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## CALENDAR

**June 27 - 30, 2013**

Summer Conference

Advisory Council and Board of  
Directors' Meetings  
Bloomington, MN  
Northstar Chapter  
Registration attached to issue.

**Cancelled for 2013**

RailCamp Scranton

Scranton, PA

[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

**Cancelled for 2013**

RailCamp Northwest

Tacoma, WA

[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

**September 14 - 22, 2013**

2013 National Convention

Fairbanks / Anchorage, Alaska

NRHS

[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

Sales are now open.

**November 8 -10, 2013**

Fall Conference

Advisory Council and Board of

Directors' Meetings

Claymont, DE

NRHS

Bids are being accepted for future  
Conferences. Contact Bob Bitzer for  
information. [Gopullman@prodigy.net](mailto:Gopullman@prodigy.net)

## NRHS Board Commits to Maintaining Programs and Services; Dues Increase to Take Place in 2014

Greg Molloy

*Committees appointed to strengthen chapter services and identify ways to streamline operating costs*

While everyone likes to focus on the programs of their favorite non-profit organization, the bottom line is that running a nonprofit is no different than running a business. The simple truth is that NRHS is selling a \$50 product for \$40, and no business can do that for long.

NRHS has been committed to providing a consistent package of benefits to its members: four editions of the *NRHS Bulletin*, six editions of the *NRHS News*, a national convention, a website and Facebook page, and of course the Railway Heritage Grants program and RailCamp. We're mindful of the economic realities for our members and chapters, so we've resisted raising dues. However, as with similar organizations, we face a declining membership and a largely fixed-cost structure. In the past calendar year, this led to a loss of approximately \$10 per member.

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We have recommitted NRHS to focus on funding, education and outreach to the preservation community. To that end, we have engaged professional fundraising counsel to help us secure additional funds from both outside and inside our organization. These funds will help us increase the reach and scope of our programs. However, the cornerstone of this plan is a sound budget. No corporate sponsor, grant-making foundation, or knowledgeable major donor will make any substantial financial support to an organization that is losing money on basic operations.

The national NRHS board is convinced we are delivering genuine value. In a recent conversation with the editor of *Railfan & Railroad* magazine, he estimated the newsstand cover price for the *NRHS Bulletin* would be \$7. That's \$28 of your dues you get back in the beautiful photographs and compelling stories that comprise the *Bulletin*. Our ongoing programs are equally valuable in supporting our mission of saving our country's endangered railroad heritage, while engaging cities and communities to aid our cause.

NRHS has always had a two-level funding structure: your annual dues pay for basic services that benefit all of our membership, while programs such as Heritage Grants and RailCamp Scholarships are funded by additional gifts from members and chapters. With your participation, we've already raised the amount of additional gifts to program activities by 700 percent over the past three years. This allows us in 2013 to award one of the largest dollar amounts in the history of our preservation grant program. However, we cannot use donations to subsidize basic membership benefits.

With these considerations in mind, and after reviewing membership levels at similar non-profit organizations, we will institute a new dues structure in 2014 of \$50 for primary NRHS members and \$7 for family members. Reduced rates for student and youth members will remain the same, as we strive to bring younger members into the hobby and the society. We realize that for some members this increase will be a financial strain, so we are working to introduce a two-part payment plan for primary members.

We're also committed to providing greater resources to our chapters, who are vital to our rail preservation mission. In late May we'll begin to offer public relations and marketing support to chapters to help them increase visibility and better promote their monthly activities and special events. The board has appointed a committee to investigate additional new services for chapters - such as providing information on how to raise additional gifts, apply for grants, and engage in special events that will attract new members from local communities.

None of us on the board desired this outcome, and please be assured we are continuing to look for all possible ways to reduce operating costs without substantially reducing the benefits you receive from membership. But the timing of our dues bill cycle required that we raise our 2014 dues or face a significant cut in services.

We are continuing to review and make changes in our operations. Our intent is to create a financially stable environment so we can focus on the needs of programs, particularly the re-launch of our popular RailCamp program in 2014. With RailCamp we have to cover administrative cost increases, but more importantly we seek to improve the program to provide more hands-on learning for the next generation of railfans.

