

# NRHS Fall 2024 Conference

## Wilmington, Delaware

### October 11-12, 2024

The NRHS invites you to the Fall 2024 Conference in Wilmington, Delaware. An early registration period is being established exclusively for members of the board, NRHS officers, members of the Advisory Council, and committee heads or their representatives.

#### **Charter Trip — Friday, October 11**

The Wilmington Chapter has teamed with SMS Rail Services to provide a unique charter trip which includes two different sections of rare/new mileage. Our chartered motor coach will depart Wilmington at 9:00 am for the Woodstown Central Railroad in southern New Jersey. The Salem Branch rails between Woodstown and Salem may be well over 150 years old, but SMS's contract operation is less than two years old. SMS is making every effort to debut its steam power on our trip, but, understandably, we can't guarantee this.

Following our trip we will have an hour break for lunch (individual settlement). Within a one-minute walk of the bus, travelers will be able to find a pub, an Applebees, two pizzerias/cheesesteak/hoagie shops and a Chinese restaurant. You will not go hungry.

After lunch, we will travel to Pureland, and see SMS's "Baldwin House" shop for a behind the scenes tour, as well as a one-hour trip on and about the industrial trackage of the Pureland Industrial Park. Our coach will return to Wilmington; estimated arrival: 5:00pm.

#### **Meetings**

Remember: this is a business event, it can't all be fun riding the rails of Southern New Jersey.

Friday, October 11

NRHS Fund Meeting: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Woodlawn Room.

Saturday, October 12

Advisory Council, Board of Directors and fall organizational meetings: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Christina Room. Open to remote participants via Zoom.

#### **Bonus Entertainment — Saturday, October 12**

Dinner after the Board of Directors Meeting will be on your own. At 7:00 pm, in the Christina Room—by now your favorite room ever—Mitch Dakelman will present numerous historic railroad films to showcase the results of the Society's film preservation project.

## Registration (required for in-person participants)

You may register for the full weekend (trip and meetings, \$190 per person) or the meetings only (\$40 per person). It is an easy two-step process to register:

First, log in to your NRHS member portal at <https://secure.nrhs.com>.

Second, click or paste the appropriate link in your browser:

Full weekend: <https://secure.nrhs.com/eventReg.jsp?event=24&>

Saturday meeting only: <https://secure.nrhs.com/eventReg.jsp?event=29&>

Early registration ends at noon eastern time, Wednesday, August 21. This advance registration period is for NRHS officers, committee heads or their representatives, and members of the Advisory Council and Board *only*. Significant others are welcome to register with you. Capacity on the trip is extremely limited, so please order early to avoid disappointment.

Contact [myuhas@nrhs.com](mailto:myuhas@nrhs.com) for assistance registering.

The conference registration desk will be staffed by representatives from the Wilmington Chapter to welcome you 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Thursday, October 10; 7:00 am - 8:30 am and 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm on Friday, October 11; and Saturday morning, October 12 7:00 am - 10:00 am, or as necessary.

## Getting Here

Avelo Airlines serves the Wilmington Airport with service from several southeastern cities. Wilmington is 18 miles away from the Philadelphia International Airport. SEPTA and Amtrak serve the Wilmington train station. The hotel, unfortunately, does not provide a shuttle van to/from the airport. DART First State operates frequent bus service to the hotel from the adjacent Transportation Center. There is a taxi stand at the station, and Uber/Lyft is an option, too. All major rental car companies have offices at the Wilmington station.

## Hotel Information

A limited block of rooms is available for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Del. Our special rate for each night is \$159 plus taxes. **You must call the hotel at 302.478.6000** to obtain this rate. Do not use Hilton's online booking, or any third-party booking website. When you call, identify yourself as an attendee of the **National Railway Historical Society Fall Board Meeting**. This rate will be available only until Tuesday, September 10, 2024.