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My *RailCamp* Experience

By Robert (Bob) George Williams, 2026 RailCamp Attendee. Text & photos by author.

As a kid, I always wanted to be closer to the railroad and its practices. I got into model railroading and a bit of what railfanning over the years, but not much more. That is, until I was volunteering at my local train club's booth at a train show. I recognized my mother's best friend's father, Mr. Ned Harris, sitting down at one of the other booths.

We chatted for a minute, and then *RailCamp* came up. It was an experience that got kids closer to the railroad and allowed fellow railfans to meet others with the same interests. Mr. Harris also happened to be the president of the Tidewater Chapter of the NRHS and offered to sponsor me. I was immediately on board! A few months later, my application was accepted, and off I went to *Railcamp East*!



The day I arrived at *Railcamp East*, I met my fellow campers, and it didn't take long for all of us to become friends. We had dinner together before being divided into our assigned groups of six.



Afterward, we received an overview of the week, including we would be doing and what to expect during our time at camp. Once everything was covered, we headed to our dorms, settled in, and got some much-needed rest. It was only the first day, but I already had a feeling that it was going to be an unforgettable week.

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What is your holiday train story? From N-scale to Prototype, please share your memories and fun with NRHS family and friends !!

Please email your smiles, story and/or photos to News@NRHS.com

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NRHS Events - Convention, Conference & Notes

The next conference and the 2027 Convention are being planned.
For Chapter events and announcements, please see the last section in this issue.

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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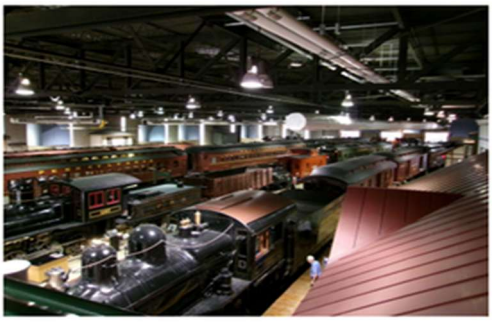
My RailCamp Experience *(Continued from page 1.)*



Monday was our trip to Amtrak's Wilmington shops and training facilities. We all got a tour of the shops and all the different departments. We saw everything from pantographs from ACS-64s to rebuilt coffee makers and bearings from Amfleets.
It was also neat to see ACS-64 619 because it was being worked on, and we were able to walk inside and see all the inner workings. It was also cool because it is the same road number as the ACS-64 I have in HO scale.

Then we drove to the training facility where we were stationed at the locomotive simulators, dispatch simulators and outside where we were able to blow the horn on an ALC-42 and throw a few ground switches.

Tuesday, we took a train on the Northeast Corridor to Penn Station in New York and took a tour of the station. We saw Amtrak's new projects, Penn Station's dispatch room, and many other things. Perhaps my favorite thing on Tuesday was sitting in the theater car while traveling 110 MPH in the corridor!



Wednesday marked the start of the Pennsylvania portion of the trip. We visited the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, where the staff gave us in-depth tours of the museum and explained how they restored locomotives for static display. We also had the opportunity to explore the museum's archives.

There, we were given a research assignment to find information about a snowplow and prepare a presentation on our findings for Friday. We then went to an Amtrak station where we railfanned the Northeast Corridor for a few hours.



Thursday was our main day at the Strasburg Rail Road. We spent the morning railfanning along the Strasburg mainline while No. 89 pulled its hourly trains. We also got to ride behind No. 89 and have lunch on the train.
Later, we split into groups for different tours and presentations. We got to operate a miniature live-steam locomotive and learned how Strasburg maintains its rolling stock, air brake systems, and locomotives.

We also learned the different hand signals used during switching and were taught how to safely couple and uncouple cars from a train. It was a great hands-on look at the work that keeps a railroad running.

Friday was our last day at Strasburg and at Railcamp. After breakfast, we went to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania to present our research on the snowplow. All of the groups did very well.





Afterward, we watched No. 89 in service until it was time for our cab rides. This was especially exciting because it was my first time inside a full-size steam locomotive. We took turns shoveling coal and blowing the whistle, making it one of my favorite memories of the entire trip.



As the week came to an end, we all realized just how special the experience had been.

That night, we went out to railfan the CSX line near the dorms until about 3 a.m. We stayed up talking about all the amazing things we had done and simply enjoying our last night together.