We ask for your understanding, and we're happy to answer any questions you may have. Send them by e-mail to [info@NRHS.com](mailto:info@NRHS.com), or by letter to:

100 North 20th Street, Suite 400  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1462

The need for rail preservation funding is critical, and that need is increasing by the moment. If we are to make a difference, we need to raise serious money. That means we have to be serious about running the business. We hope you will view this increase in dues as an opportunity to help us ensure a future for our nation's railroading heritage.

## Synopsis of the Spring 2013 Board of Directors Meeting

The NRHS Board of Directors met in West Chester, Ohio, Saturday and Sunday, April 6 - 7, 2013.

The revised NRHS Bylaws are in effect. The changes will be ratified at the Annual Members' Meeting in Anchorage, AK in September.

NRHS presented a plaque to New York's Grand Central Terminal on February 1, 2013 to celebrate that terminal's 100th Anniversary.

As of March 31, 2013, 83% of the membership has renewed; at the same time last year, the renewal rate was 83%.

Work continues on resuming two RailCamp programs in 2014. Policy guidelines are being revised, and various insurance concerns are being addressed.

In **convention business**, the Board received reports of recent and planned conventions:

- **2011 Convention** - The Board received a report on the status of closing out the convention. The Executive Committee will handle the final approval once the data is organized.
- **2013 Convention** chair, Greg Molloy, advised that tickets sales are underway and progressing well. President Molloy urges NRHS members to make their hotel and convention reservations soon so, if need be, the convention committee can adjust the equipment mix with the Alaska Railroad. Additional venues are being added, including a White Pass & Yukon trip.
- **2014 Convention** - The Board provided a tentative approval for a late-Spring - Early Summer 2014 in Northwest Arkansas. The convention committee will provide final recommendations at the next Board meeting this June.
- President Molloy reported that the NRHS is investigating options for **2015 and beyond**, and the Society wants to know about all ideas and suggestions now before firm proposals are developed. Because venues are becoming harder to find, the Board will be studying the future of the NRHS convention program.

The Board received initial reports from the Development Committee, and the Preservation Committee.

Membership Awards program for 2013 is complete. 304 members are receiving service pins, and 10 chapters received charter anniversary certificates.

The Board approved the NRHS Gift Acceptance Policy, the Guidelines for Board of Directors' Excused Absences, and revised agreements on Confidentiality and Conflicts of Interest.

The 2013 NRHS Discount List will be published in the June issue of the NRHS News.

The Board revoked the charters of the Bluebonnet and Chiloquin Chapters.

- The Board approved the Fall 2013 Conference in Claymont, DE; the Spring 2014 Conference in

Lewisburg, PA; and the Spring 2015 Conference in York, PA.

- Bob Bitzer continues to look for sponsors for the Winter 2015 Board of Directors' meeting, and the Summer 2015 conference and beyond, and indicated that several chapters have expressed some interest in hosting conferences. Please contact Bob at gopullman@prodigy.net to volunteer to host a NRHS conference.

Dues processing for 2013 is nearly complete. Grace period for renewals ended March 31, 2013, and unpaid members will be dropped. Spreadsheets for 2014 dues processing will be sent to chapters in late-April 2013.

The Board approved dues levels for 2014 and beyond as follows:

- Chapter members from \$39 to \$50
- At Large members from \$40 to \$50
- Family members from \$5 to \$7

The Board approved forming a task group to investigate the possibility and feasibility of allowing various Board members to electronically attend Board of Directors' meetings.

Registration is open for the Summer 2013 NRHS Conference in Bloomington, MN, June 27 - 30, 2013.

Joseph C. Maloney, Jr.  
Secretary

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### **District 4 Director Appointed**

The NRHS Board of Directors appointed Sanford C. "Sam" Williamson to the vacant two-year term (2012-2014) seat of District 4. Sam is a member of the Old Dominion Chapter.

