

Big Thank You to NRHS ! \$5,000 Grant Made Pullman Car Restoration Successful!

By SHERI ZOCH, Contracting Director, Llano River Railroad. Llano, Texas (All Text, photo credit)

Llano River Railroad (LRRR) in rural central Texas wants to extend a big ***Thank You*** for NRHS's very generous initial support for the restoration of the exterior of our 1954 Pullman Car. This historical treasure is now part of Llano's Railroad Museum, which features a fully restored 1970 Chesapeake and Ohio #3304 Caboose and the Pullman Car, as well as a museum full of local railroad artifacts, including the original working Llano depot telegraph. *(Continued on page 3.)*



JANUARY 1, 2024 - Pre-restoration Pullman Car #2906.



MARCH 1, 2025 - Restored Pullman Car linked to the #2906 by C&O Caboose #330, docked at the re-created loading dock.

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Announcements

NRHS 2025 Convention and Conference(s)

2025 NRHS Annual Convention – July 12-17, 2025. East Lansing, Michigan.

Sponsored by the NRHS with the help of our members. More details on page 11 of this issue.

2025 NRHS Fall Conference – October 3-4, 2025. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Hosted by the Wisconsin Chapter.

Submission Deadlines for NRHS News

July 10, 2025, deadline – **August 2025**

August 10, 2025 deadline – **September 2025**

About the NRHS News

NRHS News is published nine times a year by the National Railway Historical Society. Six full-color issues are published usually in even-numbered months. The three remaining issues are printed in black-and-white and mailed to members across the year. Issues are available (pdf file) online at <https://admin.nrhs.com/NRHSNews/>

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We are also proud of our new Mining exhibit, which features mining artifacts from Llano County mines and is only the second mining exhibit in the entire state of Texas.

The railroad played a central role in the establishment of Llano in the late 1800s and beyond. LRRR wants to recreate this part of our heritage and bring it to life for generations to come. NRHS grant dollars greatly furthered this goal by restoring the exterior. This 1954 Pullman car will not only be available for viewing during visitor hours, but will also be rented as a Small Event Venue for parties, weddings, meetings, dinner theaters, music venues, etc. Booking these events will help fund LRRR's long-term vision of establishing a tourist excursion train service along the beautiful Llano River.

The NRHS grant that you graciously provided got the ball rolling as seed money for other generous foundations, including the Adam Scripps Foundation, the Summerlee Foundation and Llano City and Llano County Hotel Occupancy Funds. From grants, the NRHS initial \$5,000 donation generated an additional \$31,900, which allowed LRRR to complete the restoration of the exterior of the Pullman Car!

Not only that, but LRRR threw an Open House on May 17 to bring donations to renovate the interior of the car as a small event center. LRRR held 10 raffles, had a donor wish list of items that could be purchased for the car and offered food and beverages. This brought an additional \$5,000!

Talk about Bang for the Buck! LRRR was started in 2021 as a nonprofit organization. Please visit our website at www.llanoriverrailroad.org to see our progress and donate to our mission to keep the railroad heritage alive!





“CONDUCTOR” SHERI ZOCH AND “ENGINEER” ROBIN CHIESA – Showing the rebuilt Loading Dock in front of #2906 Pullman Car at Open House.



RAFFLE AT THE OPEN HOUSE - Sheri Zoch and Raffle Winner at Open House.

NRHS Announces 2025 Heritage Grant Awards

By Charles Webb, Heritage Grants Committee Chair and Mike Yuhus, Wisconsin Chapter

The National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) announced the recipients of its 2025 Railway Heritage Grants. This year, 31 organizations received \$150,000 in NRHS grant funding to support the preservation of historic railroad artifacts and media.

"The mission of the NRHS is to help preserve railroad history in all its forms. The NRHS Heritage Grants program is a prolific and visible funder of restoration and preservation projects. Thanks to the generosity of NRHS members and other donors, NRHS is distributing a total of \$150,000 in Railroad Heritage Grants this year," said NRHS President Tony White. "These grants will help enable 31 non-profit organizations to continue to preserve America's rich railroad history."

NRHS Heritage Grant chairman Charles Webb agrees. "The NRHS Heritage Grants program supports preservation and restoration of historic railroad structures, locomotives, railcars, photos, and archival documents. The program has made a lasting impact. Since 1991, the NRHS has awarded 429 grants totaling over \$1,403,000 to NRHS chapters and other organizations in support of railroad historical preservation efforts," he said.

President White extends appreciation to the committee and the donors who make the program possible. "On behalf of the NRHS, the Board of Directors and me, we have a sincere appreciation to the Heritage Grants committee for their unwavering commitment to the mission of the NRHS and rail preservation. We also would like to acknowledge the significance of donations by our membership towards this program. We further wish that every applicant continue to strive towards preserving rail history," White said.

NRHS is a membership organization comprised of people interested in railroads and railroad history. Founded in 1935, the Society now has over 100 local chapters, serving nearly 4,000 members. For more information, or to join or donate, visit www.nrhs.com. Applications for the 2026 program will be available at that website in mid-November.

2025 NRHS Railroad Heritage Grants

Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Association, Mount Pleasant, Iowa: \$5,000.00 toward restoration of Rio de Janeiro car 1779.

Lafayette County Historical and Genealogy Society, Darlington, Wisconsin: \$3,000.00 to complete restoration of a 1937 steel caboose.

