

Convention Update

By Dan Yett

Plans are just about final for the upcoming ACGHS convention to be held July 31 – Aug 2 here in Dayton, OH. There are a few important points I want to emphasize. First, there was an error on the registration form regarding the number of tables available. There will be 80 tables available, NOT the 100 figure previously listed on the registration form. As of this writing (May 24), there are plenty of tables left, but they will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis, so get your registrations in soon.

Also on the registration form, you were asked to make your check payable to Dan Yett/A.C. Gilbert Heritage Society. This has caused my credit union to burp. So please just make your check out to Dan Yett. If you have already sent your check to me made out the old way, that's OK. But if you're just now getting your registration in to me, please make your check out in my name only.

VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE:

The hotel is graciously allowing us to use the main ballroom (site of our show on Saturday) for free on Friday night, provided, of course, the room is not rented to another customer that night. This will allow us to do two things. First, we will be able to use the main room for the executive council meeting, scheduled for 6:00 PM. This will afford us almost unlimited seating so everyone is encouraged to attend. The other thing is that we will be able to unload and set up on Friday night. **HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE POSITIVELY NO UNLOADING OR SET UP ALLOWED DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING.** There will be NO exceptions and this policy will be strictly enforced. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you choose to set up Friday night, please note that the only security on Friday night will be to lock the doors on the main room. There will be no guards or other security measures available. In the event the main room is rented to another customer on Friday night, then the council meeting will be held in an alternate room and unloading and set-up will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday. Seating in the alternate room will not be as plentiful as the main ballroom, but should be adequate.

If you are using electrical power for your displays, be sure to bring all electrical extensions and other equipment you will need. None will be provided by the hotel.

Don't forget that 2009 is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the original Mysto Manufacturing Co., which was the start of it all. The 100th Anniversary committee is working hard putting together some great displays and exhibits. If you can help in any way, please contact a committee member and offer your assistance. Committee members are Bruce Hansen, Gene Baker, Joe Grobmyer, and Ray Rosebush. As of this writing, I can announce we will have Mr. Bob Bernard as our invited guest. Bob will be displaying the famous red cocktail shaker A. C. Gilbert used to determine the color of the metal Erector boxes. Mr. Bernard will have several other interesting items on display as well. In

addition, due to popular demand, I have scheduled an auction to be held in the main hall starting at 1:30 PM on Saturday.

Frosty Wyrick will provide a wonderful presentation on his now famous model of the Mackinaw bridge which he built in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the bridge. If you were not able to attend the 2007 convention and see the model in person, then Frosty's presentation is not to be missed. There is no question that Frosty's model of the bridge is by far the ultimate in Erector model building. Nothing will ever surpass it!

Bill Bean and I are looking forward to hosting all of you in our homes on Sunday, Aug 2 for our open houses. Time will be 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Other announcements about the open houses will be made at the banquet.