

# NRHS News

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## Photographing Trains in the Snow & Ice Wonderland

By ALEX MAYES, Potomac Chapter NRHS

Like many NRHS members, photographing trains is one of my favorite pastimes. The challenge of obtaining quality photos of trains in scenic locations has always intrigued me and I have pursued this

objective since I got into the hobby 40 years ago. Finding that scenic location with perfect lighting and getting a great shot when a train appears is well worth the effort. (Continued on p. 3.)



*PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALEX MAYES*  
**METRO-NORTH COMMUTER TRAIN PASSES THROUGH ICICLE-ENCRUSTED ROCKS** – On December 22, 1995, an EMD F9 powers the six-car train, headed north on the former New York Central's "Water Level Route" main line at Roa Hook, NY. This FL9 is one of sixty engines built for the New Haven Railroad between 1956 and 1960. FL9s are dual-mode engines, which run on diesel power in non-electrified territory away from the NYC area, and in the electric mode powered by a third rail in electrified areas.

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## Submission Deadlines

### Deadlines for upcoming issues

<u>Month</u>	<u>Print or .pdf</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
January 2020	No issue	--
February 2020	.pdf	January 10, 2020
March 2020	Print	February 5, 2020
April 2020	.pdf	March 10, 2020
May 2020	No issue	--

**NRHS 2020 Spring Conference (Cincinnati, Ohio)**  
 registration and hotel information are at the back of this issue  
 and available online at <https://admin.nrhs.com>

(Continued from p. 1.) Scenes with snow add a new dimension to photography and provide some of the best photo opportunities. While many railfans put away their cameras at the end of fall, I look forward to winter and the arrival of snow.

Shortly after the first of the year I check over my cameras, lenses and other equipment and start planning winter trips. Preparing for cold weather is very important before heading out, so planning ahead is critical. Older batteries in cameras and scanners will drain quickly in cold temperatures so if your batteries are a few years old it may be wise to replace them. This applies to your car and cellphone as well.

Besides selecting proper winter apparel such as thermal undergarments, well insulated boots, hats and gloves, other equipment is essential including a sturdy snow shovel with a metal (not plastic) blade, a jug of windshield washer fluid, an ice scraper and a broom. If you are heading to an area with heavy snowfall you might consider taking along a set of chains. Finally, you should check your car over thoroughly before heading out to be sure the engine oil, transmission fluid and windshield washer fluid levels are full.

Below are some of the photos I have taken in snowy conditions since the late seventies which I consider are among the best photos I've taken.



**WINTER STEAM CHARTERS ARE VERY POPULAR WITH MOST SERIOUS PHOTOGRAPHERS –** Cold temperatures produce huge volumes of steam, which provide dramatic photo ops. On a bitterly cold January 16, 1999 a steam charter was operated on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad between Cumberland and Frostburg, MD with their ex-Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad 2-8-0 No. 34, now No. 734 on the Western Maryland Scenic. This charter, which was arranged by Carl Franz of the Potomac Chapter NRHS, was comprised of vintage freight cars to resemble a typical freight of the 1950s. This photo was taken as the steam charter was working up the steep grade as it approached the Frostburg, MD station.



***STEAM INTO HISTORY*** – Special excursion trains operated on the ex-Northern Central Railway between New Freedom, Hanover Junction and Glen Rock, PA on December 6, 13 and 20, 2013. Two-car trains were powered by oil-burning 1860's replica 4-4-0 No. 17, constructed by Kloke Locomotive Works, Elgin, IL in 2012.



***WINTER STEAM SPECTACULAR, FEB. 2, 2008*** – Nevada Northern Railway's 4-6-0 No. 40 with four vintage wooden boxcars and caboose No. 5. Purchased from Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1910 for passenger service, which ended in 1941. In 2004 No. 40 underwent an extensive rebuild, and used in excursion service today.



***ECHO CANYON WHITE-OUT – Union Pacific COFC/double stack train heads west through the west end of Echo Canyon, Utah during a late spring snowstorm on May 1, 2019. This location is on the UPRR's Evanston Sub which runs between Green River Wyoming and Ogden, Utah on the Overland Route, completed in 1868. This line is one of the busiest in the U.S., which sees 60-80 trains a day.***



***PRICE RIVER CANYON, UTAH – Utah Railway coal train ascends the steep grade of the former Denver & Rio Grande Western main as it heads through the Price River Canyon a few miles west of Castle Gate, Utah on January 31, 2008. Leading this 100+ car train are four MPI MK50-3s, and five additional diesels are in the consist about 2/3 from the head end. The lead unit is painted in the orange and black scheme of parent Genesee & Wyoming, Inc., which acquired the Utah Railway in 2002. .***



**WEST OF KYUNE, UTAH** – A Union Pacific manifest train heads east a few miles west of Kyune, Utah on the former main line of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad on January 31, 2008. US Route 6, provides spectacular panoramic views of the line with snow-covered Wasatch Mountains in the afternoon.



