

CALENDAR

May 30 – June 3, 2018

2018 NRHS Spring Conference
Advisory Council and Board of
Directors' Meetings
St. Louis, MO
www.nrhs.com

August 7 - 12, 2018

2018 NRHS Convention
Cumberland, MD
www.nrhs.com

October 11 - 13, 2018

2018 NRHS Fall Conference
Advisory Council and Board of
Directors' Meetings
Scranton, PA
www.nrhs.com

Spring 2019

2019 NRHS Spring Conference
(Location to be confirmed)
www.nrhs.com

May 2019

2019 NRHS Convention
Northern Utah
www.nrhs.com

November 8-9, 2019

2019 NRHS Fall Conference
Dallas, TX
www.nrhs.com

NRHS Member Update

Submitted by Al Weber, President

The 2018 renewal cycle is starting. Members should have already received an email and mailed renewal letter from National. Both addresses (email and renewal letter) come from your information in our new database. If your email is out-of-date or not provided, you will not receive the email notification. Likewise, if your mail address has changed, the renewal letter will not arrive in your mail box. If your chapter renews its members at the national level, please have your chapter membership chairman contact Hugh Harris <hughrharris@aol.com> . If your chapter does not renew members at the national level, please encourage your members to renew on-line or via the mail. The on-line costs us the least but we will, as always, will take checks for renewals.

Every Regular member (old Primary member) should have received a *NRHS News* and the *NRHS Bulletin* Volume 80, No. 2 in the mail recently. If not, again PLEASE contact either your district director, Hugh Harris or me to get the address fixed in the database.

In 2018 we will have our fourth election under the new bylaws, (adopted January 13, 2013 as amended April 19, 2015). We always want and need new volunteers for national office. If any member of your chapter wants to run, please contact Joe Maloney <vp@nrhs.com>.

I am also in contact with many of our chapters and museums that have had storm or fire damage in the past few months. I have to report that most had little damage and we all need to be thankful for that.

As always, please feel free to email with questions, ideas, suggestions. Al Weber <aweber@nrhs.com>

New Online Renewal Now Available

Submitted by Hugh Harris, Membership Administrator

The NRHS is now ready to accept online renewals. The link <https://nrhs.z2systems.com/np/clients/nrhs/login.jsp> will take you to the log-in screen. First, enter your e-mail address, then click on the "Forgot Password" link. That will take you to a link where you can create your password for this account. Follow the directions and create your password.

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Once you get into the site you will be at the opening screen and will have two options.

Choose “Renew your Membership”. You can go back later and make any necessary updates to the information in your account.

If you have never given us your e-mail, or you have changed it, the system will not recognize you and you will not be able to log-in. At that point you have two options, you can either e-mail me at hughrharris@aol.com and give me your e-mail address and tell me that you couldn't log-in, or you can send back the invoice and a check as instructed in the package that we're just sending you.

If you choose Option One above and send me your e-mail address I'll go ahead and enter it into your account and will then e-mail you back to let you know that I've done it and you should be able to get into the account.

We hope that you'll find the new system much more 'user friendly' than the old one.

Hugh Harris, Membership Administrator.

RailCamp Sponsors – 2018 Deadlines and Guidelines

Submitted by Rebecca Gerstung

RailCamp 2018 plans, our 20th year, have begun. No dates have been confirmed yet

by our partners. Dates will be posted on the NRHS website when available. It is never too early to recruit campers with or without specific dates.

RailCamp appreciates all the chapters, groups and individuals who have sponsored campers in the past. Each year more chapters become involved. Priority placement is given to sponsored campers.

To plan ahead, we have only 36 available spots. *We need to know your intention to sponsor by January 15, 2018. The deadline for sponsored applications is March 1, 2018.* No exceptions! By that time applications are arriving and these kids are anxious to hear if they have been accepted. We basically use a first come-first served approach. Applications are recorded as received. Sponsored campers who do not get their applications in by March 1, 2018 fall in line with all the other applicants. They lose their priority placement.

Please understand that there is a very thorough interview process involved with accepting kids into the program. Sponsored candidates are not automatically accepted. This program demands that the campers pay attention, follow directions, and be responsible. Safety is our primary concern. Talking with parents and especially teachers who see these kids away from the family environment gives us good insight as to their ability to be comfortable and function safely within the RailCamp rules. The decision on acceptance is with the RailCamp Committee.

