

NRHS News

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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2020 NRHS Election Coming Soon

By *JOSEPH C. MALONEY JR, Vice President NRHS & Chair 2020 NRHS Electoral Committee*

The National Railway Historical Society, Incorporated (NRHS) is conducting its national elections under the procedures outlined in the NRHS Bylaws as revised and adopted January 13, 2013. Per the revised Bylaws of the NRHS, the NRHS Board of Directors consists of 25 members. Two (2) members hold the office of NRHS President and NRHS Vice President; five (5) members are Global Directors; and the remaining eighteen (18) members are District Directors. There are seven districts for the chapter members, and two districts for the At-Large members.

The upcoming 2020 election is the fifth election being conducted under the revised NRHS Bylaws. **Nominations** for candidates will be **open from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020**. In this election, affected officers and Board members will be elected to four year terms. We have provided you the details about the election process on the NRHS Admin web site <<https://admin.nrhs.com/>>. The qualifications for candidates are contained in the NRHS Bylaws, found on the Admin site at https://admin.nrhs.com/public/general/NRHS_Bylaws_June2015.pdf.

This year, for the first time since the current NRHS Bylaws went into effect, we have several NRHS officers and Directors who have reached the “end of the line” because of the Bylaws’ term limits. The following NRHS officers and directors may not run for office in this upcoming election:

Joe Maloney – NRHS Vice President

Bob Ernst – Global Director

Walter Zullig – Global Director

Ralph R. Bitzer - District 3 Director

Wesley F. Ross - District 5 Director

Vacant - District 6 Director

Vacant - District A Director

NRHS extends its thanks and sincere appreciation to these members for their time and commitment to the effective operations of the Society.

All NRHS members, in good standing, as of April 11, 2020, will elect the Vice-President and two (2) Global Directors. Global Directors represent the entire NRHS membership. Members must be 12 years of age as of June 13, 2020 to be eligible to vote in this election.

As a member in good standing, you will also elect one (1) district board member based on the district you are assigned. Districts are determined if a member is a chapter member or an At-Large member. Chapter members are assigned to one of seven chapter districts, Districts 1 through District 7, based on the geographical location of your home chapter. For chapter members, this means that you may be assigned to a different district from your residential address because you live in another part of the country compared to your home chapter’s location.

For At-Large members, your assignment is based on your residential location to either District A or District B.

The Electoral Committee is now soliciting members who wish to run for these offices. Any and all NRHS members who meet the qualifications and wish to run should contact Joseph P. Maloney, Jr. at vp@nrhs.com so that they may be placed on the ballot. If you have any questions regarding qualifications for office, please advise Joseph P. Maloney, Jr. at vp@nrhs.com. Please note that all nominations for any NRHS office must be in the possession of the NRHS no later than March 31, 2020.

The Electoral Committee for the 2020 election consists of Valli Hoski, Roberta Ballard, Bob Ernst and Joseph P. Maloney, Jr. ., with legal support from John K. Fiorilla, NRHS General Counsel. The committee is responsible for the entire election process which includes the approval of qualifications of candidates, and oversight of the election process to assure that schedules and procedures adhere to the NRHS Bylaws and laws of the State of Maryland.

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Deadlines

Deadlines for upcoming issues

<u>Month</u>	<u>Print or .pdf</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
December 2019	.pdf	November 25, 2019
January 2020	No issue	--
February 2020	.pdf	January 10, 2020

Upcoming Conferences & Conventions

- **March 26 - 29, 2020** - 2020 NRHS Spring Conference. West Chester, Ohio.
- **June 9 - 13, 2020** - 2020 NRHS Convention. Fullerton, California.
- **October 15 - 18, 2020** - 2020 NRHS Fall Conference. Johnson City, Tennessee.
- **April 16 - 18, 2021** - 2021 NRHS Spring Conference. Raleigh, North Carolina.

