

One of the tours at the 2023 MER Altoona Convention will be to the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad to ride in reserved coaches behind the fully-restored ex-Chesapeake and Ohio 2-6-6-2 #1309. This tour will depart the convention hotel at 9:30 am on Thursday, October 19 in a modern 52-passenger, restroom-equipped motorcoach. Upon arrival at Cumberland, MD, there will be time to stretch your legs at the 1913 Cumberland depot before boarding our reserved coaches at 11 am. The trip will arrive at the 1891 Frostburg depot at 1 pm after a beautiful trip thru Maryland's fall foliage that should be in full color. A boxed lunch will be distributed in Frostburg. Pending operating needs that day, our locomotive for the return trip to Cumberland could be either #1309 or a vintage diesel. We'll board our motorcoach in Cumberland at 4:00 pm, and will be back at the convention hotel by 5:30 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 Western Maryland Scenic Railroad website is <https://wmsr.com/>