

Supplement to NRHS Railway Heritage Grants Program Awards Impressive Financial Support

Thirteen Railway Heritage Grants totaling \$36,000 were awarded to two NRHS Chapters and eleven organizations and museums, that preserve railroad history.

Arkansas Railroad Museum

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Awarded \$2,685 for supplies to properly archive, preserve and display articles, photographs, documents, books and other railroad historical artifacts located in the museum. The Museum currently has a two level 1880 square foot climate controlled archive building.

Boothbay Railway Village

Boothbay, Maine

Awarded \$2,000 toward the construction to replicate a two-car storage building built for the Wiscasset & Quebec Railway in 1894. This building will provide safe storage for historic Maine narrow gauge rolling stock, several of which are from the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Chatham Railroad Museum

Chatham, Illinois

Awarded \$1,935 for the replacement of guttering on the Chatham Railroad Museum which shall recreate the look of the station when it was built. The Chatham station was built in 1902 by the Chicago & Alton Railroad and remains in the original location it was built along the now present Union Pacific Railroad. The Chicago & Illinois Midland Chapter, NRHS members maintain the station.

City of Bowie Museums

Bowie, Maryland

Awarded \$3,000 for an exhibit interpreting railroad safety, interlocking machines and the impact of the railroad on small town community life. The Bowie Train Station Museum consists of several historic railroad structures including a passenger depot and interlocking tower, both built between 1910-1933. The Washington, DC Chapter, NRHS library is located on the first floor of the museum's interlocking tower.

Galveston Island Railroad Museum and Terminal

Galveston, Texas

Awarded \$3,000 to assist the restoration and replacement of both wood sides of a thirty-six foot D&RGW box car. In addition, the galvanized tin roof and underframe need to be cleaned and repainted.

Gulf Coast Chapter, NRHS

Houston, Texas

Awarded \$2,730 toward the construction of a permanent protective roof over Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Mail Storage Car number 50, which was built in 1915 by Barney & Smith Car Company of Dayton, Ohio. The permanent roof structure will also protect the Chapter's files, mechanical drawings and books from the elements.

Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation

Owosso, Michigan

Awarded \$2,250 towards removing all interior wall panels, replacing and repainting exterior wood and replacing all doors and window glass on a 1915 Grand Trunk Western box car which was later converted to a bunk car for work train service. The MSTRP intends to restore this car to house volunteers who come to work on restoration projects.

Niagara Frontier Chapter, NRHS

Hamburg, New York

Awarded \$3,000 for the replacement of twenty-two windows, prime and repainting and restoration of all numbers and markings on Erie Railroad caboose number C348 and Conrail Railroad caboose number 21005.

Pacific Southwest Railway Museum

La Mesa, California

Awarded \$3,000 to complete the restoration of Rockdale, Sandow & Southern Railroad combine number 3, which was built in the Altoona shops for the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1886. The funds will be used for the manufacture of eighty pieces of cast glass for clerestory windows and to re-upholster twenty eight seats for the car. The combine is the second oldest surviving Jim Crow car.

Railway Restoration Project 113

Minersville, Pennsylvania

Awarded \$2,500 to replace and fabricate new metal parts, sand blast, painting and re-lettering of the cab of Central Railroad of New Jersey steam locomotive number 113, built in 1923. The entire scope of the project is to return the CNJ locomotive to operating condition.

Southern Forest Heritage Museum & Research Center

Long Leaf, Louisiana

Awarded \$3,000 to restore to operating condition Fernwood, Columbia and Gulf Railroad Passenger Motor Car number M-4, which was built in the Fernwood, Mississippi shop of the Fernwood, Columbia and Gulf Railroad in 1937. The M-4 was used by the railroad as a passenger train between Fernwood and Columbia Mississippi until 1953.

Whippany Railway Museum, Inc.

Whippany, New Jersey

Awarded \$3,400 towards replacement of circulating fans, seats, a generator, welding work and a new exterior paint job for Central Railroad of New Jersey commuter coach number 1201, which was built by Bethlehem Shipbuilding in 1927. In 1948, the CRRNJ rebuilt and renamed the car as *Jersey Coast*, which served as a commuter club coach providing service between Jersey City and Bay Head Junction, New Jersey.

Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum, Inc.

Alna, Maine

Awarded \$3,500 to purchase rail for the 3.4 mile extension of the main line over the original roadbed, to recreate a living, historical experience as the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway once operated circa 1910. The original rails and track infrastructure were destroyed when the railway ceased operations in 1933. The extension will bring the railway near to the village of Head Tide, Maine.

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