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RailCamp 2001 Plans Announced

The National Railway Historical Society and the National Park Service's Steamtown National Historic Site will jointly operate two Basic RailCamps in the year 2001, NRHS Senior Vice President Larry Eastwood announced on December 15. This will be the fourth year for the highly successful RailCamp, with a total of 48 slots available in two separate one-week sessions.

The dates for Basic RailCamp 2001 are July 22-28, 2001 and August 12-18, 2001. The tuition for Basic RailCamp 2001 will be \$550.00 per student, a slight increase from the tuition for the first three years.

This amount represents only a portion of the actual cost of putting a RailCamper through the session, with the National Railway Historical Society providing additional financial support as a means of developing future rail history preservationists.

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Pre-Registration Deadline Extended

Editors Note: The following was submitted by Neil Norkaitis of the St. Louis Chapter. We very much appreciate his efforts.

The 2001 Convention in St. Louis is coming together with a lot of interesting activities and several exciting trips. All of this is in commemoration of the beginning of railroading on the west bank of the Mississippi River. On July 4, 1851, ground was broken in what is now downtown St. Louis for the first railroad on the west side of the river. We'll have some events recognizing this anniversary.

We are planning to anchor the Convention with three mainline railroad trips. As is the usual situation these days, we do not have final commitments at this time and cannot guarantee that all these events will happen, but things do appear very promising. We are not developing this calendar in a vacuum.

If we obtain the blessings of all concerned, we will open with a Union Pacific steam trip on Tuesday, June 19 to Gorham, a location on the east side of the Mississippi River.

On Thursday, we expect to have a diesel excursion to a location on the west side of the river that scheduled passenger trains do not pass in daylight.

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RailCamp

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Once again, RailCampers will be housed and fed on the campus of the University of Scranton, a Jesuit school located in downtown Scranton, and convenient to the Steamtown National Historic Site. The program includes detailed instruction by Park Service rangers on various restoration work skills, roundhouse operations, railroad operations, and historical interpretation.

Included are field trips to working rail locations as well as the Lackawanna Coal Mine and the Anthracite Museum, both of which vividly illustrate the magnificent but gritty history of the Lackawanna Valley of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Each one-week session has 24 slots available. Reservations from NRHS chapters will be accepted through February 1, 2001, and after that date, reservations will be accepted from individuals on a space-available basis.

Chapters wishing to reserve a slot need to communicate that in writing to: **Basic RailCamp 2001, National Railway Historical Society, PO Box 58547, Philadelphia, PA 19102-8547**. E-mail reservations will be accepted at nrhs@compuserve.com. Additional information is available from National Office Manager Lynn Burshtin at the above address.

RailCamp attendees produce results, according to NRHS's Eastwood. One previous attendee is running in 2001 to be a vice president of an NRHS chapter, another writes a monthly column for *Railpace Magazine*, one is attending college in Kansas to pursue a career in rail transportation, and a fourth is working in train service for the Conrail Shared Assets property in northern New Jersey.

RailCamp will be directed once again this year by Eastwood and Assistant Director and NRHS Secretary Bruce J. Hodges of Oneonta, NY.

Application for counselor positions for Basic RailCamp 2001 will be accepted immediately, and those who wish to be considered for counselor positions should make their interest known to Eastwood by January 15, 2001.

More Specials from Indiana University Press

We are pleased to again announce that our special arrangement with the Indiana University Press has been extended and expanded to include several new titles. By ordering these publications through the Society, our Members will receive a substantial discount from list prices. In addition, the Society receives a commission on every book sold.

New Titles

Trains Across the Continent

North American Railroad History - Second Edition
Rudolph Daniels

"Quickly and concisely Dr. Daniels leads you through the maze of building, merging, and a myriad of other details necessary to understand modern railroading~ Steam, diesel, passenger and freight~ are all carefully explained on a national scale rather than railroad specific, making this book even more of a useful tool for the student."

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**NRHS Members Price: \$31.95 cloth
 \$15.95 paper**

Louisville & Nashville Steam Locomotives

Revised 1968 Edition

Richard E. Prince

A revised new edition of an encyclopedic study.

First published in 1959 and revised in 1968, this is a must-have book for the Louisville and Nashville Locomotive's many steam fans. With hundreds of vintage photographs, detailed rosters, and schematic drawings it is an invaluable resource for railroad buffs and historians. But even casual readers will be swept up in Prince's history of the growth and diversification of the L&N.