**CLASSIC AMTRAK WEST OF CUMBERLAND, MD, JAN. 11, 1997** – Amtrak's Capitol Limited splits a pair of classic B&O Color Position Light (CPL) signals at Manila, PA as it descends Sand Patch Grade. The pair of 4,000 horsepower General Electric P40s are in full dynamic mode as the train descends the steep grade.



**WINTER STORMS BRING TRACKSIDE SURPRISES** – Being trackside following a snowstorm, you can never predict what will show up. On January 31, 2006 at BNSF's Marias Pass in northwestern Montana, waiting for Amtrak's east bound Empire Builder, diesels approached from the west. Next, a snowplow kicked up a huge wave of snow appeared. This made a very unexpected and spectacular sight on BNSF's ex-Great Northern Hi Line over Marias Pass which skirts the southern border of Glacier National Park.



**APPALACHIAN WINTER** –Conrail train of empty coal hoppers passes former Pennsylvania Railroad GP9 No. 7048 as it rounds Horseshoe Curve on the Pittsburgh Line west of Altoona, PA on February 26, 1993.

# See You in Southern California, June 8-13, 2020!

*By John H. Goodman, National Convention Chairman NRHS*

The 2020 NRHS Convention will be held June 8 to 13, 2020 near Fullerton, California. The Knott's Berry Farm Hotel is the confirmed hotel. The special convention rate of \$119.00 per night (plus tax) is available from June 8 through June 13, 2020. The hotel located at 7675 Crescent Ave, Buena Park, CA 90620. Hotel map, directions and more may be found at <https://www.knotts.com/stay>.

Reserve your room now. Call the hotel directly at 866-752-2444, and mention reservation block code NRHS. Or, book online at <https://reservations.knottshotel.com/knotts/?requesttype=invBlockCode&code=NRHS&start>.

Event reservation period opens on February 15, 2020. Below is the initial list of events and excursions; however, these are tentative and subject to change.

- *Monday, June 8, 2020* – On-site Registration opens in the afternoon.
- *Tuesday, June 9, 2020* – Meeting day at hotel. Starts with morning Council meeting, continues with Board of Directors meeting in early afternoon, followed by Membership meeting.
- *Wednesday June 10, 2020* – Orange Empire Museum trip (via bus). Ticket price includes a barbecue luncheon on the grounds.
- *Thursday, June 11, 2020* – Fillmore and Western Railroad trip (via bus) for special steam powered train over entire line. Ticket price includes box lunch.
- *Friday, June 12, 2020* – Rail Giant museum in nearby Pomona, CA (via bus). This museum is the location where UP Big Boy #4014 was stored for many years.
- *Friday, June 12, 2020* (evening) – Annual banquet dinner with cash bar, followed by after-dinner speaker.
- *Saturday, June 13, 2020* (day) – Griffith Park - Travel Town trip (via bus) to visit its extensive railroad collection. On return, visit Los Angeles Union Passenger Station for facility tour, and lunch on-your-own at the in-station eateries.
- *Saturday, June 13th, 2020* (evening) – Annual night photo session at the Rail Giant Museum.

Other events are planned, not confirmed, and subject to change.

## Fall 2019 NRHS Conference – Dallas Memories

*By J.L. GATTIS, Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter NRHS*

The Fall 2019 NRHS Conference in Dallas offered a variety of local rail and transit outings. Events included a ride on the TexRail, stops at Dallas Union Station, and many other rail experiences. As with any rail field trip, cameras were held at the ready to capture memories and good times being had by all.



**MEMORIES IN THE MAKING AT DALLAS UNION STATION** – *The program kept many of the attendees' cameras busy, as seen here at Dallas Union Station.*



**TEXRAIL TICKETS PLEASE** - *One of the local hosts for the Dallas Fall Conference, Skip Waters, gets his ticket punched (albeit electronically) by the TEXRail conductor. Coming up on its first birthday, TEXRail's equipment is like new.*

# RailCamp 2020 – All Aboard!

*By Becky Gerstung, Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS*

Need a ticket? It's easy. Just go to the NRHS website ([www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)) click on RailCamp and fill out an application. (The form will be available January 1, 2020.) RailCamp is open to boys and girls ages 14 -18 (remember those last two words "and girls") in 9th-12th grades including graduating seniors in 2020. You need not belong to the NRHS to apply or to be sponsored by an NRHS Chapter or other organization. Are you a modeler, a history buff, photographer or POR (Plain Ordinary Railfan)? All are welcome to RailCamp East June 21 – 27, 2020 or RailCamp Northwest July 26 - Aug. 2, 2020.