It was a bittersweet end to an unforgettable week.

I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to attend Railcamp East. Only 24 people from around the world get to experience *Railcamp East* each year, and I was fortunate enough to be one of them. No amount of money could replace the experiences my peers and I shared throughout the week.

The memories, friendships and experiences I gained will stay with me for the rest of my life. I am especially thankful to Mr. Harris and the Tidewater Chapter of the NRHS for sponsoring me and making this incredible opportunity possible. Railcamp East was truly an unforgettable experience that I will always cherish.

2026 NRHS Heritage Grants

By Charles Webb, President, Heritage Grant Committee, NRHS

2026 NRHS Railroad Heritage Grants Awards

Total Applications: 46 Total amount requested: $334,168 Total awarded: $187,000

Center for Railroad Photography & Art, Madison, WI: $10,000 towards digital preservation program. This award is in honor of George Hickok long-term member of the NRHS Heritage Grants Committee and IT professional.

Virginia Museum of Transportation, Roanoke, VA: $10,000 towards N&W Class J #611 stoker repairs. This award is in memory of Carl Jensen long-term member of the NRHS Heritage Grants Committee.

Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Albuquerque, NM: $10,000 towards restoration of Denver &Rio Grande narrow gauge Baggage Express Car # 163.

Burkburnett Historical Society, Burkburnett, TX: $8,000 towards repair of Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad depot.

Harrisburg Chapter., NRHS, Harrisburg, PA: $7,500 towards repair and/or historic replacement of windows, Harris Tower.

Forney Museum of Transportation, Denver, CO: $7,500 towards restoration interior electric and lighting of Pullman Moffat Coach #1906.

Moffat Road Railroad Museum Assoc., Granby, CO: $7,500 towards restoration of Dumont Depot.

Galloping Goose Historical Society, Dolores, CO: $7,500 towards restoration of Denver and Rio Grande Western refrigerator Car #45.

DeLeon Area Historical Society, DeLeon, TX: $7,000 towards restoration of DeLeon Depot windows.

Mt. Airy Museum of Regional History, Mt. Airy, NC: $6,000 towards outdoor exhibit for NC Granite Corp locomotive “Captain Jack” at their museum.

Niagara Frontier Chapter, NRHS, Tonawanda, NY: $5,000 towards repairs of GE 25T Standard Elevator locomotive #1.

West Jersey Chapter, NRHS, Palmyra, NJ: $5,000 towards creation of Camden & Amboy Railroad Historical District in Bordentown NJ.

Baltimore Streetcar Museum Inc., Baltimore, MD: $5,000 towards fence around Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Freight Depot.

Wichita Falls Railroad Museum, Wichita Falls, TX: $5,000 towards renovation of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad power coach number 7203.

TOYX Inc., Dingmans Ferry, NY: $5,000 towards restoration of Erie cabooses in Port Jervis NY.

Lewes Junction Railroad & Bridge Assoc., Lewes DE: $5,000 towards refurbishment and placement of Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive B6sa # 60.

Conrail Historical Society, Inc., Wallington, PA: $5,000 towards renovation of Conrail caboose # 21292.

Oregon Depot Museum, Oregon, IL: $5,000 towards restoration and reupholstering of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Silver View dome car.

Colorado Model Railroad Museum, Greeley, CO: $5,000 towards restoration of Rock Island Railroad caboose # 17017.

Mid-Continent Railway Museum, North Freedom, WI: $5,000 towards restoration of Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad coach #64.

Western American Railroad Museum Systems, Barstow, CA: $5,000 towards security enhancements.

Minnesota Transportation Museum, St. Paul, MN: $5,000 towards restoration of James J. Hill Manitoba Car.

Major County Historical Society, Fairview, OK: $5,000 towards repair of Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Depot.

Museum Inc, dba The Heritage Museum, Libby, MT: $5,000 towards costs to move Shay #4 locomotive.

Yakima Valley Trolleys, Yakima, WA: $4,900 towards restoration of YVT Brill Master Unit #12.

Gordon – Westcott Historical Society, Gordon, WI: $4,000 towards moving Soo Line caboose #82.

Mineral Point Historical Society, Mineral Point, WI: $4,000 towards restoration of railroad baggage and freight carts.

