

CALENDAR

April 22 - 23, 2016

Spring 2016 NRHS Conference
Cumberland, MD
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June 26 – July 2, 2016

RailCamp East
Newark, Delaware

July 19 - 24, 2016

2016 Convention
Denver, CO
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July 31 – August 7, 2016

RailCamp Northwest
Tacoma, Washington

Membership Update

Submitted by Al Weber, NRHS President

Thank you, chapter members, for all your work. Chapters remain the heart and core of the National Railway Historical Society. National has resources that your chapter may find useful. The NRHS Facebook page is available to share your chapter's news or events with our numerous followers. Send Charles Williams (nrhsnews@charter.net) a short event notice and it will be posted on the NRHS Facebook page. The *NRHS News* is published every month and goes to over 10,000 readers. Is your chapter having a special occasion, celebration or outing? Send an article and photographs, and NRHS can help broaden the reach of your chapter's news and events.

Might a letter from National help your chapter's project or influence a possible donor? Each month I write three to four support letters for chapters' projects. One recent letter was sent to a local government group in support of a train station restoration project. Have a project or request in mind? Just ask (aweber@nrhs.com) and I'll be glad to provide a support letter for the project

Speaking of rail history and heritage projects, NRHS grants are available but you must apply. Questions? Please contact the NRHS at grants@nrhs.com. The deadline is coming soon, so please get those applications in.

It's RailCamp time again, and we need campers. They are our future leaders and promoters of rail history and preservation. Please consider sending a camper. I thank all members and chapters for your ongoing support of RailCamp.

The 2016 national conferences and convention are coming up soon. Please plan on attending if you are able. A phone line is available for calls to the member and board meetings. If you would like to participate, please contact Bob Ernst (extra.editor@sbcglobal.net) for phone number and code.

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Spring 2016 NRHS Conference

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 Allegheny 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 has no commercial airline service, but 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 the 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. For further information please contact Tom Biery (tombiery@atlanticbb.net).

Conference Registration and Events

Spring 2016 NRHS Conference invitation and registration forms are available at the NRHS admin public site (<https://admin.nrhs.com/public/>).

Registration and event prices

- Registration (1 per household) \$40

Friday, April 22

- Everett Railroad Excursion \$110.
- The all-day event Includes luxury bus transportation, steam powered train, buffet lunch, and the Altoona Railroad Museum.

Saturday, April 23

- Ramada Inn Deli Lunch Buffet (Smoked Turkey, Roast Beef, Ham) \$20.
- Banquet Dinner Buffet (Chicken Parmesan, Roast Beef Au Jus, Vegetable Lasagna) \$40.

*Please note that the railroad may use substitute equipment as conditions require.

Payment must be returned by Monday, March 21, 2016, to ensure ticket reservations. Please mail completed form and your check or money order made payable to: Western Maryland Chapter NRHS, ATTN: NRHS Conference, PO Box 1331, Cumberland MD 21502-1331.

Post-Convention C&TS Trip Planned

Submitted by John H. Goodman, National Convention Chair

Corrine Williams, Group Sales Manager of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad (C&TS), is preparing an informational document about their post convention bus trip from the hotel down to their site in southern Colorado. This bus trip will take interested NRHS members down to ride the steam railroad for a couple of days.

The C&TS will operate this event separately from our convention, after the bulk of our convention has ended. In some manner the C&TS will arrange for a payment of \$100.00 to the NRHS to be directed to the Historic Grants Program or to the Railcamp program.

C&TS will have a representative at their table in our Registration Room at our host hotel on Friday, July 22, 2016.

March 10, 2016 Next Deadline for NRHS News

Submitted by Charles S. Williams, Editor, *NRHS News*

The deadline for submission of articles and photos for the April 2016 issue of the *NRHS News* is March 10, 2016. Please submit items as soon as possible. Articles and photos from chapter events, and articles

about upcoming activities, are welcome. Releases about upcoming chapter activities can also be posted on the NRHS Facebook page.

Send submissions to <nrhsnews@charter.net> or Charles S. Williams, Editor, *NRHS News*, 4712 Brushy Mountain Road, Moravian Falls, NC 28654. If you're sending an article, please include the name and home chapter name of the author.

If you are sending photos from an event, please include caption information, the name and home NRHS chapter of the photographer, and an article about the event with information such as date, location and special attractions either in a Word file or in the body of the email. Please send high resolution photos as attachments to the email. Photos included in the body of a text file cannot be used.

NRHS 2016 Meeting Postings

Meeting notices and announcements for the NRHS including Bylaws, Policies, Meetings, and Approved Financial Documents are available at the NRHS admin public site (<https://admin.nrhs.com/public/>).

Postings for 2016 include (but are not limited to):

- 2016-01-26 Updated - Spring 2016 Conference Invitation
- 2016-01-26 Updated - Spring 2016 Conference Registration Form
- 2015 Fall Meeting Advisory Council Report.

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