***AMTRAK TRAINING CENTER, WILMINGTON DELAWARE – RailCamp East includes tours, hands-on experiences and more with Amtrak and other rail partners.***

Remember those words, and girls? In 2019 there were no girls attending either camp. We did have 36 boys from 14 states. Seventeen received full or partial scholarships. We have a sponsor who specifies that their scholarship in memory of a lady in their organization be awarded to a girl. So, there was an opportunity lost for a lucky girl in 2019.



***DISPATCH EXPERIENCES – 2018 RailCamper Sarah using Amtrak's simulators.***

All partners have committed to the 2020 program. Our participation at their facilities has to fit into their day to day working schedule. We take employees away from their duties to work with our campers.



***STEAM LOCOMOTIVE EXPERIENCES – 2018 RailCamper Alexandra running the Cagney steam locomotive at the Strasburg Rail Road.***

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a camper, contact [railcampnrhs@nrhs.com](mailto:railcampnrhs@nrhs.com). It can be an NRHS chapter, model club, historical society, other organization or an individual. Generous support from all of these sources has made certain that no camper has ever been turned away for financial reasons.



***DIESEL CAR EXPERIENCES – 2018 RailCamper Nichole at the controls of the diesel rail car No. 10 at the Strasburg Rail Road.***

Confirmed 2020 dates are

- RailCamp East June 21 - 27, 2020, and
- RailCamp Northwest July 26 - August 2, 2020.

RailCamp tuition will remain at \$1,390 for either camp. This includes a \$50 registration fee. Transportation is the responsibility of the camper.

# Blackhawk Chapter Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Announces Chicago Railroad History Poster

By David Daruszka, Blackhawk Chapter NRHS

## Blackhawk Railway Historical Society Announces Sales of Chicago Railroad History Month Posters

The Blackhawk Railway Historical Society, a chapter of the National Railway Historical Society announces the online sale of the poster celebrating Chicago Railroad History Month. The poster, by Mitch Markovitz, celebrates the rich history of Chicago's railroads. The celebration of October as the month honoring the relationship between the city and the railroads began two years ago. Subsequent Mayoral Proclamations have been issued due to the work of the group in the effort to organize a larger celebration in 2023, the 175th anniversary of the first train to operate out of Chicago.

The Blackhawk Railway Historical Society, celebrating its 50th anniversary, has been involved in various aspects of railroad preservation and historical research. They have funded a number of preservation projects and consulted with a variety of groups on local preservation efforts.

The 20x30 poster illustrates a number of iconic images of the city's railroad history. This includes the streamlined diesel Zephyr passenger train, a steam powered freight and the observation car of a Chicago & Alton passenger train. The classic background of the Chicago skyline includes the long lost Union Station Concourse and Grand Central Station. South Shore and Illinois Central electric trains complete the scene. Markovitz's art includes book covers, illustrations and posters for a number of clients that including railroads. The poster evokes his knowledge and passion for railroads and their history.

The posters retail for \$35 plus shipping and handling costs. Limited edition, hand-run premium prints signed by Mitch are available between \$80 and \$250.

To purchase posters, please visit the group website at [https://www.blackhawkrailwayhistoricalsociety.org/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](https://www.blackhawkrailwayhistoricalsociety.org/store/c1/Featured_Products.html).

More information on Chicago Railroad History Month can be found at <https://www.crrhm.com/> or by contacting David Daruszka at 773-233-8788.



# Final Trip for 2019 by UP's Big Boy No. 4014

By ALEX MAYES, Potomac Chapter NRHS

Union Pacific's Big Boy No. 4014 made its final run for 2019 this fall, departing Cheyenne, Wyoming on September 27th. Dubbed **The Great Race Across the Southwest**, this final trip was on UP rails through Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Oklahoma, Texas Nevada, New Mexico, Missouri, Kansas and California before reaching its final destination back at Cheyenne on November 27th.

The 4014 toured the Union Pacific system throughout 2019 to commemorate the completion of the transcontinental railroad's 150th anniversary. The Big Boy's return to the rails is the product of more than two years of meticulous restoration work by the Union Pacific Steam Team at their shop in Cheyenne. The 4-8-8-4 No. 4014 is the world's largest operating steam locomotive.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALEX MAYES

**THE 4014 EMITS A HUGE PLUME OF STEAM AS IT CRESTS THE SUMMIT OF THE WASATCH GRADE AT WAHSATCH, UTAH** – *The temperature was 26 degrees on this crisp morning. The 4014 is on its home turf, as the Big Boys were designed to pull heavy freights over the Wasatch Mountains between Cheyenne and Ogden, Utah.*

Teresa and I chased the third day of the 4014's final trip between Wahsatch and Bountiful, Utah on October 1st with cool and sunny skies. This trip originated in Evanston, Wyoming and ended in Provo, Utah, where the 4014 was placed on display for public viewing. The consist was comprised of ten cars, including two half-domes. Coupled behind the 4014 to assist on steep grades and to provide dynamic braking when descending was UP SD70AH No. 8843.