North Carolina Railway Museum, New Hill, NC: $4,000 towards creation of Pullman history Exhibit.

Wayne Historical Preservation Society, Wayne, IL: $4,000 towards new windows in the Wayne Depot.

Wilson Brewer Park Depot and Museum, Webster City, IA: $4,000 towards restoration of Illinois Central caboose.

Friends of the New York Central Railroad Museum, Elkhart, IN: $3,600 towards restoration of NYC caboose #19211.

Museum of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO: $2,500 towards restoration of Whiskey Creek Trestle.

National Museum of Transportation, St. Louis, MO*: $2,500 towards* restoration of Monsanto tank car #117.

Denver South Park & Pacific Historical Society, Denver CO: $2,500 towards recreation of South Park Zephyr rail car.

Since 1991, the National Railway Historical Society has been giving away annual matching grants for projects which preserve, research, educate, or publish railway history.

National Railway Historical Society President Tony White thanked the committee and donors whose generosity makes the NRHS Heritage Grants program possible.

“On behalf of the NRHS, the Board of Directors, and myself, I extend sincere appreciation to the Heritage Grants Committee for its steadfast commitment to the mission of the NRHS and to preserving railroad history,” White said. “We also gratefully acknowledge our members, whose donations help sustain this important program. We encourage all applicants to continue their efforts to preserve and share our nation’s rail heritage.”

History of the Railway Heritage Grants

Since inception in 1991, the NRHS has awarded 398 grants totaling $1,253,080 to NRHS Chapters and other organizations not affiliated with the NRHS.

The NRHS Railway Heritage Grants Program provides financial support to projects that contribute to preservation of, and education about, railway history. This includes grants for stabilization and restoration of railroad equipment like steam locomotives and steam trains and diesel locomotives, railway buildings and for the preservation and archiving of historical records and train pictures. Although most grants in the past have been made for preservation activities, we also encourage projects in research, education, and publications.

NRHS Tours the Observation Tavern Car at the *National Museum of Railroad History & Innovation*

By Charles Webb, President, Heritage Grants. Photos courtesy of Bob Bitzer, member NRHS.

On June 10th, several committee members and visitors visited *the National Museum of Railroad History & Innovation* (formerly the B&O Railroad Museum). The trip's primary focus was a tour of the B&O observation tavern car number 3316. The NRHS awarded $5000 in 2025 for interior restoration of this car.

Christopher Driscoll, Grants Director of the B&O Museum graciously offered a custom on-site tour to the NRHS. The tour was very detailed and very informative. The interior restoration brought the tavern car to "life" with the up-close and personal visit.



All visitors can experience an authentic, comfortable and unique view of rail travel in the golden years.



Heritage Grant Committee, Museum staff and visitors enjoyed the close-up and personal tour.







One of many cars in the museum.



Part of the historic collection in a patriotic display in the roundhouse.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RAILROAD HISTORY & INNOVATION

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200 YEARS OF AMERICAN RAIL
Forever Linking the Nation

Excitement In the Air – *The Auburn Road Special Excursion*

By Bob Sblendorio with Phil Edwards, Central New York Chapter NRHS



Photos courtesy of John Taibi

CHAPTER MEMBERS AT MARTISCO STATION MUSEUM *– Volunteers await to greet the train. The atmosphere was filled with pure excitement, both from the Chapter members waiting at Martisco Station Museum and the passengers on the train.*

The Auburn Road Special arrived at the station exactly on time on Saturday, April 18th. As the train came to a halt, passengers disembarked with smiles all around. All the excitement was punctuated with "perfect" weather conditions of sunny skies and temps in the upper 70s.

Chapter members present at Martisco Station Museum were ready and positioned to welcome the numerous passengers, about fifteen fellow Chapter members. Visitors explored the interior of the station and the Chapter's library, which contains an extensive photography collection, books, pamphlets and other publications.



Outside, there was a three-level O-gauge operating Train-Trailer .

Chapter Member Mike Thomas operated the controls.

The train consist included two locomotives and six coaches, one of which was the historic *Hickory Creek* observation car. The highlight of the station stop was a photo run-by, allowing everyone the chance to take pictures, shoot videos, or simply watch.

A few individuals even chose to remain on board, but regardless of the decision made, the experience was thrilling for everyone.



