

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
www.nrhs.com

July 31 – August 7, 2016

RailCamp Northwest
Tacoma, Washington

Membership Update

Submitted by Al Weber, NRHS President

How can a chapter grow? How to reach more members? These questions are often discussed, explored and asked by many people, from the local chapter or club up to the national level of the NRHS.

First, how does the public or potential member find you? How about a local model train show? This is one of several different ways that many chapters use. My local chapter and my local museum have tables at most local train shows. To appeal to potential members, share what the chapter or club is doing, what the NRHS is about and the various activities or projects underway. A few giveaways – informative flyers, sample newsletters, schedule of meetings or events – all help to attract and retain the interest of potential members and the public.

Next, what age group is the best to recruit? Chapters often think of the "young" people - energetic, enthusiastic, fresh. However, those who are 30 to 40 years old might be easier to engage. They have responsibilities (home family, work), but also the motivation and time to pursue hobbies and interests, whether renewing a childhood hobby or exploring something new. This age group still reads and has the energy and effort to help railroad preservation in many ways.

Ready to reach or contact potential members? Look around you. How about individuals you encounter daily? From cell phone salesperson to auto mechanic to teacher, anyone might have a bit of family history from the railroading's "Golden Years" - an engineer, conductor, fireman or welder in the family, or a glorious model railroad at holiday time. Reach out with chapter contacts, a recent newsletter or flyer. If you are a member of another group or hobby club, talk up your interest in railroad preservation. You might find one or more new members.

Advertising works. You have access to free or paid sources. The NRHS George L. Carter Chapter placed an ad in *Railroad Model Craftsman*. How many chapters place national advertising? Your chapter has access to the NRHS Facebook page for your events. Is your chapter aware of or using this page? NRHS Chapters may submit events or activities free of charge. (Send to nrhsnews@charter.net. Advertising or items for sale are not accepted for posting.) NRHS will post those on Facebook, increasing visibility and awareness of your chapter and activities across our membership and with the public.

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NRHS Convention Tickets Going Fast

Submitted by John H. Goodman, NRHS Convention Chairman

The original allotment of seats for some of the trips and events planned for the 2016 NRHS "Rails to the Rockies" convention has already sold out. NRHS officials have added more space for most events to handle the demand among members.

The convention will be held July 19-24, 2016 with headquarters in Denver, Colo.

Tuesday, July 12

- **Royal Gorge Route Railroad** lunch train (lunch in a dome-lounge car) sold out very quickly, even with the addition of a 3rd dome-lounge car.
- Club Car seats are now available in an adjoining low-level parlor lounge car, with the same menu and level of service as the dome lounge cars. The Club Car price is \$125.00 per seat, including non-alcoholic beverage and service charge.

Wednesday, July 20

- **Forney Museum/Platte Valley Trolley/Cabooses Hobbies** tour is

completely sold out. The Platte Valley trolley car can only seat 50 passengers.

- **Light rail/commuter rail** tour now has over 90 members registered, but we do have space available to handle up to 30 more riders. This trip will have its own two-car special train on the light rail portions of the tour.

Thursday, July 21

- **Georgetown Loop/Colorado Railroad Museum** tour already has over 150 people who have signed up and purchased tickets. We can take up to another 100 passengers on this tour, but that is the agreed upon maximum they will allow.

Saturday, July 23

- **Leadville** trip (with rare mileage to Climax, Colorado) already has over 165 passengers signed up. We can only take 85 more riders on this trip.

If you would like to purchase tickets on any of these events (except the Forney Museum /Platte Valley Trolley/Cabooses Hobbies tour) please order your tickets soon.

To register for the convention, visit <http://nrhs.com/content/2016-convention>.

Post-Convention CT&S Trip News

Following the 2016 NRHS Convention in Denver, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad (CT&S) invites attendees to an "After Party" ...*"Come ride one more historic railroad along the old Denver & Rio Grande Western Route"*.