**DESCENDING THE GRADE FOUR MILES WEST OF WAHSATCH, UTAH – *Classic UP livery on display.***



**DEPARTING EMORY AFTER MEETING TWO EAST BOUND UP STACK TRAINS – *In a few minutes the steam special will enter Echo Canyon.***



**EXITING TWIN TUNNELS AT TAGGART, UTAH – *UP 4014* exits the west portal of the tunnels.**



**ROARING THROUGH BOUNTIFUL UTAH – *UP 4014* enroute to Provo, Utah.**

# North West Illinois Chapter 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

*By JERRY PYFER, President, North Western Illinois Chapter NRHS*

The North Western Illinois Chapter held its 50th Anniversary Meeting on November 29, 2019. Also, chapter members who have attained 50 years of membership with the NRHS and the chapter were recognized.



**FIFTY YEARS OF NRHS MEMORIES** – *The celebration honored members Craig Willett and Lloyd Rinehart for their years of membership and participation in the NRHS.*

Everyone enjoyed the special cake, lots of camaraderie, and good times were had all around. NRHS President Al Weber joined the festivities and offered his congratulations to the members and chapter.



**FIFTY YEARS OF SWEET SUCCESS** – *The North West Illinois Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society shared many sweet memories at their party.*

## Deadline – Jan. 31, 2020 for NRHS Heritage Grants

*By CHARLES WEBB, Harrisburg Chapter NRHS*

The National Railway Historical Heritage Grant application phase is now open for the 2020 awards. **Deadline for application submission is January 31, 2020 for the 2020 program.** This is a matching grant. The maximum grant is \$5000.00. The application form and description are available on the NRHS website <http://nrhs.com/programs/heritage-grants/>

Have questions about what a Heritage Grant is or what types of projects are eligible? The NRHS Railway Heritage Grants Program provides financial support to projects that contribute to preservation of, and education about, railway history. This includes grants for stabilization and restoration of railroad equipment, such as steam or diesel locomotives and other train equipment, railway buildings as well as the preservation and archiving of historical records and train pictures. Past grants have been made for preservation activities. We also encourage projects in research, education, and publications. See descriptions of previous recipients and projects at <http://nrhs.com/programs/heritage-grants/>.

# Electroliner Restoration at Illinois Railway Museum

*By Tom Sharratt, Wisconsin Chapter NRHS*

The Illinois Railway Museum (IRM) is working to restore their Electroliner train. On September 17, 2019, the train was reassembled. The pictures below tell part of the restoration story. IRM received grant support from the NRHS and the Wisconsin, Blackhawk and North Western Illinois NRHS chapters provided help early on.

One of the most famous pieces in the large collection of equipment at the Illinois Railway Museum is the Electroliner. Two such articulated streamlined trains were built for the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad (North Shore Line) in 1941 to compete with the Milwaukee Road's "Hiawatha" and the Chicago and North Western's "400" then operating between Chicago and Milwaukee. When the North Shore Line was abandoned in 1963, the trains were sold to the Philadelphia Suburban Transportation Company (Red Arrow Lines) where they operated as "Liberty Liners" until 1978.



**BIG DAY - BIG LIFT! Shop trucks removed, preparing to install rebuilt trucks.**

Train 801-802 was returned to Illinois in 1982 and underwent an extensive exterior restoration to reverse modifications made to the train while in Philadelphia, and repaint it in its original salmon and turquoise paint scheme. Although it operated briefly, it became clear that there were major electrical and mechanical problems that needed attention as well as interior restoration work. It sat on display for nearly twenty years before a campaign to complete the restoration was begun in 2013. It is estimated that the entire restoration will cost \$1.5 million, the majority of which has been raised.

The train was disassembled in October 2015 and the five trucks were sent to Avalon Rail Inc in Milwaukee, where they were completely rebuilt. The eight traction motors were rewound at the same time by Calumet Armature & Electric of Riverdale IL. The rebuilt trucks and motors were returned to IRM earlier this year.

On September 17, 2019, two large cranes lifted the four cars off their temporary shop trucks and the train was placed upon its original trucks. Work will now begin to inspect and reconnect the electrical and air brake systems, and complete the interior restoration.



**ROLLING, ROLLING, KEEP ROLLING – *Rolling the new truck for installation.***



**WATCH YOUR STEP – *Positioning the truck.***



**LOOK OUT, UP, DOWN** – *End of car prior to lowering on truck.*



**CAREFUL NOW** – *Getting close.*



**SO HAPPY TOGETHER** – *How two cars join.*



**LOOKING GOOD – Done !**



**GETTING A MOVE ON – Moving the train into barn 7.**

Now the long hard jobs of connecting and checking the electrical and air connections, new air conditioning, and interior restoration - plus unknown jobs - can begin . . . It was a long, HOT (80+ degrees) day. The cranes arrived at 0700, the first lift was about 0830 and the final lift was completed about 1645.

