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Our March will be held on Thursday March 16, 2017 at the Don Owens Center on the Heritage Discovery Campus located at 100 Lee Street in the City of Buffalo. The building is located between Elk Street and South Park Avenue. It is easily accessible from the Thruway. Just use the Smith Street exit off the 190. Turn South on Smith, at Elk St turn left, then right on Lee St. Pull through the gate into the building parking lot. Use the rear entrance. There is ample free parking and the meeting which starts at 7:00pm, is open to the general public. Guests are always welcome.

Our program will be presented by society member Geno Dailey covering a personal record-breaking 11 train Amtrak trip he completed in September 2016. The trip will cover rides on the following Amtrak trains: The Lake Shore Limited (3x), City Of New Orleans, Crescent (2x), Piedmont, Carolinian, Northeast Regional, Pennsylvanian, and Capitol Limited! This year's trip would start at Buffalo-Depew Station with a ride on the Lake Shore to Sandusky, OH to visit Cedar Point Amusement Park. Three days later, another ride on the Lake Shore to Chicago. The program will include photos of Amtrak's brand-new First Class Metropolitan Lounge at Chicago Union Station as well as railfanning at Roosevelt Road.

After taking rides covering the entire route of the City Of New Orleans and the Crescent to Charlotte, NC, the program will feature extended coverage of the North Carolina Transportation Museum at Spencer, NC including photos of numerous pieces of historic locomotives, rolling stock & automobiles. Also, we'll take a ride on an excursion train in the cab of a GP-9, as well as see Norfolk & Western Class J 4-8-4 #611 which was at the museum at the time. There will also be some railfanning in Kannapolis, NC featuring Amtrak's Piedmont trains as well as a round trip on Amtrak from Charlotte to Raleigh, NC riding the Piedmont and Carolinian. While In Charlotte, we'll also check out the Carolinas Aviation Museum, home of the "Miracle On The Hudson" Airbus A-320 plane as well as Carowinds Amusement Park. After departing Charlotte, we'll take the Crescent up to Wilmington, DE to spend the night, then the following morning, a Northeast Regional train to Philadelphia, then the Pennsylvanian to Pittsburgh, riding over the famous Pennsylvania Railroad Horseshoe Curve in Altoona. At Pittsburgh, we'll catch the Capitol Limited to Cleveland and the Lake Shore back to Buffalo.

This will be an entertaining and informative program covering a big chunk of the eastern United States by rail, and one you won't want to miss!