

## CPKC Final Spike Anniversary Steam Tour Receives NRHS/Railway Age Historic Preservation Award

*Written by William C. Vantuono, Railway Age Editor-in-Chief*

The National Railway Historical Society and Railway Age selected Canadian Pacific Empress 2816 and Canadian Pacific Kansas City's Final Spike Anniversary Steam Tour as recipient of the 2026 Outstanding Railroad Historic Preservation Award.



*Photo by William C. Vantuono.*

**CANADIAN PACIFIC KANSAS CITY FINAL SPIKE ANNIVERSARY STEAM TOUR**



*Photo by Railway Interchange.*

**Left to right: Mike Yuhas, Director, NRHS; Jonathan Chalon, Publisher, Railway Age; James Clements, Executive Vice President, Strategic Planning & Corporate Services, CPKC; Adam Meeks, Director, Heritage Services & Operations, CPKC.**

CPKC's Final Spike Anniversary Steam Tour was a "once in a lifetime" operation and monumental achievement. Thanks to CPKC's skilled, dedicated team, the unprecedented, 9,000-mile-plus tour operated smoothly across North America's three nations—Canada, the United States and Mexico.

"On behalf of the CPKC family I extend special thanks to Railway Age and to the NRHS for this special recognition," said President and CEO Keith Creel. "The men and women at CPKC who invested so much to make this trip possible are especially honored."

NRHS and Railway Age presented the award June 2 at Railway Interchange in Omaha, Nebraska, during the opening session. Previous Outstanding Railroad Historic Preservation Award honorees are Reading Blue Mountain & Northern (2025), Union Pacific (2024) and Iowa Traction (2023).

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## Submission Deadlines for NRHS News

- June 2026 (online PDF) – deadline May 26
- July 2026 (online PDF) – deadline June 20
- August 2026 (online PDF) – deadline July 15

## NRHS Events, Conventions, Conferences

### ***NRHS 2026 Conference - Cleveland, Ohio. September 21 to 25, 2026***

- Trip itineraries and hotel details to be announced.

## About the NRHS News

*NRHS News* is published nine times a year by the National Railway Historical Society. Six full-color issues are published and posted on the NRHS web site. The three remaining issues are printed in black-and-white and mailed to members across the year. On occasion, a “special” issue might be published. All issues are available (pdf file) online at <https://admin.nrhs.com/NRHSNews/>

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## Spring Cleaning - West Barnstable Train Station

By LINDA Z. PEGNATO, *Friend of the Cape Cod Chapter NRHS*

A group of volunteers recently helped clean the West Barnstable Train Station and Museum. The Cape Cod Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, which operates the station, welcomed volunteers from Cape Cod Life for its annual spring cleaning. The effort was organized with the help of railfan Connor Lemeroux, who contacted the group's leader to request assistance.

The station is open Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., starting May 16 and running through October. On May 13, a team of 15 volunteers spent two hours cleaning and organizing the space for the upcoming season.

The volunteers worked on a range of tasks, including cleaning windows, vacuuming floors, refreshing bathrooms, weeding and organizing key areas throughout the station. They also transported and placed bins into an NYNH&H boxcar, aiding with organization and storage. In addition, the volunteers helped carry books and old magazines out to a car for disposal, a task that would have been difficult to manage alone, according to the announcement.

The volunteers' hard work made an immediate and visible difference, and their positive spirit was noted. 'We are truly grateful for the care and pride they showed in supporting this shared community space. They were truly wonderful kids and a pleasure to have at the station,' according to the announcement.

For more information, visit [capecodnrhs.org](http://capecodnrhs.org).



**CLEAN UP DAY** - On May 13, 2026 Cape Cod Chapter NRHS held a spring cleaning day at the West Barnstable Train Station & Museum in preparation for opening day on Saturday, May 16, 2026. A friend of the Chapter made arrangements for a special needs group to give us a hand with the cleaning.

# NRHS 2026 Election - Update

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*By NRHS ELECTORAL COMMITTEE*

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Nominations closed on March 31, 2026. A full slate of candidates is being presented to the NRHS membership. The ballots will be mailed as scheduled around June 1st.

We urge ALL members to return a completed ballot. Each ballot is accompanied by an official return envelope. Only ballots returned in this envelope will be considered official ballots and counted. Family members may combine their ballots into one envelope. Ballots returned in any other envelope will not be counted and discarded. Ballots may be in another shipping envelope such as a UPS or FedEx envelope as long as the ballot is sealed in the official return envelope provided. Just remember that all ballots must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2026 to be counted.

