

CALENDAR

March 26 - 28, 2020

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

June 8 - 13, 2020

2020 NRHS Convention
Fullerton, California

June 21 - 27, 2020

RailCamp East
Newark, Delaware

July 26 – August 2, 2020

RailCamp Northwest
Tacoma, Washington

October 15 - 18, 2020

2020 NRHS Fall Conference
Johnson City, Tennessee

April 16 - 18, 2021

2021 NRHS Spring Conference
Raleigh, North Carolina

Register for Summer Convention Soon

Submitted by John H. Goodman National Convention Chairman

Please be advised that the complete registration package for sign up for the 2020 NRHS Convention in Southern California is delayed until about March 1st, 2020. Some issues have occurred in the planning going forward. Members will be notified when registration is open.

Membership Matters

Submitted by H. R. Harris, Membership Administrator

We are having serious problems with the company that provides the database service that we use for keeping our membership records. They want us to switch to using their untried, unproven payment service in place of the well known PayPal that we use right now. We are unwilling to make the switch. We will likely change to a new database provider within the next few months. I apologize to all of those who have had difficulties with the on-line renewal system. Most of this is simply a part of their efforts to force us to accept their new payment system. We will not change. We will pursue what we believe to be the right answer for the NRHS.

Currently, some Chapters have Officers who are "Chapter Only" members, and not members of NRHS National. Please ensure anyone who is proposed for election to a Chapter Office is, in fact, a Member of the National organization. The NRHS has changed the by-laws to permit "Chapter Only" members. However, they are not permitted to be Chapter Officers. Any Chapter may request a list of the Chapter Members who are Members of National. Please contact me (membership@nrhs.com) and I'll be happy to provide it.

Please remember (and remind your chapter) that the NRHS is very protective of Members' privacy. We do not allow the use of our Membership List by any other organization. Also, we do not sell, rent or permit access to the database. When we issue Membership lists, we do so carefully. When sent to registered officers of the National Organization, please protect the lists with confidentiality. Chapters may request lists of their own members. Also, I will send to Chapter Officers lists of "At Large" Members who live close to their meeting place. Please help to protect and respect with our member list as well.

Current Membership is at 5,775 right now. And we have over 1,500 people already renewed for 2020. Remember to renew soon!

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Deadlines for NRHS Grants, RailCamp Applications & 2020 Election Nominations

January 31, 2020 - Heritage Grants Application

Submitted by Charles Webb, Chairman,
NRHS Heritage Grants Committee

The Committee has prepared the 2020 NRHS Heritage Grants application. January 31, 2020 is the Deadline for submission. The application form is available at NRHS <https://nrhs.com/programs/heritage-grants/> . Download the form, complete all sections, save and print the file. Please sign before submission. Send the completed application via the U.S. Postal Service or via email. For email, please scan the file, then send to grants@nrhs.com. Once received, applications are sent to each committee member for review. Awards are usually announced at the 2020 convention.

April 1, 2020 - RailCamp Application

Submitted by Becky Gerstung, Chairman,
RailCamp Committee

In 2020, RailCamp East is June 21-27 in Newark, Delaware and RailCamp Northwest is July 26-August 2 in Tacoma, Washington. Application deadline is April 1, 2020. Final notification is sent by April 30. The form is at <https://nrhs.com/programs/railcamp/> . Each RailCamp is open to persons aged 14 – 18 who enter ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth grade, or have graduated from high school in the year of the camp.

March 31, 2020 – Candidate Nominations for 2020 NRHS Election

Submitted by Joseph C. Maloney Jr. Vice
President & Chair 2020 NRHS Electoral
Committee

The 2020 election is the fifth election being conducted under the revised NRHS Bylaws. **Nominations** for candidates will be **open** from **January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020**. In this election, affected officers and Board members will be elected to four year terms. We have provided the details about the election process, and the qualifications for candidates are contained in the NRHS Bylaws. These are on the Admin site at [<https://admin.nrhs.com>](https://admin.nrhs.com).

The Electoral Committee is now soliciting members who wish to run for these offices. Any and all NRHS members who meet the qualifications and wish to run should contact Joseph P. Maloney, Jr. at vp@nrhs.com so that they may be placed on the ballot. If you have any questions regarding qualifications for office, please advise Joseph P. Maloney, Jr. at vp@nrhs.com. Please note that **all nominations** for any NRHS office must be in the possession of the NRHS **no later than March 31, 2020**.

