

## CALENDAR

### March 30 – April 1, 2017

2017 NRHS Spring  
Conference  
Advisory Council and Board of  
Directors' Meetings  
Joint Meeting by NRHS and  
Wilmington Chapter NRHS  
Claymont, DE  
[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

### June 20-24, 2017

2017 NRHS Convention  
Nashville, TN  
[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

### June 25 – July 1, 2017

RailCamp East  
Newark, DE

### July 30 – August 6, 2017

RailCamp West  
Tacoma, WA

### October 26-28, 2017

2017 NRHS Fall Conference  
Advisory Council and Board of  
Directors' Meetings  
Kansas City, MO  
[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

## NRHS Member Update

Submitted by Al Weber, President

Welcome to 2017. The NRHS had a very good 2016. With your help, 2017 is looking to be a very good year. The challenge and work for railroad history preservation continues on in 2017.

Your NRHS volunteers are preparing a very good convention in Nashville, June 20-24, 2017. Programs and events are covered in a separate article in this *NRHS Telegraph* issue. Please attend, enjoy the sights, sounds and camaraderie of the NRHS as we explore rail history in Tennessee.

NRHS publications continue to expand and flourish in 2017. Jeff Smith is publishing three *NRHS Bulletin* issues. Charles Williams is crafting six on-line issues of the expanded *NRHS News*, as well as three printed issues. Valli Hoski is producing six *NRHS Telegraph* issues.

The NRHS also just received a large donation to support digitization of our film collection. The project committee continues work to select and present items for future generations.

I need to personally thank all the volunteers who assist the NRHS in preserving and protecting our rail heritage. Many perform their tasks without formal acknowledgment, credit or lauds. Many thanks to all NRHS members, families and friends for your commitment and support of railroad history preservation.

## NRHS Spring 2017 Conference

Submitted by Bob Bitzer, Conferences

The Spring Conference will be held in Claymont, Delaware, on Thursday, March 30 through Sunday, April 2, 2017. The conference hotel is the Crowne Plaza Wilmington North, 630 Naamans Road, Claymont, Delaware 19703. Reservations: Local 302-792-2700 or Toll-free 1-800-227-6963. Room rate \$109.00 for single/double occupancy + applicable local taxes. Rate includes complimentary hot breakfast buffet, free internet service and hotel parking. When making reservations request "National Railway Historical Society" group rate. Cut-off for reservations is March 2, 2017.

Wilmington and Claymont are served by major airlines at the Philadelphia International Airport and Amtrak Northeast Corridor Regional train service. Limited complimentary shuttle van service from Amtrak's Wilmington (DE) railroad station to/rom the hotel may be available based on time of request. Guests must provide hotel with schedule 72 hours prior to arrival, call 302-792-2700. Complete event, registration and meeting schedule information to follow.

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## NRHS 2017 Convention

Submitted by John Goodman, National Convention Chair

Here is the schedule for the NRHS 2017 convention in Nashville.

*Tuesday, June 20, 2017*

**Registration Room** opens in the afternoon.

*Wednesday, June 21, 2017*

Charter buses depart the hotel after breakfast for the **Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum** in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We visit their depot/yard facility to board a special train with double headed steam engines #4501 and #630. This train heads to Summerville, GA where we watch the locomotives being wyed and serviced.

We have lunch in their diner on the way to Summerville. Also we have a photo run-by at this point. Due to time restraints here, we need to get on our chartered buses again, and return directly to the hotel in Nashville. Please note that this train is limited to only 160 passengers. Members should book early for this special train.

*Thursday, June 22, 2017*

Two trip options are planned.

Option #1 - We board chartered buses for a lunch trip on the "**My Old Kentucky Dinner Train**" operating from Bardstown, Kentucky. The three hour trip includes a 3 course lunch for each guest. We leave the hotel after breakfast and travel in chartered buses for the trip to/from Bardstown, Kentucky to ride this famous train.

Option #2 - We board buses at the hotel for two different museums in Kentucky. The **Historic Railpark and Museum** at Bowling Green, Kentucky is the first stop. While not operating, this museum has a passenger train on site open for our inspection, plus a depot/museum with much to see. Our second stop is the **Kentucky Railway Museum** up the road at New Haven, Kentucky. We board the special train (operated especially for our group), then head to Boston, Kentucky. This diesel powered train trip operates 22 miles over their line, and includes a photo stop on the way. Power is provided by their BL-2 and CF-7 locomotives. A box lunch is included in this trip, served before departure on this special train.