Sam brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the Board. He has served as a member of the Old Dominion Chapter Board of Directors, chairman of numerous trips, ticket chairman of the 1983 NRHS Convention in Richmond, the 2003 Spring Board of Directors' Meeting in Richmond and most recently Chairman of the 2012 BOD Spring Meeting. He became the National Director for the Old Dominion Chapter in January, 2011 and an Advisory Council Member from 2012 to present.

### **District 5 Director Don Maxwell Resigns**

Late on April 26, Donald R. Maxwell notified the NRHS that he is resigning from the NRHS Board of Directors and several NRHS appointed positions effective immediately. Don stated that his reasons

for resigning are entirely personal and he remains fully supportive of the NRHS and its programs.

Don was elected last year to a two-year term (2012-2014) representing District 5 on the NRHS Board of Directors. He has held the position of Director of Chapter Development for several years and was recently appointed to head the RailCamp East program as RailCamp is reinstated for 2014 and following years. In the Society's previous governance system, Don was the long-time National Director nominated by the Collis P. Huntington Chapter.

"We are grateful to Don for his contributions to NRHS and for his many years of service," said NRHS President Gregory Molloy, "and we appreciate his continued support. The NRHS remains fully committed to the programs in which Don was heavily involved, and the Society has begun the process of filling these positions."

Any questions or concerns should be directed to the NRHS national office.

## **Preparing for the 2014 Dues Process The 2014 Dues Cycle starts earlier!**

The timeline for printing of 2014 invoices has been drafted and the anticipated mailing date is the **first week in September**.

Important steps must be taken to insure that the NRHS National Office has each chapter's up-to-date information.

On April 15, 2013, the Chapter spreadsheets were emailed to all Chapter Electronic Billing Contacts (EBCs) for reviewing, updating, and to confirm information already submitted. Please report any errors to the appropriate email address noted on the spreadsheet and NRHS will make the needed changes. The schedule and manual will be electronically sent to the chapters' EBCs by August 31, 2013.

The following is the schedule and deadlines for NRHS chapters to send the necessary information to headquarters for an efficient processing of dues for the 2014 dues year.

Member Status Changes Spreadsheet: - **DEADLINE: May 15, 2013** - Report changes in Membership Information: If a chapter learns of any new information about a chapter member (addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, drops from membership, deceased members), the EBC should record the changes on the Chapter Status Changes Spreadsheet.

Chapter Data Profile Spreadsheet: - **DEADLINE: May 15, 2013** - Report changes in Chapter Information: If a chapter has changes in its status, (i.e. new address, new officers, dues rate increase or structure changes, etc.), the changes must be reported on the Chapter Data Profile Spreadsheet.

Please keep in mind, that information received after May 15th will **NOT** be reflected on the 2014 invoices! You are encouraged to read this information and review your chapters' information included on the spreadsheets for verification and submit by the deadline.

**Late Dues Payments** - The deadline for chapter membership renewals was March 31 - all members who are not renewed will be dropped from the active rolls of the NRHS as of May 31, 2013.

If a chapter has anyone to renew after May 31, 2013, those members will have to be submitted as new members using the New Member Spreadsheet. Please provide as much information that is available so that the member is not duplicated in the database. The membership ID number is the most important information and should be used if available.

**New Memberships** - If a chapter has new members who join the NRHS, the new members should be reported on the New Member Spreadsheet. At this point in the renewal process, the new member additions can be sent to the National Office at any time. Individuals who join before September 1 will be recorded as joining in 2013, and have a paid membership through December 31, 2013. New members joining after September 1 receive membership for the remainder of the current year plus all the next following year for one year's dues. If someone joins late in the renewal year, EBCs should weigh the advantage of getting the member 16 months of membership carefully and explain the choice to the prospective member.

### **Management@nrhs.com**

EBCs are again reminded that copies of any spreadsheets sent to the National Office should also be copied to management@nrhs.com. Copying the management address helps the NRHS officers resolve problems more quickly.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the National Office by email to info@nrhs.com, or by telephone to (215) 557-6606.

