



# The 2026 Steel Mill Modelers Meet

## *Columbiana is Calling*

### September 13-17

**Best Western Dutch Haus Inn**

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**FULL SCHEDULE OF CLINICS ■ LAYOUTS WILL BE OPEN FOR TOURS**

#### **PLANNED CONVENTION/EVENT SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday, September 13:** Welcome and socializing with other attendees.

**Monday, September 14:** Self-driving tours of local steel related industries.

**Monday, September 14, Evening:** Clinic presentations at the hotel and vendors on site to help you get the steel mill buildings, railroad cars, detail parts for inside and outside of your buildings and mills that you need for your layout or display.

**Tuesday, September 15:** Clinic presentations all day at the hotel and vendors on site to help you get the steel mill buildings, railroad cars, detail parts for inside and outside of your buildings and mills that you need for your layout or display.

**Wednesday, September 16:** Layout tours of local railroad layouts that include steel mill operations and modeling between 10am and 4pm.

**Wednesday, September 16, Evening:** Catered buffet banquet.

**Thursday, September 17:** Check out of hotel.

#### **HOST CONVENTION HOTEL:**

**Best Western Dutch Haus Inn** is the host hotel and convention site. It is located at 150 East OH-14, Columbiana, Ohio. The hotel is just 25 minutes south of Youngstown, Ohio. Amenities include an indoor pool, fitness center, free parking, and a full breakfast. The hotel is offering a special room rate for convention attendees. The phone number is (330) 482-5050.

#### **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:**

**Columbiana**, situated between Youngstown and Pittsburgh, is best known as a charming "Hallmark-style" town, named the "Nicest Place in America" by Reader's Digest in 2019. Known for its small-town charm, there are unique attractions like Das Dutch Village and Firestone Farms as well as other small communities nearby. **Leetonia Beehive Coke Ovens Park**. Ten acres of industrial history and twenty-five acres of nature preserve. Located at 999 Cherry Valley Road, Leetonia

#### **REGISTRATION PROCESS:**

More information on registration will be found as it becomes available on the NMRA Steel Mill Modelers SIG website: [SMMSIG.org](http://SMMSIG.org)

#### **COSTS:**

Convention cost for current members (includes banquet): \$120.00; Spouse/Guest: \$55. See the Registration form for more information. Hotel cost is additional. A special daily room rate of \$130 is available for our attendees staying at the **Best Western Dutch Haus Inn**.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME:**

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