

2019 NRHS National Convention

I recently returned from a 2016 Convention Committee trip to Denver, Colorado. During this time I visited Cheyenne, Wyoming and the Union Pacific Railroad Steam Facility to meet with Mr. Ed Dickens who is in charge of that program.

He mentioned to me that his preparation for "bringing back to life" the Big Boy #4014 (now in his shop) are going full pace forward. His goal is to have the engine available to be in Ogden, Utah for the 150th Anniversary of the Union Pacific Railroad. He is being told that it will be a "big event" in Union Pacific history.

He mentioned that if the NRHS wishes to be involved and participate in this celebration in 2019, it might not be too early to start to make plans going forward.

My question for each of the Directors and Council is simply do we want to move the normal summer time National Convention to the early May 2019 time frame. NRHS has normally held its annual conventions during the Memorial Day to Labor Day time frame.

I ask each of you what opinion you have about moving our 2019 Convention dates?

If we go ahead with our normal summer time period, we would certainly miss the May celebration by Union Pacific, but we would also miss the large crowds and higher prices for hotels, etc. I would also ask if I should center our Convention 2019 in Salt Lake City or Ogden? I realize that some years ago the NRHS did have a Convention in Salt Lake City.

I would like some direction from the Directors on this issue.

Thank You.

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National Convention Chairman