

## Plans announced for spring conference in St. Louis May 30-June 3 – UPDATE Information (in Italics)

*The St. Louis Chapter NRHS 2018 Spring Conference registration is now open. The form is available in the public section of the NRHS website. Registration cost is \$40.00 for member and spouse. (No meals included.) Please Note: Each NRHS member who wants to attend both the R&LHS annual meeting and the NRHS spring conference must go online using both links to print the registration forms. Each registration is processed separately. Be sure to mail the St. Louis Chapter NRHS registration form to the St. Louis address listed on the form.*

[http://www.rlhs.org/Meetings/Current/2018\\_Registration.pdf](http://www.rlhs.org/Meetings/Current/2018_Registration.pdf)  
<http://www.admin.nrhs.com>

*The dates and times of the NRHS Fund, Advisory Council and Board of Director's meetings are listed on the registration form.*

*Some railroad history on the St. Louis Union Station to make it more inviting for you to come visit us. The Station opened on September 1, 1894 at a cost of \$6.5 million. It took just two years to construct. It included the Terminal Hotel (now Union Station Hotel) and railroad offices on the upper floors. An enormous single-span Train Shed of trusses covered 42 tracks. First train pulled in September 2, 1894 and last train pulled out October 31, 1978. The Grand Hall was the main waiting room for the Station, with the barrel vaulted ceiling at 65 feet high. Other interesting decorative attractions are the Allegorical Window, original stained glass from 1894, the Whispering Arch, the Gothic Corridor, the Commerce on the Landing mural, the Midway, the Terminal Hotel and the Atrium, a unique designed glass floor. Today the Union Station hosts a daily laser light show in the Grand Hall and a fire, water and laser show on the lake.*

Save the dates Wednesday, May 30 to Sunday, June 3 on your calendars for what promises to be a great event. The St. Louis Chapter NRHS invites the board of directors, the advisory council and members to attend the NRHS Spring 2018 conference in conjunction with the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society (R&LHS), which will be holding its 2018 annual meeting in St. Louis.

The R&LHS annual meeting and NRHS conference hotel is the historic St. Louis Union Station Hotel, 1820 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. For reservations, please contact the hotel directly, phone 314-231-1234. For the special group rate of \$139 per night, be sure to mention the event name "Railway and Locomotive Historical Society Annual Meeting." The room rate of \$139 is good for Sunday, June 3, with check out on Monday, June 4. The room rate of \$139 is also good for three (3) days preceding (Sunday May 27 through Tuesday May 29) the annual meeting and three (3) days succeeding (Monday June 4 through Wednesday June 6). Applicable state and local taxes are not included in the stated rates. We encourage members to make reservations now. The St. Louis Union Station Hotel room reservation cut-off date is May 2, 2018.

Parking rate is not included in room rate. Rates are \$27 for self-parking and \$38 for valet parking.

The St. Louis area is served by major airlines at the St. Louis Lambert International Airport (20 miles distant). Metrolink light rail service runs every 20 minutes from the airport to the Union Station stop, with transit time 29 minutes. Fare is \$4. Amtrak's downtown station is located approximately five blocks from the hotel entrance. There is no hotel shuttle service.

R&LHS is planning several events to take place. Finalized activities include:

- Tour of the John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, the nation's premier railroad research library.
- Visit to the National Museum of Transportation.
- Visit to the Monticello Railway Museum in Monticello, Ill. A train trip is also planned.
- A circle train excursion tour of the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (TRRA) trackage, starting from St. Louis Union Station Hotel.
- Visit to the Union Pacific Railroad Intermodal Facility at Dupon, Ill.

The R&LHS registration package will include the above as well as three breakfasts and three dinners at the hotel, and three lunches on the road.

R&LHS is handling all registrations for its annual meeting. We encourage you to go to their website (<http://rlhs.org/Meetings/Current/>) for more information. The R&LHS registration is now open. Registration cost is \$395.00 per person.

As an NRHS member, you may register for both R&LHS meeting events and NRHS meetings, or you may register only for the NRHS meetings.

- To attend both the R&LHS annual meeting events and the NRHS meetings (board of directors, advisory council and NRHS Fund), please register with both R&LHS and St. Louis Chapter NRHS. R&LHS registration form is available now. *The St. Louis Chapter NRHS registration form is available now.* Each group's registration is processed separately.
- To attend only the NRHS meetings (board of directors, advisory council and NRHS Fund) without the R&LHS meetings, please register with the St. Louis Chapter NRHS. No exceptions.

We're looking forward to seeing you in St. Louis.

*By Ron Gawedzinski, St. Louis Chapter Advisory Council Representative*