Photo by John Taib

The Auburn Road Special run-by

Going past the Station, with the Finger Lakes Railway's #2310, a GE B23-7 locomotive, providing the lead power.



Photo by John Taib

Run-by alongside Martisco Station.

The Auburn Road Special

Kevin Phalon, the Executive Director of The United Railroad Historical Society (URHS), shared that they are the owners of all the coaches. They collaborate with Finger Lakes Rail Experience, which supplies the support staff to carry out the onboard services.

Additionally, the Finger Lakes Railway owns the corridor and provides the power with two GE B23-7 locomotives, featuring a sleek jet-black paint scheme with white and gray accents. He further elaborated that this excursion marks the kick-off of the season and serves as a significant fundraiser for the organization. The URHS is striving to establish a permanent museum in New Jersey.

Kevin went on to explain that all the coaches are from the 1940s. They have been restored to offer passengers a taste of the Golden Era of railroading, complete with top-notch amenities—as they travel through a corridor filled with stunning views. Even though the ticket prices are high, the train sold-out rapidly because enthusiasts recognized they were securing an extraordinary, once-in-a-lifetime experience—which is hard to put a price on.

The ***Auburn Road Special*** consist featured four first-class coaches from the New York Central, with the most renowned being the **Pullman-built 1948 *Hickory Creek***. It features oversized windows for the ***Lookout Lounge***.

Back in the day it was always positioned at the rear of the New York Central's flagship The ***20th Century Limited***, which operated from 1902 to 1967, the peak of luxury rail travel in America. This car was designed by the acclaimed industrial designer, Henry Dreyfuss, who also designed the sleek Dreyfuss Hudson Locomotive, which powered that historic train.

Additionally, the train consist included two Tavern-Lounge cars (#37 & 43), the ***NYC Swift Stream***, and the URHX 1547, which was originally a PRR sleeper before being converted into a coach in the early 1960s. Finally, there was the power generator car, nicknamed "Sparky," numbered TOYX 1700.

A little bit about the Hickory Creek Lookout Lounge

Dwight D. Eisenhower christened an all-new 20th Century Limited at New York's Grand Central Terminal. Two complete train sets replaced the aging trains from 1938 and on the head-end with new streamlined E7 diesel locomotives made by Electro-Motive Division of General Motors replaced the famous steam power. Two observation cars, the Hickory Creek and Sandy Creek were built in 1948 by the Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Company. These cars were part of the largest order by the New York Central in an effort to provide its riders with the latest up-to-date technology and comfort.

Some of these advancements included fluorescent lighting throughout, ice cold water and separate climate controls in every bedroom, electrically controlled braking, and magic doors that operated pneumatically. With a pull or push of the door handle, the door would swing effortlessly granting entry to the car. If required, the door could be held open, allowing the easy boarding of guests and accompanying baggage.

Final Thoughts

Everything about the excursion was exceptional, and a big shout-out goes to all the Chapter volunteers, especially Excursion Coordinator Tom Ryan for bringing everything together, and Donna Thomas for her efforts in coordinating the preparations at the Station.

Special thanks to Kevin Phalon and his staff at the URHS, the Finger Lakes Railway for their locomotive power, as well as access to the corridor. Also, thanks to the team from the Finger Lakes Rail Experience for their friendly and professional onboard services throughout the journey.

Whether you were a passenger or a volunteer at the station, it was an exciting opportunity to participate in this excursion, which undoubtedly builds upon the Chapter's already storied history throughout the Central New York area.

Jean Myers, St. Louis Chapter Recognized as 50-Year Member

By Eileen Weber, St Louis Chapter NRHS



On October 7, 2026, St. Louis Chapter was pleased to honor member Jean Myers with his 50-year pin as a member of the NRHS.

Jean was the Treasurer of the Chapter for many years, including in the 1990s when the Chapter ran many steam trips. He also served as Chapter President.

:President David Huelsing (left) and Jean (right*). Photo courtesy of St. Louis Chapter.*

CNYNRHS "Slide Surprises"

By Central New York Rail Historical Society

On Wednesday October 21st October we continued our fall-winter series of Chapter Membership Meetings. In October, Chapter President Phil Edwards presented our second "SLIDE SURPRISE".

