

## CALENDAR

### July 19 - 24, 2016

2016 Convention  
Denver, CO  
[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

### July 31 – August 7, 2016

RailCamp Northwest  
Tacoma, Washington

### October 14 - 15, 2016

Fall 2016 NRHS Conference  
Portland, OR  
[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

## Membership Update

Submitted by Al Weber, NRHS President

Recently, I read an editorial in one of my many railroad subject publications. The author described that the size of each issue is less than issues of 10 years ago.

This is one more facet to the ongoing 'numbers' discussions among the NRHS, as well as other railroad, historical and professional organizations. Today there are fewer subscriptions, a lower readership base, but, more significantly, fewer railroads. With ongoing mergers and consolidation, railroad employment has declined much more than subscription levels.

The NRHS has likewise experienced some rough years, and recovery is ongoing. Looking at the 'numbers', we are fewer in number and need to grow new memberships. Members who have fallen by the wayside also need our particular attention. Chapters are essential to grow the membership, increase interest and pursue projects to preserve and protect railroad history.

In response to the emails, letters, phone calls on 'how do we get new members', take a new look at chapter outreach. At what age did you become really interested in railroading and railroad history? Today's potential members are those 27 to 45 years old. They are active on the web and their smart phones. How can a chapter reach out and engage with these potential members? How about through Facebook, other social media, the web? Those are the new places to 'meet up', 'hang out' and engage with others of similar interests.

Does your chapter use these new spaces and places to meet, reach and engage with people who have interests in railroad history and preservation? An easy first step is to share your chapter's news and programs through the NRHS Facebook page. The NRHS has about 2,600 followers on Facebook – readers ready to engage with your chapter and its events. This is outreach at its simplest, ready for your chapter to use.

Send your information to Charles S. Williams, email <[nrhsnews@charter.net](mailto:nrhsnews@charter.net)>. Include chapter contact, web site, meeting location, calendar of events, key photos. That's a great first step to reach out, find and engage with potential new member(s).

Remember, [info@nrhs.com](mailto:info@nrhs.com) is out there so you can get questions answered; also, feel free to email me at [aweber@nrhs.com](mailto:aweber@nrhs.com).

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### **NRHS Voting Closes Aug. 1, 2016**

The ballot mailing to the membership is complete. The ballots went out as scheduled around June 1st and you should have received it by now. We urge ALL members to return a completed ballot.

You can return your ballot now as the NRHS is accepting ballots. Just remember that all ballots must be **postmarked no later than August 1, 2016** to be counted. Ballots will be counted and the results reported to the NRHS. The results will be certified by the General Counsel of the NRHS in late August, 2016. After the vote certification and notification to the candidates, results will be available on the NRHS website, published in the *NRHS News* and the *NRHS Telegraph*.

Below is a complete list of candidates in the NRHS 2016 Election. All NRHS members whom receive a ballot will vote for Vice President, three Global Directors and one District Director. The District Director who a member votes for will be dependent on the member's assigned District. Candidate biographies can be found in the public folder at <https://admin.nrhs.com>.

Vice President: Joseph C. Maloney, Jr.

Global Director: William Brotherton

Global Director: Robert Ernst

Global Director: Walter Zullig

District 1 Director: Tony White

District 2 Director: Charles Webb

District 3 Director: Ralph Robert Bitzer

District 4 Director: Charles S. Williams

District 5 Director: Wesley Ross

District 6 Director: Duane Durr

District 7 Director: Skip Waters

District A Director: Wesley Weis

District B Director: Ricky Durrant

### **Convention Meeting Schedule**

The meeting schedule for the upcoming 2016 NRHS Convention is listed below. Those documents with a bullet point are in the public directory at <https://admin.nrhs.com/>.

*Advisory Council Meeting* - Wednesday, July 20 at 7:30PM MDT

*Board of Directors' Meeting* - Friday, July 22 at 8:30AM MDT.

- Board Of Directors' Meeting Agenda

*Annual Membership Meeting* - Friday, July 22 at 2:30PM MDT.

- Annual Membership Meeting Agenda
- 2015 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

## Convention Registration

The 2016 NRHS Convention is Monday, July 18 through Sunday, July 24, 2016. The last day to register on-line was Friday, July 1, 2016. Now, please register in-person at the convention. The registration room will be open starting Monday, July 18, 2016 at the Holiday Inn - Stapleton, 3333 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207. The registration room will be open daily during the convention.

