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NRHS 2022 Fall Conference: Advisory Council Election

By BECKY GERSTUNG, Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS

The Advisory Council will hold elections for Chairman and Secretary at the September 2022 meeting in Springdale, Arkansas. We have two excellent candidates: for *Chairman*, Richard Shulby, and for *Secretary*, Elizabeth Guenzler. Richard expressed his interest last fall. Elizabeth has been doing the duties of the Secretary for some months doing an excellent job for us. Here in their own words are their backgrounds and interests. Please be on hand in person or by phone or zoom to elect them.

Advisory Council Candidates



Richard Shulby - President



Elizabeth Guenzler – Secretary

Candidate Biographies

Richard Shulby – candidate for Chair, Advisory Council of the NRHS

I am Richard Shulby, running for the position of Advisory Council Chair of the NRHS. I am a 42- year member of the society, having joined the Piedmont Carolinas Chapter in 1980. During that period, I have served as chapter Vice President, President, Chapter Director, and Trip Chairman for 16 years of NS excursions. I also chaired the 1996 NRHS Convention in Charlotte, NC. I have served as National Director/Advisory Council member for the Piedmont Chapter for the past 40 years and as the Baltimore Chapter representative for the past 10 years. Additionally, I assembled and maintain an Extant Roundhouse database on the NRHS website listing 297 properties (201 still existing). I am in the process of finalizing a Bygone Roundhouse database, for prior US roundhouses, currently at 2,701 properties.

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Upcoming Conferences and Conventions

September 22-25, 2022
2022 NRHS Fall Conference
 Holiday Inn, Springdale, Arkansas
 877-666-3243

Upcoming Deadlines for Submissions

October 2022	Online issue	September 15, 2022
November 2022	Print issue	October 10, 2022
December 2022	Online issue	November 10, 2022
February 2023	Online issue	January 15, 2023

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Richard Shulby – *Chair* (continued)

In other related background and interests, I was born in Wilmington, Delaware and spent part of my time growing up outside the Hague, Netherlands before moving back to Wilmington to finish high school. While there I spent many days riding trains along the Northeast corridor and volunteering at the Wilmington & Western Railroad on the weekends. I moved to Charlotte, NC in 1977 after 6 years obtaining my Master of Architecture at Clemson University, and railfanning in the Southeast. I also model the Espee in HO scale focusing on Oregon in the early 1950s.

I believe the leadership of the NRHS needs to do more to connect directly with and represent the chapters and members of the NRHS, as the local level is where most of the rail preservation work is accomplished. If elected, I will promote more interaction between the Board, the Council, and the membership of the society. Respectfully submitted, *Richard Shulby* rbshulby@verizon.net

Elizabeth Guenzler – *candidate for Secretary, Advisory Council of the NRHS*

From a railway perspective, my introduction to the world of railways began in 1992 from the preservation angle, becoming secretary and trustee on the Roundhouse Museum Society (Canadian Pacific Railway roundhouse in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada). I developed an active interest for all things railway-related, and have a sizeable library of books, reference materials and guides. I started, and continue to this day, to take photographs and label them in a detailed manner. . 0

In 2002, I joined the National Railway Historical Society as an At-Large member and have attended twelve conventions to date. I was invited to be a car host for the 2013 convention. and served as a bus host for the 2016 and 2017 conventions. In mid-2018, an invitation was extended to become a member of the Convention Committee; my position is Bus Host Coordinator. I changed from At Large to Central Coast Chapter in November 2021 when I became their national representative on the Advisory Council.

In 2014, I started five years of volunteering with the Great Northern and Cascade Railway in Skykomish, Washington, becoming a conductor and staffing the gift shop, when necessary, as well as tending to the garden.

From 2014 to present, I also joined the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society in Surrey, British Columbia, starting as a station crew member and was invited to become a Station Master. I introduced the position of Station Master Coordinator to provide a forum between the other Station Masters, and a conduit between them and the Board of Directors. I joined the Board in 2018 as co-chair of the Communications Committee and initiated a quarterly volunteer newsletter "Interurban Insights" to keep all volunteers up to date on activities, news, restoration progress and the like. My current title is Director of Communications.

From a secretarial standpoint, I worked for 17 1/2 years at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in the Government of British Columbia, providing secretarial and administrative services to up to twenty-five people in the local government finance and infrastructure grant field. After my move to Washington, I spent 9 1/2 years with an investment company as their office administrator, looking after client needs as well as assisting my boss with his volunteer work.

I strongly believe in the NRHS, its programs and mission, and look forward to serving on the Advisory Council, both in my role as chapter representative and secretary. I would like to have these roles for the long-term and am eager to bring my dedication, enthusiasm and knowledge to this organization.