# NRHS Display for Saint Clair Shores Public Library

*By Frank & Carol Ann Cornelius, At-Large members, NRHS*

The Public Library in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan offers a display case in which individuals and organizations may exhibit items of interest to the public. We reserved the case for the month of October 2019 to advertise the NRHS and its activities. We have a reasonably large collection of model trains and decided to use some of them to attract attention to our exhibit.



*PHOTOS COURTESY OF FRANK & CAROL ANN CORNELIUS*  
**DISPLAY CASE FRONT WITH A VARIETY OF RAILROAD MODELS AND BROCHURES –**  
*The front of the display case. Models trains are on the bottom two shelves, and information about the NRHS is on the top shelf and atop the case itself. The two glass doors swing outward.*

We chose to use three levels of shelving. We set up five tracks on the bottom shelf, where the weight of the engines would have the most support. Because the case had center boards running across the bottom shelf from front to back, we had to place the tracks on wooden blocks, which can be seen as the light-colored rectangles on the bottom shelf.



**DETAILED VIEW OF MODEL TRAINS DISPLAY – *The front of the display case is to the left. Wooden blocks are visible under the tracks, which are numbered from left to right.***

On Track 1 on the bottom shelf is a C& Allegheny pulling a bright red Stroh's Beer boxcar and a C;O caboose. Although the UP Big Boy has received a lot of publicity lately, we chose an Allegheny because there is one nearby in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. A Stroh's car was a natural choice because Detroit was once its headquarters. Information about the engines and cars on each track is displayed along both sides of the bottom shelf:

- TRACK 1: Engine # 1604 is modeled after a type of engine called an "Allegheny" because it was built to haul coal over the Allegheny Mountains. You can see a real Allegheny steam engine at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.
- TRACK 2: A string of train cars consisting of a flat car carrying a submarine, a tank car for liquid oxygen, a log dump car, and a crane with its work caboose.
- TRACK 3: The blue engine is modeled after an Electro Motive SD60M diesel engine. It bears Conrail colors and markings. The gray engine is modeled after a General Electric 8-40C diesel engine. It bears Norfolk Southern colors and markings. Because Norfolk Southern took over much of Conrail, it would not be unusual to see the two engines together pulling a Norfolk Southern freight train.
- TRACK 4: Engine # 611 is modeled after Norfolk & Western steam engine 611, which is still operative at the Virginia Museum of Transportation in Roanoke, Virginia.
- TRACK 5: The three-unit engine set is modeled after a Union Pacific gas-turbine engine called a "Big Blow" because it was so noisy. You can see a real one at Union Station in Ogden, Utah.

On the second shelf is a collection of various freight and passenger cars and a diesel switcher, largely selected for their bright colors to attract attention. The shelf consists of two panes of glass, both of which are anchored at the corners but have a two-inch gap between the panes. So as not to lose display space because of the gap, we made an “S” with two sections of curved track and rested a long UP passenger car on the S that bridged the gap.

Information about the NRHS and its programs is on the top shelf and also on top of the display case. The top shelf is where we made our major mistake. We measured the outside dimensions of the case but, instead of actually measuring the inside dimensions, we simply guessed at what allowances should be made – and we guessed wrong. The top shelf, like the second one, consists of two glass panes separated by a two-inch gap.

In our preparations at home, we constructed two fort-like structures, 28" square, 10" high, made of white foam board, 3/16" thick. We purchased the board from Office Depot in 20" x 30" sizes. We had four sheets cut in half to make eight 10" x 30" pieces. We then had 2" cut off the 30" lengths to produce eight 10" x 28" sides for two 28" squares, each 10" high. We used 1/2" square balsa-wood strips to support the corners and Gorilla Glue to hold things together. The plan was to print text and photographs on photo paper and attach the material to three sides of each square using photo sticker squares (“Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Mounts”). One side of each square would be blank, and the blank sides would face each other along the gap in the top shelf.

We anticipated that each structure would rest on one of the two glass panes that formed the top shelf. From the viewpoint of a person standing in front of the display case, through the right glass door would be seen an introduction to the exhibit, followed by an NRHS Membership Brochure, next would be a copy of the cover of the NRHS Bulletin featuring the Pere Marquette 1225, which would be followed by a photograph of NRHS members serving as car hosts on a 1225 excursion, and lastly would be a RailCamp Brochure.