Richard E. Prince is author of nine railroad books. He attended Georgia School of Technology in Atlanta. During World War II, he joined the Merchant Marine and sailed on steam Liberty Ships. He worked in several capacities for the L&N Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad. He is now retired and lives in Omaha, Nebraska. Among his many books are *Atlantic Coast Line Railroad* and *Seaboard Air Line Railway*. 216 pages. 420 b&w photos, 8 1/4" x 10 3/4", list price \$49.95 (cloth)

NRHS Members Price: \$39.95

Available mid-February

The Lake Shore Electric Railway Story

Herbert H. Harwood, Jr., & Robert S. Korach

From 1901 to 1938 the Lake Shore Electric claimed to be - and was considered by many - "The Greatest Electric Railway in the United States". It paralleled the shore of Lake Erie, connecting Cleveland and Toledo with a high-speed, limited-stop service and even pioneered a form of intermodal transportation three decades before the rest of the industry. It reached its peak in the early 1920s. The Lake Shore Electric suffered the fate of most of its sister lines, it could not compete with automobiles, trucks, or buses in terms of convenience or economy. This book recounts a fascinating chapter in interurban transportation history. 288 pages, 250 b&w photos, 15 illustrations, 12 maps, 8 1/2" x 11", list price \$59.95

NRHS Members Price: \$47.35

Available in March

In The Traces

Railroad Paintings of Ted Rose

Introduction by Thomas H. Garver

In the Traces presents 60 paintings by Ted Rose, with commentary by the artist. The works are an eloquent and absorbing view of industrial America, especially of railroads as an integral part of the man-made landscape.

Here is the rich narrative of a journey of discovery that began 50 years ago when Rose confronted changes everywhere during the time railroads and the country were in transition. His paintings are a record of his continuing fascination with railroad places, a visual anthology of past and present. These masterful watercolors well describe the atmosphere and life along the tracks during the last half of the 20th century.

Rose finds beauty in the commonplace - the common places of our experience and in the back alleys of a reality we thought we knew so well. These expressive works are visual documents, informed by the rhythmic idiom of blues music and the poignant song of railroad operations in winter bleakness, blazing sun, or darkest night. The artist's empathy with his subjects, human and mechanical, is given through a brilliantly controlled technique which Rose deftly adjusts to match the nature of a scene, from the soft light of dawn on the prairie to the harsh glare of headlights and signal lights at midnight. Although his works evoke the look of earlier American realist paintings, Rose's knowledge of subject matter and his often unorthodox use of the watercolor medium support his narrative purposes without reference to other artists.

Ted Rose, a signature member of the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society, lives and works in Santa Fe, New Mexico. His paintings have received consistent recognition in juried and invitational exhibitions, and appear often in books, magazines, and exhibition catalogues.

152 pages, 60 color plates, 12" x 9", list price \$49.95

NRHS Members Price: \$39.95

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Books

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Previously-Offered Titles Still Available!

Civil War Railroads: A Pictorial Story of the War Between the States, 1861-1865

George B. Abdill

First published in 1961, this title is now back in print. The quality of the photographs is significantly improved in this edition. With 220 photographs, many of them available only in this volume, this book shows how railroads were instrumental in waging the first modern war of rapid transportation, and how the war was instrumental in modernizing the railroad system. Includes pictures of both northern and southern rolling stock, buildings, bridges, and railroad wrecks. hardback, 192 pages, 220 b&w photographs, 10 3/8" x 8", list price \$37.50

NRHS Members Price: **\$29.95**

South Shore: The Last Interurban, revised second edition

William D. Middleton

First published in 1970 and out of print for some time, this revised edition has a new chapter, new photographs, and an excellent bibliography. Using photographs, maps, and schematic drawings, William Middleton chronicles the rising and sinking fortunes of the Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad, from the first decade of the 20th century to the present day. hardback, 192 pages, 245 b&w photographs, 23 ills, bibl, index, 8 1/2" x 11", list price \$35.00

NRHS Members Price: **\$27.95**

Landmarks of the Iron Road: Two Centuries of North American Railroad Engineering

William D. Middleton

A new book from William D. Middleton. A lavishly illustrated guide to the great landmarks of American civil engineering -

bridges, mountain passes, tunnels - from pioneer times to the present. It was these feats of engineering that enabled American railroad builders to construct the great network of steel rails, thus helping to settle and civilize the North American continent. hardback, 216 pages, 240 b&w photographs, index, 8 1/2" x 11", list price \$39.95

NRHS Members Price: **\$31.95**

Cotton Belt Locomotives

Joseph A. Strapac

This is the first national publication of this title, which has been out of print since the early 1980s. This comprehensive history of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway (better known as the Cotton Belt) documents a full century of history, using photographs, schematic drawings, diagrams and maps. Included is a roster of every steam and diesel locomotive that was owned by the Cotton Belt.

hardback, 256 pages, 329 b&w photos, 37 illustrations, 3 maps, 8 1/2" x 11", list price \$59.95

