

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

June 20-24, 2017

2017 NRHS Convention
Nashville, TN
www.nrhs.com

June 25 – July 1, 2017

RailCamp East
Newark, DE

July 30 – August 6, 2017

RailCamp West
Tacoma, WA

October 19 - 21, 2017

2017 NRHS Fall Conference
Advisory Council and Board of
Directors' Meetings
Kansas City, MO
www.nrhs.com

NRHS Member Update

Submitted by Al Weber, President

Thank you very much to members who have already renewed. A very special and warm welcome to all new members, and I hope you enjoy receiving the *NRHS Telegraph* for the first time.

We are in the process of getting the second notice to all those who have not yet renewed. There is a lag of several weeks from when we can pull the address list and send the renewal letter to lapsing members.

Prefer not to use the online renewal system? You may also renew by U.S. mail. Please send your renewal dues check to the NRHS, and a volunteer will submit your renewal into the Amilia system. Each of our members is valued, and I encourage you to renew using the method you most prefer.

Some members have reported they are not receiving NRHS emails. Has this happened to you? The NRHS uses Constant Contact to process and manage email distribution. This product has very strict email privacy rules. Each individual is the only person who can change the individual's email setting. Anyone who has difficulty receiving NRHS email should check their settings to allow emails from NRHS.com. If someone you know is having this email problem, please suggest they update their Constant Contact information.

The NRHS can help get the word out about events at your chapter or local museum. This is a FREE service that adds your event news to the NRHS Facebook page, and articles in the *NRHS News*. It's easy too, just email the event and details to Charles S. Williams (nrhsnews@charter.net).

Thank you to all members who have called or emailed. I try to respond to everyone, and thank you for your patience and support.

RailCamp Applications Due April 15

Submitted by Becky Gerstung, RailCamp Chair

The RailCamp application deadline is approaching quickly – *April 15, 2017*. RailCamp applications are available online at www.nrhs.com. 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.

Please encourage your local students to apply and help them to submit their RailCamp application by April 15, 2017.

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NRHS Spring Conference

Hotel Deadline March 2, 2017

Submitted by Bob Bitzer, Conferences

The Spring Conference is Thursday, March 30 - 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 is \$109.00, single/double occupancy plus applicable local taxes. Complimentary hot breakfast buffet, free internet service and hotel parking are included. Reservation cutoff is March 2, 2017, and please request the "National Railway Historical Society" group rate.

Wilmington and Claymont are convenient to reach by car, air or train service. Fly into the Philadelphia International Airport and ride the train through Amtrak's Northeast Corridor Regional train service. Complimentary shuttle service is available to or from the Wilmington (DE) Amtrak station, based on availability. Please call the hotel at 302-792-2700, at least 72 hours before arrival.

2017 Convention Hotel and Event Registration Update

Submitted by John Goodman, National Convention Chair

Recently, some problems have occurred with the reservations office when attempting to make a hotel reservation for the 2017 NRHS Convention. If anyone has a problem, please email the information to John Goodman (jhgoodman2001@yahoo.com). John will forward it to the hotel staff for their handling.

Reservations for the 2017 NRHS Convention events are expected to open by March 1, 2017. For information on reservations and how to purchase tickets, please see the Convention page on the NRHS web site (www.nrhs.com).

Below are the latest updates to the 2017 NRHS Convention events announced in the *NRHS Telegraph*, January 2017 issue.

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

- Buses leave the hotel at 8:00am. **Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum** trip will leave their depot/yard at noon (CDT) and arrive in Summerville, GA at 3:30pm. We will stay to watch the locomotives turn on the wye and perhaps have a photo run by. Buses will leave at 4:00pm CDT and reach the hotel by about 7:30pm CDT.
- The train will include 22 premium class observation car seats. Tickets for those seats will be \$299 each. The price includes lunch in the dining car. There will also be 138 coach seats on the train. The \$199 ticket price will include lunch in the dining car

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Trip option #1:

- **My Old Kentucky Dinner Train** trip. Buses will leave the hotel at 8:00am CDT and be in Bardstown, KY in time for a noon (CDT) departure. Trip will be two hours in length and return by 2:00pm. After time to visit the very nice depot/gift shop, buses will leave no later than 3:00pm and be back at Nashville at the

hotel by 6:30pm CDT.

- Current price for trip option #1 is \$149.00.