*Friday, June 23, 2017*

A day in the hotel for the **Advisory Council meeting** and the **Board of Directors' meeting**, followed by the annual **Membership Meeting** that afternoon. Also on Friday morning, a Heritage Tour is planned to visit the President Jackson Hermitage home, then a lunch cruise on the General Jackson showboat. Friday evening finds members headed for the **Annual Banquet** at the hotel, with a cash bar prior to the banquet.

*Saturday, June 24, 2017*

We are operating a special train over the Tennessee Central Museum line of the **Nashville & Eastern Railroad**. This special train operates to Cookeville, Tennessee, a 180 mile round trip from the nearby boarding point. Shuttle buses provide transportation from the hotel to the depot boarding site.

At least one seminar (not yet confirmed)

may be held at the hotel on Friday. This is in addition to the events already shown for the convention Friday.

Event prices, actual times for departure for each event, and arrival times back at the hotel will be announced shortly.

## **2017 NRHS RailCamp Update**

RailCamp applications will be available online at [www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com) by early January 2017. Two RailCamps are scheduled for 2017:

- *June 25 to July 1, 2017* - RailCamp East in Newark, DE
- *July 30 to August 6, 2017* – RailCamp West in Tacoma, WA.

Chapters are encouraged to publicize RailCamp with its members, identify and encourage candidates to apply early. Chapters can help develop future rail preservationists by sponsoring one or more candidates for RailCamp.

## **2017 NRHS Heritage Grants Application Package Available**

Submitted by Bob Kornreich, Historic Grants Chair

The 2017 NRHS Heritage Grants application package is now available. Please note that there are three different files. All three files can be found and downloaded from the NRHS web site at <http://nrhs.com/program/heritage-grants> :

- 2017 Heritage Grants Announcement
- 2017 Instructions
- 2017 Application

Grant Applications must be submitted electronically to [grants@nrhs.com](mailto:grants@nrhs.com) not later than 5:00 p.m. PST (8:00 p.m. EST), Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

The NRHS Grants Committee will make 2017 Grant recommendations to the NRHS President prior to the Spring Conference.

## **Membership Renewal Update**

Submitted by Hugh Harris, Membership

As of December 13, 2016 we had 2,289 members renewed with about 350 more

payments received but not yet entered. That would mean a total of 2,640 renewals - but not all processed.

## **Colorado Railroads Publication Available**

Submitted by John H. Goodman, Chair

The NRHS still has copies available of *Colorado Railroads* from Kalmbach Publishing. This is the trip guide that was used at the 2016 Denver Convention. Each convention registration received this item.

The booklet price is \$7.50 per copy, including postage. Please send your order to the official NRHS address, but please add "Attention: Convention Committee" to your envelope:

National Railway Historical Society  
c/o John K Fiorilla, Esq  
Capehart & Scatchard PA  
P.O. Box 5016  
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

When ordering, please include your name contact information, the number of copies desired, order payment, and mailing or shipping address.

## **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):

*Fall 2016 Meeting (Portland, OR)*

- 2016 Fall Advisory Council Meeting Minutes - Posted December 9, 2016.
- 2016 Fall Board Minutes, Final - Posted December 8, 2016.
- NRHS Fund Trustees Meeting Minutes, Final - Posted November 25, 2016.

## **NRHS News Deadline**

Upcoming *NRHS News* deadline:

- *January 10, 2017* – submissions for the February 2017 web edition of the *NRHS News*.

- *February 1, 2017* – submissions for the March 2017 print 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.

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 by 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**

Upcoming *NRHS Telegraph* deadline:

- *February 10, 2017* – submissions for the March 2017 web edition of the *NRHS Telegraph*.
- *April 10, 2017* – submissions for the May 2017 web edition of the *NRHS Telegraph*.

Submit news and articles to Valli Hoski, Editor, *NRHS Telegraph* at [TelegraphVal@gmail.com](mailto:TelegraphVal@gmail.com).

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