## Advisory Council Information

The draft minutes of the **Spring 2013 Advisory Council** meeting and other Information regarding the Advisory Council can now be found on the NRHS administrative website - <https://admin.nrhs.com>. This site includes all Advisory Council Meeting minutes, Conference registration material, along with any other information the Advisory Council posts. The Advisory Council site is not password protected and is accessible to all NRHS members. It is encouraged that chapters provide this information to their membership via their newsletters.

### Chapter Address Changes

The following chapters reported address changes to the National Office:

#### Hagerstown Chapter, NRHS

c/o Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum  
P.O. Box 2858  
Hagerstown, MD 21741-2858

#### Inland Empire Chapter, NRHS

P.O. Box 471  
Reardan, WA 99029-0471

#### New Orleans Chapter, NRHS

Pete Messina  
5108 Folse Drive  
Metairie, LA 70006

#### New York Chapter, NRHS

P.O. Box 254  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

#### Rivanna Chapter, NRHS

2 Glendale Road  
Palmyra, VA 22963-2220

#### Tacoma Chapter, NRHS

P.O. Box 340  
2501 E D St. Suite 204  
Tacoma, WA 98401-0340

#### Western Montana Chapter, NRHS

P.O. Box 06  
Bliss, ID 83314

## Chapter Website Changes

Rivanna Chapter, NRHS  
<http://nrhsrivanna.blogspot.com>

### END OF TRACK

The following members of the Society have passed away recently - we join their families and friends in remembering their lives:

Chapter	Name
Alexander	Vance H. Hefner
At-Large	Ralph J. Alvarez
At-Large	Richard L. Borzy
At-Large	Mae C. Collins
At-Large	Richard E. Dittmer
At-Large	Bill O'Rourke
At-Large	Raymond C. Roe
Baltimore	Theo. R. Cavey
Baltimore	Louis A. Robl
Baltimore	C. H. Slayton
Cape Cod	Richard P. Knight
Cape Fear Railroaders	R. Joe Getz
Central Coast	Charlotte Anderson
Central Coast	Wade Frasch
Central Coast	Robert Z. Langevin
Central New York	Herbert Trice
Cincinnati	William R. Phillips
Collis P. Huntington	Sally Ten Eyck
Conneaut	James J. Scott
Harrisburg	Charles Russell Buckage
Intermountain	Jack L. Shafer
Kansas City	Charles T. Haley
Long Island - Sunrise Trail	James A. Gillin
Long Island - Sunrise Trail	Edward E. Hermanns
Long Island - Sunrise Trail	Rev. Francis S. Midura
Memphis	John A. Stefanac
Mohawk & Hudson	Donald J. Carhart
New York	William J. Armstrong
Rochester	C. Robert Mader
Susquehanna Valley	David V. Leonard
Wisconsin	Robert Bullermann
Wisconsin	Edward L. Seeberg

## Vacant Board of Director District 7 Seat

Bob Ernst

The NRHS Board of Directors is still seeking a nomination for the vacant seat on the Board for the four-year term of District 7. The Board of Directors will consider all valid nominations and elect a NRHS member to fill the vacant seat. The election will take place at the Board of Directors' Meeting during the Summer Conference in Bloomington, MN June 29 and 30, 2013.

Only NRHS members in good standing per Article VII, Section 7 and those who maintain their NRHS membership in one of the District Chapters will be eligible for election to the vacant seat. A list of the Chapters and Bylaws article follows below. All nominations must be received by NRHS Secretary Joseph C. Maloney, Jr. prior to the Summer Conference. Mr. Maloney is accepting nominations via email at Maloney3013@aol.com. He may also be contacted for additional information regarding nominee qualifications.

### District 7 Chapters:

Arizona, Arkansas-Boston Mountains, Bluebonnet, Central Coast, Central Oklahoma, Central Texas, Colorado Midland, Cotton Belt, Grand Canyon, Great Plains, Gulf Coast, Intermountain, Kansas City, Nebraska Railroad Museum, New Orleans, North Texas, Old Pueblo, Rio Grande, Southeast Louisiana, Texas Eagle, Topeka, Western Colorado, Wichita.