Army Transportation Museum Foundation, Fort Eustis, Virginia: \$10,000.00 to restore an Army 1952 Brown Hoist steam crane.

Tri-State Railway Historical Society, Boonton, New Jersey: \$5,000.00 to cosmetically restore Hoboken Manufacturers Railroad GE 44-ton locomotive number 700.

Harrisburg Chapter-National Railway Historical Society, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: \$5,000.00 to install a fire and burglar alarm system in the preserved Harris Tower.

Connecticut Electric Railway Association, East Windsor, Connecticut: \$2,837.00 for exterior repainting of New Orleans Public Service car 836.

Kittitas County Railroad History Association, Ellensburg, Washington: \$2,000.00 for the addition of 1/8th scale railroad structures and 2,800 feet of 7 1/2 inch gauge track at Rotary Park.

Fox River Trolley Association, South Elgin, Illinois: \$3,561.00 to complete the exterior restoration of Soo Line caboose number 130.

Whitman County Historical Society, Colfax, Washington: \$5,000.00 toward the exterior restoration of 1946-vintage Northern Pacific coach car 508.

Friends of Historic Finlayson, Finlayson, Minnesota: \$5,000.00 applied to the total restoration of Finlayson's 1909 Northern Pacific combination depot.

Old Dominion Chapter-National Railway Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia: \$10,000.00 for exterior paint renewal of RF&P heavyweight passenger car 706 and Southern heavyweight passenger car 1006.

Navajo County Historical Society, Holbrook, Arizona: \$5,000.00 toward restoration of Apache Railway RS36 800.

Wichita Falls Railroad Museum, Wichita Falls, Texas: \$3,562.00 to repair and repurpose a World War II troop sleeper car into a community meeting and event space.

Missouri Pacific Historical Society, St. Louis, Missouri: \$3,000.00 for the digitization of 200 large format locomotive drawings.

Garner Area Historical Society, Garner, North Carolina: \$5,000.00 for interior restoration of early 1950s Southern Railway bay window Caboose X771.

Friends of The Harrisville Depot, Harrisville, Michigan: \$5,000.00 for restoration and renovation of historic doors of the Harrisville depot.

Friends of the East Broad Top, Upper Marlboro, Maryland: \$5,000.00 will provide archival-quality shelving for EBT archives located in a new archives headquarters building in Mount Union, Pennsylvania.

American Industrial Railroad Society, Eldridge, Iowa: \$5,000.00 toward restoration of Indiana Northern 4, a 1913 standard gauge 0-4-0 steam locomotive.

The Milwaukee Road Historical Association, Antioch, Illinois: \$2,575.00 to create a web database for images showing Milwaukee Road equipment, facilities, structures and people.

Center for Railroad Photography and Art, Madison, Wisconsin: \$5,000.00 to acquire a new digital photo printer to create prints for traveling exhibitions. *This grant is awarded in honor of long-serving NRHS Heritage Grants committee member George Hickok.*

North Carolina Railway Museum, New Hill, North Carolina: \$5,000.00 for procurement and installation of boiler tubes for Steam Locomotive 17.

Burkburnett Historical Society, Burkburnett, Texas: \$5,000.00 to repair or replace thirteen windows in the Burkburnett depot.

Hoosier Heartland Trolley Company, Russiaville, Indiana: \$4,915.00 for restoration of the wooden batten strips and window sills of Indiana Union Traction interurban number 429, "Noblesville."

The B&O Railroad Museum, Baltimore, Maryland: \$5,000.00 for restoration of the interior of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad observation tavern car number 3316. *This grant is awarded in tribute to the memory of NRHS Heritage Grants committee member Carl Jensen.*

Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS, Tonawanda, New York: \$5,000.00 for restoration of Standard Elevator GE Erie 25-ton locomotive number 1.

Electric City Trolley Museum Association, Scranton, Pennsylvania: \$5,000.00 to be used toward restoration of brass window on Scranton Transit number 505, a 1929 Osgood Bradley trolley car.

The American Passenger Train History Museum, Charles City, Iowa: \$5,000.00 for restoration of windows and exterior and interior painting in an Illinois Central diner lounge car.

Erie Lackawanna Railroad Historical Society, Avoca, New York: \$5,000.00 will assist with the purchase of archive quality shelving to allow ELRHS to properly store, catalogue, digitize, and preserve primary source materials.

Friends of the New York Transit Museum, Brooklyn, New York: \$4,550.00 for digitization of color slides depicting New York City's rail transit system.

Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation, Irvine, Kentucky, \$5,000.00 for restoration of office and shop facilities at Ravenna shop.

United Railroad Historical Society, Boonton, New Jersey: \$5,000.00 will be used to return New Jersey's long-lost "Merci Train" boxcar back home to New Jersey.



Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Earns NRHS / Railway Age / TR&S Preservation Award

By Marybeth Luczak, Railway Age Executive Editor (Reprinted with permission.)

The National Railway Historical Society, *Railway Age* and *Railway Track & Structures* have awarded Reading Blue Mountain & Northern (RBMN) their third annual Historic Preservation Award, which recognizes and honors a North American common-carrier railroad for a historically significant preservation project.



Photo courtesy of Erica Koenig

Left to Right: Marybeth Luczak, Executive Editor, Railway Age; Matthew Fisher, Senior Vice President and General Manager-Passenger, RBMN; Christina Muller-Levan, Executive Vice President-Strategic Planning, RBMN; Mike Yuhas, Board Director, NRHS; Tyler Glass, Executive Vice President Operations, RBMN; Carol Muller and her husband, RBMN Chairman and CEO Andrew Muller Jr.; and Jennifer McLawhorn, Managing Editor, RT&S.

