Rail-fanning in the area.

• Pancake Breakfast at the Chadwick Fire Department.

• Attend the Northwest Illinois Model Railroad Open House in Chadwick. This open house is a mere 200 feet from the BNSF (CB&Q) Mainline from Chicago to the Twin Cities. The Twin Cities Zephyr use to fly through this small town located on a curve in the tracks at 90 plus MPH. Plus the North Coast Limited, Empire Builder, The Blackhawk and other passenger trains and numerus daily freights.

• The Fever River Club in Freeport, IL may also have an Open House that weekend, but I have not confirmed that yet.

• Stop in Oregon at the Depot to see the Silver View

Pricing

Full Fare (includes Swap, Lunch, Clinics, Banquet & Program) - \$65

Day Fare (includes Swap, Lunch & Clinics) - \$35

Evening Fare (includes Dinner & Program) - \$45

Swap Meet Only Admission – \$10

Swap Tables (minimum Day Fare required) BRHS Members- \$10

Non-Members - \$17

NOTE: No “official” Ladies Events are planned. Several activities are available in the area. A list of possible activities will be available at check-in.

BRHS 2024 Spring Meet Registration Information

***** Please enter ALL Guest Information on Back of this Form *****

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Meal Selections:

Lunch (with Day and Full Fare): (included with admission)

Ham Sub ___ Turkey ___ Tuna ___ Lunch on my own ___

Soft Drinks and Coffee will be available for purchase

I am willing to volunteer at the meet: Yes ___ / No ___

Registration Fees (Go to www.burlingtonroute.org for online registration via PayPal*)

Full Fare (Swap, Lunch, Clinics, Banquet & Program) - ___ x \$65.00 = \$_____

Day Fare (Swap, Lunch & Clinics) - ___ x \$35.00 = \$_____

Evening Fare (Dinner & Program only) - ___ x \$45.00 = \$_____

Swap Meet Admission Only - ___ x \$10.00 = \$_____

Swap Tables** BRHS Members - ___ x \$10.00 = \$_____

Non-Members - ___ x \$17.00 = \$_____

Total: \$_____

** - minimum "Day Fare" required for Swap Tables

Mail this form and check (made out to BRHS 2024 Spring Meet) to:

BRHS 2024 Spring Meet

PO Box 93

Zumbrota, MN 55992

NOTE: Checks will be deposited the week following the Meet!

To ensure delivery, all mail-in registrations should be post marked by Wednesday, April 10, 2024

No refunds after April 16, 2024

Additional Guests Information

Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Lunch: Ham ___ Turkey ___ Tuna ___ On my own ___

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