

# Derby City Express

## Official Schedule

Updated May 29 - Subject to Change

### Monday, June 23 - *Pre-Convention Day*

3:30 PM - 10:00 PM **My Old Kentucky Dinner Train**. Extra Fare. Load bus at Galt House main lobby starting at 3:00, bus leaves at 3:30. ~ Return for a while to another time. A time when life was slower and travel was by rail. An era when elegant dining cars offered a place to enjoy relaxed conversation, fine cuisine and gracious service against a backdrop of ever-changing scenery. Board My Old Kentucky Dinner Train and experience for yourself that wonderful bygone era. The menu will consist of Chicken A la Provencale, Shrimp Scampi, or Prime rib. The bright red and silver of the R.J. Corman FP7's lead the way as your meal will be prepared on the train in a fully equipped kitchen car. [Link](#)

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All Day **Self-guided Rail Fanning** [Link](#)

### Tuesday, June 24 - *Pre-Convention Day*

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **Steam Excursion at the Kentucky Railroad Museum and Bourbon Distillery Tour**. Extra Fare. **SOLD OUT** Load bus at Galt House main lobby starting at 8:00, bus leaves at 8:30. ~ Recapture the romance of the local passenger train when it was small-town America's [link](#) to the world. Enjoy a 22 mile train excursion through the scenic and historic Rolling Fork River Valley on a restored passenger train pulled by an authentic steam engine, L&N Pacific #152. Then visit one of Kentucky's finest bourbon distilleries - either the Jim Beam or Heaven Hill Distilleries will be your destination for this exciting look at a Kentucky tradition. There we'll learn about the history and unique qualities that define bourbon. From mash to distillation to aging we'll learn how this process produces a liquor that is known and desired around the world. Maybe we'll even learn what happens to the "Angel's share".

[Link for KRM](#) [Link for Jim Beam](#) [Link for Heaven Hill](#)

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## Wednesday, June 25 - Convention Opens

6:00 AM - 7:30 PM **NTRAK Grid Layout\***, KICC Hall 2C. Operations committee. [Link](#)

8:00 AM - Noon **KICC Breakout Rooms set-up**, KICC Dockside Lobby.

8:00 AM - Noon **N Scale Home Layout Tour #1**. Extra Fare. **SOLD OUT**. Load bus at Galt House main lobby starting at 7:30, bus leaves at 8:00. ~ Bob Kuchler, Rick Maloney and John Voller welcome the Convention to visit their N Scale Layouts. Due space limitations, those wishing to visit must ride the tour buses. [Link](#)

Noon - 7:00 PM **Module/Layout Drop Off, Early set-up for NTRAK Loops 1, 6, 7 & 8\***, KICC Hall 2C. [Link](#)

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM **N Scale Home Layout Tour #2**. Extra Fare. **SOLD OUT**. Load bus at Galt House main lobby starting at 12:30, bus leaves at 1:00. ~ Bob Kuchler, Rick Maloney and John Voller welcome the Convention to visit their N Scale Layouts. Due space limitations, those wishing to visit must ride the tour buses. [Link](#)

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Convention Check-In, Registration & Live Collectable Auction Check-In**, Galt House Jones Room. All auction items must be submitted on Wednesday between 2:30 PM and 5:00 PM to the auction committee at the registration area in the Galt House. There is a limit of 2 items for the silent auctions and 2 items for the live collectable auction. Only the primary registrant may submit items.

[Link for Auctions](#) [Link for Registration](#)

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **DCE Company Store**, Galt House Jones Room.

7:30 PM - 11:00 PM **Welcome Reception and Silent Auction**. Extra Fare. Note: this event is free but registration is required. Galt House Ballroom B/C. [Link for Auctions](#)

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## Thursday, June 26

7:30 AM - Noon **NTRAK Grid Layout\***, KICC Hall 2C/D. Operations committee. [Link](#)

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM **Mammoth Cave National Park Tour**, Extra Fare. Load bus at Galt House main lobby starting at 7:30, bus leaves at 8:00. ~ spend approximately two hours touring one of the caves that make up the longest explored cave system in the world. Note – This a walking tour with a large number of stairs encountered on part of the tour. [Link](#)

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Convention Check-In & Registration**, Galt House Jones Rm lobby  
[Link for Registration](#)

8:00 AM - noon, 1:00 - 6:00 **Model Contest Entry & Viewing**, KICC Dockside 105. [Link](#)

8:00 AM - 9:00 PM **Clinics**, KICC Dockside 109 & 112. [Link](#)

9:30 AM - 3:30 **My Old Kentucky Dinner Train and Bourbon Tour**, Extra Fare. Load bus at Galt House main lobby starting at 9:00, bus leaves at 9:30. ~ We combine a lunch excursion with the Bourbon Tour. Return for a while to another time. A time when life was slower and travel was by rail. An era when elegant dining cars offered a place to enjoy relaxed conversation, fine cuisine and gracious service against a backdrop of ever-changing scenery. Board My Old Kentucky Dinner Train and experience for yourself that wonderful bygone era. Today's menu will be Citrus Chicken on warm Focaccia Bread, Tilapia Pomodoro, or Prime Rib. Then visit one of Kentucky's finest bourbon distilleries - either the Jim Beam or Heaven Hill Distilleries will be your destination for this exciting look at a Kentucky tradition. There we'll learn about the history and unique qualities that define bourbon. From mash to distillation to aging we'll learn how this process produces a liquor that is known and desired around the world. Maybe we'll even learn what happens to the "Angel's share". [Link for Dinner Train](#) [Link for Jim Beam](#) [Link for Heaven Hill](#)