Hot News Detector

Every penny counts ... the NRHS can benefit each time you shop at Amazon.
 Select the NRHS Chapter as your charity of choice by logging into your Amazon account; go to 'your AmazonSmile'. In the list of 'charities', select the NRHS or NRHS Fund in Moorestown, NJ. Select your charity and it's done!
Let your holiday shopping add a surprise and easy gift to the NRHS stocking.

RailCamp 2019 and Beyond

By BECKY GERSTUNG, Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS

RailCamp 2019 is now over, providing lasting memories for 36 young people from across the country. Both camps, RailCamp East and RailCamp Northwest, were full to capacity. Our partners, Amtrak in Wilmington and Seattle, the Strasburg Rail Road, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Seattle's Sound Transit, Tacoma Rail, the Northwest Railway Museum at Snoqualmie, WA, the Mt. Rainier Railroad and Logging Museum in Elbe, WA, and the Oregon Rail Heritage Center in Portland all did outstanding jobs of providing the most variety of rail activities possible to do in just one week.

Classroom instruction, research, safety training, hands on restoration, track maintenance, rides on Acela and the "Coast Starlight", and the favorite of all campers – running an engine – all gave campers an idea of all facets of railroading. There is more to running a railroad than just "driving" the train. Career opportunities and information on education were discussed.



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TAKING A CAB RIDE – The Mt. Rainier Railroad and Logging Museum offered an opportunity to run their steam engine.

Plans are being made for RailCamp 2020. Encourage teens in your home chapter or that you know outside of the NRHS to explore this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Camp is open to boys and girls, grades 9-12 (ages 14-18). You do not have to be an NRHS member. Tuition assistance and scholarships are available.

Information is available on the NRHS website at <https://nrhs.com/programs/railcamp> or please email railcampnrhs@yahoo.com. The application will be available January 1, 2020 on the NRHS website.

Greetings, Many Thanks from RailCamp Northwest!

By BILLY WINZ, RailCamp Northwest Attendee (sponsored by Bluewater Chapter)

I wanted to thank you again for the scholarship your chapter gave me to attend RailCamp. I had an amazing time at RailCamp Northwest and got the opportunity to do things that the public normally could not do. At Tacoma Rail I got to drive a Union Pacific Gevo, changed brake shoes on the locomotive and even got to be filmed for a local news television report. That was really exciting and I would never have had the opportunity to do these things otherwise.



BILLY WINZ ENJOYED RAILCAMP NORTHWEST – Bluewater Chapter scholarship recipient Billy Winz learned many new aspects of railroading and rail operations at the 2019 RailCamp Northwest.

Some of my other favorite activities were spending time with Tacoma Rail, riding Amtrak Cascades and the Coast Starlight. Because of your scholarship, I was able to take part in this life changing opportunity. I learned so many new things and made some more new friends that I plan on keeping in touch with for years to come. It was such an amazing experience from start to end. Thank you again!

2020 Minnesota Rail Calendar Available

By JOHN GOODMAN, Northstar Chapter NRHS

The Northstar Railway Historical Society, affiliated with the Northstar Chapter, NRHS, announces the 2020 edition of the Minnesota Rail Calendar. The calendar covers a variety of Minnesota historic to modern rail subjects, including steam and diesel locomotives and streetcars. Purchase calendars by mail order, online, or see <http://www.MnRailCal.com>. Since quantities are limited, please order soon. All proceeds support our railroad reference library, located in Crystal, Minnesota.

Minnesota Rail Calendar 2020 Order Form

The Northstar Railway Historical Society is pleased to announce the 2020 edition of the *Minnesota Rail Calendar*, continuing an over 30 year tradition.

Large 9" x 12" Format

It remains the best 12 months of Minnesota railroad history available.