“We selected RBMN from among numerous nominations in recognition of its longstanding commitment to preserving and operating steam locomotives and other historic equipment, and—most important—sharing this railroading heritage with the public,” NRHS Board Director Mike Yuhas said during the May 21 announcement. “In addition, RBMN provides regular passenger excursion service on many of its lines. This program allows the railroad to promote the proud heritage and bright future of the North American railroad industry. NRHS members and *Railway Age* and *RT&S* readers are strong advocates for sharing the railroad industry’s important history.”

“Thousands of people from all walks of life enjoy RBMN’s passenger excursions and historic equipment,” said Railway Age Editor-in-Chief William C. Vantuono. “Few experiences are as thrilling as seeing Reading T-1 2102 in action. I’ve ridden an Iron Horse Ramble, with 2102 hauling a consist of refurbished vintage passenger cars. That a major and highly successful Class II freight railroad can also operate a thriving passenger excursion business with historic equipment is a remarkable achievement. It’s the the best of both worlds.”

“This award has been given to fine organizations in the past, including Union Pacific and Iowa Traction,” RBMN Senior Vice President and General Manager-Passenger Matthew Fisher said during the May 21 award presentation at Railway Interchange in Indianapolis. “Just seeing the amount of restoration projects at railroads and museums around the country is nothing short of amazing. And for all of us at the RBMN to get this recognition is an honor. Without organizations like yours—NRHS, Railway Age and RT&S—railroad preservation and the railroad industry as a whole would not be the same. The RBMN is a privately held railroad company serving over 80 customers in nine eastern Pennsylvania counties. It has expanded its operations over the last 40 years and now transports nearly 34,000 carloads of freight, while the Passenger Department welcomes nearly 340,000 riders annually.

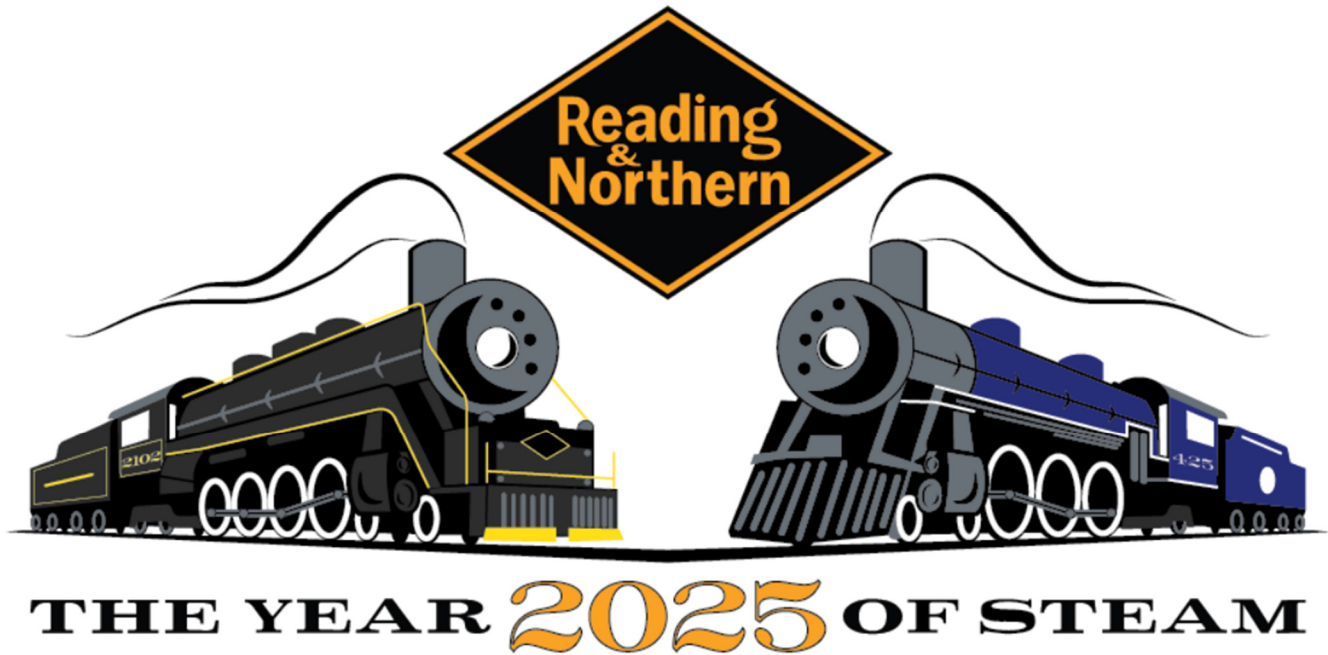
“RBMN operates freight and passenger excursions over 400 miles of track, owns nearly 2,000 freight cars, around 60 passenger cars, and employs over 350 people. The railroad also owns several train stations. The Passenger Department continues to grow with both full- and part-time employees, some of which have been with the railroad for over 40 years. This includes passenger mechanics, paint and restoration employees, and even steam mechanics.

