

CALENDAR

March 21-23, 2019

2019 NRHS Spring Conference
Birmingham, AL
www.nrhs.com

May 7 - 11, 2019

2019 NRHS Convention
Salt Lake City UT
www.nrhs.com

November 8 - 9, 2019

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

NRHS Leadership Update

Submitted by Al Weber, President

Many chapters are now planning 2019 meetings, officer elections and events. Please share your chapter's activities and election results with National. After a chapter election, forward information about new officers to the *NRHS News* <nrhsnews@charter.net> and the NRHS webmaster <webmaster@nrhs.com>. Also, free publicity for your 2019 events or activities is readily available. First, several months before the event, please send a paragraph or two to the *NRHS News*. Next, as the event gets closer, contact the NRHS to have it posted on the NRHS Facebook page, for free!

In May 2019, you can build on the excitement of the 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike ceremony and get local publicity for your chapter or museum. Celebrate the Transcontinental Railroad Sesquicentennial with a presentation by your chapter, display at a local library or museum, and/or an article on how railroads connected the nation. Most local newspapers, radio and TV stations seek out local news, so share the story of the 150th anniversary, your chapter's celebration or event.

Has your chapter planned any 2019 events or special programs? Write up a brief article and send it to your local media. Also include your chapter meeting date, time, location as well as an NRHS brochure with the article package.

If you or your chapter has questions, concerns, or suggestions for the NRHS, please feel free to contact your chapter's National representative, District Director or me.

Best regards for 2019, Al Weber. (aweber@nrhs.com).

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2019 RailCamp News

Submitted by Becky Gerstung

It's time to find a RailCamp camper in your area! Two RailCamps will be held in 2019:

1. *June 23-29, 2019* – RailCamp East, with headquarters at the University of Delaware-Newark.
2. *July 28-August 4, 2019* – RailCamp West, with headquarters at the University of Puget Sound-Tacoma.

If your chapter would like to sponsor a camper, we will send you all the information. Sponsored campers receive priority placement. RailCamp 2019 deadlines are:

January 15, 2019 – Deadline to inform NRHS of chapter's interest in sponsoring a camper.

March 15, 2019 – Deadline for sponsored camper application.

April 1, 2019 – Final deadline for all camper applications.

The *NRHS News* December 2018 issue includes an article on the RailCamp program and activities at each location.

Have questions? Please contact NRHS RailCamp <railcampnrhs@yahoo.com> .

View from the Telegraph Office

Submitted by Valli Hoski, Editor, *NRHS Telegraph*

Welcome to 2019, with all the promise of each new year, plus the national excitement

of the 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike ceremony, as well as chapter and regional celebrations. The Transcontinental Railroad Sesquicentennial is already increasing the visibility and interest in rail history and preservation on a national and local basis. The NRHS is joining the celebration as well. Keep current on the NRHS national convention in Salt Lake City and local chapter celebrations through your NRHS publications! The NRHS provides three different publications each year. Each has its own distinct content, different coverage, and individual intent. Two publications are well-known by the general membership – the *NRHS Bulletin*, the rail history journal of the Society, and the *NRHS News*, with its focus on rail and preservation activities, projects and programs of members, chapters and Society. The *NRHS Telegraph* is intended for the 'leadership' of the NRHS – officers and directors at the national, regional and chapter level.

Every chapter, officer, and director is invited to share successes, strategies and lessons learned with their colleagues across the Society. The *Telegraph* has space aplenty for chapter leaders to exchange ideas, suggestions, recommendations and best practices to manage, grow and improve the chapter now and in the future. .

Have success stories or good ideas, but suffer a bit of 'writer's block'? Help is available from your *Telegraph* editor. As a retired librarian and college instructor, I have helped many a budding writer to untangle ideas and weave a smooth story. Please feel free to contact me (TelegraphVal@gmail.com) with ideas, questions, and requests.

NRHS Contact List

Submitted by Al Weber, President

Timely Tip - To contact the NRHS, here are specific email addresses that get your request directly to the best person or committee. Please use these if your request falls into their area. This helps the NRHS to get back to you and your question quickly.

The NRHS National Office has a general email address <info@nrhs.com>.

However, email must be directed to one of who many volunteers that help the NRHS. That increases the time to get back to you and answer your question or request.

NRHS Officers

- President: Al Weber
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- *NRHS Bulletin* <bulletin@nrhs.com>
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- *NRHS Telegraph*
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NRHS committees, other specific contact

- Membership questions (individual and chapter): NRHS Membership
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New NRHS Mailing Addresses

A friendly reminder - the NRHS has two new mail addresses that replace the Mount Laurel NJ address.

- *NRHS correspondence* (except membership renewals).

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- *Membership renewals* only.

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NRHS Telegraph Deadlines

The *NRHS Telegraph* is published in odd-numbered months, for a total of six issues annually. In general, the new deadline is the 15th of the month preceding the issue.

Submissions should be text-only, and sent the month prior to the issue. Issues are distributed in PDF format. Files are available on the NRHS Admin website at <https://admin.nrhs.com/telegraph/>.

Upcoming deadlines are listed below:

- *March 2019* volume 49, number 2 – February 15, 2019 deadline.
- *May 2019* volume 49, number 3 – April 15, 2019 deadline.
- *July 2019* volume 49, number 4 – June 15, 2019 deadline.
- *September 2019* volume 49, number 5 – August 15, 2019 deadline.
- *November 2019* volume 49, number 6 – October 15, 2019 deadline.

Please send questions, announcements and articles to Valli Hoski, Editor, *NRHS Telegraph* at TelegraphVal@gmail.com

NRHS Meeting Postings

NRHS Meeting notices, Bylaws, Policies, Meetings, and Approved Financial Documents are at <https://admin.nrhs.com/>.

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