Elizabeth Guenzler elizabethjoyceruth@twc.com

NRHS 2022 Fall Conference: Schedule



FALL – 2022
BOARD & COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23 – 25, 2022

Registration - Holiday Inn Lobby: Thursday 22nd 3:00 pm,
Friday at 6:00 am & Saturday beginning at 8:00 am

Friday - Train ride on the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad to Van Buren, Arkansas

Depart from the hotel by coach at 7:15 AM on Friday morning

Train departs Springdale at 8:00 am - Arrives Van Buren 10:30 am

Coffee, soft drinks, and a box lunch will be provided onboard

There will be a three-hour layover before returning to Springdale.

A motor coach will be available to transport members to Fort Smith to tour the Trolley Museum.

A tour of the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad engine shop will be available in Springdale after the train ride. Approximately 1 hour.

On the completion of the tour, we will ride the coaches back to the hotel.

On Friday evening at 7:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Trustees of the NRHS Fund. This will be in one of the small conference rooms at the hotel.

Saturday - All Day Meetings

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM - Advisory Council Meeting - Conference Room

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - NRHS Board Meeting - Conference Room

6:00 pm - Cash bar open at 6:00 PM, adjacent to the Banquet Room

7:00 pm - Banquet served at 7:00 PM, the speaker will be Chris Burger

Sunday - Rare mileage from Springdale to Monett, MO

9:00 am - Departs Springdale depot

REGISTRATION

Registration is \$75.00 per family

Banquet is \$50 per person



Train ride to Van Buren including transportation, lunch and shop tour is \$160.00 per person. Shop tour is limited to 50 people

Banquet Saturday evening will cost \$50.00 per person.

Choices are:

Roast Pork Loin, fennel, apples & pan gravy, salad, potato, bread

Salmon in a lemon butter sauce, salad, chef's selection

Pretzel Crusted Chicken, salad, chef's selection

A vegetarian option is also available

Rare Mileage Trip from Springdale to Monett, MO \$59 per person

Departs Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Includes lunch.

On the return, participants will leave directly from the AMRR depot in downtown Springdale. Riders will need to make their own way to the depot for train departure.

For more information or questions
about registrations:

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44th Annual Lehigh Regional Train Show - Oct. 2, 2022

By Jim Rowland, Lehigh Valley Chapter NRHS

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid restrictions, Lehigh Valley Chapter, NRHS will host its 44th Annual Lehigh Valley Regional Train Show on Sunday 10/2 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Charles Chrin Community center 4100 Green Pond Rd. Easton, PA 18045. Admission is \$5 per person, those under 12 are free. This show features a large selection of vendors specializing in books, scale models, memorabilia, timetables, etc. There is something for everybody. Additional details are found on our website at <https://www.lehighlines.org/> and <https://www.lehighlines.org/chrin-flyer.html>.

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Two groups.... **Railroad Historians of the Lehigh Valley** *...are missing!*
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Lehigh Valley Chapter, NRHS
Announce

44th Annual Lehigh Valley Regional Train Show & Expo

Sunday October 2, 2022

10 AM to 3 PM

Charles Chrin Community Center 4100 Green Pond Road Easton, PA 18045

*Timetables * Lanterns * Model Trains * Pictures * Books & Magazines

* Food & beverages on site *Kids can enter to win an HO-scale trainset

****Digital presentations by noted local photographers****

Admission: \$5 per person (12 & under are free)

Dealer Table Fee & Contact: \$35 per table if reserved prior to 9/1/22. The subsequent rate is \$40 per table if any remain.
 Jim Rowland jjr2978@gmail.com 610-737-3431

Venue Information: <http://www.palmercommunitycenter.org/>

DIRECTIONS

FROM ROUTE 22: Take the Route 33 South exit. Proceed on Route 33 to William Penn Highway East. Continue on William Penn Highway to Bethman Rd. Turn left/north onto Bethman Rd. to Green Pond Road. You will cross back over Route 22. Turn right onto Green Pond Rd. The Chrin Center will be immediately on your right.

FROM I78: Take the Route 33 North exit to the William Penn Highway East exit. Follow the "From Route 22" directions listed above to reach the site.

Look for TRAIN SHOW road signs



Heritage Grant Report – Nashville Steam Preservation Society

By Nashville Steam Preservation Society, (Article and all photos)

NSPS Selected for \$5,000 NRHS Heritage Grant Award

THANK YOU to the National Railway Historical Society for selecting Nashville Steam and No. 576 for a 2022 Heritage Grant! This \$5,000 award will go towards repairing and servicing the locomotive's original Coale safety valves. These critical components, also known as "pop" valves, are safety devices located on top of the boiler and automatically release steam from the boiler once it reaches a certain, pre-determined pressure amount. New safety valve springs were previously funded thanks to a grant from the Joyce Family Foundation.



ORIGINAL COALE SAFETY VALVE – Also known as ‘pop’ valves, the grant funding is important to the repair and maintenance of these valves on Number 576.