This old-fashioned 35mm slide show takes a look at least a couple trays that were recently donated to our Chapter. Many of them are believed to have been taken in and around Central New York by individual railfans over the past several decades.

Just recently we received a donation of over a dozen full slide trays and ***we have no idea what's in them***. Join us as we discover what treasures are soon to be added to our historic slide collection. Enjoy these views of the past and help the NYCRH to solve the mystery of **where, when and why** was this scene photographed as well as **who** might be the photographer.



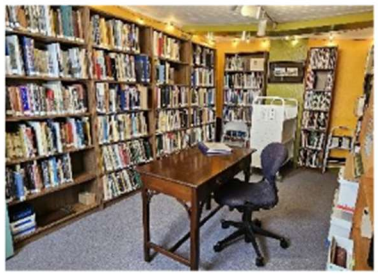
Mystery Scene #1



Mystery Scene #2 (and many more to come).

Martin O'Rourke Railroad Library – Read All About It!

By BOB BITZER, Chair, Library Committee (Photos from Kensington Row Bookshop)

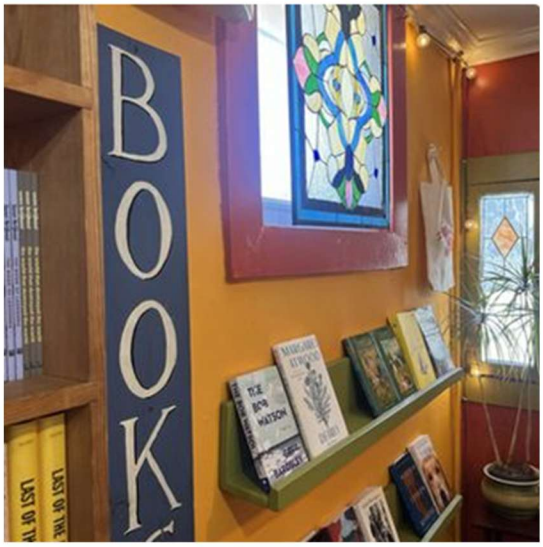


Celebrate! Plan to Visit the Martin O'Rourke Railroad Library in Kensington, MD

Bob Bitzer, Chair, Library Committee

The Railroad Library's Soft Opening during the weekend September 12-13, 2026, was a great success. Our Railroad Library is located in the Kensington Row Bookshop, located in historic Kensington at 3786 Howard Avenue, one block from the historic B&O depot (now the Kensington MARC depot). The location and our terrific, engaged landlady offers the Chapter the opportunity to become a vital part of historic Kensington and supplement the town's rich railroad history.





Kensington Row Bookshop
3786 Howard Avenue, Kensington, MD

Library Committee Needs Volunteers:

1. **Catalogue Books**. Our next step is to catalog books—and we have about 20 boxes of uncatalogued books! Bob Bitzer will lead a class for us. If you have an interest in volunteering in the Railroad Library, please let us know.
2. **Welcome Visitors to the Railroad Library**. The Kensington Bookshop is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. This is an easy volunteer job. We just talk about ourselves, our Chapter, the scope of the Railroad Library, and the *Dover Harbor* and then let visitors explore the library. [We have a cheat sheet for those that need it!]

   We expect Saturday and Sundays to be busier days. Every Saturday (year-round) the Kensington Farmer's Market is at the Kensington Rail Depot, and the Depot is open to the public (9 am to 1 pm).

   Kensington has a few community days coming up for which we will need volunteers to staff our Railroad Library and tell the community a bit about us, the Railroad Library, and the *Dover Harbor*. These include:

   - October 2-3, Kensington Car Show
   - October 10, KHS Summer Concert Series (10 to 11 am) and the KTown Chess Festival (12:30 to 3 pm)
   - **October 24, Railroad Library Grand Opening, Kensington Row Bookshop, 3786 Howard Ave. Kensington, MD**
   - December 4, Friday evening 5-9 pm, Antique Row Holiday Open House (this includes the Kensington Row Bookshop and the Railroad Library).
3. **Sign up** to Volunteer at: Railroad Library Volunteer Signup Genius

Chapter Special Announcements & Notes

NRHS Free Giveaways for Chapters - Reminder to Chapters

If you are participating in a train show and wish some older NRHS Bulletins to be used as giveaways, or wish to send several Bulletins to new members, please contact Al Weber at aweber@nrhs.com. He will send you a variety of Bulletins for this use.