Monday, July 18,	4 pm - 9 pm.
Tuesday, July 19,	8 am – noon; 4 pm – 8 pm
Wednesday, July 20,	7 am – noon; 4 pm – 8 pm
Thursday, July 21,	7 am – noon; 4 pm – 8 pm
Friday, July 22,	7 am – 5 pm.
Saturday, July 23,	7 am – 9:15 am.
Sunday, July 24,	10 am – noon.

The Convention booklet is available in the public documents directory at the NRHS website <https://admin.nrhs.com/>.

See you in Denver!  
2016 NRHS Convention Committee.

## NRHS Friends on Facebook

The number of people who “like” the NRHS page on Facebook reached the 2,500 milestone over the Memorial Day weekend. The 2,500 who “like” Facebook are from: United States of America, 2,298; Canada, 27; United Kingdom, 16; India, 14; Australia, 13; Brazil, 12; Argentina and Mexico, eight each; Kenya, seven.

Indonesia, Japan, and Germany, six each; Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Netherlands, and New Zealand, four each; Italy, Turkey, and Portugal, three each. Costa Rica, Poland, Puerto Rico, Belgium, Spain, Switzerland, Hungary, and South Korea, two each. Peru, Romania, Russia, Austria, Ireland, Jordan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Nigeria,

Gabon, Croatia, Greece, Ecuador, Isle of Man, Morocco, Colombia, Vietnam, Ghana, Hong Kong, Chile, Bangladesh, Jordan, Morocco, Iraq, Denmark, Gabon, Taiwan, Venezuela, Israel, and others (not listed on chart), one each.

The cities in America with the most people who “like” the NRHS Facebook page are: Philadelphia, PA, 28; New York, NY, 16; Chicago, IL, 12; Rochester, NY and St. Louis, MO, 11 each; Milwaukee, WI 10; Indianapolis, IN, Minneapolis, MN, Atlanta, GA, and Portland, OR, nine each; Altoona, PA, and Baltimore, MD, Jacksonville, FL, eight each. Newark, DE, San Francisco, CA, Anchorage, AK, Colorado Springs, CO, seven each. Lehigh, PA, Los Angeles, CA, Columbus, OH, Greensboro, NC, Scranton, PA, Salt Lake City, UT, Reading, PA, Washington, DC, San Jose, CA, Seattle, WA, Suffolk County, NT, Fort Wayne, IN, Rutland (city), VT, and Fort Worth, TX, six each; and Las Vegas, NV, Wichita, Kan., Sacramento, CA, Pittsburgh, PA, Richmond, VA; Cleveland, OH; Heber Springs, AR; Barnstable, MA, Des Moines, IO, Chattanooga, TN; Memphis, TN, Catonsville, MD; and Phoenix, AZ, five each. Nairobi, Kenya also has five.

## NRHS News Deadlines

Two *NRHS News* deadlines are coming up:

- *Monday, July 25, 2016* – 2<sup>nd</sup> printed edition of the *NRHS News*. Deadline is earlier to allow for printing and mailing.
- *August 10, 2016* – submissions for web edition of the *NRHS News*.

Please submit photos and items as soon as available. Items submitted after the deadline will be held until the next issue.

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.

Events, projects, photos of special interest include:

- National Train Day celebration - please send in your articles and high-resolution photos.
- *NRHS Heritage Grants* projects - articles and photos about projects that are funded with NRHS assistance.
- "Vintage" or unique photographs – interesting, historical or special photographs of a rail spot, artifact or scene from your collection.
- Upcoming chapter events, regular meetings, special anniversaries – welcome for the NRHS Facebook page.
- Denver Convention events and outings – photos are especially welcome for 'virtual' daily updates on convention activities for all members to enjoy.

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

Chapter newsletter editors may also send copies of their publications to the addresses listed below.

Submit items for the *NRHS News* or the NRHS Facebook page via email to [nrhsnews@charter.net](mailto:nrhsnews@charter.net) or mail to Charles S. Williams, Editor, *NRHS News*, 4712 Brushy Mountain Road, Moravian Falls, N.C. 28654.

### ***NRHS Telegraph* Deadline**

For the September issue of the *NRHS Telegraph*, please email news and articles by August 31, 2016 to Valli Hoski, Editor, *NRHS Telegraph* at

[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 in the public directory at <https://admin.nrhs.com/> .

New postings include (not limited to):

- 2016 Election Slate Admin Notice
- 2016 Election Slate Biographies
- 2016 Convention Board of Directors Agenda - Posted June 26, 2016
- 2016 Annual Meeting Agenda - Posted June 26, 2016
- 2016 Proxy For Annual Meeting - Posted June 26, 2016
- 2016 Spring Advisory Council Draft Meeting Minutes - Posted July 7, 2016
- 2016 Spring Board Meeting Minutes, Approved - Posted June 16, 2016

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