Election shall be by a plurality of those votes legally cast. The results will be certified by the General Counsel of the NRHS and the Electoral Committee in late August, 2026. Winners of the election will be contacted by the NRHS Electoral Committee once the vote has been certified. Results will be available on the NRHS admin site and will be published in the NRHS News after the vote certification and notification to the candidates.

Here is a complete list of candidates in the NRHS 2026 Election. All NRHS members who receive a ballot will vote for President and nine Directors. Bios for all candidates may be found online at <https://admin.nrhs.com>

***President:*** Tony White

***Directors:*** Jon Baake

Paul Barnes

Ralph Robert Bitzer

Thomas J. Gallagher

Patricia Johnson

Ken Mosby

Larry Pearlman

Wilfred "Skip" Waters

H. Michael Yuhas

**Candidate biographies follow below.**

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# NRHS 2026 Election – Candidate List and Biographies

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*By NRHS ELECTORAL COMMITTEE*

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**Office: President Tony White** Felton, DE Western Connecticut Chapter, NRHS

**Biography:** I believe deeply in the NRHS and its mission. I am from Chapter #30, which has a long history of service to rail preservation, railfanning, and NRHS members. I helped lead the last national youth event, YouthRail, at the New Haven Rails 2000 Convention and have served on multiple National committees and understand the Society's dynamics.

As a social worker, my career has centered on listening, collaboration, and effective leadership. I am respected by members and respect them in return. I am always on the lookout for new ideas and then work to implement them if they would be beneficial to the Society. I am currently serving as President and am running for another term to continue supporting projects that strengthen NRHS's leadership in rail preservation, history, education, and engagement.

**Reason for seeking office:** Effective leadership begins with commitment and visibility. Board members must lead by example by actively engaging with the membership, attending meetings and conventions in person whenever possible. Leadership requires more than offering opinions -- it requires being present, involved, and willing to work alongside our members.

As President, I will ensure the board functions as an active, service-driven body representing all members, whether At-Large or through Chapters. I am committed to maintaining affordable, engaging, and welcoming conventions and conferences, and to continuing the strategic use of technology to strengthen outreach and operations—allowing us to preserve our dues structure without increases. Above all, I will answer all email, phone calls and speak to the membership.

Lastly, I will maintain our purpose and support our brand.

I will also remain fully engaged with Education, RailCamp, Rail Preservation, and Historic Photos and Film. Through my ongoing involvement in more than 25 chapters, plus railroad museums, and rail historical societies, I am committed to continuous learning and to applying those experiences to strengthen our organization and the broader rail preservation community.

**Office: Director Paul Barnes** Timonium, MD Washington D.C. Chapter, NRHS

**Biography:** Paul Barnes grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland where his avid interest in transportation history spawned at age four when his parents bought him an HO scale train set one Christmas. Through the years, Paul cultivated his interest by voraciously soaking up every media feature on the subject he could get hold of. He took his interest to the next level while he was an active volunteer docent at the B&O Railroad Museum and while he was a part-time employee at the National Air & Space Museum. Paul couldn't get enough of transportation so he made it his now 35-year long (so far) career, starting with an internship in the Transportation Office at the U.S. State Department and subsequently working for an

intermodal marketing company, a steamship line (Lykes), a Class I (CSX), a Class II (G&W) and two Class III (Canton and Aberdeen & Rockfish/Pee Dee River) rail carriers.

Mr. Barnes is currently consulting in the supply chain management industry;. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Transportation from the University of Maryland at College Park and his Master of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Logistics from the University of North Florida.

Paul has been a member of the NRHS since 1989.

In his spare time, he enjoys his two Black Lab mix dogs Liberty and Lucky. He also likes to perform his clarinet with local community and church ensembles. He previously led the St. Augustine Community Orchestra and the Moore Philharmonic Orchestra as President of each respective organization. Paul is active in several transportation historical groups which help him focus and grow his knowledge.

Reason for seeking office: With my extensive leadership experience, my 37 years of NRHS membership and my strong passion for interpreting and promoting rail transportation history, I look forward to helping take the NRHS to the next level. Historical associations in today's world face many headwinds, most significantly, increased erosion of interest. I will collaborate with NRHS Board members and Chapters to grow relevance, interest and membership participation, particularly with youth who are the future of NRHS.

*Office:* **Director Larry Pearlman** Travelers Rest, SC Greenville, SC Chapter, NRHS

*Biography:* Larry is Vice President of Environmental, Health, Safety & Security at American Fujikura, Limited. He has over 30 years' experience in safety, safety culture, change management, and management systems. Larry has been instrumental in designing and implementing transformational change and process improvement efforts. Prior to focusing on safety, Larry was a Human Resources Director.