NRHS Members Price: **\$47.95**

Katy Northwest

Donovan L. Hofsommer

Originally published by Pruett Publishing Co. of Boulder, CO, this title has been out of print since the 1980s and is now back in print. With a new introduction by Fred Frailey, this remains one of the best in-depth studies of a branch line railroad. The book addresses the impact the railroad's demise had on the region and communities of Texas and Oklahoma. hardback, 336 pages, 295 b&w photographs, 1 color photograph, 8 1/2" x 11", list price \$59.95

NRHS Members Price: **\$47.95**

Railroads of Indiana

Richard S. Simons and Francis Parker
hardback, 312 pages, 91 b&w photographs, 10 figs., 28 maps, list price \$49.95

NRHS Members Price: **\$39.95**

Moonlight in Duneland

Edited by Ronald D. Cohen and Stephen G. MacShane, Foreword by Victor Margolin
hardback, 160 pages, 65 color and 30 b&w reproductions, list price \$49.95
NRHS Members Price: **\$39.95**

Ghost Railroads of Indiana

Elmer G. Sulzer
hardback, 264 pages, 75 illus., 6 color photographs, 372 b&w photographs, 25 maps, list price \$49.95
NRHS Members Price: **\$39.95**

Ghost Railroads of Kentucky

Elmer G. Sulzer
hardback, 248 pages, 124 illus., 5 color photographs, 310 b&w photographs, 35 maps, list price \$49.95
NRHS Members Price: **\$39.95**

Ghost Railroads of Tennessee

Elmer G. Sulzer
hardback, 320 pages, 97 illus., 8 color photographs, 352 b&w photographs, 27 maps, list price \$59.95
NRHS Members Price: **\$47.95**

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad: Steam Locomotives, Ships, and History

Richard E. Prince

This is a reissue of the book that Prince first published in 1966; it has been out of print for 20 years. hardback, \$49.95.

NRHS Members Price: **\$39.95**

Seaboard Air Line Railway: Steam Boats, Locomotives, and History

Richard E. Prince

Another reissue. This one was published in 1969 and has also been o.p. for 20 years.

hardback, \$49.95

NRHS Members Price: **\$39.95**

A Sampling of Penn Central: Southern Region on Display

Jerry Taylor

This was self published in 1973 and covers Penn Central operations at the Columbus, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis terminals in the

early 1970s. hardback, \$59.95

NRHS Members Price: **\$47.95**

The Pennsylvania Railroad in Indiana

William J. Watt

A brand new history of the Pennsylvania Railroad and its predecessor companies in Indiana. Few corporate institutions had such widespread impact upon Indiana's people or their way of life--the "Penny" once operated one-fourth of the state's rail mileage. Highlights of its story include coverage of its famous passenger trains, its impact upon the state's economy, the railroad's contributions to Allied victory in World War II, and the post-war decline which led to merger into Penn Central. Illustrations recreate images of its speedy passenger trains and heavy-tonnage freights, as well as advertising and other promotional materials dating back to the 1840s. hardback, \$49.95

NRHS Members Price: **\$39.95**

"Yet there isn't a train I wouldn't take"

Railway Journeys by William D. Middleton

A half-century career as an engineer, Naval officer, and university administrator took Middleton to almost every part of the globe, and everywhere he took with him an abiding interest in railways, and a notebook and camera to record his experiences. From polar bear country on Hudson Bay to Minnesota's Mesabi Range and from the coasts of Costa Rica to the Orient Express, Bill Middleton's journeys prove that, in Edna St. Vincent Millay's words, there truly isn't a train he wouldn't take. hardback, \$39.95

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Ordering

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Looking West

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We are working to show off our local star, Frisco 1522 on a Saturday excursion. The destination and details for this trip are still in development.

Things are looking promising for these three activities, but the signature is not on the paper yet for any of them.

Since we plan to get the wheels rolling early Tuesday morning, we expect there will be many arrivals on Monday. So Monday evening, we have planned a unique diversion that will please rail and theater organ fans alike. We will have a private performance at a local theater of a live organ concert and accompaniment to an old time railroad movie. It will be an evening of old fashioned fun for all.

Wednesday is going to be a day of many activities for your choosing. During the day, we will have a tour of the new MetroLink light rail line to the Eastside including the new shop facility. This line is scheduled to open in May just prior to the Convention.

Wednesday will also be a day of visits to the St. Louis Museum of Transportation and the Wabash,

Frisco and Pacific (WF&P) will be available. The WF&P is a 12" gauge live steam railroad with several steam and internal combustion engines providing a two mile round trip for your enjoyment. Operation is over the original right-of-way of the Pacific Railroad.

