



# SPH&TS Annual Convention Tucson, Arizona October 15-18, 2025

**L**ocated on the former Southern Pacific main line in Arizona, Tucson is a modern metropolis. Nearby attractions include the former SP station, now served by Amtrak, an airplane museum, and the University of Arizona, home of the Wildcats. About two hours away is the former mining town of Bisbee.

## Hotel Information

The convention will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Tucson - Reid Park, with a special room rate of \$182.15 per night including taxes and fees. This rate is available for the duration of the convention, with additional rooms available before and after the event dates. Parking is free for all.

Registration is available online. Please visit the society website and click on the convention page for the link. For phone registrations, please call Doubletree at 1-800-222-Tree or call the hotel in Tucson at 1-520-881-4200. The group booking **SRP CODE is C-SHT**. Please use this code if you need to call for a reservation. Rooms are available from October 11 through October 21st, 2025. Please make sure that you use our booking code for the conference dates. Please book your rooms as soon as you can.

Included in the registration costs are breakfast for one person on Thursday and Friday morning. Breakfast will offer scrambled eggs, apple wood bacon, sage pork sausages, breakfast potatoes, fresh baked biscuits, fresh fruit, orange juice, coffee and hot tea. These will be available for both Thursday and Friday morning.

## Registration

The registration fee is \$200.00 per person. Holy Cow! That is a lot of money, however, we have included a few perks that help the cost. We already mentioned the two free breakfasts. You will also receive a ticket to a one-of-a-kind painting by John Signor. Each ticket has a value of \$20.00. (We will have a limited number of additional tickets available for sale to improve your chances of winning.) This is a total value with breakfast and the ticket of \$80.00 in food and a ticket.

You may register online through our website ([sphts.org/convention](http://sphts.org/convention)), by mail using the registration form by September 14, 2025 to lock-in the \$200.00 per person rate. Registration after the 14th will increase to \$230.00.

A streamlined *Sunset Limited* races east past Picacho Peak towards Tucson, Arizona, led by No. 6000. -SP Lines



## **Presentations**

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Presentations will be held in Grand Ballroom from October 16 to 18. We have over 12 confirmed presentations for your education, modeling techniques and historical enlightenment. A few teasers are the SP Tucson Division, and a presentation on the Golden State Train along with an updated version of an excellent presentation on the *Sunset Limited*.

## **Cocktails and Saturday Evening Banquet**

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The cocktail hour and banquet will be held on Saturday night, October 18. Attendees will have the option of a vegetarian plate, Seared Herb Chicken Breast, or Filet Mignon. The cost for the banquet will be \$75.00 for the chicken or filet mignon, and \$60 for the vegetarian plate.

## **Vendor Room**

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For those interested in the commercial side of the hobby, vendor tables will be available in the Main Ballroom, with setup starting on October 15. Vendors can register for tables and showcase their products during the convention. Vendors, please start submitting your reservation for a table. Reservation and payment are due by August 1st, 2025. We are inviting outside vendors to the conference. Tables will be released to them after August 1st. Tables are limited to a maximum of 4. The tables are 8 feet long and cost \$40.00 for the entire show. See the website for the vendor registration form.

## **Models, Dioramas & Photographs**

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Modelers, it is time to start finishing those projects for the modeling, dioramas and photographs to be displayed in our modeling room. We have plenty of room for your project to be displayed. The models will be judged on by the registered attendees via a most popular vote. Awards will be announced at the Saturday evening banquet. Register your models on Friday and vote for the winners on Saturday.

## **Railroad Prototype Meet**

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On Saturday, for the third year in a row, we will hold a Railroad Prototype Meet. All scales and railroads are welcome. While we prefer SP and SSW, you can bring your ATSF and your UP equipment.