Larry has completed his first term as a Board member at the NRHS and is running for the next two-year term. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the East Troy Railroad Museum. He is also a member of the North Carolina Museum of Transportation, The Illinois Railway Museum, The Apple Valley Model Railroad Club, The (original) Norfolk Southern Historical Association, and The Center for Railroad Photography & Art (CRP&A).

An avid rail photographer, his work has appeared in Trains, Railfan & Railroad, CRP&A, and several news and leisure magazines. Larry began his career in 1989 and has held various leadership positions. In addition to AFL, Larry has been employed by Amoco, BP, General Mills, Marsh McLennan, Oliver Wyman, and Pfizer. He serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Larry is the author of many safety related articles and is a frequent speaker at safety conferences and corporate safety events. Larry resides outside in Travelers Rest, SC with his wife Lisa and dog Maggy. Larry, with his wife Lisa, have four adult children.

Education: MA, Labor & Industrial Relations. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. BBA, Business, University of Iowa.

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*Reason for seeking office:* I still have work to do to advance NRHS!

In my next term, I hope to continue to work with the Board to streamline our governance process, provide better focus on what NRHS does and how it does it. I wish to continue to bring my business acumen to the organization. It's a great Board and we can always improve.

We need to continue our focus on NRHS's value proposition so we can recruit and retain new members and provide better dialog with chapters and members.

My career is safety. I've seen some very unsafe practices at our museums. Even fatalities. There are also some amazingly great practices that need to be shared. I wish to bring my expertise to our organization and have a focus on improving safety for passengers and volunteers at museums and charter operations.

As a continuing Board member my focus would be on:

1. Improving our organization and structure.
2. Improving chapter and at-large relationships
3. Attracting and retaining membership.
4. Bringing my business leadership skills to the Board and the organization.

Thank you for your consideration!

Office: **Director Ken Mosby** Seneca, SC Delaware Valley Chapter, NRHS

*Biography:* I have been a member of the NRHS since 2001 when I joined the Delaware Valley Chapter. There I served as vice president and later as national representative. I started out as a toddler watching those fascinating trolleys rumbling down Erie Ave. in Philadelphia. When we moved to Levittown, I was able to railfan the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Reading Railroad.

I've volunteered as a Trainman and Brakeman at Black River and Western, Wilmington and Western and Allentown and Auburn Railroads. I'm modelling in O-scale and I'm starting in N-scale. I am a member of the R&LHS, and I am a board member of the Central Railway Model & Historical Society in Central SC.

I am retired NAVY and retired DOD civil service.

*Reason for seeking office:* I am running for re-election to the board because my interest in railroads and railroad history compels me to get more involved in this great organization. New projects and initiatives have come up that we were not able to finish. I regularly attend the National board meetings either in person or virtually and various chapter meetings. I will continue to listen to the membership and represent their interests to the national. Working with Al Weber, I developed the NRHS membership discount category we had for the military. I successfully nominated one of our youth members from the CRM&A to rail camp last year. I believe I can recruit more members in the South Carolina region.

**Office: Director Jon Baake** Tall Timbers, MD Washington D.C. Chapter, NRHS

*Biography:* Jon has been a member of the NRHS since 1967. His interest in trains and railroads began at a very early age when his father introduced him to trains and railroading in Southern California. He was living in the Washington DC area when he joined the NRHS and the Washington DC Chapter. Jon's active support of the NRHS began in 2007 when he retired and became active with his chapter as a member of the trip committee and by serving as a crew member on the chapter's 1923 Pullman, the Dover Harbor, trips. He is a chapter Director and serves as the chapter's RailCamp Coordinator. As he became more active with his chapter, he also became active with the National organization serving as the chapter representative from the time the Advisory Council was established until 2017 when he first became a NRHS Director, a position he holds today. Early on he recognized he could help with publicity when he found current membership brochures did not exist. He updated the outdated brochure, arranged for printing, and started a process to distribute them widely. He presently sends out over 15,000 brochures annually to NRHS members and others for use at chapter events and train shows and to over 150 tourist railroads and museums. Jon is also a founding and active member of the NRHS Chapter Engagement Committee established to understand and improve the relationship between Chapters and the NRHS.

*Reasons for Seeking This Office:* I am passionate about preserving railroad history and supporting the NRHS. As an NRHS Director I will work to increase public awareness of and membership in the NRHS by attracting new members and retaining current members. I initiated and will continue to operate the program making NHRS membership brochures widely available at no cost to chapters, railroad museums, and railroad attractions such as tourist railroads. I believe the widespread accessibility of membership materials has been largely responsible for gradually increasing NRHS membership over the last several years.