The National Railway Historical Society, Incorporated (NRHS) is conducting its national elections under the procedures outlined in the NRHS Bylaws as revised and adopted January 13, 2013. Per the revised Bylaws of the NRHS, the NRHS Board of Directors consists of 25 members.

Two (2) members hold the office of NRHS President and NRHS Vice President; five (5) members are Global Directors; and the remaining eighteen (18) members are District Directors. There are seven districts for the chapter members, and two districts for the At-Large members.

This year, for the first time since the current NRHS Bylaws went into effect, we have several NRHS officers and Directors who have reached the "end of the line" because of the Bylaws' term limits. The following NRHS officers and directors may not run for office in this upcoming election: NRHS extends its thanks and sincere appreciation to these members for their time and commitment to the effective operations of the Society.

All NRHS members in good standing, as of April 11, 2020, will elect the Vice-President and two (2) Global Directors. Global Directors represent the entire NRHS membership. Members must be 12 years of age as of June 13, 2020 to be eligible to vote in this election.

As a member in good standing, you will also elect one (1) district board member based on the district you are assigned. Districts are determined if a member is a chapter member or an At-Large member. Chapter members are assigned to one of seven chapter districts, Districts 1 through District 7, based on the geographical location of your home chapter. For chapter members, this means that you may be assigned to a different district from your residential address because you live in another part of the country compared to your home chapter's location. For At-Large members, your assignment is based on your residential location to either District A or District B.

The Electoral Committee for the 2020 election consists of Valli Hoski, Roberta Ballard, Bob Ernst and Joseph P. Maloney, Jr., with legal support from John K. Fiorilla, NRHS General Counsel. The committee is responsible for the entire election process which includes the approval of qualifications of candidates, and oversight of the election

process to assure that schedules and procedures adhere to the NRHS Bylaws and laws of the State of Maryland.

Barry O. Smith (1942-2019) **Former NRHS Senior VP**

Barry O. Smith, EdD, 77, formerly of Chambersburg, PA, passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2019 in Green Ridge Village, Newville, PA. Barry was NRHS Senior Vice-President and member of the Cumberland Valley Chapter, NRHS.

Dedicating his life's work to the field of education, he earned his BSEd from Bloomsburg State College in 1964, a MSED from Bucknell University in 1969 and an EdD from Temple University in 1979. Barry taught in the Pottstown SD from 1964-1966, then moved to the Norwick SD from 1966-1977 where he taught math and physics and held the positions of middle school principal and assistant to the superintendent. In 1977, Barry moved to the Mid-West School District as assistant superintendent and superintendent. He finished his career as an associate professor at Shippensburg University from 1989 to 2000 and worked as a hearing officer for special education from 1991-2008.

Surviving are his children, Jeffrey Smith of Sunbury, PA and Cindy Smith-Parr (Andy) of Blacksburg, VA; grandson, Jacob; brother, Terry Smith of Harrisburg, PA and companion, Sandy Cones of Newville.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 11:00 AM in Green Ridge Village, 210 Big Spring Rd., Newville, PA 17241 with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant House, Attn: Sandra Latchman, 5 Penn Plaza, New York, New York 10001-1810. Full obituary is at <https://www.hollingerfuneralhome.com/notices/Barry-Smith>

NRHS Art Pieces Available

Several pieces of art are listed on eBay by the NRHS. These items were donated by the estate of John H. Emery. For details, see Al Weber's column 'National Leadership Update' included at the back of this issue.

2020 NRHS Contact List

Start on your resolutions now! Please update your email and phone lists with the 'NRHS Contacts List, Jan. 2020' included at the back of this issue.

Reminder - New Secretary Needed for NRHS

The NRHS needs a new NRHS Secretary to take minutes at NRHS Board of Directors meetings, reply to letters and requests to the organization. Qualified members may apply. Please email Al Weber (aweber@nrhs.com).

NRHS Meeting Postings

NRHS Meeting notices, Bylaws, Policies, Meetings, and Approved Financial Documents are at <https://admin.nrhs.com/>.