“The railroad owns three steam engines, Canadian locomotive series D-10, #225, on static display; #425, a 4-6-2 light Pacific, currently undergoing work for its 1472 inspection; and Reading Company T-1 class #2102, which is the reason the railroad received this award after several years of hard work and determination, and the railroad made over \$2 million in investment to restore it. The massive 2102 is a 4-8-4-wheel arrangement and is one of the largest steam locomotives in service. The Reading, Penn.-built locomotive will power all-day excursions several times this year, including this Saturday, May 24, from Reading to Jim Thorpe; the train is sold out with over 800 passengers on it.

“In closing, I want to thank Executive Vice President Tyler Glass; CEO and owner of the RBMN, Andy Muller Jr., and his wife, Carol. Andy, thank you for building a winning team. The railroad is thriving all because of your vision, your investment in both time and money. Your business background, entrepreneurial spirit and a tad bit of a rail fan has created great railroad. Supporting you is your daughter, Christina, and son, Aaron, and most of all, your wife, Carol. So, thank you. This industry comes down to one thing, and that’s the people, whether it’s giving great customers respect, welcoming hundreds of thousands of guests every year, or treating employees with dignity, RBMN is a great place to interact with and to visit. So, if you’re ever in eastern Pennsylvania, come on over and visit us. Thank you so much.”

Yuhas, Railway Age Executive Editor Marybeth Luczak, and RT&S Managing Editor Jennifer McLawhorn presented the award to RBMN Executive Vice President-Strategic Planning Christina Muller-Levan; Senior Vice President and General Manager-Passenger Matthew Fisher; Chairman and CEO Andrew Muller Jr. and his wife, Carol Muller; and Executive Vice President Operations Tyler Glass.

RBMN is a four-time recipient of Railway Age's Regional Railroad of the Year Award (2002, 2011, 2015, and 2020). For more about the railroad's historic equipment, see <https://www.rbmrr-passenger.com/our-trains>



NRHS Convention – Daily Events & More

By NRHS Convention Committee

Editor's Note: The information below is provided in the Convention booklet. More details on each day's events are described in emails sent by the NRHS Convention Committee.



The convention is headquartered at the [Graduate by Hilton](#) in East Lansing, Michigan. It features four days of trips, a day of NRHS business meetings... and **a whole lot of fun.**

Saturday, July 12

Convention registration begins at the hotel at 2:00 pm. The opening reception gets underway at 5:00 pm, with short presentations from NRHS leaders and an informative, entertaining talk by former Trains magazine editor Kevin Keefe, who will discuss the early preservation efforts surrounding Pere Marquette 2-8-4 1225.

Sunday, July 13

Diesel-powered rare mileage excursion on Great Lakes Central between Clare and Owosso - over 70 miles! - operated by Steam Railroading Institute. Photograph the train during runbys and explore the restored depots at Clare and Shepherd. Lunch is provided to enjoy on the train.

Monday, July 14

Steam train ride! We'll begin with a short visit at the Little River Railroad in Coldwater, Michigan. Little River 4-6-2 110 will take our train east six miles to Quincy, where we'll swap power. Nickel Plate Road 2-8-4 765 will handle the train to Hillsdale, where we'll stop for lunch (included), and then continue on to Ray, Indiana. Our train, operated by Little River Railroad and Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society, will run over Indiana Northeastern trackage. There will be runbys.

Tuesday, July 15

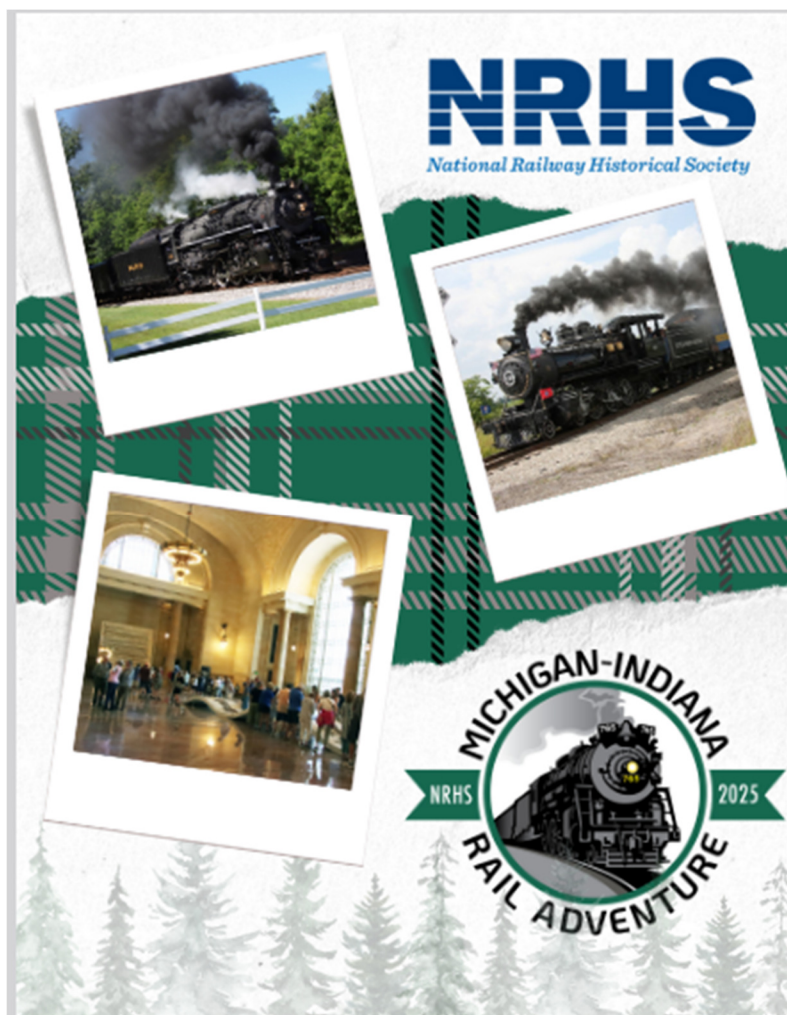
We've lined up three special events in Elkhart, Indiana. First, we'll tour the Adams & Westlake factory. Their predecessor company was founded in 1856(!) and they survive today by creating passenger car appurtenances for historic restorations... and for new car builds. Next, we'll have a couple hours to tour the National New York Central Railroad Museum. The busy day will conclude with a tour of Norfolk Southern's Elkhart Yard. We will serve breakfast (on the bus) and lunch (at the museum).