### NRHS Bylaws Article VII, Section 7:

All persons serving on the Board of Directors shall meet the following criteria:

- a) They shall be members in good standing of the Society at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- b) If chapter members, they shall maintain their membership through a chapter whose location according to these bylaws is within the district for which they are to serve, at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- c) If an At-Large member, shall maintain their mem-

bership at whose location according to these bylaws is within the district for which they are to serve, at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;

- d) Shall have attained the age of eighteen years before taking office;
- e) Shall not have been convicted of a crime which has been classified by any jurisdiction as a felony, nor have been convicted of a crime which has been classified by any jurisdiction as a misdemeanor and involving moral turpitude;
- f) Shall not be under the conservatorship of any Court at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- g) Shall be ready, willing and able to attend meetings of the Board of Directors as they shall be convened from time to time.
- h) Shall not have been a member of the Board of Directors for less than two years after reaching the specified term limit for consecutive years.

## Announcements

**Summer Conference** - The Northstar Chapter is inviting all NRHS members to Bloomington, MN, June 28-30, 2013 for the NRHS Summer Conference. Besides the Advisory Council and Board of Directors' meetings on Saturday and Sunday, a tour is being offered on Friday. This will include stops at the recently renovated St. Paul Union Depot, Minnesota Transportation Museum's Jackson Street Roundhouse, Great Northern Railway Harrison Street shop, home of Friends of the 261's CMStP&P steam locomotive #261, and a ride on the Northstar commuter train. Registration is now open. The registration form is attached to this issue of the *NRHS Telegraph*.

**NRHS Convention 2013** - The convention registration information was updated on April 20, 2013. New tours and hotel information was added to the package. Tickets are still available for most events. Go to the NRHS website [www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com) for complete information and to purchase tickets.

## Chapter Officer Changes

The following chapters reported changes to their chapter officers. This list is sorted by chapter and shows the most current change reported to National. If any errors are noted contact your chapter's Electronic Billing Contact to verify the chapter officers on the Chapter Data Profile Sheet. The same sheet is used to report any officer changes to National.

### Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter

National Representative: Kenneth W. Eddy, P.O. Box 265, Summit, AR 72677-0265 19-Apr-13

### Atlanta Chapter

Editor: Jeff Darter, 4464 Lashley Drive, Tucker, GA 30084-1609 19-Apr-13

Membership Chair: James H. Sivert, 1820 Alcovy Woods Ln., Lawrenceville, GA 30045 19-Apr-13

### Bluewater Michigan Chapter

Secretary: Vacant 28-Feb-13

### Central New York Chapter

Treasurer: Josephine LeMay, P.O. Box 132, Syracuse, NY 13206 28-Feb-13

National Representative: Paul Yonge, P.O. Box 3460, Syracuse, NY 13202-3460 27-Mar-13

Membership Chair: Thomas C. Edwards, 202 Walrath Drive, Chittenango, NY 13037-1021 19-Apr-13

### Collis P. Huntington Chapter

National Representative: Maurice F. Hartz, 422 California St., Huntington, WV 25704-2755 28-Feb-13

### Connecticut Valley Chapter

President: William F. Heim, 39 Cobblestone Way, Windsor, CT 06095-2225 08-Feb-13

Secretary: Robert D. Welk, Jr., 109 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109-1611 08-Feb-13

### Gulf Coast Chapter

Secretary: Chris Whitehead, 4117 Brookwoods Dr., Houston, TX 77092 28-Feb-13

### Inland Empire Chapter

Secretary: Donna McMackin, 2310 Conklin Road, Veradale, WA 99037 28-Feb-13

### Kansas City Chapter

Vice-President: Robert Wales, 2014 NE Waterfield Place, Blue Springs, MO 64014-1829 28-Feb-13

### Lancaster Chapter

National Representative: Fred B. Kurtz, 668 Snyder Hill Road, Lititz, PA 17543-8945 28-Feb-13

### Louisville Chapter

National Representative: Mike Vescelus, 211 Bottorff Street, Sellersburg, IN 47172-1107 27-Mar-13

