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NRHS Member Update

Submitted by Al Weber, President

NHRS National just mailed 8,274 copies of the July *NRHS News*, one to each member. If you know of anyone who did not get it in the mail PLEASE email me, and I will send them a copy. We mailed the July *NRHS News* to all members so we can clean up our mailing list in preparation for moving to a new database supplier. With this large of mailing, a few members will have moved and the new address is not yet in the database. This time, the post office returned about fifteen. I have been fixing those addresses. Volunteers are also cleaning up the email addresses and phone numbers in the database.

I did notice that we have family members who are not at the same address as the primary member. The NRHS family member definition is that all family members be at the same address. If you are one of those members, please join as a regular member so that you still get our mailings.

Now that our finances are back on firmer footing and our publications back on a fixed schedule, I want to work on building up the membership. We are offering back issues of the *NRHS Bulletin* and a new membership brochure to chapters. My chapter is producing an insert to go into the new brochure that talks about our local chapter and I hope other chapters will do that also. We are working on a revised Web page that will also promote chapters and chapter activities. We hope to have this working in mid Fall.

Vintage Rail Film Footage

Attention Chapter Presidents & Newsletter Editors!

On behalf of the rail film preservation program of the Society, the NRHS Film Archival Digitalization Committee will be most appreciative of your support of our efforts by giving this message added exposure by including it in your chapter newsletter from time to time. Thank you.

The clock is ticking.

You know as well as we do, with the passing of another longtime rail fan, there's a distinct possibility that some great historic rail-related film footage may be lost, as it may be forgotten or simply thrown out by someone not recognizing what they have in hand.

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That's why we're asking for your help! If you possibly have any original film footage—16 or 8mm, color or black & white—which you recorded or was recorded by someone you know/knew, or if you know of someone possessing such footage – the NRHS Film Archival Digitalization Committee would like to hear from you.

Our first desire is to see this footage donated to the NRHS for permanent preservation. If this is not acceptable to the owner, then we'd like to be given access to the film and authorized to make a digital copy of it for posterity.

Please don't delay—contact the Committee now! By E-mail, the address is: marlin@nrhs.com or write to Film Archival Committee, National Railway Historical Society, c/o John K. Fiorilla, Esquire, P. O. Box 5016, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054. Thank you.

A Delay in Boarding at the 2017 NRHS Convention in Nashville

I'd made reservations months ahead for Nashville, TN and the NRHS Convention. In a conversation with members manning the registration tables, I mentioned that I was getting over a cold and that I felt fine, just not 100%.

They were kind and offered assistance if needed and if the problem persists, to let them know.

Back in my room, I tried what they suggested to feel better. Unfortunately, my body rejected anything I put into it. Minutes later the phone rang and one of the people I had talked with called to check on me. I said then that thought I needed help.

One of the officers of the NRHS was given information as to the location of the nearest hospital and then drove me. This same person stayed with me until I was being attended to and a bed was found for me.

I was kept in the hospital for three nights. During my stay, several NRHS staff members visited which I thought was extremely nice of them since they are in prominent positions with the Society.

On the day I was released, another Convention staff member picked me up at the hospital and took me back to the hotel

The personal attention I received from the NRHS staff members was totally unexpected and was very special to me.

Over the years I've attended Conventions, I have made friends from all over the country. This experience clearly showed me that we are all more than just friends, we are a family that truly cares about each other and I am a witness to this fact. No one had to do what they did for me and all was done without me asking for anything.

I want to thank all the wonderful NRHS members for what they did for this Society member. I will never forget and am very proud that I am a member of an organization with people who show by their actions how they feel about all of us in the NRHS family. This is one of the benefits of membership you may not see at first but, I can assure you that it exists for all of us.

Thank you all so very much.

Sincerely, Ken Brooks

Update: Free NRHS Bulletin Magazines for Chapters

Submitted by Jeff Smith, *NRHS Bulletin* Editor

Our first offer of free magazines for Chapter PR was popular and we have substantially reduced our inventory of issues with 50 or more surplus copies, however there are still plenty left.