I am continually working to increase public awareness of the NRHS and the importance of preserving railroad history. I do this through as many means as possible. As a Director I will support the NRHS where needed and as asked. And I will continue my efforts to promote the NRHS through an increasingly wide distribution of membership materials. As a retired executive and Chief Information Officer of a large organization, I have the time and experience to make this opportunity a reality. As a NRHS Director, I believe I can make a difference in ensuring public awareness of the importance of preserving railroad history and ensuring the future of the Society.

**Office: Director Patricia A Johnson** West Orange, NJ Tri State Chapter, NRHS

"For I am confident of this very thing, that HE who began a good work in me, will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" – Phil.1:6

I have a penchant for causes that represent the underserved in society. My experience working as a Government Affairs Manager in the Southwest Region for Merck and Dupont Pharmaceuticals, NJ prepared me well and afforded me the opportunity to build relationships with members of the House and Senate at the state level to discuss the importance of appropriating funds for state Medicaid programs. During this time my primary mode of travel was by rail passenger service from Newark, NJ to Washington, D.C. I consider myself an

advocate when it comes to more utilization of rail service and I am acutely aware of the need to enhance customer service initiatives and expand personalized service necessities.

In addition, I am aware of the need to strengthen the rail ecosystem that equips and enables individuals to get involved in creating innovation that can lead to fueling economic growth. My business acumen focused on sales, marketing and branding strategies that ensured national implementation to a sales force, broadened exposure and increased product and service awareness. Based on my prior work experience research has demonstrated that building a collaborative infrastructure locally can lead to competing nationally and globally.

Finally, as a member of National Railway Historical Society, I will utilize my work experience to address social barriers that prevent lack of access and affordability to rail travel system.

**Office: Director R. Robert Bitzer** Laurel, MD Washington D.C. Chapter, NRHS

*Biography:* I am a native Washingtonian. I was born, raised and educated in the DC area. In my professional life I served as a Management Executive with both May Company and Macy's Department Stores for over 40 years in many operational, auditing and system capacities. I am now retired.

I have been a member of the NRHS for 64 years. I hold memberships in several chapters of the NRHS which include Washinton DC (home chapter), Baltimore, and Potomac, as well as other rail organizations including R&LHS, FEBT, C&O Rwy. Hist. Soc., WM Rwy. Hist. Soc, and the B&O RR Museum.

My background and experience in the Society includes National Treasurer (current), Director (current), Conference Coordinator (current), former Convention Chairman, By-Laws and Planning Committees, Mid-Atlantic Region RVP. Currently serve on the Board of Trustees of the NRHS Fund. I also manage the Washington DC Chapter NRHS Martin F. O'Rourke library and serve on its BOD's.

My other interests include photography, O gauge model railroading, rail history books and railroad service watch collecting.

*Reason for seeking office:* I would like to continue to work with the NRHS BOD, the Advisory Council and our membership for the following very important reasons:

First, the NRHS needs to do things that are relevant to the purposes of rail history, preservation, education, and resource development. We have in place many outstanding existing programs to meet these goals. Of extreme importance is to explore and develop new partnerships, and programs both within our chapters, with other preservation organizations and directly with the railroads to recognize all aspects of historical preservation work.

Second, we need to continue to explore new ways to work with and recognize chapters and membership for their efforts on behalf of the Society and in the preservation and education of railroading and its history.

Third, the NRHS must continue to communicate its story, purposes, and programs, both to its members and the public community (railfan, non-railfan, corporate world, etc.), through its publications, email services, the internet and most importantly by direct personal contract.

In today's environment good communications and sharing of information are critical for both growth of membership and chapters.

Together, as a team, we can maintain our existing goals and programs and create and accomplish new ones to ensure the future of rail preservation and its history. Remember, this is our Society, let's support its goals and purposes.

In closing, I sincerely hope that I can count on your support to continue to be a part of the leadership team for the National Railway Historical Society and its chapters. We have a clear track and green signals, let's highball.