Wednesday, July 16

Michigan Central Station, Detroit Steam excursion train at Greenfield Village. Visit to Greenfield Village in Dearborn, where we will enjoy a screening of the giant screen movie "Train Time" and ample time to explore the Village – including a 35-minute steam train ride around the grounds. After lunch, we're off for a tour of the restored Michigan Central Depot in Detroit. This day's package includes \$20 fun bucks to use at any Greenfield Village restaurant.

Thursday, July 17

Advisory Council, Board of Directors, and Annual meetings at the Graduate hotel.



Convention merchandise

All items feature the snappy screen-printed 2025 convention logo in color (except as noted). Order through June 22 and pick up your items at the convention welcome center when you check in. Limited stock of some items may be available *at higher prices* during the event. Choose from the following:

- New this year: You'll look great in our sharp white 55 cotton/45 polyester **long sleeve dress shirt**! Designed to be worn over an undershirt and under an overcoat. \$40.
- Comfortable yet professional, our light blue custom **polo** is made for all-day comfort and wear. This polo is made from 100% polyester with moisture-wicking properties, available in sizes to fit most bodies. \$32.
- What would an NRHS convention be without a souvenir **T-shirt**? This year's number is 100% cotton, featuring the huge color logo centered on your chest. The color is ice gray (as if *that* will keep you cooler). When you're done wearing it, use it to dust the mantel. \$13.
- The sturdy brim on our luxurious **baseball cap** will keep the sun out of your eyes, provided your head is not aimed directly at the sun. The brim is colored pacific (blue), while the upper is made from the finest oyster (beige) 100% cotton twill. \$22.
- Have enough coffee mugs? We do, so that's why this year we're thrilled to bring you a stylish orange 18-ounce stainless steel **vacuum water bottle**, with our logo emblazoned in one color. It is said to keep cold water cold for 24 hours. It comes complete with a removable, watertight cap to prevent the contents from moistening your seatmate on the bus to Elkhart. \$23.
- We're hoping for great weather at this year's convention, but, hey, it's Michigan, so be prepared with our exclusive **umbrella**. In case of good weather, it may be deployed as a parasol. 42", auto-opening, one-color logo, beige. \$23.



Chapter Events & Activities

Saturday Train Rides! June 28 to October 11, 2025

By Oregon Rail Heritage Center, Portland, Oregon

SATURDAY TRAIN RIDES RETURN!



Nothing says summer like a sunny afternoon and a scenic train ride! Treat yourself to a 45-minute journey with scenic views along the Willamette River. Whether you're with family, friends, or just looking for a relaxing escape, this is the perfect way to enjoy the season.

The best part? These are the lowest ticket prices of the year! Don't miss out on these unbeatable deals for an unforgettable summer experience.

Event Details

Where: Oregon Rail Heritage Center (2250 SE Water Ave. Portland OR 97214)

When: Every Saturday until mid October

Departure times: 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, & 4:00 pm .

Tickets: \$17 for adults, \$12 for children ages 3-12, infants 2 and under ride free on lap, \$15 for seniors and miliary, \$50 for a family pass.

Purchase tickets online at

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/orhf/items/478788/calendar/2025/06/?flow=469974&full-items=yes>

PicnicRail' 25 – Saturday, July 26

By Pottstown & Reading Chapter, NRHS

A fundraising event to sponsor a camper to the NRHS Railcamp East.
We invite all local chapters and societies to help with this effort.

***** PRESENT *****

PICNICRAIL' 25 – SATURDAY JULY 26, 2025

1 P.M. UNTIL ?

- MAIER'S GROVE BLANDON, PA
- EVENING SHOW BY STEVE BARRY – RAILFAN CHIEF EDITOR

The Pottsville and Reading Chapter hosting group and guests will have some of their fundraising items for sale during the afternoon prior to the show.

Arrive early and enjoy the action on Norfolk Southern's busy East Penn Main, adjacent to the grove.

Included are snacks and beverages during the afternoon and a buffet meal with BBQ chicken served promptly at 5 PM.

The grove is located on Grove Drive in Blandon diagonally across from Stoney Creek Rentals (the old Agway), you've shot trains from here before now get out and enjoy the action along the East Penn under the grove's trees or in case of inclement weather we'll have a good time under the pavilion. (Picnic is rain or shine.)

Location map: <https://www.mapquest.com/us/pennsylvania/maiers-grove-378623305>

Prices: Adults \$20.00

Children 3-12 \$10.00

Under three free, but let us know how many

For tickets send SASE and check payable to: P&R Chapter NRHS

c/o Philip Reppert

17 Adele Ave

Blandon, Pa. 19510

Directions and a map will gladly be sent with the tickets (if requested) **order deadline is July 12th .**

After July 12th, we'll hold your tickets for pickup at the grove.