The introduction reads as follows:

*This display is presented by members of the NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

*We ride, photograph, study, and work to preserve real trains. All persons are welcome to join.*

*Visit our website <https://nrhs.com/> and like us on <https://www.facebook.com/RailPreservation>*

*You may join the NRHS by completing the application form in our Membership Brochure found atop this display case and mailing it and the membership fee as indicated in the Brochure, or you may join online at <https://nrhs.com/membership/>*

*High school-aged students who are interested in how railroads operate may want to attend our RailCamp. Brochures are atop the display case, and additional information is available at <https://nrhs.com/programs/railcamp/>*

*The model trains displayed here are simply for illustration of our interests in real trains, although many of our members do collect model trains as a hobby. If you need help reaching us on the Internet, just ask a Librarian for assistance.*

We featured the 1225 because it is the most famous train in Michigan and felt that locals would recognize it. On top of the case, in addition to NRHS Membership Brochures, copies of the NRHS Bulletin (offered free to Library patrons), and RailCamp Brochures, we placed brochures from the Steam Railroading Institute which is located in Owosso, Michigan and is the home of the 1225.

Having arranged information about the NRHS on the right-hand portion of the top shelf, we wanted to illustrate our favorite NRHS activity—riding trains—just opposite on the left-hand portion of the top shelf. We led off with a photo of our Alaska excursion. Next to it we posted a photo from a Minnesota steam excursion, which we chose because the sun cast a golden glow over the engine and because a woman and a young girl are seated near the engine. For the third photo we chose one from another Minnesota excursion in which a teenage NRHS member is standing beside a diesel. The choice of photos with children was quite deliberate. The last picture showed some of our more mature members dining elegantly on R. J. Corman’s “My Old Kentucky Dinner Train”. No names of any NRHS members appear anywhere in the exhibit.

The rest of the top shelf consists of photographs from NRHS excursions. We wanted to depict NRHS members having fun and felt that excursion photographs demonstrate that best. We make no claim to being railroad photographers but believe we got our message across. On every side NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY appears in large bold letters. We have made a pdf slide show of material on the top shelf. If you’d like to see it, just email either of us ([carolann01@comcast.net](mailto:carolann01@comcast.net) or [efcornelius@comcast.net](mailto:efcornelius@comcast.net)).

Despite our advance planning, our failure to take good interior measurements of the display case forced us to collapse our two squares into triangles at the last minute. Fortunately, we didn't have to abandon any material because we had designed the squares each to have a blank side, which we simply collapsed. The change actually gave us plenty of space to place railroad pins on the glass shelves. Although arranged in triangular patterns, all material is visible and readable as you walk around the exhibit.

We thank those who helped us: Jon Baake for sending NRHS Brochures, Becky Gerstung for sending RailCamp Brochures, Jeff Smith for sending Bulletins, and Terry Bush at SRI for sending their brochures. Jon and Becky also critiqued this article for us.

Although the librarians seemed delighted with the display, our purpose was to gain new members for the NRHS, so we won't know if we've been successful for several months. If other members would like to do something similar, contact the head of your local library. Be sure to inquire about the security of the display case and measure it carefully inside and out. Becky Gerstung has numerous suggestions for places to advertise the NRHS, in addition to libraries.

## The Life and Times of an NRHS At-Large Director

*By JACK HILBORN, At-Large Director Region B, NRHS*

Hi, my name is Jack Hilborn, and I am the At-Large National Director for Region B. I live the bedroom community of Delaware, Ohio, just north of Columbus. I have owned an insurance agency for 45 years and have been very active in local activities. I currently serve as President of the Delaware County Historical Society. Also, I am a proud member of the committee that recognized President Rutherford B. Hayes who was born here in Delaware. A statue was erected recently in honor of President Hayes who spent his early years here back in the early 1800's. Hayes served as President of the United States from 1877 to 1881.

I am an at-large member and live more than 2 hours from the closest chapter. My love of railroading began as a small boy with a Lionel train set. Formerly, I have been Vice President of the Central Ohio Railfans Association.

At several recent NRHS national conventions, I've hosted meetings of at-large members. I am doing my best to properly represent the at-large members from Region B at the national level. Feel free to contact me via email to [hilborn@midohio.net](mailto:hilborn@midohio.net), via phone 740-369-9641 or via mail to Jack Hilborn, PO Box 688, Delaware OH, 43015. Thank you for electing me to be your national director. I will do my very best to properly represent you.

## Deadline – Jan. 12, 2020 for CFC NRHS Donation

*By WESLEY ROSS, Director – District 5, Central Kentucky Chapter NRHS*

In the 2019-20 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the National Railway Historical Society is **number 10276**. **The campaign runs from September 9 to January 12, 2020.**

Federal employees, military personnel, Federal contractors, retired government employees and military retirees are encouraged to participate. You can participate through the on-line site at: <https://www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign>. Once you reach this page, scroll down to the Donate Now button and click on it. This will send you to another page where you can register and make your pledge. Your pledge can be made to any number of participating charities at the same time. Your pledge will be deducted from your check during each pay period in 2020.

