

ITS 32nd Annual Meet to be held in Litchfield, IL on April 28, 2018

Before you know it, another year rolls by and it is time to start making plans for attending the 32nd Illinois Traction Society Annual Meet, which will be held in Litchfield Illinois, the site of multiple events. Mike Schafer and Litchfield local, Lonnie Bathurst, will be your hosts to welcome you to another excursion of exploring the Illinois Terminal Railroad.

Friday April 27th

- *1:00 PM:* Early registration begins in our **host hotel** Holiday Inn Express, 4 Thunderbird Circle, Litchfield, (217) 323-4556.
- *6:00 PM through 9:00 PM:* The annual informal dinner will be held on Friday, April 27th, at the historical Ariston Café, 413 North Historical Old Route 66, Litchfield at *the time of your choice*. (*reservations accepted for tables of 5 or more – (217) 324 2023*).
- *8:30 PM:* **The Film Festival** returns and will be held in the meeting room of the Holiday Inn Express. Pizza and cocktails will be available.

Saturday April 28th

- *9:30 AM till 3 PM:* The railroad memorabilia swap meet will be held at the Litchfield Community Center, 1100 South State, Litchfield, (217) 413 6605 and offer a variety of items for sale or trade, appealing to both collector and modeler. This is free and open to the public.
At 12:30 PM : In the William B. McKinley Room of the Community Center, Railroad Model Craftsman “Look Both Ways” Columnists Bill Navigato and Mike Schafer will present a clinic on Modeling the IT.
- *10:30 AM, and at 1:30 PM:* A *deluxe elegant tour* bus will follow a narrated tour of the IT’s Hillsboro line between Staunton and Hillsboro. Boarding will be at the Community Center and **advanced reservation required.**
- The Litchfield Model Railroad Group (as featured in the July-October 2014 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman), located at 510 North State Street—side door of the Ameriprise Building—will be open for viewing between 8:30am and 10am.
- The Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center will be open for your inspection.
- *4:00 PM:* The Illini Terminal Railroad will present a photo opportunity with engine 1604 conducting run-by photography opportunities and a staged scene at Rt. 66 with a 1957 Chevrolet staged on the highway with the locomotive in the crossing.
- *5:00 PM:* The annual social hour will begin at the Litchfield Community Center. Dinner will be served promptly at 6 PM. After dinner, the evening program will present noted rail photographer Mike Schafer and his new 15-minute multi-media audio/visual presentation “Time Line With Tunes: Illinois Terminal”. This will be followed by a slide presentation by Mike McBride of “Railroading in the Litchfield Area”, featuring the IT, Litchfield & Madison, Wabash, Burlington, Illinois Central, Chicago & North Western, and other related rail lines. **Advanced reservation required.**

Sunday April 29th

- 11:00 AM: Just a suggestion for those who linger in Litchfield on mid-Sunday morning The Ariston Café' has a wonderful *brunch* on Sunday morning at 11am: a wonderful offering of food that you'll find worth staying around for to please your palate.

*This is an event that you will not want to miss. We look forward to seeing you in Litchfield !
For additional details or to make reservations, please contact Dale Jenkins
264 Victoria Ave. Decatur, IL 62522 or (217) 423-ITRR (4877)
Reservations required by April 23, 2018*

TOUR RESERVATION MUST BE MADE BY April 23, 2018

Bus Tour \$25.00 each X No. of people _____ TOTAL \$ _____

ITS EVENING DINNER

Promptly at 6 PM, dinner will be served followed by evening program.

ITS Evening Dinner & Program @ \$27.00 each X No. of people _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Make Check or Money Order Payable to Illinois Traction Society TOTAL \$ _____

Please Return to: Dale Jenkins ITS 264 Victoria Ave. Decatur, Illinois 62522

Registered guests and ITS members will receive an ITS badge when registering.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN APRIL 23, 2018