NOLA Special – July 30 to July 31, 2025

By Washington DC Chapter, NRHS

The National Railway Historical Society, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Inc. (DCNRHS) presents the

NOLA Special

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 to Thursday, July 31, 2025



Pullman Dover Harbor at New Orleans, photo by Scarlett Wirt

Experience **Pullman travel**, aboard the Washington, DC Chapter's historic rail car, **Dover Harbor**, on a trip to New Orleans. You'll see varied scenery as **Dover Harbor** travels with **Amtrak's Crescent** on an arc across the South from **Washington DC through Atlanta to New Orleans** with a changing mix of passengers just as it was in Pullman's heyday.

The adventure begins at **Union Station** in the early evening on Wednesday, July 30th with the departure Amtrak's southbound **Crescent**. Visit with your fellow passengers while savoring cocktails and dinner prior to a night's slumber in a **classic Pullman double bedroom**. The next morning, begin the day with Georgia scenery and breakfast.

At **Atlanta's Peachtree Station** day passengers may board for a scheduled departure at 9:08AM on **Thursday, July 31st** as the car comes southbound with Amtrak's **Crescent**. As the train travels through the **Deep South**, nosh on lunch, and later, a freshly prepared dinner by our chef and served by your **Pullman porter**. Your train sails across **Lake Ponchartrain** to an evening arrival in New Orleans—where the delights of this trip's terminus await for you to explore.

ACCOMMODATIONS

All passengers may enjoy the comforts of **Dover Harbor's** lounge. En route sleeping accommodations for overnight passengers are **Dover Harbor's** classic Pullman bedrooms, which sleep two persons in an upper and lower berth. Each room has a washbasin and toilet; a shared shower is available to all overnight passengers.

PER PERSON FARES (FIRST CLASS)

All fares include one-way travel on **Dover Harbor** including snacks, onboard meals, beverages, wines and spirits while en route.

ALL FARES ARE PER PERSON for the listed occupancy.

Option 1: One-Way, Washington or Alexandria to New Orleans, July 30-31, 2025: Includes one-way travel on **Dover Harbor** between Washington or Alexandria and New Orleans with meals, snacks and beverages and overnight accommodations while enroute only.

Per Person Fares:	DCNRHS Member:	Nonmember:
One Way, Double Occupancy	\$779.00	\$929.00

Option 2: One-Way, Atlanta to New Orleans, July 31, 2025: Includes one-way travel with a daytime parlor seat on **Dover Harbor** between Atlanta and New Orleans with meals, snacks and beverages while enroute only.

Per Person Fares:	DCNRHS Member:	Nonmember:
One Way, Parlor Seat	\$269.00	\$319.00

CONDITIONS:

1. The Washington D.C. Chapter, NRHS makes every effort to accommodate the physically challenged; however, **Dover Harbor** as a historic railroad car is **not wheelchair accessible**. Operator requires those physically challenged passengers requiring special assistance from others to travel with someone who is able to assist them.
2. Those with special dietary needs such as food allergies or vegetarian /vegan meals must notify the reservations agent at least two weeks in advance of the trip. Please include a note in the comments line when placing your order or send an email to reservations@dcnrhs.org.
3. **No refund or credit of purchased reservations after June 15, 2025** other than by operator's cancellation of the trip or reselling of the space. The operator suggests passengers obtain trip insurance to cover cancellations resulting from personal emergencies, illness or other causes.
4. Package does not include hotel accommodations, gratuities, personal incidental charges, tours, admissions, local transportation or meals at the origin or destination. No meals or overnight accommodations are included except enroute aboard **Dover Harbor** as described above.
5. Fares are per person, double occupancy. Single spaces may be purchased at double occupancy fares; however, shared accommodations will be assigned at the discretion of the reservations agent.
6. The **General Conditions** for tours, trips, excursions, and events as published on the DCNRHS web site (www.dcnrhs.org) apply. By making a reservation, participants agree to be bound by both the General and these specific Conditions.



RESERVE YOUR PLACE ONLINE NOW AT WWW.DCNRHS.ORG (Handling Fee Applies)
Questions? E-mail reservations@dcnrhs.org or call 202-627-6978.

NOLA SPECIAL: July 30-31, 2025

I'm ready to go! My reservation and payment are enclosed:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: ☐ day ☐ evening _____

Mobile phone (day of trip): _____

E-mail: _____

Reservation confirmations are sent by e-mail. Please ensure your spam filter will accept e-mails from reservations@dcnrhs.org; contact us at this address if you do not receive confirmation within one week of booking.

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Check payable to **Washington D.C. Chapter, NRHS**

☐ Charge to my Visa/Mastercard:

Card No.: _____

Exp. Date (mm/yy): ____ / ____ CID # (on back of card) _____

Signature: _____

Please reserve the following spaces (please check boarding location):

Opt. 1 –ONE WAY ☐ Washington or ☐ Alexandria to New Orleans, July 30-31, 2025

_____ DCNRHS Member(s) at \$779 = \$ _____

_____ Nonmember(s) at \$929 = \$ _____

Opt. 2 –ONE-WAY: Atlanta to New Orleans, July 31, 2025

_____ DCNRHS Member(s) at \$269 = \$ _____

_____ Nonmember(s) at \$319 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____

ALL PASSENGER NAMES (Required) / DCNRHS Member No.

