

WESTERN MARYLAND CHAPTER

National Railway Historical Society

Revised Schedule – January 2016

To: NRHS Officers, Board of Directors, Chapter Representatives, and Members

Subject: Spring 2016 NRHS Conference at Cumberland, Maryland, on April 22-23

The Western Maryland Chapter NRHS cordially invites you to attend the Spring 2016 NRHS Conference on April 22-23 in Cumberland, Maryland. Known as the “Queen City” of Maryland, this town of approximately 20,000 inhabitants is situated amid the Alleghany Mountains on a sharp bend of the Potomac River. Located about 140 miles west of Baltimore and Washington DC, and 100 miles east southeast of Pittsburgh PA, Cumberland is served daily by the *Capitol Limited* Amtrak Trains 29 and 30. Three miles south of the town is the Cumberland Regional Airport (CUM), which although it has no commercial airline service, it does have facilities for private or chartered aircraft. Twice-daily Bay Runner shuttle van service is available between BWI Marshall Airport and the Cumberland Amtrak Station. Call 1-855-BAY-RUNR for information and reservations. Interstate Route 68, US Routes 40 and 220 are the major highways which pass through Cumberland; Exit 43C is only a tenth of a mile from the downtown area.

The NRHS Board of Directors and Advisory Council meetings, as well as the Conference Banquet Dinner, will be held on Saturday, April 23, in the Cumberland Ramada Inn, 100 South George Street. No activities are scheduled for Sunday.

The hotel is located within walking distance of the Cumberland Amtrak Station. For conferees requiring hotel accommodations, the Cumberland Ramada Inn is offering a room and breakfast of \$84.99 per night, plus taxes, for NRHS members during the period of April 21-24. Be sure to state that you are with the National Railway Historical Society when making your room reservation directly with the hotel. Reservations may be made by calling 301-724-8800.

On Friday April 22 the group will travel to Hollidaysburg PA to ride the Everett Railroad. The schedule for Friday will begin with an 8:00 am departure from the Ramada aboard a luxury motor coach. The group will arrive in Hollidaysburg at approximately 9:30 am. Boarding for the train will begin shortly afterwards with an expected train departure of 10:00 am. Our train will be powered by Alco 2-6-0 No. 11 recently restored to operating condition by the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad shop. Our train will travel through the farmlands of Morrisons Cove, along the banks of the Juniata River, and arrive at historic Pennsylvania Railroad Depot in Roaring Spring.

Passengers will have time to visit the station/museum before re-boarding the train for a return trip back to Hollidaysburg. Upon returning to Hollidaysburg the group will travel by bus to the historic 1835 U.S. Hotel Tavern for lunch. A full luncheon buffet is included with your ticket.

After lunch, the entire group will continue on to the Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum. Admission to the museum is included with your ticket. Here you will be able to enjoy visiting America’s only interactive railroad museum. You will have plenty of time to visit the museum and the adjoining roundhouse. This facility shelters the PRR K4 1361 Pacific Class now being restored. The group will return directly to Cumberland upon completing the museum visit.

On Saturday there will be an Advisory Council meeting beginning at 8:00 am and a Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 pm in the afternoon. Lunch is available at the hotel. The evening event will begin in the Crown Room at 6:00 pm. From 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm there will be a cash bar and dinner buffet begins at 7:00 pm. Our guest speaker will make for a memorable evening.

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