Perryville Chapter Goings On – November & December 2026

Greetings to Perryville Chapter NRHS members and Chapter Friends.

Nov. 25th - *Annual Chapter Train-watching Day* from 9am to 4pm - Members and invited guests only for a day of train watching on Amtrak's busiest day of the year. Coffee and Donuts will be available in the morning.

Nov. 28th - *Christmas Decoration workshop* in the Station from 10am until completed. We need members to assist in decorating the Station with our Christmas decorations!

Nov. 28th - Open forum from 7:30pm-10pm.

Dec. 5th, 12pm-4pm Visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus *Christmas Family Day*. Bring friends and family.

Dec. 12th - *Monthly meeting* at the Station at 7pm. Election of the Chapter's Board of Directors will be held after nominations have been closed. A program will be presented after the meeting, more information in the next Update.

ANNUAL CHAPTER DUES SHOULD BE PAID BY DEC. 31ST !!

- *IF* YOU PAID FOR ONE YEAR! IF YOU AREN'T SURE IF YOU NEED TO RE-NEW CONTACT TED GRUMBINE OR MYSELF.
- New membership cards are now available by request.
- Chapter Dues still $10 annually or $25 for 3 years.

OUR 2027 CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE!!! PICK ONE OR MORE UP ASAP.

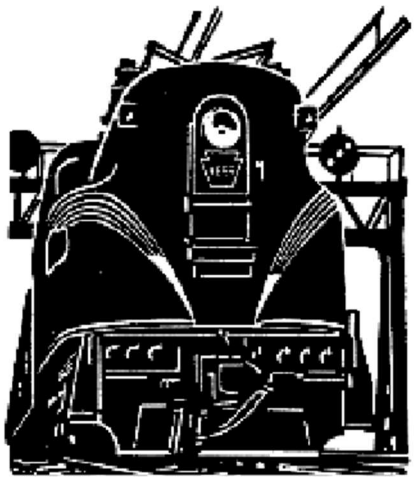
Rich Hafer, President Perryville Chapter NRHS. 410-804-7691



Harrisburg Train Show – March 13, 2027

Thirty-ninth Annual HARRISBURG

RAILROAD SHOW & COLLECTORS MARKET



SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2027
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Scottish Rite Harrisburg
2701 N. 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Conveniently located just south of I-81 in Harrisburg, PA. From either direction, use exit 66 off I-81, then go south (down river) on Front Street 1.4 miles. Turn left on Division St., go four blocks and turn right on Fourth Street. The Complex is on the right with a large parking lot. Parking is also available in the lot on Third St. For a map, Google "Scottish Rite Harrisburg".

- Railroadiana
- Model Railroad Items
- Books, Videos, Apparel
- Snack Bar
- Train Layouts
- Test Track

HARRIS TOWER and PDO WILL BE OPEN THIS DAY. SEE BACK FOR DETAILS

Vendor Information: **Date** _____

Name _____ **Types of items sold** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (D) _____ **(N)** _____ **e-mail** _____

_____ **(#) 8' Tables @ $30.00 each = $**_____

_____ **(#) Additional admissions = $**_____

Note: Each table includes two admissions.
Make check to Harrisburg Chapter, NRHS.

Total Enclosed = $_____ **Wall space** _____ **Electricity** _____

Information and Table Reservations: Mark Irvin, 3814 Leyland Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Telephone: 717-343-7182 (For table confirmation, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)
Website: http://harrisburgnrhs.org E/mail address: harrisburgtrainshow@gmail.com
Harrisburg Chapter NRHS will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items or any accidents of any kind.
NOTICE: All vendors are responsible for collecting 6% PA Sales Tax. State law requires that all vendors have a temporary or permanent PA Sales Tax License.

2027 Western New York Calendar



2027 CHAPTER CALENDAR LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE!!!

Our annual calendar features 12 outstanding color and black & white photographs depicting various railroad scenes taken in Buffalo and other areas in Western New York and Southern Ontario. Each image was carefully selected from the Chapter's archives and from the collections of Chapter members and is printed on high-quality paper with each page measuring 8"x11" with the open format measuring 11"x17". The 2027 calendar was researched and created by Bob Andrycha and Aaron Heverin.