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DCNRHS Member Number is required for discounted Member Fare.

Comments: _____

PLEASE NOTE: DCNRHS is not responsible for delays to orders sent via U.S. Mail, and encourages booking reservations at www.dcnrhs.org via our secure online reservation system which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mail to: WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER NRHS, c/o Kevin Tankersley, Reservations Agent, 103 E. Mason Ave., Alexandria VA 22301-1709

Fort Collins Trolley Charter – Saturday, August 9, 2025

By Intermountain Chapter, NRHS

INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER, NRHS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025 * FORT COLLINS 2-TROLLEY CHARTER**

Join the Intermountain Chapter, National Railway Historical Society for another rail history summer excursion - a repeat visit to the Fort Collins Trolley for a morning of rides, run-bys, and photo opportunities with the 2 beautifully restored Birney-type trolleys that originally plied the streets of Fort Collins until 1951. We will enjoy lunch in Fort Collins after our trolley experience, by individual settlement.

Our chartered ARROW motor coach will depart our usual pick-up locations as follows:

7:00 AM RTD Mineral Park and Ride, Mineral Ave & Santa Fe Dr, bus loading area

7:30 AM Denver Union Station, Wynkoop St. in front of station near fountain plaza

7:45 AM RTD Thornton Park and Ride, Northbound slip ramp on I-25 by 88th Ave.

Access: 8700 Grant St. Drop off at Southbound slip ramp on return trip.

Pedestrian tunnel connects the slip ramp stops under I-25

9:00 AM Arrive Fort Collins Trolley

11:30 AM Lunch in Fort Collins, individual settlement.

1:00 PM Depart Fort Collins

2:15 PM Arrive Thornton PnR (*park and ride*)

2:30 PM Arrive Denver Union Station

3:00 PM Arrive Mineral PnR (*park and ride*)

And there may be a bonus stop on the return trip!

FARES: Chartered Bus + trolley excursion: \$29 Chapter Members, \$39 Non-members

SORRY, BUT WE CANNOT OFFER REFUNDS DUE TO PRE-PAYMENT OF BUS

AND TROLLEY CHARGES. YOU MAY OFFER YOUR PAID FARE TO OTHERS IF

YOU CANNOT JOIN US. JUST LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE.

PLEASE EMAIL US WHEN YOU MAIL YOUR CHECK SO WE CAN CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION: conductor@nrhsintermountain.org

PLEASE PRINT AND USE THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE.

SEND THE COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS, PO Box 17371, Golden, CO 80402

If you cannot print this form, put required information on a sheet of paper and mail to us.

Those wishing to pay by Venmo or Zelle please email the Chapter for instructions at

conductor@nrhsintermountain.org

****OR YOU MAY REMIT PAYMENT AT THE CHAPTER MEETING AT MALONES JUNE 14.**

THE MEETING STARTS AN HOUR EARLIER, on this date only, AT 11:00 AM.

Before 11:00 AM you may be able to dine from the breakfast menu. Come early for socializing.

**** Preferred method** - save a stamp and the anxiety of whether your envelope will arrive.

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NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

EMAIL_____

CELL PHONE_____HOME PHONE_____

PICK UP LOCATION:

RTD MINERAL PnR_____ DUS (Denver Union Station)_____ RTD THORNTON
PnR_____

How many CHAPTER MEMBERS _____ @ \$29 TOTAL \$_____

How many NON-MEMBERS _____ @ \$39 TOTAL \$_____

GRAND TOTAL_____ \$_____

Central PA Chapter – 49th Annual Train Show, Sun. August 24, 2025

By Central Pennsylvania Chapter, NRHS



49th ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW & SALE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

AT WARRIOR RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT SOCIAL HALL
Second Street, ALLENWOOD, PA (convenient to U.S.
Route 15) AIR-CONDITIONED AND EXCELLENT
LIGHTING! GREAT FOOD FOR SALE!

TRAINS: BUY - SELL - TRADE - ALL SCALES AND GAUGES OF MODEL TRAINS MODEL TRAIN SUPPLIES AND RAILROADIANA

ADMISSION: \$5.00 PER PERSON – CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE, FREE!

TABLES: \$20.00 EACH, AND INCLUDES ONE DEALER'S HELPER AT NO CHARGE

DEALERS ADMITTED AT 7:30 A.M, DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 A.M

* Chapter is not responsible for any damage or loss *

INFORMATION: email to Mark Irvin at irvinwepfer@msn.com or 717 343 7182

Registration Form 2025

Date _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CENTRAL PA. CHAPTER, NRHS" AND MAIL TO:
Central PA-NRHS TRAIN MEET - Mark Irvin- 3814 Leyland Dr. Mechanicsburg PA 17050

Name _____ Table(s) at \$20.00 \$ _____

Street _____ Extra admission (s) at \$5.00 \$ _____

City, State and Zip _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Telephone _____ Special requests? _____

EMAIL: _____ confirmations will be emailed to you:

DEALER AGREES TO REMAIN SET UP UNTIL 2:00 P.M., SIGN _____

Directions: From Williamsport, take US 15 South to red light in Allenwood, turn left at red light (Sunoco Gas station on corner, go to 2nd St, turn left to Fire Hall: from I80 and Lewisburg, take US 15 North to red light in Allenwood turn right at red light-Sunoco Gas station on corner-at 2nd street, turn left to Allenwood Fire Hall.