NRHS Telegraph Deadline

The *NRHS Telegraph* is published in odd-numbered months. Deadline is the 15th of the month preceding the issue. Issues are distributed in PDF format. Files are available on the NRHS Admin website at <https://admin.nrhs.com/telegraph/>. Send news to Valli Hoski, Editor (TelegraphVal@gmail.com)

NRHS Telegraph is published by the National Railway Historical Society as news warrants. Contents are current at time of publication. Send submissions, questions to: TELEGRAPHVAL@gmail.com. Valli Hoski, North Texas Chapter, Editor. Alex Mayes, Potomac Chapter, Editorial Assistant.

NRHS Leadership Update

Submitted by Al Weber, President

Welcome to a new year and a new decade. I hope you had a very good 2019 and end of year holiday. The challenge of preserving railroad history will be harder and harder as time moves on. Personally, I have been organizing my photos, adding dates, times and locations as time permits. I should have documented them when I took the photographs. Now, with research I can get most labeled so future historians can use them.

If you have collections, please document them and plan for their disposition. Museums, archives and preservation organizations want them. We recently heard that a member's family had pitched his railroad photos. This was a true loss; the collection included photos from the 1940s. Please document your collection to minimize this type of loss. Do not let this happen to your collection; remember, organizations seek and desire these materials.



The NRHS received a collection of paintings from the estate of John H. Emery. This gift consists of 18 paintings, three lithographs, and two decorative ceramic plates.

In a few weeks, collection items will be on E-Bay for auction. Look for them under the category of paintings. The proceeds will go to the NRHS. Please look and bid.

We did get a few new members after I suggested that you give a NRHS membership as a Christmas gift. Remember a gift membership could also be a very nice birthday gift to some future railroad preservationist.

Best regards, Al Weber (aweber@nrhs.com)



NRHS Contact List, Jan. 2020

Submitted by Al Weber, President

To help you contact the NRHS, here are the specific email addresses that will get your request directly to the best person or committee. Please use these if your request falls into their area. This will reduce the time for a response and help the NRHS to get back to you and your question quickly.

The NRHS National Office has a general email address <info@nrhs.com>.

However, email must be directed to one of the many volunteers that help the NRHS. That increases the time to get back to you and answer your question or request.

NRHS Officers

- President, Al Weber <aweber@nrhs.com>
- NRHS Vice President, Joe Maloney <vp@nrhs.com>
- NRHS Secretary, Bob Ernst <secretary@nrhs.com>
- NRHS Treasurer, Bob Bitzer <treasurer@nrhs.com>

NRHS Publications

- *NRHS Bulletin*, editor Jeff Smith <bulletin@nrhs.com>
- *NRHS News*, editor Valli Hoski <news@nrhs.com>
- *NRHS Telegraph*, editor Valli Hoski <telegraphval@gmail.com>
- *NRHS Extra* <nrhsnewsextra@nrhs.com>

NRHS committees, other specific contact

- Membership questions (individual and chapter): NRHS Membership <membership@nrhs.com>
- Conventions: Conventions@NRHS.com
- General Counsel: John Fiorilla <gc@nrhs.com>
- Inspector General: Inspector General <ighotline@nrhs.com>
- Historic Grants: Historic Grants Committee <grants@nrhs.com>
- Information research: Research Volunteers <research@nrhs.com>
- NRHS RailCamp <railcampnrhs@yahoo.com>
- NRHS Web site: Web Master <webmaster@nrhs.com>

Spring 2020 NRHS Conference



SPRING 2020 NRHS CONFERENCE March 26, 27 & 28 in Cincinnati, OH Host Hotel: Cincinnati Marriott North

(Hotel Information on Page 2)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ NRHS Member Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (Home) (____) _____ (Cell) (____) _____ Email: _____

NAME TAG INFORMATION (Additional Names on back of this sheet)

Name (as preferred) _____

NRHS National or Chapter Office Title _____

Chapter Name & City/State _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

CONFERENCE EVENTS

REGISTRATION – Saturday Meetings (1 per household) _____ Registration: \$ 5 0.00

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 - Registration Available 4 PM - 9 PM Marriott North

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 – Train Trip to White Water Valley all day trip - 8:00 am thru 5:30 pm

Friday Activities (including lunch and all gratuities) _____ Number of people ____ x \$ 95.00 = \$ ____ .00

- Trip to the White Water Valley Railroad Connersville, IN: Train ride, tour of WVRR Shops and grounds

