

National Railway Historical Society
Spring 2011 Conference
April 14 – 15 – 16 – 17, 2011 at Urbana, Illinois

The Blackhawk Chapter invites you to join us at the Spring 2011 NRHS Conference in Urbana, Illinois. The regional vice president's meeting will take place on Friday evening, April 15, beginning at 7:30 PM. The board of director's work session will take place on Saturday afternoon, April 16 and the board of director's meeting will take place on Sunday morning, April 17. These meetings will all be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center at 1001 Killarney Street in Urbana, Illinois. Amtrak's City of New Orleans, Illini and Saluki trains provide daily service to the Champaign-Urbana station. For exact train schedules and fares, visit <http://www.amtrak.com>. American Airlines and Northwest Airlines provide daily service to nearby Willard Airport.

The Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Urbana is providing us with your choice of either a King or a Two Queen room a reduced group rate of \$89.00 per night, plus taxes. This rate includes a late check out of 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 17, 2011. To make your hotel reservation, call the hotel at 217-328-7900; to get the reduced room rate, call no later than March 14, 2011 and reference the 2011 NRHS Conference. If you would like the hotel van to pick you up at the Champaign-Urbana Amtrak station or at Willard Airport when you arrive, please say so when you make your reservation; this service at no additional cost to you. Parking at the Urbana Holiday Inn is also at no charge. This hotel completed a \$3.5 million renovation project in 2009. All guest rooms have been updated with the latest in amenities and comfort. For more information about the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Urbana, go to their website at <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/urbana/cmiub/hoteldetail>.

For Saturday morning, April 16, we have scheduled a motor coach trip to the nearby Monticello Railway Museum at Monticello, Illinois <http://www.mrym.org>. The motor coaches will depart from the hotel at 8:30 AM and will arrive at the museum at 9:00 AM. Upon arrival, we will board a vintage passenger train pulled by ex-Southern Railway 2-8-0 #401 and travel from the museum to the station in Monticello and return, with a photo run-by included. The remainder of the morning is set aside for visiting and photographing the museum's equipment and shops. The motor coaches will depart from the museum at 12:00 Noon and will arrive back at the hotel at 12:30 PM. The cost of this activity is \$50.00 per person.

The traditional Saturday evening conference banquet will be taking place in the Holiday Inn's main banquet room, with your choice of a bacon wrapped filet, chicken cordon bleu or florentine stuffed shells as your main entrée, with a cost per of \$35.00 per person. A cash bar will be available for the beverages of your choice.

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National Railway Historical Society
Spring 2011 Conference Registration Form
April 14 – 15 – 16 – 17, 2011 at Urbana, Illinois

REGISTRANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Title/Office: _____

Chapter Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

NRHS Membership Number: _____

Please indicate names of additional attendees from the same household:

For each item ordered, please indicate quantity desired and multiply by price

Meeting Registration Fee (one per household) 1 x \$30.00 = \$30.00

Saturday Morning Activity: Open House and train ride at the Monticello Railway Museum; visit the museum and ride their train behind ex-Southern Railway 2-8-0 #401 from the Museum to the depot in Monticello & back. Price includes transportation from the hotel to the museum & back. ____ x \$50.00 = \$____.

Saturday Evening Banquet: Dinner served plated with china – garden salad – three entree options – 2 sides – bread – dessert – water, tea and coffee – cash bar for soda and drinks

Bacon wrapped filet: 8oz. Ballpark cut sirloin, marinated and wrapped with bacon and then grilled to perfection ____ x \$35.00 = \$____.

Chicken Cordon Bleu: a boneless breast of chicken topped with Canadian bacon and jack cheese cream sauce ____ x \$35.00 = \$____.

Florentine stuffed shells: jumbo shell pasta filled with a blend of ricotta, parmesan, and mozzarella cheeses with spinach and topped with herb Italian tomato sauce ____ x \$35.00 = \$____.

Grand total: \$____.

Make checks or money orders payable to: Blackhawk Chapter, NRHS

Mail registration and checks to: NRHS Spring 2011 Conference
2009 Boehme Street
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Orders must be received no later than April 1, 2011.
There will be no cancellation refunds after April 8, 2011.

Please register early to avoid disappointment,
and to assist us in planning a most enjoyable weekend.