Itinerary, hotel, rail car and price information are described below. More details and trip booking are available on the CT&S web site: <http://cumbrestoltec.com/nrhs/>

Sunday, July 24, 2016

- The motor coach is scheduled to pick up guests at the hotel at 8:00 a.m.
- A planned lunch stop. (Each person will be responsible for their own meal.)
- The bus will stop at the Chama, NM Depot to allow people to get off to watch the train pull into the station.
- The bus or company vehicles will then take guests to their hotels. Restaurants are located within walking distance. (Other arrangements for travel can be made if there is a mobility issue.)

Monday, July 25, 2016

Guests will be picked up in the morning on a schedule to be determined. Guests will be dropped off at the train station no later than 9:30 a.m.

- The train will depart at 10:00 a.m.
- Lunch is included at the historic Osier Station. The choices will be a turkey dinner, meatloaf dinner or the soup, salad and more bar and unlimited dessert choices. Attendants on the train will take the lunch order as the train is departing.
- Once the train arrives in Antonito, CO, guests will board the bus to head back to Denver.
- A planned dinner stop. (Each person will be responsible for their own meal.)
- It is estimated that the bus will get back to Denver between 11:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. The bus will stop at the same hotel to drop guests off.

A minimum number of guests will be required to make this after party possible. **The cut off for the “After Party” booking is May 1, 2016.** If the minimum of 27 people has not been met, we will not be able to offer the package.

Pricing

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad will handle the bus, hotel and train bookings for you. You will have a multiple options to choose from, which will affect your pricing. Please see the three sections below to choose what you would like to book. Actual payment will not be collected until May 2, 2016 to avoid having to refund monies if the minimum is not met.

Train Pricing

You can select any of the three classes. The prices are inclusive and are 15% off regular train ticket pricing.

Parlor – Adult first class (21 and older) – **\$165.11**. These seats are limited and depend on availability

Tourist – Family Friendly first class – **\$129.41**. These seats are limited and depend on availability

Coach – Standard class – **\$74.75**.

Bus Pricing

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is not making any money on the bus. It is purely a pass through cost. Final bus rates will be decided May 1st.

- 27 – 45 people = \$80-130 per person.
- 46 – 54 people = \$65-\$80 per person.

Hotel Pricing

- Gandy Dancer - 2 rooms available, each holds 2 people – \$129 + tax.
- Encanto B&B – 5 rooms available, each holds 2 people. Prices range from \$105 – \$129 + tax.

Trip booking is available on the CT&S web site: <http://cumbrestoltec.com/nrhs/>

How to Change Your NRHS Email Address

If you change your email address, please send the old and new email addresses to info@nrhs.com. This will help us to keep the *NRHS News*, other NRHS publications and notices coming to you.

Photo Submissions

NRHS members are welcome to submit rail-related photos for publication in the *NRHS News*. Photos can range from vintage shots from your collection or modern day excursions and every-day rail activity. To submit, attach high resolution photo files to an email and send to [<nrhsnews@charter.net>](mailto:nrhsnews@charter.net).

NRHS News Next Deadline May 10, 2016

The submission deadline for the June issue is May 10. Please submit photos and items as soon as available. Items submitted after the deadline will be held until the next issue. The deadline has been moved to the 10th of the month to allow more time to prepare the *NRHS News*. Please submit articles and photos on chapter events within two weeks of the event. Photos should be high resolution photo files attached to an email. Photos that are included in the body of a text file or in the body of an email cannot be used.

Email submissions to [<nrhsnews@charter.net>](mailto:nrhsnews@charter.net) or by mail to NRHS News, c/o Charles S. Williams, 4712 Brushy Mountain Road, Moravian Falls, N.C. 28654.

News of upcoming chapter events to post on the NRHS Facebook page may be submitted to the same address.

Please remind your chapter members to "like" the NRHS Facebook page.

NRHS Telegraph Next Deadline May 31, 2016

The next *NRHS Telegraph* will be released in June, before the July 2016 Denver convention. By May 31, 2016, please email news to Valli Hoski [<TelegraphVal@gmail.com>](mailto:TelegraphVal@gmail.com).

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/>).

New postings include, but are not limited to:

- 2016-04-10 Report of the NRHS Bylaws Committee
- 2016-04-10 Spring Fund Agenda
- 2016-04-10 Spring BOD Agenda
- 2016-03-29 Spring Fund Meeting Notice
- 2016-03-29 Spring Board of Directors' Meeting Notice

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