### Louisville Chapter

President: Mike Vescelus, 211 Bottorff Street, Sellersburg, IN 47172-1107 27-Mar-13

### Miami Chapter

Historian: Jose A. Izquierdo, 3144 NW 18th Terrace, Miami, FL 33125 28-Feb-13



## Chapter Officer Changes Continued

### Niagara Frontier Chapter

Vice-President: Gregory Gerstung, 4 Alabama Place, Lockport, NY 14094-5702 28-Feb-13  
Treasurer: James J. Schalk, 427 Orchard Drive, Buffalo, NY 14223-1111 28-Feb-13

### North Jersey Chapter

Membership Chair: John E. Barth, 54 Poplar Street, Closter, NJ 07624-1036 28-Feb-13

### Northstar Chapter

President: H. Martin Swan, 1911 Suburban Avenue #119, Saint Paul, MN 55119-7003 28-Mar-13  
Vice-Pres.: Richard G. Tubbesing, 1515 Creek Meadows Dr. NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 28-Mar-13

### Old Dominion Chapter

President: Randy Ridgely, 12312 Pomfret Court, Midlothian, VA 23114-3226 27-Mar-13  
Vice-President: Charles D. Curley, III, 3906 Hanover Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221-1919 28-Feb-13  
National Representative: Vacant 12-Apr-13

### Old Smoky Chapter

President: Robert L. Davis, 1915 Pine Ridge Rd., Seymour, TN 37865 28-Feb-13  
Vice-President: James D. Tolliver, 8201 Millertown Pike, Knoxville, TN 37924-1308 28-Feb-13

### Southern Oregon Chapter

President: Allen Dobney, 3366 Foots Creek Road, Gold Hill, OR 97525 28-Feb-13

### Tacoma Chapter

Vice-President: Mike Bergman: 3963 1st Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98105-6802 28-Mar-13  
Secretary: Vacant 28-Mar-13  
Treasurer: John D. Tucker: 9225 - 11th Pine, Apt B, Lake Stevens, WA 98258-3416 28-Mar-13  
National Rep: William M. Chapman, 2770 South Burgdorf Way, Meridian, ID 83642-9178 28-Mar-13  
Editor: Bud Thompson, 2501 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA 98405 28-Mar-13  
Membership Chair: Bud Thompson, 2501 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA 98405 28-Mar-13

### Washington DC Chapter

Vice-President: Hans Plugge, 6808 Jamina Downs, Columbia, MD 21045 27-Mar-13

### Western Connecticut Chapter

Vice-President: James Allen Mescher, 37 Kinderkamack Road, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 28-Feb-13

### PLEASE NOTE:

ALL MEMBER AND CHAPTER UPDATES INCLUDING ANY CHAPTER DUES CHANGES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE NRHS OFFICE BY MAY 15TH. ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE 2014 RENEWAL PROCESS

## WELCOME ABOARD

The following list is all the At-Large members who have joined in February, 2013 to April, 2013. Chapter membership directors are encouraged to contact these new members and explain the benefits of belonging to a local NRHS Chapter, thus enhancing their relationship with the Society.