THE 2027 CALENDAR IS A LIMITED-RUN PRINTING AND IS ALMOST COMPLETELY SOLD OUT! DO NOT DELAY IN GETTING YOU COPY! ONCE THEY ARE SOLD OUT NO MORE WILL BE PRINTED!

PRICING IF PAYING BY CHECK
$17.00 each plus $4.95 shipping & handling

PRICING IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD
$17.61 plus $4.95 shipping & handling for one calendar.

Please mail your check made payable to "Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS, Inc" to:
Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS, Inc.
PO Box 1043
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
DO NOT SEND CASH!

PLEASE NOTE... With current USPS pricing and mailing requirements varying considerably based upon the size, weight, and classification of a shipment, establishing a simple and predictable shipping charge has become increasingly difficult. Rather than passing along different shipping costs depending upon an order's destination, we've chosen to keep things as straightforward as possible. Shipping & handling is now a flat $4.95 per order but ONLY FOR ONE OR TWO CALENDARS PER ORDER anywhere in the United States.

Ordering 3 or more calendars? Please contact the Museum directly PRIOR TO PLACING YOUR ORDER so we can determine the most economical shipping option for you.

If you would like to pay cash for the 2027 calendar, you can stop by the Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier to purchase your calendar from our gift shop. The Museum is located at 111 Oliver Street, North Tonawanda, NY, 14120, and is open every Saturday from 11am to 4pm.

If you would like to purchase a 2027 calendar using your credit card through Square, click the link below and a new window will open containing our Square ordering page.

Order link for 2027 Niagara Frontier calendar: https://www.nfcnrhs.org/chapter-store

Minnesota Rail Calendar 2027 Order Form

The Northstar Railway Historical Society is pleased to announce the 2027 edition of the ***Minnesota Rail Calendar***, continuing an over 30 year tradition.

Large 9" x 12" Format

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

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

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

Please make checks payable to:
Northstar Railway Historical Society

For more information, see:
www.MnRailCal.com

Email: Info@MnRailCal.com

Prices:

Minnesota residents - $28.50 each.
Postage and Minnesota Sales taxes included.

Non-Minnesota U.S. residents - $27.50 each.
Postage included.

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

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

Quantity discounts available on orders of 5 or more.



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Minnesota Residents: # of Calendars: _____ x $28.50 = $_____