Please print your information on the form below and mail it with your payment to:

**Minnesota Rail Calendar
Northstar Railway Historical Society
P.O. Box 120832
New Brighton, MN 55112**

Please make checks payable to:
Northstar Railway Historical Society

For more information, see:
www.MnRailCal.com

Email: Info@MnRailCal.com

Prices:

Due to this year's postal rate increase, mail order prices are now:

Minnesota residents - \$22.50 each.

Postage and Minnesota Sales taxes included.

Non-Minnesota U.S. residents - \$21.50 each.

Postage included.

Orders to Canadian addresses: Please send an email to:
Info@MnRailCal.com for pricing information.

Quantity discounts available on orders of 10 or more.



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Minnesota Residents: # of Calendars: _____ x \$22.50 = \$ _____

Non-Minnesota U.S. Residents: # of Calendars: _____ x \$21.50 = \$ _____

Grand Total = \$ _____

Minnesota Rail Calendar, Northstar Railway Historical Society, P.O. Box 120832, New Brighton, MN 55112

Director Update – District 2

By RICK DURANT, Board Director District 2 NRHS

My name is Rick Durrant, Board Director at Large for District 2. I worked for a class 1 railroad for 46 plus years before retiring two years ago. I currently work with Live Steam, two railroad museums, railroad camera club and several authors on historical railroad books. I have contacted several chapters in my area and converse with them. Currently I am working on my 3rd railroad history book and working with several county organizations on corrections to their views and displays of railroad history.

The chapters in the Midwest have stepped up and put together programs and meetings that are informational and help preserve the history of transportation in the locale in which they reside. Watching them, they not only do it locally but reach out and touch the entire state for programs and involvement. If it was not for the Iowa (State wide) Great Plains (Grand Island) and the Nebraska Railroad museum (Fremont) chapters, a lot of history and equipment of the railroads of Iowa and Nebraska would be lost. For that I thank you for your efforts and dedication.

NRHS Contact List

By AL WEBER, President, National Railway Historical Society

To help you contact the NRHS, here are the specific email addresses that will get your request directly to the best person or committee. Please use these if your request falls into their area. This will reduce the time for a response and help the NRHS to get back to you and your question quickly.

The NRHS National Office has a general email address <info@nrhs.com>. However, email must be directed to one of the many volunteers that help the NRHS. That increases the time to get back to you and answer your question or request.

NRHS Officers

- President: Al Weber <aweber@nrhs.com>
- NRHS Vice President <vp@nrhs.com>
- NRHS Secretary <secretary@nrhs.com>
- NRHS Treasurer <treasurer@nrhs.com>

NRHS Publications

- *NRHS Bulletin* <bulletin@nrhs.com>
- *NRHS News* <news@nrhs.com>
- *NRHS Telegraph* <telegraphval@gmail.com>
- *NRHS Extra* <nrhsnewsextra@nrhs.com>

NRHS committees, other specific contact

- Membership questions (individual and chapter): NRHS Membership <membership@nrhs.com>
- Conventions: Conventions@NRHS.com
- General Counsel: John Fiorilla <gc@nrhs.com>
- Inspector General: Inspector General <ighotline@nrhs.com>
- Historic Grants: Historic Grants Committee <grants@nrhs.com>
- Information research: Research Volunteers <research@nrhs.com>
- NRHS Fund: <secretary@nrhs.com>
- NRHS RailCamp <railcampnrhs@yahoo.com>
- NRHS Web site: Web Master <webmaster@nrhs.com>

Give a Gift of Rail History & Preservation in 2019

By AL WEBER, President, National Railway Historical Society

Well, the end of the year is approaching and the NRHS renewal process is starting again. In the next few weeks your 2020 renewal letter will arrive in the mail. If possible, renew on our new NRHS.com web site. It saves our volunteers much time and work. If you have any problems with your renewal, please email Membership@NRHS.com. We will get you help to complete the renewal. Or, you may renew via the mail. Please use the enclosed envelope and return the data page with your payment.