For information about RailCamp and sponsors, please email railcampnrhs@yahoo.com.

2018 NRHS Spring Conference Announced

Save the dates of Wednesday, May 30 to Sunday, June 3, 2018 on your calendars for what promises to be a great event.

The St. Louis Chapter NRHS invites the Board of Directors, the Advisory Council and members to attend their Spring 2018 Conference in conjunction with the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society (R&LHS),

who will be holding its 2018 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

The NRHS Registration form will be available in the public section of the NRHS website (<https://admin.nrhs.com>) in the near future.

The R&LHS Annual Meeting and NRHS Conference hotel is the historic St. Louis Union Station Hotel, 1820 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. For reservations, please contact the hotel directly, phone 314-231-1234. For the special group rate of \$139 per night, be sure to mention the event name "Railway and Locomotive Historical Society Annual Meeting." Applicable state and local taxes are not included in the stated rate. The St. Louis Union Station Hotel room reservation cut-off date is May 2, 2018.

The St. Louis area is served by major airlines at the St. Louis Lambert International Airport (20 miles distant.) Metrolink light rail service runs every 20 minutes from the airport to the Union Station stop. Fare is \$4.00. Amtrak's downtown station is located approximately five (5) blocks from the Hotel entrance. There is no Hotel shuttle service.

R&LHS is planning several events to take place. Proposed activities include:

- Tour of the John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library at the University of Missouri, St. Louis.
- Visit to the National Museum of Transportation, the nation's premier railroad research library.
- Visit to the Monticello Railway Museum in Monticello, Illinois. A train trip is also planned.
- Train excursion, a circle tour of the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (TRRA) trackage starting from St. Louis Union Station Hotel.
- Visit to the Union Pacific Railroad Intermodal Facility at Dupu, Illinois.

The R&LHS registration package will include the above as well as three (3) breakfasts and three (3) dinners.

R&LHS is handling all registrations for their Annual Meeting. Please visit their website

(<http://rlhs.org/Meetings/Current/>) for more information. The registration is not yet open as of mid-November.

The St. Louis Chapter NRHS registration form will be available in the future in the public section of the NRHS website (<https://admin.nrhs.com>).

As an NRHS member, you may register for both R&LHS meeting events and NRHS meetings, or you may register only for the NRHS meetings.

- To attend both the R&LHS annual meeting events and the NRHS meetings (Board of Directors, Advisory Council), please register with R&LHS and St. Louis Chapter NRHS. Registration forms will be available in the future. Each registration is processed separately.
- To attend only the NRHS meetings (Board of Directors, Advisory Council; NRHS Fund) without R&LHS meetings, please register with the St. Louis Chapter NRHS. No exceptions.

The NRHS meetings are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 3, pending final resolution of the rest of the schedule.

Looking forward to seeing you in St. Louis in 2018!

NRHS News Deadlines

Upcoming NRHS News deadlines:

- *January 10, 2018* – submissions for the February 2018 web (pdf) edition of the NRHS News.
- *February 10, 2018* – submissions for the March 2018 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 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:

- *December 15, 2017* – submissions for the January 2018 web (pdf) edition of the *NRHS Telegraph*.
- *February 14, 2017* – submissions for the March 2018 web (pdf) edition of the *NRHS Telegraph*.

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

Since this is the last issue of 2017, your editor and her family extend fond holiday regards to you and yours. Have safe travels, fun adventures and good railfanning throughout the holiday season! See you in 2018.

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/>.

Documents posted since September include these and more:

- Final 2016 Audit Report - Posted November 2, 2017
- 2018 NRHS Budget Letter, RRB#, including files - Posted October 25, 2017
- 2018 NRHS Budget Letter, RRB3 - Posted October 23, 2017
- Approved NRHS 2018 Budget - Posted October 23, 2017
- FKC Financial Report - Posted October 21, 2017
- Draft AC Agenda - Posted October 17, 2017
- 2017 Fall Board of Directors Agenda, Updated - Posted October 12, 2017
- Bulletin Digitization Update, Fall 2017 - Posted October 12, 2017
- Fall Bulletin Update - Posted October

12, 2017

- NRHS VP Notes, Fall 2017 - Posted October 10, 2017
- NRHS Fund Board of Trustees Election Process - Posted October 10, 2017
- Emeritus Director, Final Draft - Posted October 10, 2017

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