Trip option #2:

- **Historic Railpark & Museum** (Bowling Green) and **Kentucky Railroad Museum** (New Haven, KY). Buses will leave hotel at 8:15am CDT and reach Bowling Green by 10:00am CDT. Buses will leave at 11:15am CDT for New Haven, KY and be in New Haven by 12:45pm CDT for a 1:00pm CDT departure time for our special train to Boston, KY. We can detrain at Boston, KY for a photo runby and still be back at New Haven, KY by 3:00pm CDT. A bag lunch will be served enroute on the train.
- Current price for trip option #2 is \$99.00, includes both *Historic Railpark & Museum* (Bowling Green) and *Kentucky Railroad Museum* (New Haven, KY) events.

Friday, June 23, 2017

- During the day, three seminars will be offered at the hotel.
- For the **Heritage Tour**, the bus will leave the hotel by 8:45am; first stop is at the President Andrew Jackson Hermitage site. We will leave the Hermitage site by 11:00am CDT. Next, we reach the General Jackson Showboat by 11:20am CDT and load for a 12:00pm (noon) departure. Immediately after departure, we will have a lunch buffet and show until 1:00pm CDT. Next, we adjourn to the outer deck area where the show continues. The boat docks at 2:45pm CDT. Lastly, we board the bus and arrive back at the hotel by 3:15pm CDT.
- Current price of the Heritage Tour is \$164.00 (slight decrease from previously published price.)

Saturday, June 24, 2017

- For the **Tennessee Central Railroad Museum** trip, shuttle buses load at the

front of the hotel for the very short ride (10-12 minutes) over to the TCRM depot/yards for an 8:30 am CDT departure with expected arrival in Cookeville, TN at 12:15pm CDT. We have a departure time coming back from Cookeville of 2:00pm, and expect to arrive back in Nashville about 6:00pm.

- Current prices are \$229.00 for premium dome class (only 20 seats available), and \$149.00 for coach class.
- **Night Photo Shoot** at the Tennessee Central Railroad Museum. Depart the hotel at 8:15pm and return at 10.30pm. A small group (limited to 40) of photographers will be bused back to the Museum for a special night photography session. This is the last event of the convention.
- Current price is \$39.00.

A Call for Conferences

Submitted by Bob Bitzer, Conferences

The Society is in urgent need of sponsors to host NRHS Fall and Spring Conferences for 2018 and beyond. One of the most important business actions that takes place three times a year are the Spring, Summer and Fall conferences which are held for meetings of the NRHS Board of Directors, Advisory Council and the NRHS Fund Board of Trustees. The spring and fall conferences are generally separate events hosted by a local chapter or chapters and in some cases other rail hobby or business groups in partnership. The summer conference is part of the NRHS convention. These meetings are extremely important because they allow us to conduct the business of the NRHS.

Currently we have meetings scheduled only through this year. The Spring 2017 meeting will be in Claymont, Delaware (outside of Wilmington, Delaware) and the Fall 2017 meeting which will be in Kansas City, Missouri. We like to have these events scheduled a minimum of 2 years out. We should have 2018 already planned for and approved. Unfortunately that has not yet

happened.

How can the chapters help? Give serious thought to hosting a Spring or Fall conference. It's really not that hard. It will result in the satisfaction of helping the Society and giving our members the opportunity to experience your rail scene culture and history. Look into your area and you will often be amazed on how much there is available to offer visitors. You may have a museum, operated by the chapter or another historical group, have local or regional railroads that can operate excursions, be part of an annual festival event for your area, have an important historical rail or related event which could be tied to a conference, or have knowledgeable historians or railroad officials who can be guest speakers, etc.

Remember that conferences are normally only three days in length. It is not an extensive time commitment. Our normal schedule is Thursday for check-in and evening visual program, Friday is a rail related event, and Saturday is for business meetings and an evening banquet with speaker.

If you are ready to sign up to run a conference, or have questions and wish to discuss operating one, we want to hear from you. The Society will provide full instructions and support. We have a conference handbook that will be provided and a knowledgeable team which can walk you through the entire process of running a conference.

Please contact me for more information, or any questions that you may have related to running a NRHS conference. Email is treasurer@nrhs.com; phone is 301-206-5321. Looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks much and safe tracks ahead!

NRHS News Deadline

Upcoming *NRHS News* deadline:

- *March 10, 2017* – submissions for the April 2017 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.

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 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:

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

Submit news and articles to Valli Hoski, Editor, *NRHS Telegraph* at TelegraphVal@gmail.com.

NRHS Meeting Postings

NRHS Meeting notices, announcements including Bylaws, Policies, Meetings, and Approved Financial Documents are in the public directory at <https://admin.nrhs.com/>.

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