

**Status of 2012 NRHS Convention Arrangements  
As of April 12, 2012**

**Railroads:**

NRHS is working constructively with senior operations management at three Cedar Rapids regional carriers: Iowa Interstate, Iowa Northern and CRANDIC. All are supportive of our train operation plans. Current work is focused on refining operating schedules and cost estimates, firming up insurance and release requirements and planning for transfer of trainset and motive power between carriers.

Railroad managers expect they can support a schedule of announcing specific train operations in June, then finalizing pricing and opening ticket sales by late summer. Exact timing of sales will also depend on switchover of on-line registration system operation from Tacoma 2011 to Cedar Rapids 2012.

NRHS is currently working to assemble a trainset of leased equipment to supplement coaches available locally and to provide premium service. Pricing is being developed for equipment rental. Preferred plan is to operate special train from/to Chicago with Amtrak to move leased cars in and out. Since formal request to Amtrak cannot be submitted until one year before event, we expect that the inbound and outbound trains will be approved, announced and opened for sale on a later schedule than Cedar Rapids-based trains.

NRHS is currently investigating options to provide contract services for train cleaning and on-train catering.

**Other Activities:**

Old Threshers: Most pricing information has been received and schedules are being finalized.

Industrial tours: Permission has been received from ADM and John Deere, and cost information is available for support services.

Heritage tours: Pricing information received, and schedules being finalized.

Banquet: Pricing received and facility plans in place.

Night Photo: Schedule and location(s) still being worked.

**Administration:**

Current priorities are:

- Defining insurance requirements and costs
- Recruiting second-level management for specific functions
- Develop advertising and publicity plan
- Lining up seminar program
- Preparing convention website material
- Preparing for smooth transfer of on-line registration system to 2012 convention after completion of Tacoma sales.

**Schedule for 2012 NRHS Convention (Cedar Rapids, IA)  
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- Sunday, June 17      Proposed Chicago to Cedar Rapids revenue equipment positioning move
- Monday, June 18      Mt. Pleasant Heritage Tour – Old Threshers steam, trolley, interurbans and museum
- Tuesday, June 19      Diesel trip Cedar Rapids to Rock Island, steam return over Crandic and Iowa Interstate  
Amana Heritage Tour – Crafts, woolen factory, meat and cheese, wineries, Amana Lunch
- Wednesday, June 20      Steam trip Cedar Rapids to Newton, diesel return over Crandic and IAIS  
Cedar Rapids Heritage Tour – Czech Village, Bruce more Heritage Site, picnic lunch at  
    Ushers Ferry  
Meet the Officers  
Night Photo Session
- Thursday, June 21      ADM Smokestack Tour – Railroad car shops, world's largest ethanol plant  
John Deere Smokestack Tour – Waterloo tractor factory and behind the scenes  
Kalona Heritage Tour – Cheese factory, Amish and Mennonite Farms, Mennonite  
    Lunch, winery and distillery  
Educational Sessions  
"Surviving the Flood" - Railroads speak about the 2008 Cedar Rapids Flood  
Board of Directors Meeting
- Friday, June 22      Diesel trip Cedar Rapids to Iowa City over Crandic  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Banquet
- Saturday, June 23      Diesel trip Cedar Rapids to Waterloo over IANR  
Possible Amana Heritage Tour – Crafts, woolen factory, meat and cheese, wineries,  
    Amana Lunch
- Sunday, June 24      Diesel trip Cedar Falls/Waterloo to Manly over IANR
- Monday, June 25      Proposed Waterloo/Cedar Rapids to Chicago revenue equipment positioning move