



# Prior Membership Survey

2021



Mailed 500 surveys out to prior members on March 18th, received 51 back by the deadline of August 7th. Not every question was answered on each survey, so totals will not add to 100%. Many added notes and comments which were all read.



Q1. While a member did you ever attended an annual NRHS Convention?

x39% yes 49% no 20/25

Q2. Should NRHS continue to conduct annual Conventions?

75% yes 16% no 38/8



## Conferences

Q3. Have you attended a NRHS Conference?

12% yes 82% no 6/42

Q4. Should NRHS continue to hold Conferences to which all members are invited?

27% yes 14% no 14/7



## Excursions

Q5. Have you ever taken an excursion at NRHS Conference or Convention?

39% yes 45% no 20/23

Q6. Were excursions an important part of your experience at those NRHS meetings?

37% yes 4% no 14/7

Q7. Should the NRHS continue to advocate for railfans' rights, i.e. safe, railroad photography?

96% yes   2% no                      49/1

Q8. Continue to advocate for passenger support from Amtrak, regional and local authorities?

90% yes   4% no                      46/2

Q9. Do you read any NRHS publications?

80% yes 12% no 41/6

Q10. Is the Bulletin important to you?

69% yes 33% no 35/6

Q11. Is the NRHS News important to you?

43% yes 33% no 22/17

Q12. Is the NRHS Telegraph important to you?

24% yes 51% no 12/26



## Web Site

Q13. Do you visit the NRHS web site?

39% yes 47% no 20/24

Q14. Have you paid your dues through the web site?

12% yes 45% no 6/23

Q15. Have you researched anything from the web site?

18% yes 39% no 9/20

Q16. Do you find the web site useful for your needs?

16% yes 39% no 8/20





RailCamp

Q17. Do you agree with NRHS sponsoring RailCamp?

61% yes    20% no            31/10

Q18. Have you donated time or money to RailCamp?

18% yes    57% no            9/29

Q19. Do you agree with NRHS sponsoring Heritage Grants?

75% yes    8% no            38/4

Q20. Have you donated time or money to Heritage Grants?

18% yes    59% no            9/30

Q21. Has any organization in which you belong ever received a NRHS Heritage Grant?

25% yes    43% no            13/22

Q22. While a member. Did you agree with NRHS participating in the Operation Lifesaver program?

75% yes    10% no            38/5

Q23. While a member. Did you donated time or money to the OL program?

16% yes    67% no            8/34



## Discount Program

Q24. While a member. Did you agree with NRHS sponsoring discounts with tourist railroads and railroad museums?

63% yes    14% no    32/7

Q25. While a member Did you used the discount program?

25% yes    45% no    13/23



Q26. While a member . Did you agree with NRHS preserving unique, non-commercial railroad films?

84% yes    6% no            43/8

Q27. Have you donated to the program?

12% yes    76% no            6/39

Q28. Should the NRHS continue to present members' anniversary awards, (25,60,70 years of continuous membership)?

69% yes    24% no    35/12

Q29. Should the NRHS continue to present chapters' anniversary awards, (25,60,70 years of continuous membership) ?

71% yes    22% no    36/11



## General

Q30. Please share with us the reason(s) you dropped out of the NRHS.  
(Check all the answers that apply to you.)

a. Amount of Dues	49%	25
b. Society politics	24%	12
c. Chapter left the NRHS	16%	8
d. No longer interested	14%	7
e. Other	92%	23

Q31. When you were an NRHS member, were you a chapter member, At-Large, or both at different times?

a. Chapter member	71%	36
b. At-Large member	27%	14
c. Both	2%	1

Q32 Comments and ideas on how we can make the NRHS better.

61% yes    39% no                      31/20