

NATIONAL RAILWAY



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**NATIONAL ACTIVITIES REPORT  
August 2009**

This document summarizes the activities of the National Officers and Staff on behalf of the Society since the April 2009 Board of Directors Meeting in Norwalk, Connecticut

**Financial**

- Conducted pre-audit work session in Philadelphia to prepare records for audit (J. Heffron, R. Heavenrich, B. Smith, G. Molloy)
- April 28-30 - Working session for NRHS 2008 Audit, at Fernley & Fernley offices in Philadelphia (J. Heffron, R. Heavenrich, B. Smith, G. Molloy, plus representatives from Padden, Guerrini & Associates and Fernley & Fernley)
- June 26 - Meeting with Padden Guerrini & Associates to review issues that were raised in the 2008 audit and plan for resolving them (G. Molloy, B. Smith, J. Heffron)
- Completed audit for 2008
- Wrote response letter and distributed 2008 audit report to Board of Directors (G. Molloy, input from several others)
- In process of filing IRS 990 and various required state filings (various officers)

**Conventions**

- Completed audit of Lone Star Rails 2008 Convention
- Finalized arrangements for nationally-sponsored 2009 Convention
- Arranged insurance coverage for 2009 Convention
- B. Smith secured copies of the incorporation of documents from the Maryland records and sent them to the Department of Revenue in Minnesota. The Convention Committee was seeking a sales tax exemption for the Convention

**Chapter Visits**

- August 9 – Represented NRHS national organization at Northstar Chapter 40th anniversary observation (G. Molloy, B. Smith, J. Williams)

**NRHS Publications**

- Printed and distributed Spring 2009 NRHS Bulletin
- Completed layout work for Summer 2009 NRHS Bulletin
- Finished content and most layout work for 2008 NRHS Yearbook
- Printed and distributed two issues of NRHS News, with cover dates of June 2009 and August 2009
- Distributed one issue of NRHS Telegraph as electronic-only publication

**Libraries**

- Since the last NRHS meeting, Mitch Dakelman, Director of Media Services, worked on films and slides -- most slides are being labeled and arranged by subject, not by photographer. This is an ongoing process.
- Media Services received, by donation from Walter Grosselfinger, a collection of 16mm films, mostly photographed by Don Ball or his father, beginning in the 1950s. These films are mostly 16mm, Kodachrome and silent. The first two reels, about 2800 feet, have been transferred to digital tape as DVDs were provided to Mr. Grosselfinger. Don Ball, who passed away in the mid 1980's, was a well known author and ran Steamtown while it was still located in Vermont

**(Libraries cont.)**

- April 16 – B. Smith arranged for and took interested RVPs to the library in Three Rivers, Massachusetts
- April 23 – B. Smith returned some membership records from Three Rivers to the office in Philadelphia

**Membership**

- Dr. Wesley F. Ross compiled the 2009 Discount Program for NRHS Members. This material has been published in *NRHS News* and is available for all members to utilize during their travels this summer and fall
- Dr. Wesley F. Ross, Liaison for Operation Lifesaver, has discussed the opportunities for members to become involved in the Operation Lifesaver Program with both individuals and Chapters during the past year
- Don Maxwell, Director of Chapter Development, is working on three potential new chapters; been in contact with all of them but have had no positive movement on their parts. They are in North Carolina, New York, and California
- The Japan Chapter is up and running
- In process of sending out membership recovery mailing for lapsed 2007 members (J. Hardwich)

**Membership Records**

- Continued planning for 2010 dues renewal bills, including obtaining quotations from potential suppliers

**Other Activities**

- June 21-22 - E-mail conference with NRHS Executive Committee to approve placing of Winter 2010 Board meeting with Charleston Chapter (G. Molloy and Executive Committee members)
- April 29, June 18, July 2, July 21, August 5 - Meetings and conference calls with Fernley & Fernley management to work on several management issues - (G. Molloy, B. Smith)
- Barry Smith attended the two teenage RailCamps, one at Scranton from July 4 until July 11, and Nevada Northern from July 24 through Aug 2
- Barry Smith made all the administrative arrangements (housing, supplies, meals, hotels, travel, insurance, bus contracts, visiting handicapped prospective campers, etc.) for the three RailCamps held thus far: two teenage camps and one adult camp
- Barry Smith is presently arranging the final details for the second adult camp in Nevada

**Officers and Staff Reporting on Activities:**

Gregory P. Molloy: President  
 Barry O. Smith: Senior Vice President & Director-RailCamp Programs  
 Jeffrey S. Smith: Vice President & Editor, National Railway Bulletin  
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 Don Maxwell, Director of Chapter Development  
 Mitchell E. Dakelman: Director-Media Services  
 Dr. Wesley F. Ross: Director-Operation Lifesaver