**Office: Director: Thomas J. Gallagher** Hyde Park, VT Champlain Valley Chapter, NRHS

*Biography:* I was born and raised in Woodside, NY in the shadow of the Long Island RR behind my home, and the New Haven RR down the street. I am sure this instilled my interest in railroads. I was educated in New York and took my first teaching job on Long Island. I moved to Vermont in 1972 and continued teaching in Bennington. I took a break from teaching in 1980 and was employed by Greyhound Line and Vermont Transit as a motor coach driver until 1990. I returned to teaching and driving charter coaches part time until retirement. I joined the NRHS in 1996 while being a member of the Champlain Valley Chapter. I served as Vice President, President, Secretary and am presently Chapter Historian. I was a member of the NRHS Advisory Committee since 2022 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2024. I am also a member of the Train Collectors Association and was the chairman of the tours committee for the 2008 TCA national convention in Burlington, VT. I am currently a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans and drive veterans to medical appointments at the VA hospital.

*Reason for seeking office:* I have discovered that studying railroad history also helps me to understand much about local history as well. This is a feature of our organization which could be continuously promoted. When we are successful with an activity the results are impressive. In Vermont, there are three instances where NRHS and local grants were obtained that resulted in the creation or improvements of museums. I believe it is imperative we continue trying to get out the word to the public. This is not something we are not already aware of. We can look at our ageing membership, myself included, and realize that bringing in members from the next generations is essential. I look forward to working along with the officers and Board of Directors to keep our organization relevant and focused on the mission of the NRHS.

**Office: Director Skip Waters** Dallas, TX North Texas Chapter, NRHS

*Biography:* I have been a member of the NRHS since 1993, past president of the North Texas Chapter, past Chairman 2008 Lone Star Rails Annual Convention, served on NRHS Convention committee for 8 years, served as Chairman of Membership committee and current Chairman of Chapter Development which has brought on at least 3 new chapters and in talks with 2 more.

I've also served as a Director on the NRHS Board between 2013-2023. Now currently serving as the host/mc for the Advisory Council Chapter Engagement Committee's "Fireside

Chats” which allow local Chapter issues and National topics to be discussed openly between chapter members and National directors.

*Reasons for Seeking This Office:* I would appreciate your vote to serve again on the Board and further the Society’s agenda of promoting railroad history and rail preservation via our members and chapters.

*Office:* **Director Mike Yuhas** Trempealeau, WI Wisconsin Chapter, NRHS

*Biography:* Mike Yuhas has been an NRHS member in good standing for 41 years. For the first 36 years he was basically a lurker, busy with career and family. This status changed about 2020, when the kids fledged and Mike retired from his position as lead advertising salesperson at Trains magazine. This allowed him to lean in to volunteering with the NRHS at the national level.

After Mike provided local support for the 2021 NRHS Milwaukee convention, other NRHS volunteer assignments soon followed. He joined the membership committee in 2022, where he helped modernize NRHS’s online membership, fundraising and event portal. If you’ve ever phoned the NRHS office with a question about your membership, there’s a good chance that Mike answered the call and personally resolved the issue. As a member of the Historic Preservation Award committee, Mike solicited railroad industry participation with Railway Age and Railway Track & Structures magazines. Along with Eric Fogg, Mike co-chaired, planned and ran the sold-out 2024 NRHS Spring Conference. Mike and Eric also worked together to deliver an outstanding 2025 Convention to NRHS members. This year, Mike is serving as the convention committee chair.

Mike is an accomplished photographer of railroad and marine subjects (see [www.mikeyuhas.org](http://www.mikeyuhas.org)). He and wife Janet enjoy traveling or just sitting on their porch overlooking the Mississippi River. He’s especially proud of his four grown children, all of whom are ambitious and are following their calling. Mike is uncomfortable writing about himself in the third person.

*Reasons for Seeking This Office:* Specific focus areas over the next two years

- Enhancing relationships with NRHS chapters
- Implementing a more robust member services team
- Working with other directors to improve board accountability and engagement

Thank you for your support.



**Leading the way in rail preservation while there’s still time**

# Campaign to Replace Failing Windows at Harris Tower (PA)

By Harrisburg Chapter, NRHS



## The Harrisburg Chapter of the NRHS Launches Fund Raising Campaign to Replace Failing Windows In Harris Tower!

For many years the Harrisburg NRHS has struggled to maintain the aging windows in the Harris Railroad Switch Tower Museum. The windows are original to the construction of the building in 1930. Year after year the group has performed maintenance on the windows both to keep them operating and to protect the building from the elements. Now, after 96 years the windows have reached the point where continued maintenance is no longer practical. The windows have air leaks that are strong enough to cause the window shades to blow. The glass itself is old-school and not thermally efficient. There was no thermal pane glass in the early 20th century! Along with that, there is zero insulation in the walls of Harris Tower. In 1930 energy costs were low and the railroad was buying coal by the mega-ton. Insulation was simply not a concern to the PRR when the building was constructed. These factors have resulted in higher on-going costs to heat and cool Harris for our visitors and those costs continue to increase.

