

A second steam tour at the 2023 MER Altoona Convention will be to ride behind East Broad Top 2-8-2 #16, returned to service this year for the first time since 1956. The EBT RR, located forty miles east of Altoona, was among the first narrow-gauge railroads in the country, and it lived to become the last narrow-gauge common carrier east of the Rocky Mountains. Our tour will leave the convention hotel for Rockhill, PA at 8:15 am on Friday, October 20 in a modern, restroom-equipped, 52-passenger motorcoach. At 9:45 am we begin at the Rockhill Trolley Museum, including a trolley ride. After the trolley ride, we will board our reserved EBT coach that will be pulled by steaming, smoking #16 for a one-hour round trip, followed by a guided tour of the historic machine shops. After lunch on-site, we'll board our motorcoach for a stop at the huge HO/HOn3 layout of the Bricktown Model Railroad Club. We'll be back at the convention hotel by 4:15 pm.

Preregistration is required for the day's activities. The all-inclusive price – tickets, lunch, motorcoach – is \$99. The convention registration form provided on this website will have the sign-up information. The East Broad Top Railroad website is <https://eastbroadtop.com/> .