

CALENDAR

June 30 – July 6, 2019

RailCamp East
Newark, Delaware

July 28 – August 4, 2019

RailCamp West
Tacoma, Washington

November 7 - 10, 2019

2019 NRHS Fall Conference
Dallas, TX
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March 26 - 29, 2020

2020 NRHS Spring Conference
West Chester, Ohio
(Cincinnati area)

June 9 - 13, 2020

2020 NRHS Convention
Fullerton, California

October 15 - 18, 2020

2020 NRHS Fall Conference
Johnson City, Tennessee

April 9 - 12, 2021

2021 NRHS Spring Conference
Raleigh, North Carolina

NRHS Leadership Update

Submitted by Al Weber, President

My personal thanks to the NRHS chapters and museums that held public events on May 10, 2019, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the joining of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads. I also send thanks to several chapters who set up displays at their local library.

These celebrations are a good way to show, share and tell the public about railroad history. These activities also attract new people who are interested in preserving railroad history.

I enjoyed seeing and meeting many of our members at the NRHS convention in Salt Lake City, Utah and its many events. Thanks for attending and I hope to see you at the 2020 convention in California.

The 2019 membership renewal cycle is almost complete. For a current list of your chapter's members, the chapter's membership coordinator should email the request to membership@nrhs.com. Please check the list carefully, and send corrections or changes to membership@nrhs.com.

Whether sent by mail or email, any address error costs us time and money. After each mailing, many emails bounce back or items are returned for bad addresses. Volunteers spend time to find the errors and to fix them. Re-mailing costs us more time and applicable postage. Your help to keep our membership data current is greatly appreciated.

An obituary section is planned for the *NRHS News* and would run twice a year. Currently, only the obituaries of past national officers are listed. I often receive notices of members' passing and read of more in chapter newsletters. Notices are not always sent to us, and our list is incomplete or not current. A volunteer is needed to receive and prepare a complete list. This could be done in a spreadsheet with the name and chapter of those who have passed. Twice a year, the confirmed list would be prepared and published in the *NRHS News*. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email me (aweber@nrhs.com) and we can discuss this.

The National Membership brochure is being republished. Please request copies from Jon Baake <jbaake@outlook.com> and distribute these at your events. Publicize your chapter by adding an insert with meeting location, date, time and a brief promotion of your chapter's activities. Best regards, Al Weber (aweber@nrhs.com)

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Skilled Video Editor Needed

Submitted by Marlin R. Taylor , NRHS Film Archival & Library Committee

Your NRHS Film Archival Committee is 1) over-resourced and 2) understaffed. Hence, if you are qualified and capable of helping ... we need you.

While the NRHS has a large collection of 16mm. sound films which were mostly produced by the railroads for promotional purposes in years past, your Society also has obtained literally miles of rail-related film footage shot over the past three-quarters of a century by railfan photographers ... and continues to regularly receive the donation of both 8mm. and 16mm. footage. These reels of film are slowly being digitized as financial resources permit.

While you and your fellow Society members may have shot the film, most don't have the capability or experience working in the digital world.

However, if you:

- Have professional-level video editing experience
- Have facilities for doing digital video editing
- Have a creative mind for taking raw footage and turning it into a finished, tightly edited presentation
- Are willing and interested in donating some of your services to the benefit of the NRHS

Please let us hear from you by e-mailing marlin@NRHS.com and telling us a little

about yourself and what you can offer.

Otherwise, there's another great possibility: You or another member of your chapter may have a child or grandchild who has the capabilities of working with digital video + the "smarts" and some experience ... maybe/possibly one who creates YouTube videos that are posted on the Internet. Or possibly he or she is a college or high school student who could use such a project as part of their thesis or internship commitment.

If that person with the skills also possesses a creative mind and perhaps a little interest in "trains" and would be willing to commit some of their time, we'd like to talk with them.

What's actually involved here? Taking raw footage which has been digitized, reviewing the contents to determine what's good enough subject-wise and of sufficient quality visually, and then creating a finished production for either/or railfan/general public viewing.

If you are a person possessing the necessary skills and attributes and have a serious interest undertaking such a project . . . please let us hear from you by e-mailing Marlin R. Taylor <marlin@NRHS.com>. Thank you.

NRHS Bulletin Issues Available for Chapter PR

Submitted by Jeff Smith, NRHS Bulletin Editor

We are offering boxes of 50 or 100 magazines to any NRHS Chapter that wants them for Chapter public relations and publicity. Each box will contain an assortment of issues. Boxes of 50 will contain at least two different issues (perhaps more) and each box of 100 will contain at least 4 different issues (perhaps more).

The objective is to put these magazines to use marketing the society instead of sending them for recycling. Please reach out to Jeff Smith at bulletin@nrhs.com if you are interested in receiving one or more boxes of magazines. Please let him know where you want them shipped and how many magazines you desire. They will be provided free of charge. (National pays for shipping).

NRHS Brochures Ready for You

Submitted by Jon Baake, Membership
Chairman

NRHS Membership Brochures are available for distribution at any meeting, event, museum or railroad attraction where those attending might be interested in joining the NRHS. To order brochures send your request to Jon Baake <jbaake@outlook.com>. Please provide your name, the name of the chapter or organization, the quantity requested, and the mailing address. The brochures will be sent out post paid.

Reminder - NRHS Mail Addresses

Please remember the NRHS has two new mail addresses that have replaced the Mount Laurel, New Jersey 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 generally every two months, for a total of six issues annually. In general, the new deadline is the 15th of the month preceding the issue. This summer the issue months have changed slightly to June and August.

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/>.

The next deadline is:

- *August 2019* volume 49, number 4 – July 20, 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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