Non-Minnesota U.S. Residents: # of Calendars: _____ x $27.50 = $_____

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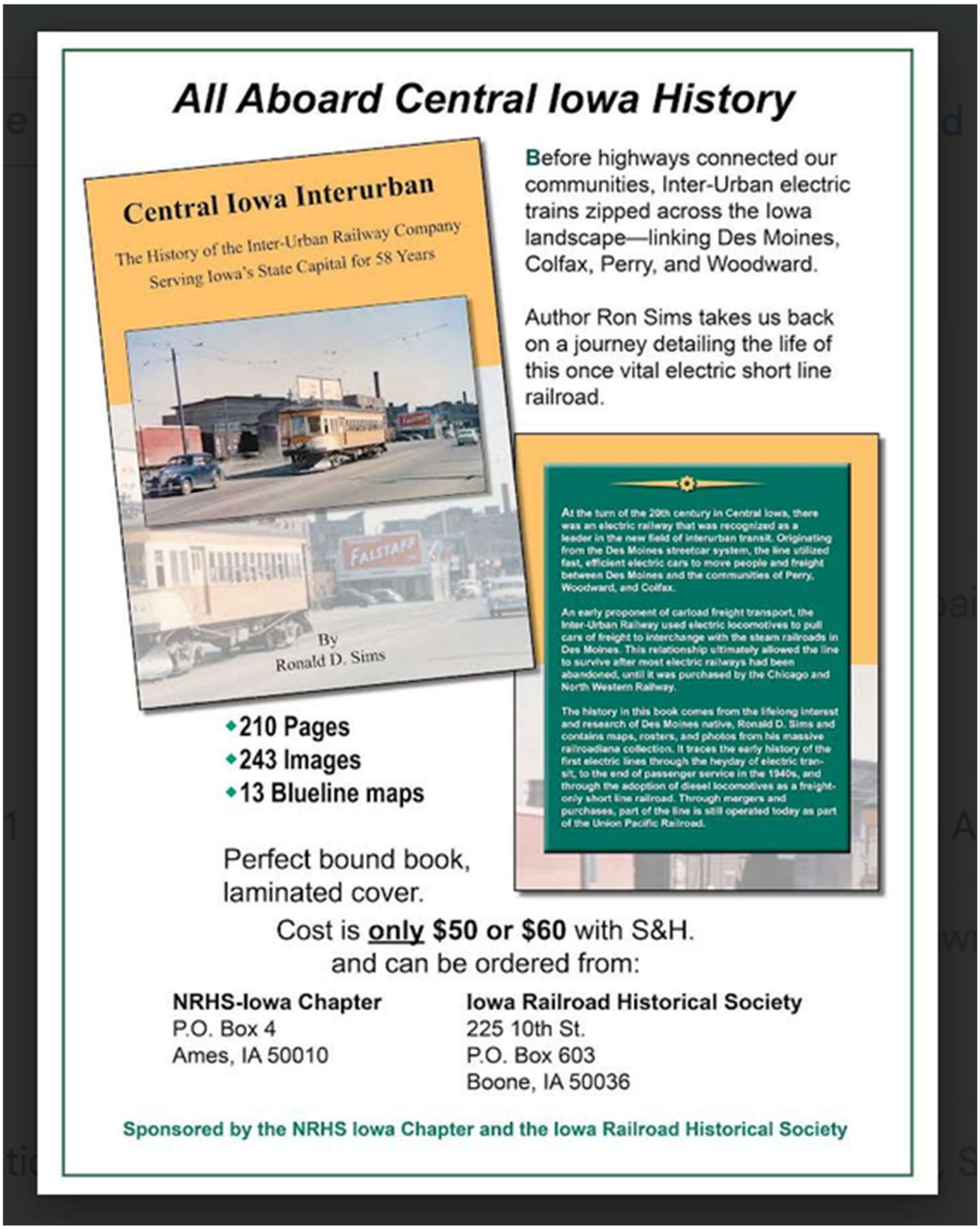

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Several years ago, Ronald D. Sims and his wife Judy sold their home and moved into smaller living quarters. This created the opportunity for Ron to donate his railroad research to interested parties. I was lucky to receive his collection of documents on the Des Moines & Central Iowa Railway (**Inter-Urban/DM&CI RR).**

After sitting on shelves in my museum for a year, I decided that the text Ron had researched and written for over 40 years had to be published. Ron had lost interest.

After conferring with Ron's son John, he too, was all for finishing the book. We met with Ron to discuss the plan and he was "all in." John and his wife, Ann did text revisions, while Ron and I picked out photos and did captions. The book started coming together. I had photos spread over many display cases in the museum and began the process of laying them out in the correct sequence for the book.

After making many trips to Boone and countless hours along with Mike Wendel, we edited the text and began formatting the book. Many trips to Ron's home for corrections were a necessity for accuracy and "fine tuning" the text and captions. Mike and I are so glad we decided to do this for Ron as there has not been a book written on the defining history of the Inter-Urban/DM&CI RR to date.

The book is titled*:* ***Central Iowa Inter-Urban, The History of the Inter-Urban Railway Company Serving Iowa's State Capital for 58 Years.***

The book contains 210 pages, with approximately 243 images and 13 blue line station maps, Perfect Bound with laminated covers. The book describes the birth and the ultimate end of the Inter-Urban/DM&CI RY. Included is a complete roster with many photos, memorabilia pieces, and most unique is a chapter devoted to the many accidents that befell the railroad. It seems that none were alike. Safety was definitely not observed back then.

As you read this book, please enjoy learning about the unique history of this electric interurban railroad. This is the only book written to date devoted entirely to the I-U/DM&CI. We are fortunate that Ron documented this history.

This book is being promoted and sold by the NRHS-Iowa Chapter and the Iowa Railroad Historical Society. Cost is $50 or $60 if being shipped. Thank you.

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Harvest Parade on September 19, 2026 in Milton, Pennsylvania. The Chapter's pump car was featured in the parade. Photograph courtesy of Central PA Chapter NRHS

This was the 50th anniversary of the first harvest festival held at Milton. Tim Bittner drove his truck pulling the trailer while Ron Johnson, Chapter President, and Rich King rode on the float and pumped the wheels.