The holiday gift giving season is also coming up. Please consider giving a membership to the NRHS as a gift. This is a way to get new people interested in helping in preserving railroad history.

The new NRHS.com web site is up and running. I am getting many new ideas from members on what we

need to add or change. If you have a suggestion to change or improve the new web site, please email me. Some suggestions are already implemented and some are in the works. We do have limits on what we can do but we now have a site that we can update. Your ideas and comments are very welcome as the NRHS' online presence continues to evolve.

In the holiday season many chapters and groups have events. Consider getting a table and promoting NRHS railroad history preservation. We can send brochures and extra (older) NRHS Bulletins, just drop us a note.

Thank you very much for supporting railroad history preservation. Al Weber <aweber@nrhs.com>

Editor's Notes

By VALLI HOSKI, Editor, NRHS News, & member North Texas Chapter, NRHS

Welcome to this *NRHS News* print issue. Three print issues are mailed each year to members. Six issues (one per even-numbered month) are distributed to members in PDF format on the NRHS web site.

Now that you know more about the News, here's a bit more about your editor. Growing up in Detroit, I was surrounded by the automotive industry and culture. I lived in a busy railroad neighborhood on Detroit's west side, with the NYC, Grand Trunk, C&O, DT&I all within a half mile to mile of my home. Alas, there was not a single railfan in the family. All the passing locomotives and rail cars caught my imagination. In my late teens, I acquired a model train set; later, I came to prefer prototype scale (12 inches to a foot).

My first onboard rail experience was not Amtrak or its predecessor passenger railroads, but in Canada, on VIA rail (Windsor to Oshawa Ontario) with a friend to see her Canadian relatives. Amtrak trips came later, Detroit to Chicago, to visit college friends. Then, as a fresh college grad, my first professional job took me to Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago is where I became a true railfan. I explored Chicago via the former North Shore electric line (Skokie Swift) and Metra's North line through the verdant forests and neighborhoods of Wilmette, Winnetka, and points north. After moving to Oak Park, I discovered the rail history, routes and neighborhoods of Chicago's west side and suburbs, and rode the Chicago & Northwestern's west line and the CTA's west-side lines countless times.

The NS steam program provided my first rail excursion experience. The memory of the freshly restored J611 from the 1980's remains alive in my mind, from boarding via the CNW west line platform to the glorious excitement of the ride. That ride also led me to NRHS and its members that I met on later J611 excursions. From then on, wherever I have lived or worked (Michigan, Chicago, Indianapolis, Atlanta, Dallas, Fort Worth and now Pennsylvania), the NRHS has led me to new rail experiences, new fellow rail enthusiasts, and new friends.

The *NRHS News* is published eight times a year by the National Railway Historical Society. Valli Hoski, North Texas Chapter NRHS, Editor. Alex Mayes, Potomac Chapter NRHS, editorial assistant. Submit to the *NRHS News* via email NEWS@NRHS.COM or via USPS mail to Valli Hoski, P.O. Box 234, York Springs, PA, 17372. For questions about the *NRHS News*, submissions, deadlines, please email NEWS@NRHS.COM.

The Society's address is: National Railway Historical Society, Inc., 505 South Lenola Road, Suite 226, Moorestown, NJ 008057. Please send membership information changes to Hugh Harris at membership@nrhs.com.

Spring 2020 NRHS Conference Flyer



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

(Hotel Information on Page 2)

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: \$ 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 Connersville, 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 Carillon 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: _____
Pick one item in each section <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Fried Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Piece Shrimp Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Catfish Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Icelandic Cod Dinner Baked Fried <input type="checkbox"/> Chopped Steak Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Rare <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Med Well <input type="checkbox"/> Well	Pick one item in each section <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Fried Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Piece Shrimp Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Catfish Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Icelandic Cod Dinner Baked Fried <input type="checkbox"/> Chopped Steak Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Rare <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Med Well <input type="checkbox"/> Well
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