

**NRHS Fall 2012 Conference
Claymont, Delaware
October 18 - 21, 2012**



Crowne Plaza Hotel, Claymont, DE Photo by R. R. Bitzer

The Officers and Staff of the National Railway Historical Society invite you to the NRHS Fall 2012 Conference, including the NRHS Board of Directors Meeting, and Advisory Council Conference at the Crowne Plaza Wilmington North Hotel located in Claymont, DE, just north of Wilmington, DE. The Board of Directors meetings will be held on the mornings of October 20th and 21st. The Advisory Council Conference meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20th in the afternoon. Refer to the Notice of Meetings letter from the National Secretary.

Wilmington and Claymont are served by all major airlines at the Philadelphia International Airport and by Amtrak Northeast Corridor Regional trains operating between Boston, MA and Washington DC in Wilmington, DE. The Crowne Plaza Hotel will provide complimentary ground shuttle van service to both the Philadelphia Airport and the Wilmington Amtrak station. The hotel shuttle operates daily from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, seven days a week. NRHS conference attendees are responsible for making reservations for the shuttle van service a minimum of 72 hours in advance of their arrival with the hotel. It is recommended that attendees make both their hotel and shuttle van reservations at the same time.

Registration fee is \$35 (one per household) payable by credit/debit card, check or money order to NRHS, and is due by September 18, 2012.

The Wilmington Chapter, NRHS will be operating a chartered train on the Black River & Western Railroad from Ringoes, NJ to Three Bridges, NJ on Friday, October 19. The portion of the line which operates into Three Bridges rarely sees passenger service. Subject to availability, we plan on using their ALCO 2-8-0 Consolidation steam locomotive which has been recently returned to service after a 10 year hiatus. This locomotive was built in 1937 for the Great Western Railway of Colorado. Several photo run-bys are planned. After the rail excursion we will go to New Hope, PA, by bus, for lunch (individual settlement). There are a number of restaurants available within easy walking distance. You may also browse through the many shops in town, or ride or photograph the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad. This event has limited capacity. Order rail and bus tickets with your registration. The special train fare is \$30.00. The optional chartered bus fare, which will provide round trip transportation from Claymont DE to Ringoes, NJ, then to

New Hope, PA and return, is \$30.00. Trip will run rain or shine. Trip will leave the Crowne Plaza Hotel at approximately 8:30 AM and return by 5:00 PM. For those choosing the rail only option, the train will leave Ringoes, NJ at 10:30 AM. Return will be approximately 1:00 PM. Orders for trip are due no later than September 18, 2012.



BR&W Ringoes, NJ passenger station. Photo by Jeff Smith

The Crowne Plaza Wilmington-North Hotel is located at 630 Naamans Road (off I-95 N) in Claymont, DE. The hotel is providing NRHS a discounted room rate of \$89.00 (plus state and local taxes) per night single or double occupancy. The rate is guaranteed for reservations made on or before **September 18, 2012.** Included in this room rate are a complimentary hot buffet breakfast, free internet service and free parking to hotel and conference center guests.

Hotel Reservations: Individual reservations must be made on or before **Tuesday, September 18, 2012** (the Reservations Due Date) with the hotel by calling 1-302-792-2700. To obtain the group rate you must indicate that you are with the National Railway Historical Society. All individual room reservations must be accompanied by a one night's deposit or credit card authorization for room and tax. Any reservation request made after the Reservations Due Date may be confirmed on a space and rate available basis. Deposits are refundable, provided notice of cancellation is received by the hotel by 6:00 P.M. local hotel time and no later than the day of arrival. Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Check-out time is 12:00 pm.

Registration Form – NRHS Fall 2012 Conference

Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

E-mail _____ Phone (____) _____

Chapter or officer (for name tag) _____

Please indicate names of additional attendees from the same household:

I plan to travel by: Air____ Amtrak _____ Auto _____ Estimated Arrival Time: _____ (Information ONLY)

Emergency contact information (applies to this meeting only):

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

ORDER INFORMATION:Meeting Registration Fee - required (one per household) 1 X \$35.00 \$ 35.00

October 19, 2012 Excursion:

BR&W Rail Trip _____ X \$30.00 \$ _____.

Round trip bus transportation _____ X \$30.00 \$ _____.

TOTAL \$ _____.

PAYMENT INFORMATION Credit Card _____ Check _____ (*Make your check payable to NRHS*)**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:**

American Express, MasterCard or Visa

Card # _____

Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Name on card: _____

Mail completed form to:

NRHS
 Fall 2012 Conference Registration
 100 North 20th Street
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 Philadelphia, PA 19103-1462

No refunds for cancellations of registrations or excursion trip (bus or rail) will be issued after Sept. 24, 2012