In short, the time has come to bite the bullet and replace the windows with modern replicas that will be historically accurate, mechanically sound and thermally efficient. In addition, having the windows removed for replacement affords the perfect opportunity to access the interior of the walls and finally add much needed insulation to Harris. As anyone who has ever had replacement windows installed in their home knows all too well, this will be an expensive project. Since Harris is listed in the National Register of Historic Places our windows will need to be historically correct in appearance which will add to our costs. We need your help!

We have already begun the process of searching for contractors and getting cost estimates for the project. There are three dozen windows in Harris. The replacement cost for the smallest windows will exceed \$1,250 each making this a major financial commitment. Nevertheless, this work *must* be done to protect Harris Tower from the elements for decades to come. The Harrisburg Chapter of the NRHS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donations in *any* amount will be greatly appreciated!

In addition, we have a "Buy a Window" program whereby a donation can be made in the amount of \$1,250 or greater to cover the cost of a single window. "Buy a Window" donors will be acknowledged on a plaque to be prominently displayed in Harris Tower.

Won't you please help? Donations in any amount can be sent to:

The Harrisburg Chapter NRHS, 637 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101 or you can donate online at:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-the-harrisburg-chapter-nrhs>

or simply scan the QR code.

Thank you for your support!

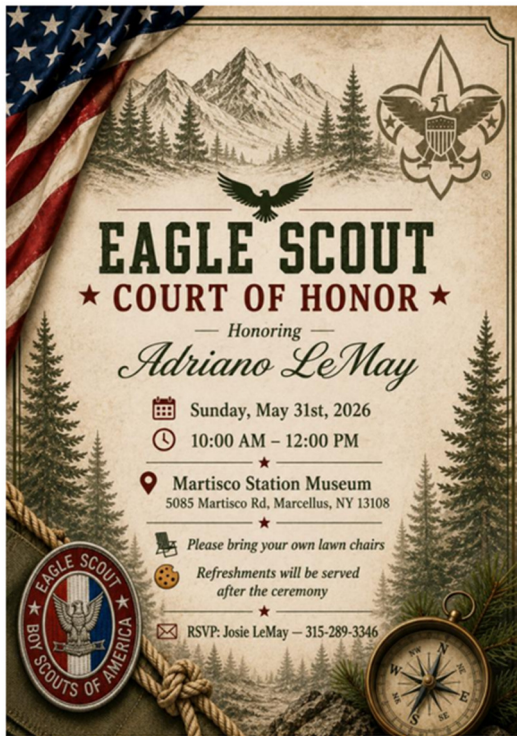


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# Current News from Central NY Chapter – Honors and Parades

By Central New York Chapter, NRHS

**Editor's Note:** Many thanks to the Central New York Chapter for their terrific newsletter, the Green Block, and for sharing their activities and events .



Ano, the son of Andy and Josie LeMay completed his community service project for the Chapter by organizing and carrying out a large landscaping project at our Martisco Station last summer. As a result of his leadership, and with the help of Chapter members, the Martisco Station Museum exterior looks great.

This special ceremony will officially award Adriano the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor for his demonstration of leadership and community betterment.

Please join in the celebration of this accomplishment and the extraordinary work he did at the Martisco Station Museum.



The weather did cooperate for the Camillus Memorial Day Parade, which was held on Monday, May 25th. It was a productive way for the Chapter to be represented in the community, as well as promoting the Martisco Station Museum.

There was a very supportive turnout by members who walked alongside the train trailer to give out treats to children along the parade route. Thank you goes out to: Phil, Tom & Joan Edwards; Brian Vaughan; Tom, Barb & Chloe Pierson; Dave Schmid; Mike & Donna Thomas; Erik Yackel. A very special acknowledgement goes out to Donna Thomas for coordinating this event!



**SAFETY ON THE ROAD –** Checking the connection.

**ONE MORE GOOD LOOK –** All seems ready.



**GETTING ON THE PARADE ROUTE.**

**BRIGHT AND SHINY FLOAT –** Smiles for all.



**CLOSE UP LOOK AT THE FLOAT**

**WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A FLOAT**

## The Last Stop - Member Passings

*By NRHS Chapters, Members and Families*



**Ret. MSG. William J. Molony "Bill"**

*By DAVID DARUSZKA Vice-President of the Blackhawk Chapter NRHS*

Age 82 passed peacefully on Saturday, May 16, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. A proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran and retired Active Reserve Serviceman, he proudly served his country for 32 years. Bill taught Automotive Technology for Lewis University at the Joliet Correctional Center on Collins Street in Joliet from 1989 to 1999, Joliet Job Corp 2000-2006 and retired in 2006 after many dedicated years.

