

CALENDAR

March 21 - 23, 2019

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

May 7 - 11, 2019

2019 NRHS Convention
Salt Lake City, Utah
www.nrhs.com

June 30 – July 6, 2019

RailCamp East
Newark, Delaware

July 28 – August 4, 2019

RailCamp West
Tacoma, Washington

November 8 - 9, 2019

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

NRHS Leadership Update

Submitted by Al Weber, President

The NRHS National now receives forty two printed newsletters along with about the same number of electronic ones. I try to read each and every one and get a feel for what the chapters are doing. Most have chapter events, some have chapter meeting minutes and some reprint other news articles. They may publish monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly or semi-annually but, they all provide insights into NRHS chapters and a good history of what our members and chapters are doing. Please keep them coming.

Changes for the current NRHS Bylaws have been suggested. The Bylaws Committee will be distributing them, and please read them when they come out. Your chapter representative to the advisory council and/or your district director will need your comments. Please voice your concerns or praise sooner rather than later. The NRHS board will discuss the proposed changes at the next meeting in Birmingham. I want the board to hear your comments before the meeting. After the board's discussion, the changes will be submitted to the general membership for a vote at the membership meeting. Speaking of Birmingham, we have not had a meeting in that part of the country in many years. Please plan to attend.

District Six in the north-central states lacks a presence on the national Board of Directors. To have full representation, District 6 chapters are encouraged to put forth candidates. District Chapter members are also invited to contact any NRHS officer, including the President.

The NRHS convention in Salt Lake is coming up. Lots of volunteer time has gone into this event and I know that it will be a great event to attend. If you have not registered, please do so quickly. Some events are still available, but many are already sold out.

Some chapters have accepted NRHS renewals from their chapter members. Please send those in monthly. Do not wait, as delays cause members to have confusion and concern about their membership renewal. Then I have to research what went on and try to calm the member down. Hugh Harris can run each chapter's membership chair a list of renewed chapter members. Please email Hugh at membership@nrhs.com for the list.

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June 1, 2019 is the planned cut over date for the new NRHS web site. This will allow us to fix errors and add content that the current site does not include. Been a long time in coming but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

I am still working on the Amtrak problem with private cars and long distant trains. This is not going very fast, as it now involves Congress. Some progress is being made, along with some setbacks. Please contact or talk with your Congressional Representative and Senator, and copy me on the discussion. As always, please feel free email or call if you have questions or NRHS problems. Al Weber (aweber@nrhs.com).

RailCamp Application Deadline April 1, 2019

Submitted by Becky Gerstung, RailCamp
Program Director

RailCamp East dates have changed to June 30 - July 6, 2019 due to circumstances beyond our control.

There is still time for young people to submit their applications for RailCamp. There is also still time for chapters to sponsor. We like to hear from chapters early on, but it's never too late to help a teen with RailCamp expenses. Please be aware that if your chapter cannot afford to sponsor either fully or partially, there is NRHS money dedicated for the purpose of scholarships. No candidate has ever been

turned away for financial reasons.

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

Celluloid Isn't Great Forever

Submitted by Marlin Taylor, Film Digitization
Committee

Attention Chapter Presidents & Newsletter Editors! On behalf of the rail film preservation program of the Society, the NRHS Film Archival Digitalization Committee is most appreciative of your support of our efforts by giving the message below added exposure within your chapter. You know your members and may have a few who do not have E-mail and receive/read the NRHS newsletters where this has been promoted. So, including in your chapter newsletter or discussing directly with a member or members who might have such footage or even slides, will be appreciated and most helpful to our preservation mission. 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. It may be forgotten or simply thrown out by someone not recognizing what they have in hand. That's why we're asking for your help!

If you possibly have any original film footage—16 or 8mm, color or black & white, or even slides—which you recorded/shot 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. Thank you

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, 505 South Lenola Road, Suite 226, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057.

Reminder: 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:

- *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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