## **Extra Fare Events**

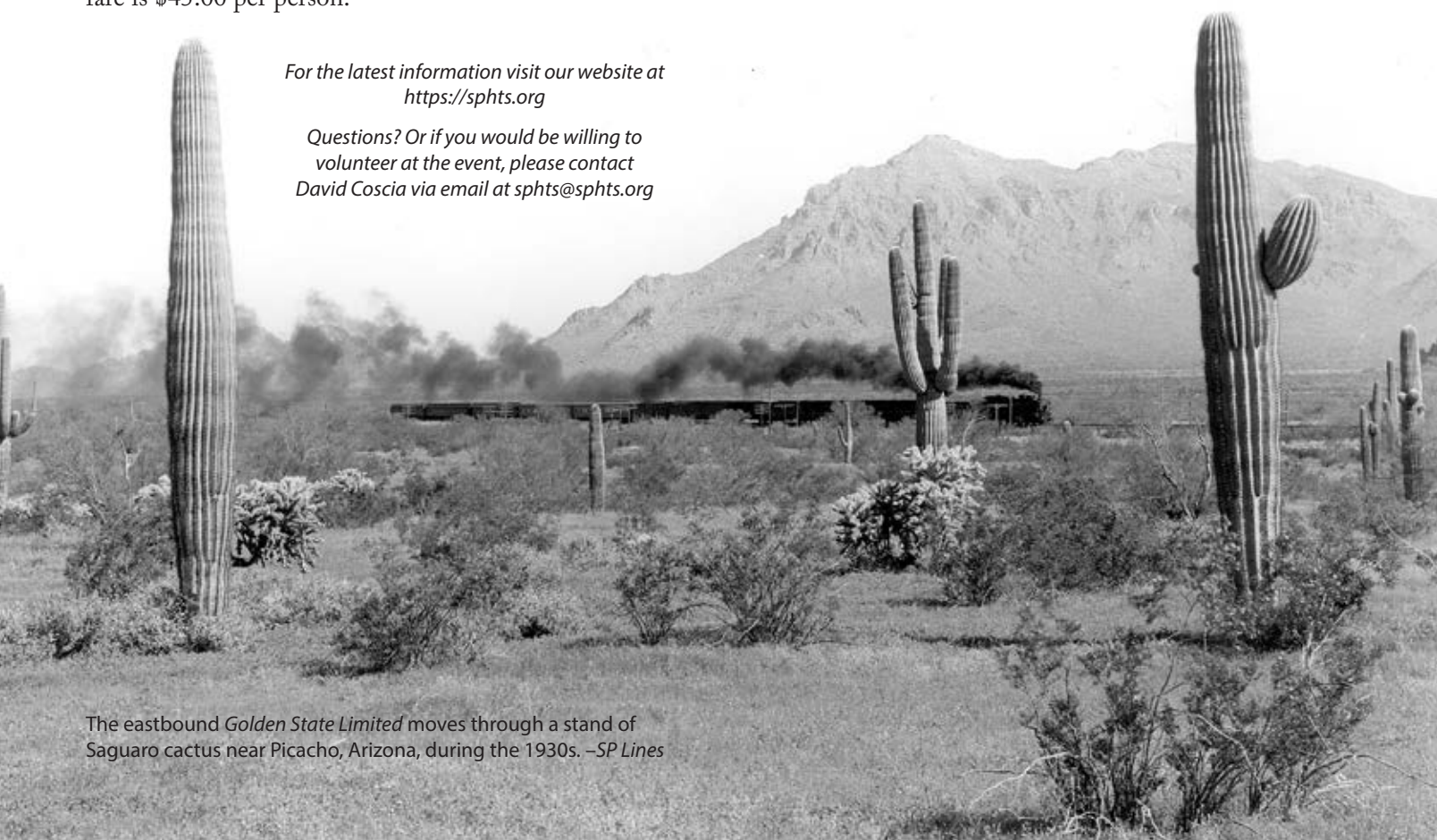
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### **Wednesday, October 15 • Tours of the Port of Tucson and Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**

A walking tour of the two historic train stations in downtown Tucson will also be stops on the day. Cost for the extra fare is \$45.00 per person.

For the latest information visit our website at  
<https://sphts.org>

Questions? Or if you would be willing to  
volunteer at the event, please contact  
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The eastbound *Golden State Limited* moves through a stand of Saguaro cactus near Picacho, Arizona, during the 1930s. —SP Lines