President of the Blackhawk Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, lifetime member of the Lockport VFW Post 5788, American Legion Post 66 in Griffith, Indiana. Devout member of St. Joseph Church, Lockport where he was a Parish Council member.

Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Roberta Molony (nee Pachol); parents, Charles and Catherine (nee Conlin) Molony; stepchildren, Joseph Roberts and Jeanne Roberts. Survived by his loving daughters, Kimberly (Ivan) Torres and Maureen Molony; granddaughters, Elizabeth Amato, Caitlin Amato and Sarah Mathis; step-granddaughters, Haley (Jake) Roberts-Cooper and Tessa Hitchcock; great-granddaughter, Lillith Sagle; three brothers, Charles (late Carolyn), Edward (Donna), Patrick (Catherine) Molony; two sisters, Mary (Ralph Vesecky) Molony and Eileen (Jerry) Maloney; and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Lockport Fish Food Pantry in Bill's name would be greatly appreciated.

Prayers will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, in the O'Neil Funeral Home Chapel 1105 E. 9th St. Ilinois 60441 at 9:45am proceeding to St. Joseph Church, Lockport for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Interment following Mass with Full Military Honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Visitation in the funeral home chapel Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 4:00pm until 8:00pm.



**Herbert Allen Richwine**

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*By Alice and Brandon Martin.*

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Herbert A. Richwine, a member of the Old Dominion Chapter for many years, passed away in Chesterfield County, Virginia on February 25, 2026.

He was born in Richmond, Virginia on March 9, 1935 to George Carter Richwine and Willie Madeline (Conti) Richwine. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Lucy (Gardner) Richwine, and his sister Dorothy Richwine Korb (Willard Vernon). He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews, as well as faithful friends and devoted neighbors.

Herbert was educated in Richmond Public Schools. After receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond, he pursued a master's degree at William and Mary.

His career spanned many years with Chesterfield County Public Schools, serving as teacher and school principal.

A visitation for family and friends was held on Thursday, March 19 from 10-11 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 a.m. at Blileys - Chippenham, 6900 Hull Street Road. Interment will be private.

## No. 1522 and J Class No. 611 Power for June 1994 Excursion

By ALEX MAYES, Potomac Chapter NRHS

After powering a series of excursions out of St. Louis, Missouri, in mid-June 1994 ex-St. Louis–San Francisco “Mountain Type” 4-8-2 No. 1522 and ex-Norfolk and Western Class J 4-8-4 No. 611 teamed up to pull a one-way trip from Birmingham, Alabama to Atlanta, Georgia.



*Photo courtesy of Alex Mayes*

**No. 1522 AND J CLASS No. 611, JUNE 21, 1994** - This trip was to ferry the two engines (No. 1522 and J Class No. 611) and a long consist of passenger cars for the 1994 NRHS convention which was headquartered in Atlanta.

Teresa (Renner) and I chased this trip with John Biehn, who got us in to some great photo locations, such as this one crossing Tunnell Mountain Road at Cooks Springs, Alabama. The steam special is about to enter a tunnel on the Southern Railway main.

# Chapter Events and Activities

## CENTRAL PA. CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW & SALE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM



AT WARRIOR RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT SOCIAL HALL  
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ALL SCALES AND GAUGES OF MODEL TRAINS MODEL TRAIN SUPPLIES AND RAILRODIANA

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**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](mailto:irvinwepfer@msn.com) or 717 343 7182

Registration Form 2026

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

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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.

**HISTORICAL OREGON RAIL HERITAGE CENTER**

**Father's Day Special Steam Train – June 20 & 21, 2026**

	<p><b>LET'S CELEBRATE DAD!</b></p> <p><b>FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>JUNE 20 &amp; JUNE 21</b></p>	<p>Our monthly special-occasion steam train rides continue this summer with our annual Father's Day favorite you won't want to miss.</p> <p>Celebrate Dad in unforgettable style this Father's Day weekend with a ride behind a true piece of living history.</p>
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***When:*** Saturday, June 20 & Sunday, June 21

***Train Departure Times:*** 12:00pm, 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm on Saturday and Sunday

***Ticket Prices:*** Adult \$24, Child \$17, Infant FREE, Senior \$21.50, Military \$21.50, Family Pass (2 Adults & 2 Children) \$74