Fall Foliage Special – October 11, 2025

By Watauga Valley Railroad Historical Society & Museum Chapter, NRHS

The “**Fall Foliage Special**” (previously reported as the “Hiwassee Loop Excursion”) has been planned for Saturday, October 11th, 2025.

The Special will offer a scenic ride through the famous Hiwassee Loop and delight riders in a 50-mile roundtrip journey through the stunning lower Hiwassee River Gorge.

This 4.5-hour adventure will take passengers to the apex of the renowned Hiwassee Loop with the tracks intriguingly crossing over themselves as they spiral up the mountain. Notably, there are only six such loops in North America, with this one being the sole example east of the Mississippi River. Note that there is no layover on this trip; passengers will enjoy the entire duration on the train.

The rails over which this train travels were formerly part of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad’s Atlanta Division stretching between Etowah, TN, and Marietta, GA. More information to follow.

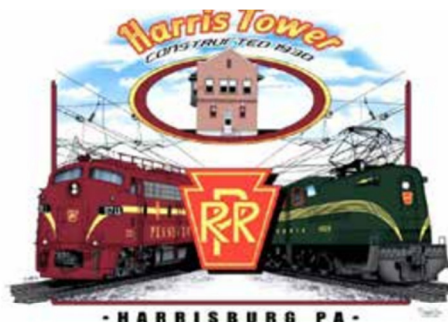
A fundraising event to sponsor a camper to the NRHS Railcamp East.

We invite all local chapters and societies to help with this effort.



Harris Tower Needs Your Help! Please!

By Harrisburg Chapter, NRHS



HARRIS TOWER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We need to replace the roof on our 1929 Pennsylvania Railroad Harris Interlocking Tower Museum because leaks have developed in three of the four corners, greatly damaging the walls and ceiling. Inspection by three qualified bidders confirms that the leaks cannot

be repaired with patchwork. Rain, snow, ice, and wind threaten the crown jewel of our public outreach. Thousands of visitors have marveled at our interactive control of the mechanical and signaling technology of a century ago. ***We must preserve Harris Tower for future generations.***

Wind and water damage

Drone-camera views, followed by visual inspection from a ladder, shows that the current faux-slate shingle material lacks an "adhesion line." As a result, there is wind-induced buckling of the roofing material, and also evidence that the fasteners have begun to pull out of the roof decking. The vibration noise we hear inside on windy days is the faux slate "flapping." Currently available faux slate still lacks an adhesive line and would not be recommended for a new roof. For evidence of interior damage, see attached photos.

Cost to replace and repair

If you've had a home roof replaced, you know that it's crazy expensive. It will cost at least \$24,000 to replace our roof with GAF 50-year architectural shingles, repair existing damage, and prevent future damage. The NRHS Harrisburg Chapter Board of Directors is asking you to make a tax-deductible donation to help fund this work.

Matching gift challenge

An anonymous chapter member is challenging the rest of us to step up by matching each contribution, dollar for dollar, to a maximum of \$5,000. Your financial help is paramount in preserving Harris for the future.

Investing in the future

Our dedication to Harris Tower, backed by 30 years of volunteer time and money already spent toward restoration, demands that we take action to protect our investment. For questions about details of the structural damage, contact Bob Killoran at 717-919-8936 or Chapter President Mark Eyer at 717-574-1035.

Your part

Please consider the need, then use the form below to make your tax-deductible contribution. All donors will receive a written acknowledgement and will be recognized in the chapter newsletter. Thank you in advance for your commitment and generosity. To donate on-line, click or visit <https://harrisburgnrhs.square.site/> and check "Harris Tower Roof Repairs."

Harrisburg Chapter, National Railway Historical Society – a 501 (c) (3) non-profit educational organization

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation for a new roof and repairs at Harris Tower.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Harrisburg Chapter NRHS**, and mail to Dick Crow, Treasurer, 412 Ricky Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Or visit <https://harrisburgnrhs.square.site/> and check "Harris Tower Roof Repairs."



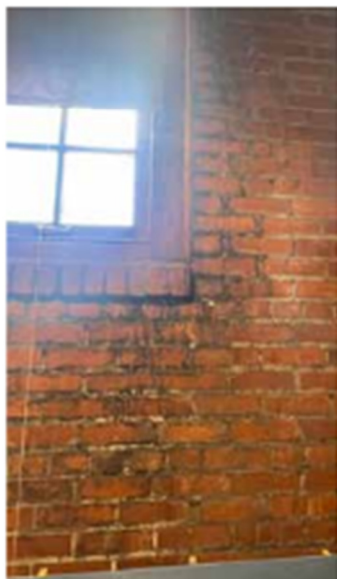
The main beam is cracked at the lower section due to stress from water, fatigue of the rafters, and weight, probably due to snow buildup. It is sagging by about 2 inches and will need to be bolstered to restore its structural integrity.



This attic view shows the stress in a rafter, the only one that's damaged so far. It's in the southeast corner, where most water is entering the property.



Water damage in a corner of the attic. The dark coloration of the brick shows where water has been penetrating from the roof line.



Above: Damage to walls in the tower's first floor, southeast end, near the diorama area, showing how water seepage has discolored the bricks.



Right: Buckled ceiling plaster above the second floor, the room most seen by visitors. Water seepage also has damaged the southeast-corner wooden window frame, which is OK for now but eventually will need to be repaired or replaced.



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