9:00 AM - Noon **Module/Layout Drop Off, Set-up NTRAK Loops 1, 6, 7 & 8\***, KICC Hall 2C. See page 10 for additional details. [Link](#)

Noon - 10:00 PM **All NTRAK Loops Set-up, and TTRAK, Queen City eNgineers, Clinchfield and CBT&M layout Set-up\***. KICC Hall 2C/D. [Link](#)

Noon - 4:00 PM **DCE Company Store**, KICC

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Live Collectable Auction Viewing**, Galt House Ballroom B/C. [Link for Auctions](#)

6:00 PM - 10:30 PM **Live Collectable Auction**, Galt House Ballroom B/C ~ Bring your auction paddle, a good sense of humor and bid on some of the coolest items around. [Link for Auctions](#)

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## Friday, June 27

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM **Swap-a-Rama set-up**, Galt House Ballroom B/C [Link](#)

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM **All Layouts Set-up\***, KICC Hall 2C/D. NTRAK Lock-down at 4:00  
N Scale Layouts [Link](#) Other Scales [Link](#)

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Clinics**, KICC Dockside 109 & 112. [Link](#)

8:00 AM - noon, 1:00 - 6:00 **Model Contest Entry & Viewing**, KICC Dockside 105. [Link](#)

9:00 AM - 1:30 **Home Layout Tour #3**. Extra Fare. Load bus at Galt House main lobby starting at 8:30, bus leaves at 9:00. ~ The Division Eight of the NMRA welcomes the DCE attendee's to tour 3 HO layouts and an extensive O27 layout. Featured attraction is Jim Harrington's layout. This layout was recently reviewed in Model Railroader Magazine. Due space limitations, those wishing to visit must ride the tour buses. [Link](#)

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM **Swap-a-Rama**, Galt House Ballroom B/C [Link](#)

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM **Convention Check-In & Registration**, Galt House Jones Room [Link for Registration](#)

Noon - 4:00 PM **DCE Company Store**, KICC

5:00 PM - Midnight **NTRAK Layout Final Set-up & Operations\***, KICC Hall 2C/D. [Link](#)

7:00 PM - 10:30 PM - **Belle of Louisville Steam Boat Excursion**, Extra Fare. Loading starting at 6:00 on the riverfront wharf, the Belle leaves at 7:00 ~ a National Historic Landmark and a beloved symbol of our city, the steam powered Belle continues to grace us with her presence at the very site she visited so often throughout the early 1900's. With the playing of her calliope, the Belle, now in her 92nd year, continues to beckon one and all to join her on a journey back to the time when she carried passengers and goods to ports all along the beautiful Ohio River. A tour of the steam boiler and engine room is a must. [Link](#)

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## Saturday, June 28

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM **Final Set-up for all layouts\***, KICC Hall 2C/D  
[N Scale Link](#) [Other Scales Link](#)

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM **Early Sales at WGH On Tour\***, KICC Hall 2C/D. Delegates only.

8:00 AM - noon **Model Contest Viewing & Voting**, KICC Dockside 105. [Link](#)

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM **Clinics**, KICC Dockside 109 & 112. [Link](#)

9:30 AM - 6:30 PM **DCE Company Store**, KICC Hall 2C/D [Link](#)

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM **World's Greatest Hobby On Tour**, KICC Hall 2C/D [Link](#)

10:00 AM - Midnight **NTRAK Layout Operational\***, KICC Hall 2C/D. [Link](#)

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM **Other Layouts Operational\***, KICC Hall 2C/D. [Link](#)

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Model Contest Pick-Up**, KICC Dockside 105.

7:00 PM - 10:30 PM **Convention Banquet**, Extra Fare. Galt House Archibald/Cochran, seating at 6:30. ~ We gather in the Galt House Archibald Complex for perhaps the highlight of all convention events - the banquet. Wonderful food, great fun and fellowship, guest speakers and the ever-popular raffle. **Raffle tickets** ([Link](#)) will be

sold on-site at the Convention from Wednesday at registration until the Banquet on Saturday, at which time the raffle winners will be announced. [Link](#) A Special Micro-Trains gift car is offered to those who attend. **Menu** is *The Port of Louisville Buffet*: Roast Baron of Beef with au jus and horseradish sauce; Pan Seared Salmon with a pesto cream sauce; Andouille Chicken topped with a sauce of Andouille sausage, green peppers, onions, garlic and tomatoes. Fresh vegetables, assortment of salads, warm rolls, dessert station, coffee, iced tea. [Link](#)

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## Sunday, June 29

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM **Manufacturer's Breakfast**, Extra Fare. Seating opens at 7:45. ~ It's up early for the breakfast buffet and lively presentations from the leaders in N Scale manufacturing. Be there for all the new product announcements. **Menu** is the *Supreme Buffet*: Crisp Bacon, Country Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Southern Cheese Grits, Southern Sausage Gravy, French Toast with Maple Syrup, Hash Brown Potatoes, Pastries, fruit, juices, biscuits, coffee, ice tea. [Link](#)

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM **Preparation for all layouts\***, KICC Hall 2C/D

9:30 AM - 5:30 PM **DCE Company Store**, KICC Hall 2C/D

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM **World's Greatest Hobby On Tour\***, KICC Hall 2C/D [Link](#)

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM **NTRAK Layout Operational\***, KICC Hall 2C/D. [Link](#)

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Other Layouts Operational\***, KICC Hall 2C/D. [Link](#)

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Layout Tear-down**, KICC Hall 2C/D

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**\*Please note that club members or layout/module owners who are not registered for the convention will only be allowed in the layout area during the initial set-up and then on Saturday and Sunday during the public show hours.**