



NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fall 2018 Conference

October 11, 12, 13 & 14, 2018

Scranton, PA

NRHS

Outline of Events

The Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter of the NRHS cordially invites you to the Fall 2018 Conference of the NRHS Board of Directors and Advisory Council. The conference will take place in Scranton, PA on October 11, 12, 13 & 14. Fall of 2018 also marks the 45th anniversary of the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter NRHS and this conference is part of our celebration.

The Conference is to be held at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, www.radisson.com/scranton, 700 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, phone 570-342-8300 or 800-333-3333. Email at radisson.scrantonpa@gmail.com.

A block of rooms is reserved over the proposed dates with both 1-king or 2-queen bed configurations available. The nightly rate will be \$159/night. Hotel reservations at this special rate can be made at the following link www.radisson.com/lacwyo. It is available up to three weeks before the conference. The Radisson also offers a complimentary shuttle to and from the Wilkes Barre/Scranton International Airport as well as the Scranton Bus Terminal. The location in downtown Scranton puts it within easy walking distance to several restaurants, cafes, stores, and pubs. There is also a local bus stop directly in front of the Radisson to venture further away. Event registration will be \$50.



Our choice of venue is based on the historic nature of the hotel and the highest quality service the area has to offer. The Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel was built in 1908 in the French Renaissance-style by the Lackawanna Railroad. It served as their downtown Scranton station and was the headquarters of the Scranton Division. It was built at a time when great profits were reaped from the movement of anthracite coal. Scranton was the heart of “upper anthracite field” and the Lackawanna Railroad built the station as a monument to the area and traffic from which it profited greatly.

Traveling to and from the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel is easy with any mode of transportation. For those driving it is about a mile off of Interstate 81. Wilkes/Barre Scranton International airport (AVP) hosts several airlines with direct flights to many major cities east of the Mississippi. Martz Trailways and Greyhound Bus Lines both serve the Scranton Bus Terminal with routes to New York, Syracuse, Philadelphia, and Harrisburg. Amtrak Thruway Bus Service also offers two rounds trips per day between Philadelphia and Scranton for those traveling by train. Local bus service is provided by COLTS. UBER and LYFT both operate in the area as well.

Local attractions include Steamtown National Historic Site, The Electric City Trolley Museum, The Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, The Harry Houdini Museum, and The Everhart Museum all within 5 miles of the conference site. There are also countless other sights and attractions in the greater northeastern Pennsylvania area. Of course downtown Scranton has many charms to offer as well.

Thursday October 11th

Guests check in is from 3pm to 10pm. I&WV Chapter will have a registration table set up in the foyer of the hotel. A meeting room is reserved from 6pm to 9pm with seating for 30 and there will be a slideshow presentation from a local rail historian.

Friday October 12th

The registration table will be open in the hotel foyer from 8am to 10pm. Friday's activity is a bus trip from the conference site to Honesdale, Pennsylvania to ride the historic Stourbridge Line. This railroad was



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part of our 2010 Endless Mountain Rails Convention but is now being operated by the Myles Group as of 2 years ago. The Myles Group has added several new passenger cars to the fleet as well as a FP-7 that has recently been repainted in the PRR's classic 5-stripe Brunswick Green paint scheme. The Stourbridge Line's handsome former Bangor & Aroostook BL-2 is planned to be in the consist as well. We will cover the entire 25 miles between Honesdale and Lackawaxen with their new equipment. Boxed lunches will be distributed at Lackawaxen and two photo run-bys are planned along the line. Upon the train's return to Honesdale time will be allowed to visit the Wayne County Historical Society's museum next door, which houses the D&H built replica of the Stourbridge Lion, the first locomotive to operate in North America. This historic landmark in railroading took place in Honesdale on August 8, 1829. They also have on display a D&H gravity railroad business car.

Departing Honesdale, the bus will take a leisurely drive back to the conference site exploring several historic landmarks along the way. Ticket price for this excursion over one of America's most historic lines is \$60 for coach with premium ticket options available. Boxed lunches are available to order for \$10. There are no food options along the excursion route so please order a lunch or plan accordingly.

At night we will have a small meeting room set up with seating for 30 for another slideshow presentation by local rail historian, Ed Philbin, on the history of the Lehigh Valley's Mountain Cut-Off. Ed is the 4th generation in his family to work on Lehigh Valley rails and his program will include lots of history as well as personal experiences while working these rails. Don't miss this interesting and entertaining presentation!



Historian and R&N engineer, Ed Philbin, will give a slideshow history of the Lehigh Valley's Mountain Cutoff, now operated by R&N.

The Lackawanna Boardroom will also be set up from 8pm to 11pm for the meeting of the trustees and the NRHS Fund.

. Saturday October 13th

The registration table will be open in the foyer from 7am to 10pm. The Advisory Council Meeting and Board of Director's meetings will be held in the ballroom from 8am to 5pm. There will be an hour lunch break between meetings and attendees will be free to try one of the on-site or nearby eateries for lunch. The Advisory Council and Board of Director's meetings are both open to all NRHS members to attend but registration is required to participate in the proceedings.

The meetings will conclude by 5pm giving attendees an hour to prepare for the banquet. The banquet will take place in the Radisson's famed glass topped Grand Lobby. The cocktail hour with cash bar will begin at 6pm with the formal banquet beginning at 7pm. The banquet will be set with round tables and seating for 150 for a buffet meal. The banquet will be dedicated to the L&WV Chapter's 45th anniversary and the speaker will be announced when we have a final commitment. Price for the banquet is **\$45**

Sunday October 14th

Sunday's activity will be a ride on the Steamtown excursion to Moscow station. Departing at 1pm, the diesel powered excursion will climb the former Lackawanna's famed Pocono Mountain grade 13 miles to Moscow station. Passengers will have time to de-train and inspect the Moscow station which has been operated by the L&WV Chapter for over 20 years. At this point the power has not been finalized but it will either be chosen from the Delaware Lackawanna's unique all-Alco fleet, or the Anthracite Railways Historical Society's beautifully restored Lackawanna F-3's. A win-win situation either way for fans of classic diesels! Price for this excursion is \$24 for adults or \$22 for seniors 62 & over. The conference will close upon the train's return to Scranton.

In closing, the members of the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter 45th anniversary planning committee would like to thank the NRHS Board of Directors for selecting us to host the Fall 2018 Conference as part of our 45th Anniversary celebration and we look forward to seeing you in October.

Sincerely,

The L&WV 45h Anniversary Planning Committee

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