If you are eligible to participate in the CFC, please consider making a generous donation to support the good work that our organization does during the year with such programs as Rail Camp and our Heritage Grants Program. Please encourage your friends who are Federal employees or members of the military or retired to participate in the CFC and to make a donation to the **National Railway Historical Society Number 10276**.

# 2019 Joint Picnic by Baltimore & Potomac Chapters

*By ALEX MAYES, Potomac Chapter NRHS*

This year's joint Baltimore Chapter/Potomac Chapter NRHS annual picnic was held August 17, 2109 at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum (<https://www.baltimorestreetcarmuseum.org/>) in Baltimore, Maryland, and was a very enjoyable event. Lots of great food, socializing with friends and operating and riding vintage streetcars combined for a fun day and enjoyable event.



**PCC NO. 2168  
WAITS FOR CSX  
TRAIN ON  
OVERHEAD  
BRIDGE TO  
CLEAR – Note how  
far away the  
streetcar has  
stopped from the  
bridge. following the  
derailment of a CSX  
train on the bridge  
which fell onto the  
BSM's tracks below  
last March.**

**GETTING READY TO  
OPERATE CAR NO. 554 –  
Baltimore Chapter National  
Director Richard Shulby (right)  
and daughter Haley prepare to  
operate streetcar No. 554 as BSM  
Vice President of Transportation  
Ed Amrhein looks on.**





**RAIL RIDES ARE FOR ALL AGES –** Potomac Chapter member Bennet Lichtman prepares to operate streetcar No. 554 as BSM Vice President of Transportation Ed Amrhein looks on. Ed's one year old grandson gets a sip of his water as his three year old grandson awaits another thrilling ride to the loop and back.



**HAVING A GREAT DAY AT BSM –** Baltimore Streetcar Museum is a great place for a stroll and a ride with family and friends.



**TIME TO GET OFF THE BOARD AND DIG IN – Pit cooked turkey, pork and beef, it doesn't get better than this!**



**ONE LAST RIDE OF THE DAY – Great day, great rides with good friends. See you next year.**



**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! – Potomac Chapter National Representative Rick Davidson (large name badge) hands check for the use of BSM for our picnic to BSM Vice President of Transportation Ed Amrhein as BSM president John O'Neill (Orioles shirt) looks on. !**

# President's Column - Best Wishes of the Season

*By AL WEBER, President, National Railway Historical Society*

First, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continuing support of railway history preservation. In the spirit of the holiday why not give a gift membership to someone which may just be "the gift that keeps on giving" to railway preservation for year to come.

The NRHS Heritage Grants come from your donations, not out of your dues. So please consider giving a donation to the Heritage Grants.

The NRHS has had a very good 2019 and I expect a good 2020. Our programs and preservation efforts are all going well. We need more volunteers to help with the Society's business and if you are so inclined, please contact me. I am looking for volunteers to take on our advertising. A few hours per month are all it takes for advertising, and to write a few small reports to the board. Experience is helpful but not really needed.

I have heard from many of you about the Amtrak situation. In 2020, I will be going to Washington DC to talk to some of our Representatives and Senators about the need for Amtrak to be given a mandate to be a true nation-wide train system. You also can help by contacting your Representative and Senators, ask them about their support for passenger railroads in the United States.

Our convention in 2020 will be held in Southern California, headquartered at Knotts Berry Farm. I hope you will consider bringing your whole family (maybe grandchildren) to this convention. This area is very family friendly with Knotts and Disneyland along with many others.

Please get in your NRHS renewals as soon as possible. This will save the NRHS membership volunteers the cost of mailing you a reminder. Again have a safe and happy holiday. Al Weber  
<aweber@nrhs.com>

## Editor's Notes – Have Delightful, Happy Holidays

*By VALLI HOSKI, Editor, NRHS News*

Greetings from south central PA, best wishes for a delightful, happy holiday season. May your Christmas be merry, your New Year be happy, and all your holidays glow brightly. Best regards for safe travels, good weather, much joy and comfort with your family and friends. Also, may you find a few, good photo opps along the rails and roadways.

Please keep the *NRHS News* in mind when you enjoy seasonal rail scenery this winter. My thanks to the contributors who shared their snowy, sunny and restorative rail scenes and adventures in this issue.

You are invited to share your photographic memories, whether of trains in snow, sleet, rain, wind or full sunny days, with your fellow members and readers of the NRHS publications. All contributors are acknowledged. Why not make a New Year's resolution to submit your rail tales and photos? Then sit back and enjoy your moment of artistic fame.

As always, items may be submitted to <news@nrhs.com> or mail to NRHS News, c/o Valli Hoski, P.O. Box 234, York Springs, PA, 17372. For questions or more information, call 717-398-0430.