And because of our current matching grant, the award has been DOUBLED to \$10,000! NRHS previously awarded a grant for the repairs to the Worthington hot water pump in 2019, which is now fully serviced and ready to go! We are so appreciative of their continued support of No. 576!

Heritage Grant Report - Port Jarvis Transportation History Center

By RUDY GARBELY, Chairman of the Board, Port Jervis Transportation History Center

Erie Turntable Restoration – Port Jervis, New York

The Port Jervis Transportation History Center (PJTHC) is housed on the former site of the Erie Railroad's Port Jervis engine terminal and roundhouse. While the roundhouse burned down in an arson fire in the late 1980s, the original 115' turntable (installed circa 1927) remains extant. Following its restoration to operation in 2021, the turntable is the centerpiece of our facility and provides the only rail access to most of the available display trackage in our yard. It is the largest operating turntable east of the Mississippi River.



Despite its post-2021 operational status, the turntable had several aged components that required replacement. The PJTHC began this project in early 2022 with the complete replacement of the turntable house, with a new one constructed to the original design through a series of grants, donated services, and matching funds. The largest issue was the weathered wooden turntable decking, which was too thin for local codes (only two-inch boards with five' spans), and it was significantly deteriorated and presented a safety hazard for our volunteers. Several volunteers narrowly escaped injury when boards on the turntable gave way under their feet.

Thanks to a gracious \$5,000 grant received from the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) in late June of 2022, combined with several matching grants and donated services and materials, the PJTHC was able to acquire 1,400 linear feet of custom-cut 3"x10"x10' pressure treated Southern Yellow Pine to fully re-deck the turntable.

The re-decking of the turntable was completed by PJTHC volunteers in July and early August of 2022. The completion of this project simultaneously remedied a major safety issue, brought the turntable into compliance with local building codes, returned the turntable to its historic appearance, and drastically improved the appearance of our facility. There are just some small cosmetic items remaining to finish the full restoration of the turntable to its original appearance.

We are deeply indebted to the NRHS for the funding to complete this project. Photographs on the following page show the 'before' and 'after' condition of the turntable.

About the Port Jervis Transportation History Center

The Port Jervis Transportation History Center, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the transportation heritage of Port Jervis, New York and the surrounding region. Located on a historic site encompassing an operable, original Erie Railroad turntable and the remains of the Delaware & Hudson Canal, the Center houses a collection of local transportation artifacts and vehicles owned by the Center and several partner non-profit organizations. In addition to interpretive exhibit space, the 10-acre facility also serves as a venue for concerts, lectures, and other community events. To learn more, visit the Center's website at www.PJTHC.org.



CONDITION OF THE ERIE TURNTABLE BEFORE RESTORATION – The turntable and the Port Jervis Transportation History Center are located on the former site of the Erie Railroad's Port Jervis engine terminal and roundhouse.



AFTER REDECKING OF THE TURNTABLE – The Erie turntable and its site now have an improved historic appearance and is compliant with safety standards.

'Round We Go' At The Baltimore Streetcar Museum

By Teresa Renner, Potomac Chapter NRHS (text by Valli Hoski, Harrisburg Chapter)

On August 20, 2022, three NRHS chapters (Baltimore chapter, Potomac chapter and Winchester chapter) held a joint picnic at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum. Enjoy these colorful views of the fun and streetcars. Round and round we go, when we will stop, nobody knows.







