

## CALENDAR

### June 14 - 20, 2015

2015 Convention  
Rutland, VT  
www.nrhs.com  
Tickets now on sale online

### July 5 - 11, 2015

RailCamp East  
University of Delaware  
Newark, DE

### August 2 - 9, 2015

RailCamp Northwest  
University of Puget Sound  
Tacoma, WA

### October 23 - 15, 2015

Fall Conference  
Utica, NY

### January, 2016

Winter Conference  
Dallas / Fort Worth area, Texas

### July 19 - 24, 2016

2016 Convention  
Denver, CO  
www.nrhs.com

## Update: NRHS 2016 National Convention

Submitted by John Goodman, National Convention  
Chairman

The NRHS 2016 National Convention hotel is the Holiday Inn on Quebec Street in the Stapleton area of Denver. The nightly rate for the hotel is \$110.00 for single or double. Discounts coupons are available from the hotel for breakfast, etc. in their on-site restaurants.

From July 19th to July 24th 2016, this will be the third convention held in Denver in the 80 year history of the NRHS. Transportation to Denver is very easy, as it is a stop on the Amtrak California Zephyr, and most all major airlines serve Denver. More information will be available at the Rutland convention.

## NRHS 2015 Convention Meeting Postings

Submitted by Bob Ernst, NRHS Secretary

Meeting notices and announcements for the NRHS 2015 National Convention are available at the NRHS admin public site (<https://admin.nrhs.com/public/>). Postings include:

- 2015 Notice of Annual Meeting (Including Bylaws Changes – Agenda Item 5a)
- 2015 Annual Meeting Agenda
- 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Deferred Bylaws Change for Membership Approval (Agenda Item 5b)
- 2015 Convention Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
- 2015 Spring Board of Directors' Meeting Approved Minutes

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## John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust

Submitted by Joe Maloney, NRHS Vice President

We recently learned that a new rail heritage trust has been created to provide grants towards a limited group of rail heritage projects. The trust is the John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust that is administered by a group of three trustees. The trustees provided the following information about Mr. Emery and his rail related interests that may be of interest to various NRHS chapters and members.

**JOHN H. EMERY:** John Emery (1937 - 2012) was a native of Chicago, Illinois, who traveled by train in over 125 countries. One of his ambitions was to help educate the public on the rail passenger experience that he loved and to offer the public the chance to see and ride trains that connected the U.S. before the advent of jet aircraft and the interstate highway system. To accomplish this, he established a Rail Heritage Trust to provide funds for non-profit organizations that support these goals.

**PURPOSE OF THE TRUST:** The John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) charitable trust created for purposes specified by Mr. Emery. Certain principles are described by Mr. Emery in his Will that are binding on both the Trustee and the three-person Advisory Committee selected by Mr. Emery prior to

his death. These principles are set forth in the Trust and are as follows:

- “1. To help re-create and preserve, to the extent possible, the rail passenger travel experience as it was in the U.S. from approximately 1920 through 1960.
2. To preserve and restore to working order rolling stock and other working artifacts from the “Golden Age” of U.S. rail passenger service.
3. The emphasis shall be on organizations that offer the general public an opportunity to ride historically significant equipment over historic rail lines. The Trust may, however, support organizations that would use modern equipment to restore passenger service over historic rails, or to build new rails on which to operate historic equipment in passenger service.
4. Trust funds may be used, if appropriate, to restore or rebuild ancillary facilities essential to the operation of, or extension of, a working passenger operation. Rebuilding a trestle or grade crossing or electrical facility would qualify. Restoring a historic depot to its original appearance should be considered only if it was to be used to support ticket sales, souvenir sales, or other functions directly related to passenger operations. I do not care to support cosmetic restoration of structures or equipment, no matter how historic, for static display only. Nor do I wish to donate toward buildings or other structures unless they are to be part of, or used to support, a working demonstration passenger railroad.
5. I do not wish trust funds to be used in support of any organization whose principal function is lobbying for or promoting commercial or government-sponsored rail services.”

**THE TRUST:** The size of the trust is significant and intended to be perpetual. The amount of money to be distributed each year will depend on the return on investments held by the Trust; therefore it will vary each year. The amount to be disbursed each year will not be announced in advance; however, requests by any qualified applicant must not exceed \$50,000 for any given year. There may be multiple awards annually.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** The Advisory Committee will accept applications annually and they are due by July 1st of each year. Grant awards will be announced no later than September 15th with payment as soon as possible thereafter, based on the timeline established for raising matching funds. Applications may be submitted online using our application form downloaded from our website and will be emailed to the following address:

[application@emeryheritagetrust.com](mailto:application@emeryheritagetrust.com).

