

NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Spring 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

Hosted by Wilmington Chapter NRHS

The Wilmington Chapter NRHS invites the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council to attend their Spring Meetings at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Claymont, Del., from March 30-April 2. You'll find all the details below.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference hotel is the Crowne Plaza Wilmington North, 630 Naamans Road, Claymont, DE 19703. Reservations: Local 302-792-2700 or toll-free 1-800-227-6963. The room rate is \$109.00 for single/double occupancy plus applicable local taxes. Rate includes complimentary hot breakfast buffet, free internet service and hotel parking. When making reservations request "National Railway Historical Society" group rate. **Cut-off for reservations is March 2, 2017.** When making reservations request "**National Railway Historical Society Code NRH**" group rate. The Wilmington/Claymont area is served by major airlines at the Philadelphia International Airport (14 miles distant). Amtrak's Wilmington, Del., station is served by Northeast Regional and Acela Express train service; limited complementary shuttle van service from the train station to/from the hotel may be available based on the time of the request. Guests must provide hotel with schedule 72 hours prior to arrival, call 302-792-2700.

FRIDAY TOUR

On Friday, March 30, we will take a deluxe motorcoach from Claymont for a day of railroad and industrial history. Our first stop will be at Kutztown, Pa., where we will board a mixed train on the Allentown & Auburn for a ride on the ex-Reading Kutztown Branch to Topton, Pa. Photo stops will be held during the trip. We will enjoy lunch (included in the ticket price) in the Kutztown station at the conclusion of the ride.

From here, we will proceed to Bethlehem, Pa., for a guided tour of the National Museum of Industrial History, located on the former Bethlehem Steel site. Also here is the Hoover-Mason Trestle which once carried electrified ore jennies past the blast furnaces. The Trestle now has a pedestrian walkway for an up close look at the furnaces and the jennies. We will then return to Claymont where dinner is on your own.

THIS TRIP IS LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE!

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Following the Board Meeting and Advisory Council Meeting on Saturday we will have a banquet at the Crowne Plaza. Our speaker will be Wilmington Chapter member and former CSX engineer Dale Diacont, who will be showing slides and telling some stories of his railroad life with CSX. You will have the choice of Sliced Sirloin of Beef, Cajun-Seared Salmon, or Eggplant Parmesan.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

On both Thursday and Friday nights we will have an evening presentation at the Crowne Plaza. Thursday will be a presentation by Wilmington Chapter vice president Michael Burkhart, and Friday will be a multi-media presentation by chapter president Steve Barry. The Advisory Council meeting will take place on Saturday from 8:00am-Noon. The Board Meeting will be held Saturday from 1:30-5:00pm.

The registration table will be open Thursday 5:00-9:00pm, Friday 7:30-9:30am and 5:00-9:00pm, and Saturday 7:30am-9:00am. Thursday dinner, Friday dinner, and Saturday lunch is on your own.

OPTIONAL SUNDAY STREETCAR TRIP

If demand warrants, we will run a streetcar trip in Philadelphia on Sunday, April 2, from 9:00am-1:00pm. Patrons will be responsible for getting to the trip's starting point (about 15 miles from Claymont) on their own. The trip will feature a PCC-2 streetcar and will traverse parts of all six SEPTA streetcar routes with photo stops en route. The fare for this trip would be \$45. If there is enough interest, we will get back to you with the details.

ORDER FORM

Please make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel by March 2, 2017.

Please make your trip and banquet reservations with the Chapter by March 10, 2017.

The Friday trip is available on a first-come first-serve basis until it sells out.

Registration, trip, and banquet reservations can be made with a credit card online at

<http://tinyurl.com/SpringBOD>.

You can also fill out the attached order form and mail it with a check to:

Wilmington Chapter NRHS

c/oDavid Warner

301 W. Lea Blvd.

Wilmington, DE 19802

Questions? Email Steve Barry at editor@railfan.com

or David Warner at david.warner@comcast.net

	Price	Qty.	Total
Registration (one per household)	\$40	1	\$40
Friday History Tour	\$85	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet			
Sliced Sirloin of Beef	\$40	_____	_____
Cajun-Seared Salmon	\$40	_____	_____
Eggplant Parmesian	\$35	_____	_____
GRAND TOTAL			_____

Order online at **<http://www.tinyurl.com/SpringBOD>** or mail in this form with a check payable to Wilmington Chapter NRHS.

Name _____ Member # _____

Chapter/Associate _____ Title _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

_____ Yes, I am interested in the Sunday Streetcar Trip and wish to be sent the details.