Historic Preservation Grant for Keokuk (Iowa) Union Depot Restoration

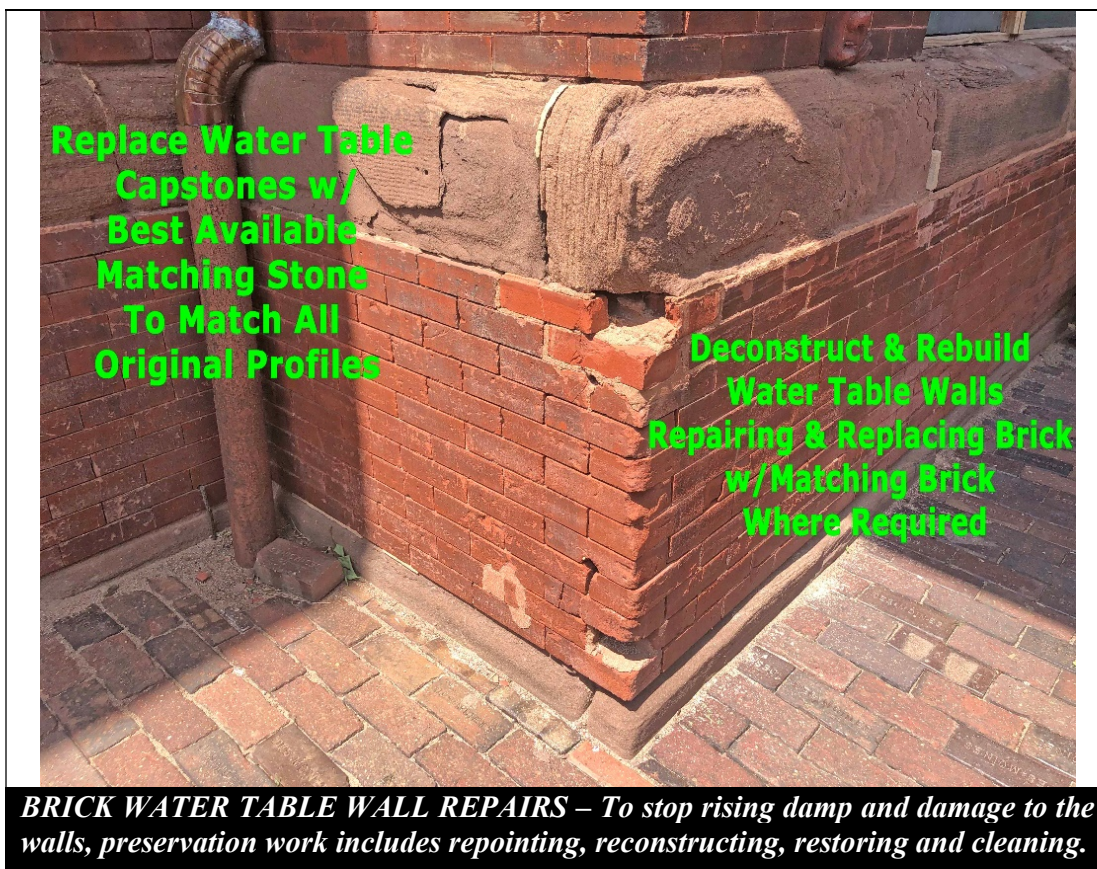
By Janet Smith, President, Keokuk Union Depot Foundation. Annotated Photos by Neal Vogel, Principal of Restoric, LLC.

Keokuk Union Depot Foundation Receives \$50,000 Historic Preservation Grant

The Keokuk Union Depot Foundation has received a \$50,000 grant toward restoration of the exterior masonry of the Depot's waiting room section. The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs announced this award as one of ten historic preservation grants awarded for fiscal year 2023 through the State Historical Society of Iowa's Historical Resource Development Program ("HRDP").

The estimated \$258,000 project addresses structural issues and will return the exterior masonry to the original color scheme of the 1891 Keokuk Union Depot designed by the renowned Chicago architectural firm Burnham & Root.

All sandstone windowsills and water table capstones will be restored or replaced. The deteriorated below-grade sandstone mudsill will be replaced with more durable and less porous reddish-brown granite and damp-proof flashing to stop rising damp and preserve the brick water table walls. The brick walls will be repointed or reconstructed where necessary and cleaned. The decorative terra cotta floral lintels surrounding several doors and windows will be restored and cleaned.



The HRDP waiting room exterior masonry project is a component of the 2020 Jeffris Family Foundation Challenge Grant Capital Campaign which will also restore the trackside canopy, reconstruct the original marble and tile waiting room floor, restore deteriorated interior waiting room masonry, install period lighting, and improve restroom facilities. Donations through June 30, 2023, to KUDF, P.O. Box 463, Keokuk, IA 52632 do qualify to earn the \$275,000 Jeffris match toward the

\$825,000 capital campaign. Through July 2022, approximately two hundred donors have contributed a total of \$310,178 toward the \$550,000 matching funds required to earn the Jeffris grant.



SANDSTONE WINDOW SILL RESTORATION – Preservation work still needed includes repointing, reconstructing, restoring and cleaning.

The waiting room exterior masonry project will be done in parallel with the similar exterior masonry restoration project on the Depot's central tower section that is the subject of a 2021 Rural Heritage Revitalization grant awarded to the City of Keokuk through the National Park Service and administered by the State Historical Society of Iowa. Once both projects are completed, two-thirds of the Depot's exterior masonry will be restored.

Editor's Note – Share Your Seasonal Rail Tales

By VALLI HOSKI, Editor NRHS News, Harrisburg Chapter, NRHS

Why a 'supplement' issue? This issue provides you with biographies of candidates for the upcoming election of Advisory Council officers at the Fall Conference in Springdale, Arkansas.

Special request for fall excursion photos and articles, and holiday train stories.

Autumn and the holiday season are coming soon. Please share your chapter's fall activities, programs and 'leaf peeper' excursion. Then as we get into the spirit of the December holidays, please help decorate the News with your stories, memories and photos of festive model trains, snowy winter trains, Santa and other holiday trains of your chapter or local museums.

Live well, be healthy, and watch for deer. Best regards, Val.

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