E-mailed submissions are strongly encouraged, but if an application must be submitted in hard copy format, forward FOUR complete copies to First Option Bank, Attention: Senior Trust Officer, 702 Baptiste Drive, Paola, KS. 66071. Applications must be typed and should include photographs that will assist the Advisory Committee members in evaluating the details and worthiness of the request. Please note that ALL requesting organizations must be not-for-profit and have approved IRS 501(c)(3) status, proof of which must be included in the application.

Questions may be emailed to [questions@emeryrailheritagetrust.com](mailto:questions@emeryrailheritagetrust.com) or the Senior Trust Officer in writing at the above address. Transmission by FAX is not acceptable.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. Applications may be submitted for amounts up to \$50,000 for any given year. Grants will not necessarily be awarded for the full amount requested. Successive grant requests may be accepted for the same project based on the merit of the overall project as determined by the committee.

2. The Rail Heritage Trust encourages a 1:1 match on the part of the requesting organization. The match must be:

- a. In cash raised;
- b. In the form of volunteer labor applied to the completion of the subject project at the rate of \$15 per hour;
- c. In grant funds received from other donor organizations;

Or any combination of the above.

Any materials donated for use in the subject project may be counted in the match, valued at their retail price. All of the above funds raised toward the match must be raised during the time frame for which the grant is awarded. (This time frame will be identified in a letter from the Trust when the grant is announced.) Documentation of money raised and/or volunteer labor is required and will be reported on forms provided by the trust. Requests for grants not requiring a dollar for dollar match may be submitted with good justification provided as to why a matching grant is not appropriate or acceptable to the requesting organization.

3. Photographs of the artifact(s) that are the subject of the project must be attached. If photos are not included, an explanation for their absence must be provided. Other pictures and diagrams related to the proposed project may be attached, as well as any documentation that best describes the historic importance of the artifact. Concise descriptive literature about major items to be purchased should also be

included. Videos may be submitted if they show the artifact in greater detail than still photos.

4. Grants are not expected to be repaid.
5. Reports (in letter or email format) of progress accomplished on the project will be submitted at intervals established in the letter from the Trust approving the grant via email to [reports@emeryrailheritagetrust.com](mailto:reports@emeryrailheritagetrust.com) or in FOUR hard copies to the Senior Trust Officer. It will include the following:
  - a. Description of progress made including photographs if appropriate;
  - b. Summarized accounting of funds (received and disbursed) for the project;
  - c. Accounting of volunteer labor; and
  - d. Plans for the remainder of the identified time frame of the grant (and the next year if the project will not be completed within identified time frame of the grant.)

Upon completion of the project, a final report will be submitted with a description of the work completed including photographs if appropriate and a complete accounting of funds received and disbursed. Videos showing the project would be appreciated with any of the above reports.

6. If the project is terminated for any reason, the unused grant funds must be returned to the Trust along with a full accounting of the funds spent. If the item is destroyed by fire, flood, etc., or sold, full repayment of the grant amount may be requested by the trust.
7. Recipients will grant the trustee the right, if requested, to make on-site inspections of the work in progress and upon completion of the project.
8. A proposed budget will be submitted with the application, including estimates

provided by contractors for work required to be done professionally. It is understood that exact details and expenses for a restoration project may not be known until the project begins. Submit what you consider to be a realistic, not conservative, estimate of what the project will cost. NOTE: If the application is intended for only a portion of a larger project, provide more details of what the requested funds will be used for, but also include the projected cost and length of time expected to complete the entire project.

9. Failure of the recipient to use the grant funds for the purpose requested, or within a reasonable extension of the submitted schedule for project completion, as approved in writing by the trustee, shall constitute default. If the grantee defaults, all unused grant funds shall be returned to the trustee and the recipient shall be ineligible for future grants within five years of the date of default. 10. Recipients will acknowledge financial support by the John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust by conspicuously posting in exhibits, by mention in publications and/or by inclusion in promotional materials. Recipients will further grant the Trust the right to publicize its support of the project and to use project photographs.

Please refer to the trust's website for more details. <http://emeryrailheritagetrust.com>"

As we learn more about how the Trust operates, we will keep the NRHS chapters and memberships informed.

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