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# Spring 2020 NRHS Conference Information



## SPRING 2020 NRHS CONFERENCE March 26, 27 & 28 in Cincinnati, OH Host Hotel: Cincinnati Marriott North

(Hotel information on p. 24)

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NRHS Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NAME TAG INFORMATION (Additional Names on back of this sheet)

Name (as preferred) \_\_\_\_\_

NRHS National or Chapter Office Title \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name & City/State \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

#### CONFERENCE EVENTS

**REGISTRATION** – Saturday Meetings (1 per household) ----- Registration: ( 1 ) \$ 5 0.00

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26 - Registration Available 4 PM - 9 PM Marriott North**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27 – Train Trip to White Water Valley all day trip - 8:00 am thru 5:30 pm**

**Friday Activities (including lunch and all gratuities) ----- Number of people (\_\_\_\_) x \$ 95.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00**

- Trip to the White Water Valley Railroad Connorsville, IN: Train ride, tour of WVRR Shops and grounds

- Tour Rushville Station and Dearborn Tower

- Lunch Laurel Inn Laurel, IN (Meal Choice Form must to be turned in with registration Form)

- Time permitting a Run-By at the Whitewater River Crossing.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - Registration Available 5 PM - 9 PM Marriott North**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28** – All Saturday meetings will be held at the Marriott North

**SATURDAY EVENING Banquet - EnterTRAINment Junction –**

**BUFFET BANQUET at EnterTRAINment Junction ----- Number of People (\_\_\_\_) x \$60.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00**

- Bus Transportation available starting 5:30 for trip to EnterTRAINment Junction and return included in Banquet Fee

**Mail your completed Forms and payment by March 1, 2020**

**Mail To:**

**Cincinnati Chapter NRHS**

**PO Box 62023**

**Cincinnati, OH 45262-0023**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00**

**Make check or MO payable to**

**Cincinnati Chapter NRHS**

**No Credit/Debit Cards**



## Cincinnati Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

The Cincinnati Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

*Invites you to attend the*

**Spring 2020 Conference of the**

**NRHS Board of Directors and Advisory Council**

**March 26, 27, and 28, 2020**

The Host hotel is the **Cincinnati Marriott North West Chester, OH**

6189 Muhlhauser Road, West Chester, OH 45069

**Book your reservation directly with the hotel on or before March 1, 2020**

Group room rate is \$115.00 (plus Tax) per night: You must contact the Marriott directly for the discount.

The NRHS Rate is effective starting Thursday March 26, 2020 thru Monday March 30, 2020.

**By Phone: 1-800-MARRIOTT or 1-800-627-4688 - Use the code “NRHS at the Cincinnati North”**

**By internet: Paste the link below. It will take you directly to our special NRHS booking information.**

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1570108672104&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

### List of Scheduled Events –

**Thursday, March 26 – Welcome to Cincinnati, OH - Registration at the hotel 4 to 9 PM**

**Friday, March 27 Train Ride – Cost \$95.00 per person – All day event with food for lunch included**

- Bus Trip to Connersville, Indiana to ride the Whitewater Valley RR to Metamora, IN
- We will stop at the yards of South Conn to view the new shop building and yards.
- We will then stop at the Restored Rushville Station and the Dearborn Tower
- The next stop will be at Laurel Inn for a lunch in the historic hotel restaurant – Advance Meal Choice
- Along the way to Metamora we will have a run by with weather and time permitting
- We will continue on to Metamora for boarding the bus back to the hotel

**Friday, March 27 – Registration at the hotel 5 to 9 PM**

**Saturday, March 28**

Meeting day for the Advisory Council and Board of Directors – all meetings at Marriott Hotel

**Saturday, March 28 – Evening Banquet held at EnterTRAINment Junction - Cost is \$60.00 per person**

Following the meeting in the evening will be a Banquet held at **EnterTRAINment Junction** the World’s Largest “G” gauge train layout with over 90 operating trains. We will have an entertaining speaker/presentation and a tour of the facilities on your own. The trains and gift shop will be open.

- Bus starts at the hotel at 5:30 PM to EnterTRAINment Junction
- Bus leaves EnterTRAINment Junction about 9:00 PM to return to the Marriott

**Sunday, March 29 – Have a safe trip back home**

Optional day, (On your own) suggestion would be to go to the Cincinnati Museum Center or the Dayton History at Carillion Park.

Caboose Trip on Whitewater see <http://queencityhiraillers.org/events/> scroll down to March 29, 2020 (Sign up before March 1, 2020)

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The Menu must be filled out and mailed in along with your conference reservation.

The meal will be served at the Laurel Inn in Laurel, IN during the train ride on Friday the 27th.

Make as many copies as you need.

Fill out One Menu per person. Food is included in the price of the Train Ride.

All menus are needed by March 1, Registration Deadline. The Inn needs the information to order the food.

Full Name: _____	Full Name: _____
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