- ***Join us on Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21, for a special excursion powered by the legendary Polson #2 steam locomotive.***
- Feel the rumble, see the steam, hear the whistle, and step back into the golden age of rail travel.
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- Whether you're planning a fun family outing, searching for a unique way to celebrate Dad, or simply love the charm of historic trains, this experience delivers a memorable ride for everyone on board.
  - ✓ ***Free admission to the Center is included with your train ticket.***
  - ✓ ***Seats are limited! Secure your spot now and make this Father's Day weekend one to remember.***

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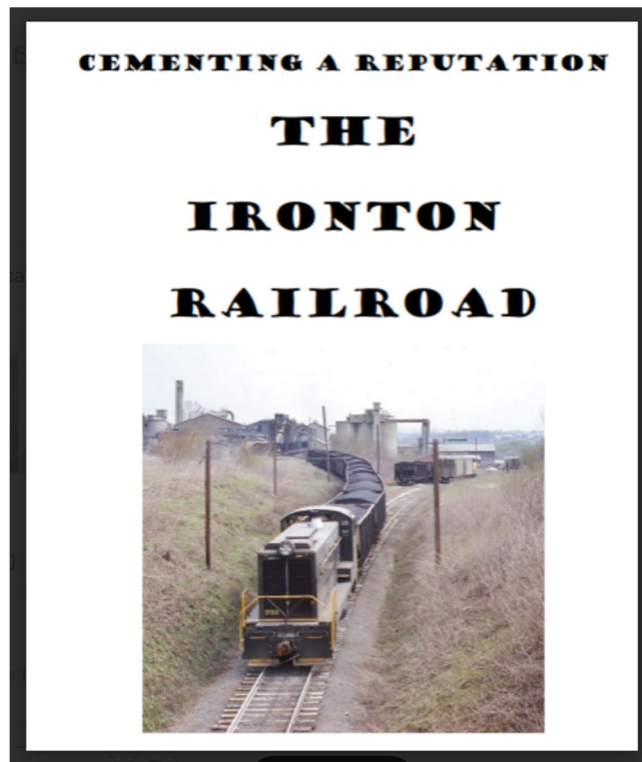
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### ***The Ironton Railroad by Peter Brill***



- Lehigh Valley Chapter, NRHS has had an active role in co-authoring **Peter Brill's new book** on the ***Ironton Railroad***.
- Peter's own research, coupled with many scholarly articles written and published by LV Chapter President and Magazine Editor Jim Rowland.
- They were the basis for this **new 194-page book** chronicling the railroad from its inception up through abandonment and on to today's iteration as the Ironton Rail Trail.
- This book is a must for any scholar of this once-prosperous **Pennsylvania shortline** that at one time serviced 17% of all cement plants in the United States - all located within 5 miles of each other on Ironton's mainline!

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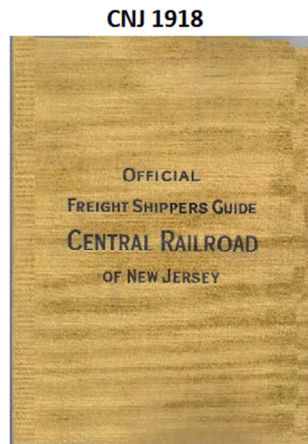



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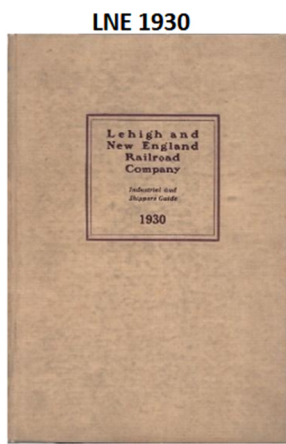


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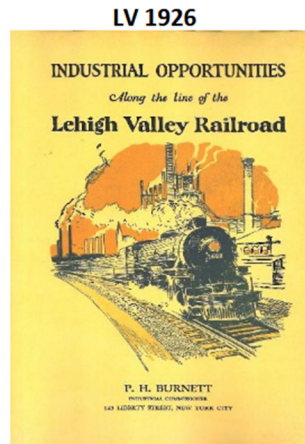
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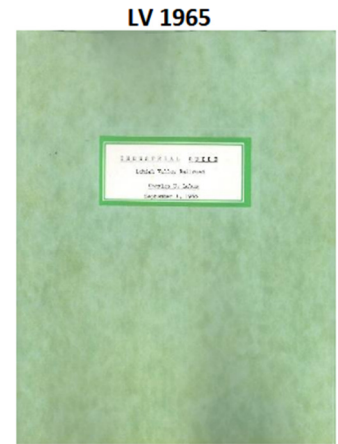
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