John B. Mercurio, Jr.	50 Sycamore Lane	Kennebunk	ME	04043-7177
Judith Mercurio	50 Sycamore Lane	Kennebunk	ME	04043-7177
William Blust	278 Riveredge Dr.	Chatham	NJ	07928
Jason Wang	6522 38th Ave., Apt. 3B	Woodside	NY	11377
Scott Peterson	P.O. Box 6	Round Lake	NY	12151
Emily Moser	79 Still Road	Poughquag	NY	12570
Eric Riback	5 Espie Road	Rhinebeck	NY	12572
Bella Riback	5 Espie Road	Rhinebeck	NY	12572
George J. Doss	P.O. Box 68	Harford	NY	13784
Mary E. Doss	P.O. Box 68	Harford	NY	13784
Bernadette Beredo	330 S. Geneva St.	Ithaca	NY	14850
William J. Martin	908 Walnut Crest Dr.	Lebanon	PA	17046
Larry L. Hartlaub	980 Whitehall Rd.	Littlestown	PA	17340
Donald Morel	1703 Lookaway Court	New Hope	PA	18938
Ethan Morel	1703 Lookaway Court	New Hope	PA	18938
Kirten Jahn Richardson	5 Douglas Street	Ambler	PA	19002
Scott Richardson	5 Douglas Street	Ambler	PA	19002
Judith L. Davis	12659 Elvan Road	Lovettsville	VA	20180
Roger Bir	1728 1728 Springs Edge Ct	Virginia Beach	VA	23456
Pam Thornton	c/o Granville County Museum P.O. Box 1433	Oxford	NC	27565
Thomas Doyle	409 West Browning Road	Hendersonville	NC	28791
Betty Kretlow	177 Lagoon Lair	Aiken	SC	29803
Thomas A. Spirko	108 Greene Drive	Rincon	GA	31326-5038
Margaret O. Spirko	108 Greene Drive	Rincon	GA	31326-5038
Cate Hamilton	c/o Amqui Station & Visitor's Center 301-B Madison Street	Madison	TN	37115
Elliott Hannum	303 Leighton Ct.	Westerville	OH	43082
Patricia Hannum	303 Leighton Ct.	Westerville	OH	43082
Leonard Brown	1506 21st Street N.W.	Canton	OH	44709
Patti Brown	1506 21st Street N.W.	Canton	OH	44709
Robert Hogarth	14073 TenBury Dr.	Granger	IN	46530
Donna Hogarth	14073 TenBury Dr.	Granger	IN	46530
John C. Rahrig	22855 Wellington	Dearborn	MI	48124
Nancy H. Rahrig	22855 Wellington	Dearborn	MI	48124
Richard Burchinal	1109 E. Aspen Court	Kohler	WI	53044
Fred Hoeser	W5208 Pine St	Durand	WI	54736
Warren Kostelny	204 North Wille Street	Mount Prospect	IL	60056-2453
Larry A. Walters	1640 Harris Lane	Naperville	IL	60565-2755
Diane Walters	1640 Harris Lane	Naperville	IL	60565-2755
Jerry Guanci	6053 N. Oconto Ave.	Chicago	IL	60631
Christine Guanci	6053 N. Oconto Ave.	Chicago	IL	60631
Richard C. Leonard	PO Box 369	Hamilton	IL	62341
Paula Shannon	701 High Street	Boonville	MO	65233
Elizabeth Murphy	304 E 11th	Junction City	KS	66441

## WELCOME ABOARD CONTINUED

David Geis	P.O. Box 281	Seward	NE	68434
Harry Nicholls	P.O. Box 224288	Dallas	TX	75222-4288
Myron Thomas Johnston, II	23546 Macedonia Road	Hockley	TX	77447-6002
Dennis L. McCann	3404 Hampshire	Pearland	TX	77581
David Valentine	3720 E. Clement Rd.	Boise	ID	83704
Karen L. McPeak	1700 South Ridge Point Place	Boise	ID	83712
Carol Clark	105 Courtyard Garden Lane	Valencia	CA	91355
Neil Lang	670 Vernon St., #404	Oakland	CA	94610
William W. Webb	77169 Joyce Way	Echo	OR	97826
Judy Webb	77169 Joyce Way	Echo	OR	97826

### **TICKETS NOW ON SALE** **2013 NRHS CONVENTION ALASKA**

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## Northstar Chapter National Railway Historical Society

To: NRHS Board members, Chapter representatives and general membership.

Subject: Summer NRHS Conference

The Northstar Railway Historical Society is hosting the Summer 2013 NRHS conference, which includes Board and National Representative Council meetings, June 27<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott hotel, 2020 American Boulevard East, Bloomington MN 55425. The hotel is just off I-494 and 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a few blocks from Twin Cities light rail and the Mall of America.