- Tour Rushville Station and Dearborn Tower

- Lunch Laurel Inn Laurel, IN (Meal Choice Form must to be turned in with registration Form)

- Time permitting a Run-By at the Whitewater River Crossing.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - Registration Available 5 PM - 9 PM Marriott North

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 – All Saturday meetings will be held at the Marriott North

SATURDAY EVENING Banquet - Enter TRAINment Junction –

BUFFET BANQUET at Enter TRAINment Junction _____ Number of People ____ x \$60.00 = \$ ____ .00

- Bus Transportation available starting 5:30 for trip to EnterTRAINment Junction and return included in Banquet Fee

Mail your completed Forms and payment by March 1, 2020

Mail To:

Cincinnati Chapter NRHS

PO Box 62023

Cincinnati, OH 45262-0023

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ ____ .00

Make check or MO payable to

Cincinnati Chapter NRHS

No Credit/Debit Cards



Cincinnati Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

The Cincinnati Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

Invites you to attend the

Spring 2020 Conference of the

NRHS Board of Directors and Advisory Council

March 26, 27, and 28, 2020

The Host hotel is the Cincinnati Marriott North West Chester, OH

6189 Muhlhauser Road, West Chester, OH 45069

Book your reservation directly with the hotel on or before March 1, 2020

Group room rate is \$115.00 (plus Tax) per night: You must contact the Marriott directly for the discount.

The NRHS Rate is effective starting Thursday March 26, 2020 thru Monday March 30, 2020.

By Phone: 1-800-MARRIOTT or 1-800-627-4688 - Use the code "NRHS at the Cincinnati North"

By internet: Paste the link below. It will take you directly to our special NRHS booking information.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1570108672104&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

List of Scheduled Events –

Thursday, March 26 – Welcome to Cincinnati, OH - Registration at the hotel 4 to 9 PM

Friday, March 27 Train Ride – Cost \$95.00 per person – All day event with food for lunch included

- Bus Trip to Comersville, Indiana to ride the Whitewater Valley RR to Metamora, IN
- We will stop at the yards of South Conn to view the new shop building and yards.
- We will then stop at the Restored Rushville Station and the Dearborn Tower
- The next stop will be at Laurel Inn for a lunch in the historic hotel restaurant – Advance Meal Choice
- Along the way to Metamora we will have a run by with weather and time permitting
- We will continue on to Metamora for boarding the bus back to the hotel

Friday, March 27 – Registration at the hotel 5 to 9 PM

Saturday, March 28

Meeting day for the Advisory Council and Board of Directors – all meetings at Marriott Hotel

Saturday, March 28 – Evening Banquet held at EnterTRAINment Junction - Cost is \$60.00 per person

Following the meeting in the evening will be a Banquet held at EnterTRAINment Junction the World's Largest "G" gauge train layout with over 90 operating trains. We will have an entertaining speaker/presentation and a tour of the facilities on your own. The trains and gift shop will be open.

- Bus starts at the hotel at 5:30 PM to EnterTRAINment Junction
- Bus leaves EnterTRAINment Junction about 9:00 PM to return to the Marriott

Sunday, March 29 – Have a safe trip back home

Optional day, (On your own) suggestion would be to go to the Cincinnati Museum Center or the Dayton History at Carillion Park.

Caboose Trip on Whitewater see <http://queencityhirailers.org/events/> scroll down to March 29, 2020 (Sign up before March 1, 2020)

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The Menu must be filled out and mailed in along with your conference reservation.
 The meal will be served at the Laurel Inn in Laurel, IN during the train ride on Friday the 27th.
 Make as many copies as you need.
 Fill out One Menu per person. Food is included in the price of the Train Ride.

All menus are needed by March 1, Registration Deadline. The Inn needs the information to order the food.

Full Name: _____	Full Name: _____
Pick one item in each section <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Fried Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Piece Shrimp Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Catfish Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Icelandic Cod Dinner Baked Fried <input type="checkbox"/> Chopped Steak Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Rare <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Med Well <input type="checkbox"/> Well	Pick one item in each section <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Fried Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Piece Shrimp Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Catfish Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Icelandic Cod Dinner Baked Fried <input type="checkbox"/> Chopped Steak Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Rare <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Med Well <input type="checkbox"/> Well
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