



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

NRHS Fall 2013 Conference Claymont, Delaware November 7-10, 2013

The Officers and Staff of the National Railway Historical Society invite you to the NRHS Fall 2013 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 November 9th and 10th. The Advisory Council Conference meeting will be held on Saturday, November 9th. Refer to the Notice of Meetings letter from the National Secretary for the specific times.

Wilmington and Claymont are served by all major airlines at the Philadelphia International Airport and by Amtrak Northeast Corridor Regional trains stopping at Wilmington, DE that operate between Boston, MA and various points south. In addition, SEPTA operates commuter trains into Claymont, DE as part of their suburban service. The Crowne Plaza Hotel will provide complimentary ground shuttle van service to the Philadelphia Airport, the Wilmington Amtrak station and the SEPTA Claymont 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 October 7, 2013.**

The Wilmington Chapter, NRHS will be operating a chartered train on the Strasburg Railroad on **Friday, November 8th**. This trip will be run with that railroad's Plymouth switcher #2 and a single coach. It will recreate the January 4, 1959 trip when the railroad started operating public excursions after a 40 year hiatus. Photo run-bys are planned. After the rail excursion we will go to the famous Miller's Restaurant (since 1929) in Ronks, PA for lunch (individual settlement). The restaurant offers a variety of lunch options including a full smorgasbord, a soup and salad smorgasbord or a la carte items from the menu. After lunch we will head to the SMS Rail Services shop in Bridgeport, NJ, home of the largest operating fleet of Baldwin diesel engines in

the U.S. You will be able to tour the shop and photograph many of the units which will be posed in the yard. This event has limited capacity. Order excursion tickets with your registration. The fare is \$65.00 and includes chartered bus transportation, the Strasburg Railroad excursion and the visit to the SMS Rail Services facility. This trip will run rain or shine. Trip will leave the Crowne Plaza Hotel at approximately 8:30 AM and return by 4:00 PM. Orders for trip are due no later than October 7, 2013.



Strasburg RR Plymouth Switcher #2



Baldwin engines in Bridgeport yard SMS Rail Services

All photos: Michael T. Burkhart

On **Saturday, November 9th**, the Society will host a conference banquet in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Social will begin at 6:30 PM, with dinner at 7:00 PM. A cash bar will be available. There will be a choice of three dinner entrees which includes sliced sirloin of beef with mushroom bordelaise, herb crusted salmon with pomerey mustard sauce and vegetable roll lasagna with vegetables and basil pomodora. All entrees include salad, desert and beverage. Please refer to the order form for choices. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Steve Barry, Editor of Railfan Magazine, and a NRHS Global Director. He will present one of his outstanding rail audio/visual programs. Banquet tickets must be ordered with your registration no later than October 7, 2013.

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 \$91.00 (plus state and local taxes) per night single or double occupancy. The rate is guaranteed for reservations made on or before **October 7, 2013.** 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 **Monday, October 7, 2013** (the Reservations Due Date) with the hotel by calling 1-302-792-2700 (Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM). Reservations can also be made through the Crowne Plaza Worldwide Reservations network at 1-800-227-6963. 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 2013 Conference

Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

e-mail _____ Phone (____) _____

Chapter or officer/title (for name tag) _____

Please indicate names of additional attendees from the same household:

I plan to travel by: Air____ Amtrak/SEPTA _____ 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

Friday, November 8, 2013

Strasburg RR / SMS Rail Services Trip _____ X \$65.00 \$ _____.

Saturday, November 9, 2013

Banquet – Sliced Sirloin of Beef _____ X \$45.00 \$ _____.

Banquet – Herb Crusted Salmon _____ X \$45.00 \$ _____.

Banquet – Lasagna Vegetable Roll _____ X \$45.00 \$ _____.

TOTAL \$ _____.

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Check _____ Credit Card _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

American Express, MasterCard or Visa

Card # _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Name on card: _____

Make your check payable to National Railway Historical Society

Mail completed form to:

*NRHS, Inc.
 Fall 2013 Conference Registration
 100 North 20th Street
 Suite 400
 Philadelphia, PA 19103-1462*

No refunds for cancellations of registrations, excursion trip or banquet will be issued after October 14, 2013.