The following activities are planned in addition to the NRHS Board and National Chapter Representative Council meetings. A historic transit bus (Twin City Lines GM from the 1950's) will pick us up at the Airport Marriott and transport us to the grand St Paul Union Depot, which has recently completed a 243 million dollar rehabilitation using federal government stimulus funds and now hosts Metro Transit city and Jefferson Bus Lines inter-city buses. Amtrak will move their Empire Builder trains into this station in late October or November of this year. The next site visit will be to the Minnesota Transportation Museum's Jackson Street Roundhouse. Built for the Great Northern Railway in 1907 and has been owned by MTM since 1984. It is not only a first-class museum, it is also a working shop for MTM and keeps all of their equipment in working order for its tourist railroad operation in Osceola, Wisconsin. We next head over to the site of the former Great Northern Railway Harrison Street shop. This has for several years now been the home of Friends of the 261's CMStP&P steam locomotive #261. Their 4-8-4 Northern type locomotive has just had its 15 year overhaul as required by the Federal Railroad Administration. We will have open access to the facilities at this site. We also will have a box lunch with beverage provided on this tour, and we are allowed to sit in some of the #261 passenger cars for lunch. The final stop on this all-day tour will be at the Minneapolis Interchange Station at the Target Field (Minnesota Twins home baseball park) where we will board the Northstar commuter train departing at 3:57pm for Big Lake, Minnesota. This train returns from Big Lake almost immediately and arrives at the Interchange Station at 5:55pm. Your ticket will allow you to take the Hiawatha light rail train at either 6:06pm or 6:11pm to return to the Mall of America station, across the street (one long block) from the hotel. After dinner on your own at either the Mall of America or at the hotel restaurant, you may enjoy the Hospitality Room that is being provided by our North Star NRHS chapter, and watch slides and video presentations, also done by North Star NRHS members.

The full list of events is shown on the enclosed order form, or available at <http://www.northstar-nrhs.org/conference/>.

Hotel reservations must be arranged individually. The Minneapolis Airport Marriott has a NRHS conference rate of \$89 per night plus taxes for the period June 27 thru July 1. For reservations please call the hotel at 952-854-7441 or their national reservation number 888-236-2427. Please mention you are attending the National Railway Historical Society Conference to get this special rate. This rate does not include breakfast, however the hotel does have an on-site restaurant and there are numerous restaurants within driving distance.

Getting to the Twin Cities by Amtrak is easy, with early morning arrivals from the west and late evening arrivals from the east. Minneapolis-Saint Paul international airport traffic is dominated by Delta Airlines and is also served by American, Frontier, Great Lakes Aviation, Spirit, Sun Country, Southwest, United, US Air and more. The hotel does provide shuttle service to and from the airport, but not Amtrak. Taxi fare from the Amtrak station should be about \$25.

For further information please call our hotline at 952-388-2478 and leave a message, or send an e-mail to: [conference@northstar-nrhs.org](mailto:conference@northstar-nrhs.org). We will get back to you as soon as we can.

Sincerely

John Goodman  
Chairman, 2013 NRHS Conference Committee

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President, Northstar Railway Historical Society

NRHS Summer 2013 Conference  
With Board and Chapter Representatives Council Meetings

# REGISTRATION FORM

*Deadline for orders June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NRHS Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME TAG: Must be worn during all conference events**

Name as desired \_\_\_\_\_

Office \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name (for name tag) \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (for this meeting only)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Ticket Orders** – Enter quantity of each item desired in the number column and the total amount for each item in the right column.

Event	Number	Price	Total
Registration – 1 per household for entire conference		\$35	
Friday June 28 <sup>th</sup> – Twin City Rail tour. Vintage transit bus, Saint Paul Union Depot tour, Friends of the 261 Shop tour, box lunch, round-trip Minneapolis to Big Lake on Northstar Commuter rail, and a ride on the Hiawatha light rail line.		\$59 Per Person	
Saturday June 29 <sup>th</sup> - Banquet Speaker R. Clifford Black, IV, Amtrak's Chief of Corporate Communications, retired.		\$59 Per Person	
<b>Grand Total</b>			

Please mail this completed form  
and your check made payable to:  
Northstar Railway Historical Society  
NRHS Summer Conference  
PO Box 120832  
Saint Paul, MN 55112-0025

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For Office use only \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_