

CALENDAR

October 19 - 21, 2017

2017 NRHS Fall Conference
Advisory Council and Board of
Directors' Meetings
Kansas City, MO
www.nrhs.com

May 31 – June 2, 2018

2018 NRHS Spring
Conference
Advisory Council and Board of
Directors' Meetings
St. Louis, MO
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NRHS Member Update

Submitted by Al Weber, President

Many chapter members and museums were in the path of the Texas Hurricane. I have been in touch via email with many of those affected. So far, many have had storm damage but no reported loss of life. Several museums are in the midst of much clean-up. Then, the Florida hurricane arrived with resulting damage. I have been in touch with many members in that affected area as well. Please stay SAFE, just like SAFETY FIRST in railroading.

Many of our chapters and train museums need help to recover, in the coming months and years. Please consider supporting an affected chapter or museum through a paid membership. The NRHS.com web site and the Discount List included in the *NRHS News* are handy to finding a chapter or museum that would appreciate your support.

With grateful thanks to volunteers and their creativity, the NRHS has a new brochure. The current supply was quickly exhausted. Reprinting is planned, but how many are needed? Please take a look at your chapter, upcoming events and programs, get an estimate to your chapter representative and send it to the Advisory Council. Thank you for helping the NRHS to provide brochures in the right amount and save the cost of overprinting.

Is your chapter giving a program, doing an exhibit or at a train show? NRHS has back issues of the *NRHS Bulletin* to share with you. Just contact NRHS national (email: info@nrhs.com) and copies will be sent, until the supply runs out.

Letters and emails keep filling my Inbox – keep them coming, please! The most common plea (or request) is how to get new members, please! Many have excellent ideas and suggestions, which NRHS is considering. Also, NRHS national is planning a small amount of advertising in the coming months. Advertising is costly; in the recent past, NRHS has not had advertising funds. As you or your chapter have experienced, many individuals and organizations are now aware of NRHS' railway history preservation mission and activities. Advertising is a start to increase the awareness and visibility of NRHS with the public and organizations.

Are you detail oriented, with a good background in accounting? NRHS needs an assistant comptroller volunteer to assist Bob Heavenrich, current comptroller. Most work is done via email/online; little travel is needed or expected. (Cont'd on page 2)

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If you are interested or would like to help, please email me (Al Weber, aweber@nrhs.com).

As always, please feel free to contact me or any NRHS officer with ideas or suggestions. Thank you. Al Weber.

Request to Chapters with Rail Cars

Submitted by Al Weber, President

This request is relevant to NRHS chapters that have passenger railroad cars. The head of the RPCA Numbering Bureau (RCPNB) asks that the railcar registration be changed to a specific format.

If you or your chapter has railcar(s) registered with RCPNB. please list the owner with the chapter name appearing first, followed by National Railway Historical Society, such as "St Louis Chapter National Railway Historical Society". This change is needed so that your car can be readily located in the updated database of the "Railinc" program.

A small number of chapters and museums are affected by this change. However, this is very important to the continuing operation of our passenger cars on main line railroads. Excursions bring railroad history to life, up front and visible to the general public, and serve to attract and engage current and new members.

NRHS 2017 Fall Conference

Schedule, Trip Availability

As of September 26, 2017, John DeRoo provided this update on Fall Conference schedule and trip availability:

Friday, October 20, 2017 - streetcar ride/car barn tour and Union Station tour.

- Train trip in morning, station tour in afternoon – around 10 spots left.
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Saturday, Oct. 21 – Meetings and Banquet.

- 8:30 a.m. - Advisory Council Meeting.
- 9:00 a.m. - NRHS Fund Board of Trustees Meeting.
- 1:00 p.m. - NRHS Board of Directors
- Banquet - 55 attendees so far.

Sunday, Oct. 22, all day – Kansas City-St. Louis excursion on Pacific Sunset private car.

- Ticket includes train fare, snacks, mid-morning brunch and evening dinner. Five seats available but please book soon.

For trip prices and more details, see the Fall Conference Registration form at https://admin.nrhs.com/public/Fall2017/Fall2017-NRHS-onference-reg-form-v2_Ed.pdf.

For payment, please mail a check payable to Kansas City Chapter National Railway Historical Society and your completed registration form to: Kansas City Chapter NRHS c/o Ruth Ann Troop, Secretary, 5238 Nieman Road, Shawnee, KS 66203-1853.

Have questions? Please contact John DeRoo, Conference Chairman, at phone: (913) 424-2695 or at email: jderoo@planetkc.com

Future Conferences

Submitted by Bob Bitzer, Conferences

Upcoming conferences for 2018 are identified, but still in the planning process. The Spring 2018 conference will be in St. Louis, MO on May 31 - June 2; another chapter will be putting in a bid for Fall 2018 at the Fall 2017 conference in Kansas City, MO, tentative dates are October 11-14. Spring 2019 is still open. The North Texas Chapter has committed to hosting the Fall

2019 conference around early November 2019. Specific dates and details will be forthcoming.

Please contact me with any questions that you may have related to an NRHS conference. You may reach me at 301-206-5321, or email at treasurer@nrhs.com. Thanks much and safe tracks ahead!

NRHS News Deadlines

Upcoming *NRHS News* deadlines:

- *October 10, 2017* – submissions for the November 2017 print edition of the *NRHS News*.
- *November 10, 2017* – submissions for the December 2017 web (pdf) edition of the *NRHS News*.

Please submit photos and items as soon as available. Items submitted after the deadline will be held until the next issue.

Photos should be high resolution photo files attached to an email. Photos that are included in the body of a text file or in the body of an email cannot be used.

Please remind your chapter members to "like" the NRHS Facebook page.

Chapter newsletter editors may also send copies of their publications to the addresses listed below.

Submit items for the *NRHS News* or the NRHS Facebook page by email to nrhsnews@charter.net or mail to Charles S. Williams, Editor, *NRHS News*, 4712 Brushy Mountain Road, Moravian Falls, N.C. 28654.

NRHS Telegraph Deadlines

Upcoming *NRHS Telegraph* deadlines:

- *October 29, 2017* – submissions for the November 2017 web (pdf) edition of the *NRHS Telegraph*.

Submit news and articles to Valli Hoski, Editor, *NRHS Telegraph* at TelegraphVal@gmail.com .

NRHS Meeting Postings

NRHS Meeting notices, announcements including Bylaws, Policies, Meetings, and Approved Financial Documents are in the public directory at <https://admin.nrhs.com/> .

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