

NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(NRHS)

2016 Fall Conference

October 14 & 15, 2016

Portland, Oregon

We are pleased to announce that the 2016 Fall Conference of the NRHS Board of Directors and Advisory Council will be held in Portland, Oregon on Friday October 14th and Saturday October 15, 2016. Your hosts will be the Pacific Northwest Chapter (PNWC), the Columbia River Chapter, and Tacoma Chapter.

The conference hotel is the University Place Hotel and Conference Center, www.uplacehotel.com 310 SW Lincoln Street, Portland, OR 97201 phone 1-866-845-4647 or 503-221-0140, email uplace@pdx.edu. Attendees are responsible for making their own transportation and lodging arrangements. Upgraded "Comfort" class rooms are available for \$99 plus tax, single or double occupancy, including free hot breakfast buffet. For those who wish to extend their stay in Portland, the hotel will honor the NRHS \$99.00 (+tax) room rate for several days before and after the event. Room reservations can be made now, and it is highly recommended that reservations be made by September 9, 2016. Mention that you are with the NRHS Fall Conference to get the special rate.

Portland International Airport (PDX) is serviced by many major airlines. Portland Union Station is serviced by Amtrak's Empire Builder, Coast Starlight, and Cascades trains. Both of these terminals are serviced by Portland's TriMet MAX Light Rail system which provides low cost transportation around the city including to the station (Lincoln St/ SW 3rd Ave on ORANGE Line) located just outside the front entrance of the hotel.

Early arrivers can visit the Oregon Rail Heritage Center (www.orhf.org) from 1-5 pm on Thursday. We will have it open also in the evening for attendees for no host/self tours. A welcome desk/station will be set up at the hotel Thursday evening. The Oregon Rail Heritage Center is a 5 minute ride on MAX from the hotel (go two stops to OMSI/SE Water station on ORANGE line towards Milwaukie).

Friday October 14th

Activities for Friday include a steam powered train ride for you on the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad (www.bycx.com) through a very scenic area in southwest Washington state. Motor coaches will leave the hotel approximately 8 am for the 1 hour 15 minute trip to Yaacolt, WA. After the train ride we will lunch at the Moulton Falls Winery (<http://moultonfallswinery.com>) (pay for your own lunch). After this, the motor coaches will take you back to the hotel arriving at approximately 2:30 pm.

At approximately 3:10 pm, you may board the motor coach at the hotel, to go to Beaverton, OR to ride the Westside Express Service (WES) Commuter Rail (<http://trimet.org/wes/index.htm>).

We have options for the WES ride which all leave from and return to the Beaverton Transit Center. Once you return to the Beaverton Transit Center, you transfer to the MAX light rail (Red or Blue line) to ride to the hotel in Portland. In Portland, transfer to the Orange line and go to the Lincoln St/SW 3rd Station at the hotel. This ride on MAX to the hotel will take 45-60 minutes depending upon connections.

WES ride options: (Additional details of these options available from local Conference Staffers.)

Option 1) Leave Beaverton Transit Center at 4:05pm riding south to Wilsonville, taking first available train back north to Beaverton, returning to Beaverton at 5:25pm. Both rides are on the Colorado Rail Car (CRC) Commuter train.

Option 2) Same as #1) above except you stay in Wilsonville for one hour and get WES Shop tour. Two 10 minute walks are required plus shop walking tour. Southbound ride is on CRC Commuter train. North bound trip is on vintage ex-New Haven Budd Rail Diesel Car (RDC) arriving in Beaverton at 5:55pm.

Option 3) Leave Beaverton Transit Center at 4:05pm riding south to Tigard Transit Center on CRC Commuter train. Return north on RDC arriving in Beaverton at 4:25pm.

Option 4) Do option 3 plus a second trip to Tigard southbound in RDC, and northbound in CRC arriving in Beaverton at 5:55pm.

Remember to add 45-60 minutes from Beaverton to ride MAX light rail to the hotel in Portland

The Oregon Rail Heritage Center is also open (to the public) from 1 – 5 pm on Friday.

On Friday evening the NRHS Fund will meet in the hotel at 8 pm.

Saturday October 15th

On Saturday at the conference hotel, we will have our Advisory Council Meeting beginning at 8 am in the morning followed by the Board of Directors' Meeting in the afternoon. Since the hotel restaurant does not serve lunch, lunch will be catered at the hotel. If you do not want the catered lunch, then there are several restaurants within walking distance.

Saturday evening, we will have a Banquet at the Oregon Rail Heritage Center, home of Portland's three steam locomotives and two vintage Alco diesel-electrics. Banquet speaker will be Doyle McCormack discussing "Truths and Tales of the 1976 American Freedom Train."

All equipment is of course subject to operable availability.

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