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NRHS Awards Record Grants To Twenty Recipients

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Minneapolis - July 2, 2004 - The National Railway Historical Society today announced the awarding of a record \$32,000 to 20 recipients of its Railway Heritage Grants Program. Established in 1991 as a Grant Program awarded to organizations that educate, publish, and preserve railroad history to benefit future generations.

The Railway Heritage Grants Program, now in its thirteenth year, has bestowed over \$253,000 to 115 organizations whose projects range from refurbishing historic railroad stations and restoring vintage steam locomotives for operating and museum display, to the cataloging and storage of historic railroad archives. To date, 61 NRHS Chapters and 53 organizations have received a monetary grant from the program.

Railway Heritage Grants Director Jack Salt stated, "This is by far the best quality of grant applicants we have received since I have been involved with the program." Salt has been director of the program since 1999 and, when asked about his Grant Committee of six said, "My job is made much easier by our committee since, for the past five years, we are all working together on the same wavelength."

The Grants Program allows NRHS members and non-members alike an opportunity to submit an application for preservation projects on an annual basis with a maximum grant award of \$5,000 per project.

Vice President and Editor of the historic National Railway Bulletin, Jeff Smith said, "I think the Grants Program is great! I think it exemplifies our Society's commitment to the preservation of railroad equipment for future generations."

Headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the National Railway Historical Society is the nation's largest not-for-profit railroad historical society, consisting of over 19,000 members and 175 chapters in the United States, Canada and Great Britain. Annually, the NRHS provides financial and logistical support for students to further their knowledge of railroad preservation through RailCamp and Student Photo Sessions. ###

Supplement to *NRHS Awards Record Grants To Twenty Recipients*

Twenty Railway Heritage Grants totaling a record \$32,000 were awarded to nine NRHS Chapters and eleven organizations, which preserve railroad history.

Atlanta Chapter, NRHS

Duluth, Georgia

Awarded \$2,000 towards the restoration and recertification of the Georgia Power No. 97 steam locomotive which is used to demonstrate the specific educational, technological and historical role of steam powered transportation.

California Trolley And Railroad Corporation

San Jose, California

Awarded \$1,000 toward paying a vendor to repair and rewind a 1920's era armature used in a compressor to operate with 600 volt DC on a trolley car.

Cape Cod Chapter, NRHS

West Barnstable, Massachusetts

Awarded \$1,000 toward the exterior restoration of the historic train station to its original 1911 appearance. The station will function as a prominent historical artifact and house archives of the Cape Cod Railroad along with providing meeting space for NRHS Chapter meetings.

Central New York Model Railroad Club & Historical Society, Inc.

Elbridge, New York

Awarded \$1,000 toward the cosmetic restoration and painting of the Skaneateles Junction passenger and freight station. The station is the home of local railroad artifacts, memorabilia and a model train layout that exemplifies the railroads that once traversed the area.

Colorado Railroad Museum

Golden, Colorado

Awarded \$1,500 toward the restoration of the 1931 Rio Grande Southern Railroad *Galloping Goose* railbus No. 2, which will assist the museum toward bringing this historic piece of railroad equipment back to operating condition.

Danbury Railway Museum

Danbury, Connecticut

Awarded \$1,500 toward the cosmetic and operational restoration of the New Haven Railroad RS11 diesel locomotive built in 1956 by the American Locomotive Company, Schenectady, NY.

Inland Empire Railway Historical Society

Also known as, **Inland Empire Chapter, NRHS**

Spokane, Washington

Awarded \$1,500 to sort and catalog over 35,000 historic railroad documents prior to being moved, which include magazines, books, correspondence, blueprints, videos and other railroad memorabilia in the society's collection.

Lake Superior Railroad Museum

Duluth, Minnesota

Awarded \$2,000 for the video virtual tour interpretation of the Duluth Missabe & Iron Range Railway business car *Northland* built in 1916 by Pullman. The car was the first all-steel business car placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Company & Museum

Portland, Maine

Awarded \$2,000 to restore Bridgton and Saco River Railroad steam locomotive No. 7 to FRA compliance for future operating service. B&SR No. 7 was built in 1913 by Baldwin Locomotive Works as a 2-4-4T 33 ton two-foot narrow gauge locomotive.

Minnesota Transportation Museum

Saint Paul, Minnesota

Awarded \$2,000 for the fabrication of twelve-reproduction “walkover” seats for streetcar No. 10 *Winona*, built by the St. Louis Car Company in 1914 for the Wisconsin Railway, Light & Power Company’s Winona, MN streetcar system.

National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Also known as, **Kalmbach Memorial Library**

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Awarded \$1,000 to preserve, catalog and provide access to the Kentlein-Porter Collection, which existed as a locomotive builder in Pittsburgh, PA from 1867-1950 manufacturing over 7,800 locomotives.

New York Central System Historical Society

Erie, Pennsylvania

Awarded \$2,000 towards the completion of photograph digitalization of over 3,000 historic railroad drawings. The Society’s collection consists of over 50,000 drawings of much of the equipment and facilities of the former New York Central railroad.

North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation

Spencer, North Carolina

Awarded \$2,000 toward the restoration of a North Carolina Ports Authority L-3, a General Electric 45-ton switch engine built in 1943.

Old Dominion Chapter, NRHS

Richmond, Virginia

Awarded \$2,000 for the replacement and casting of firebox grates necessary for the continued operation of a Porter 0-6-0T steam locomotive built in 1942 for the U.S. Army.

Old Smoky Railway Museum, Inc.

Also known as, **Old Smoky Chapter, NRHS**

Knoxville, Tennessee

Awarded \$1,500 for improvements to steam locomotive # 154, which is a 2-8-0 wheel arrangement built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1890.

Paducah Railroad Museum

Also known as, **Paducah Chapter, NRHS**

Paducah, Kentucky

Awarded \$1,000 for the cataloging, care and storage of rulebooks, procedure manuals, yard books and minutes recorded by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman Lodge 238 Paducah.

Rockhill Trolley Museum

Rockhill Furnace, Pennsylvania

Awarded \$2,000 toward costs associated with rebuilding components of an air brake system on Johnstown Traction Trolley No. 355 built by the St. Louis Car Company in 1926 and serving Johnstown until 1960.

Southern Oregon Chapter, NRHS

Medford, Oregon

Awarded \$1,000 toward the restoration of Southern Pacific MW Flanger No. 330 built in 1928. This project is part of Southern Oregon Chapter's goal to continue to acquire, restore and preserve older railroad rolling stock.

Watauga Valley Chapter, NRHS

Johnson City, Tennessee

Awarded \$2,000 to repair and restore corroded carbon steel side sills and collision posts on the *Crescent Harbor*. Built in 1949 by Pullman as a sleeper/lounge for Southern Railway's *Southern Crescent*.

Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society

Also known as, **Yaquina Pacific Chapter, NRHS**

Toledo, Oregon

Awarded \$2,000 for the restoration of a 1923 Southern Pacific RPO/baggage car No. 5132, which records indicate was unique as two thirds of the car was tin floored with drains to accommodate the icing of fish, milk, butter and beef.

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