Report on *NRHS News* and NRHS Facebook Page
For NRHS Board of Directors
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The *NRHS News* continues to be produced on a regular schedule with electronic (.pdf) versions in even-numbered months and posted for download on the NRHS website, and three printed versions published in March, July and November. The print issues, limited to eight pages, are mailed to NRHS members. There is no limit on the pages that can be included in the .pdf issues.

During 2017, we published six .pdf issues and three print issues of the *News*. The nine issues averaged just over 24 pages.

The number of chapters submitting articles and photos is slowly but steadily growing, and several chapters are regular contributors with information.

Most contributors are now sending in materials well before the deadline (the 10th of the preceding month). More than half of the material in the 24-page June issue was in hand well before the deadline. That makes it easier on everyone involved the produce the publication and allowed the *News* to be once again posted before the end of the month.

The 2018 Member Discount List, usually included as a part of the News, was posted separately this year on the NRHS admin page to make it easier for members to print. Again, Dr. Wesley Ross did a wonderful job of compiling the information.

The *News* would not be possible without the help of editorial assistants Lynn Burshtin, Ellen Pinsky and Sami Williams, who catch ~~arrows~~ errors I miss, and Alex Mayes, who supplies many of the photos that are used.

NRHS Facebook Page

The following of the NRHS Facebook page continues to grow. As of May 26, we had 3,199 people who "liked" the page (yeah, I would have liked just one more before finishing this), and 3,156 who follow the page. We are getting more "shares" and comments. I try to put notices of NRHS meetings on the page along with other rail happenings.

There are a surprising number of followers from around the world who follow the NRHS News on Facebook.