Below is a list of *NRHS Bulletin* issues still available to the Chapters. If you are interested they are available in allotments of 50 magazines. You can choose which issue you want or you can leave it to the *Bulletin* editor to select the issue(s). In the inventory below you will see how many issues are available and a brief description of the content in that magazine. Please reach out to Jeff Smith at bulletin@nrhs.com if you are interested in receiving one or more boxes of magazines. They will be provided free of charge including shipping (National will pay for the shipping).

This is a limited time offer. Within the next 12 months we will begin recycling these magazines if no one takes them.

- *Spring 2010* (50 copies) - Tehachapi in the 21st Century, FL9 Dual Mode Locomotive
- *Fall 2010* (50 copies) - American Railway Depots.
- *Summer 2011* (50 copies) - Small Town Grain Elevators (railroading in flyover country), Burnside Shops.
- *Summer 2012* (70 copies) - The Pennsylvania Railroad Mainline: Exploring the Railroad Landscape.
- *Fall 2012* (50 copies) - Removing Southern Pacific's Cajon Pass Tunnels, The Virginia & Truckee Railroad.
- *Summer 2013* (500 200 copies) - The Tenacious Tweetsie, Bethlehem Steel.
- *Winter 2014* (400 100 copies) - Some Vernacular Railroad Photographs (a Brief History of Railfan Photography).
- *Volume 79, No. 2* (80 copies) – Bay Line Graceville Extension, Today's High Priority Trains (intermodal).
- *Volume 79, No. 3* (100 copies) – Contemporary Views Along the First Transcontinental Railroad.
- *Volume 79, No. 4* (100 copies) – 1225 Pere Marquette 4-8-4's, Coal's Rocky Road in Appalachia.

Register Now for NRHS 2017 Fall Conference & Hotel

The NRHS Fall Conference is in Kansas City, Missouri, October 19 – 21, 2017. Conference registration (non-refundable) is \$50 per household. The Registration form is in the public section of the NRHS web site (<https://admin.nrhs.com>) or go directly to

https://admin.nrhs.com/public/Fall2017/Fall2017-NRHS-onference-reg-form-v2_Ed.pdf

Conference hotel is the Westin Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, 1 East Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108 (one block southeast of Union Station). For reservations, please contact the hotel directly, phone 888-627-8538 or see page 2 of the NRHS Conference Registration form (see link above).

Payment must be received by the Westin Hotel **no later than 5:00 PM Central Standard Time on September 22, 2017.**

For the special group rate, mention the event name "National Railway Historical Society October 2017". Hotel room rates are Single or Double: \$139, Triple: \$164, Quad: \$189. Applicable state and local taxes are not included. Special rates are available for three (3) days before and three (3) days after the conference, subject to availability at the time of reservation.

The Fall Conference includes local rail tours and NRHS meetings. For prices and details, see the Fall Conference Registration form at https://admin.nrhs.com/public/Fall2017/Fall2017-NRHS-onference-reg-form-v2_Ed.pdf.

For payment, please mail a check payable to Kansas City Chapter National Railway Historical Society and your completed registration form to: Kansas City Chapter NRHS c/o Ruth Ann Troop, Secretary, 5238 Nieman Road, Shawnee, KS 66203-1853.

Reminder - 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 Fall 2017 meeting will be in Kansas City, Missouri. We like to have these events scheduled a minimum of two 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.

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 Deadlines

Upcoming *NRHS News* deadlines:

- *September 10, 2017* – submissions for the October 2017 web (pdf) edition of the *NRHS News*.
- *October 5, 2017* – submissions for the November 2017 print edition of the *NRHS News*.
- *November 10, 2017* – submissions for the December 2017 web (pdf) 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 Deadlines

Upcoming *NRHS Telegraph* deadlines:

- *August 15, 2017* – submissions for the September 2017 web (pdf) edition of the *NRHS Telegraph*.
- *October 31, 2017* – submissions for the November 2017 web (pdf) 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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