The activities at the Museum of Transportation (MOT) will fill the day in themselves. There will be a dedication/re-enactment ceremony at one of the first two tunnels built west of the Mississippi in 1852. One of the long range plans at MOT is to restore the tunnel to usable condition to operate trains and streetcars through it as a transportation system on the museum grounds.

Exclusive guided tours of the museum will be provided by NRHS St. Louis Chapter members and there will be two or three streetcars operating.

Wednesday evening, there will be two choices for dinner. We will have the option of an intimate evening dining experience aboard RailCruise America on a run over one of the lines in the St. Louis area. This RailCruise adventure is not available other than by charter of the entire train. The other dinner option that evening will be a river boat dinner excursion with live jazz or Dixieland entertainment. All can be well fed that evening.

Friday will see an array of seminars, many of which will cover local rail topics. The afternoon will be reserved for business meetings with the Banquet in the evening at the Regal Riverfront, the Convention Hotel. The Regal is one of the top hotels in St. Louis. There are several levels of dining at the hotel, from the most elegant to a snack bar. And White Castle is only three blocks away.

The Regal is within easy walking distance of the Gateway Arch National Park, Busch Stadium for baseball, downtown activities, and the MetroLink station that will get you to many other St. Louis attractions and shopping. The St. Louis Cardinals will be in town the entire week of the Convention.

While the Regal is close to much of what will be happening, we will provide shuttle transportation

to all Convention activities for those who find even a few blocks of walking difficult.

There are many family activities in St. Louis in addition to all the action described above.

Numerous options are available to get you to St. Louis. Amtrak provides daily service from Chicago, Kansas City and the west, Texas and the southwest, and New Orleans and the south. TWA and Southwest Airlines have extensive service into St. Louis. Lambert St. Louis Airport is served by other carriers, too. And if you must drive, interstate highways converge on St. Louis from all four points of the compass.

Keep track of developments in the Convention schedule at our website: www.stlouisnrhs.org/nrhs2001/home.htm.

So meet us in St. Louis in June 2001. A registration form is included here for your convenience. Everyone will have a great week Looking West 2001 in the Gateway City.

Registration is now \$20.00 before February 15, 2001; \$25.00 after then. Send check, money order, or Credit Card No. (V or MC) to: St. Louis Chapter NRHS, 2129 Barrett Station Road, PMB 271, St. Louis, MO 63131.

Help Wanted for the *Bulletin*

Can **you** help us continue to produce a high quality *NRHS Bulletin*?

In a recent *NRHS News*, we put out a general appeal for additional help. Since that time, we have developed a much better idea of the *Bulletin*'s specific needs. The *Bulletin* is facing two major changes in the near future.

- Frank Tatnall has asked to step down after 13 years as Editor. Frank intends to remain actively involved with the *Bulletin*, but he is ready to turn over the management duties.

- Based on input from the *Bulletin* staff, we have identified several potential improvements to the *Bulletin* production process. These include longer advance planning, concurrent preparation work on multiple future issues and earlier transfer of submitted material to electronic format to facilitate editing and transmission. A major change will be setting up a separate group to concentrate on the Annual Activities Issue, which is really a yearbook project largely separate from the five "historical" issues.

In order to carry out these changes, we need to fill the following positions:

Editor: In the new arrangement, the Editor will function more as the manager and

publisher of the *Bulletin* than as a traditional editor. The Editor will manage work assignments, scheduling, work progress and finances for the *Bulletin*. The Editor must be someone who will work collaboratively with his or her staff on both production and content issues. He or she must be willing to learn enough about the production process to manage it, but actual technical work in editing, layout, and production is not required. The Editor is not required to be a resident of the Philadelphia area, but will be expected to visit occasionally and to stay close to the business through mail and electronic communication.

Editing Staff for Historical *Bulletins*: We need additional staff to do non-technical editing of *Bulletin* articles. As we move to more electronic communication, editing staff need not be residents of the Philadelphia area. Access to e-mail and moderate computer literacy will be required. Responsibilities will include checking the transcription accuracy of articles scanned into word processing software and editing the articles for spelling, language, logic, and style consistency. Technical accuracy checking will be a separate process, but editing staff will be expected to flag anything they see that appears inconsistent or inaccurate. Editing staff will later do rewrites to incorporate technical corrections.

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Technical Editing: This function will be carried out largely by our Library staff, for which additional volunteers are welcome. Access to the NRHS Library in Philadelphia (or another large railroad reference library) is required. Technical editing staff will check the accuracy of articles submitted against literature and historical documents. When possible, apparent discrepancies will be worked with the authors. Checking of accuracy will be a regular process on all *Bulletin* articles.

Assistant Editor for *Bulletin* No. 3: The Assistant Editor will manage the Annual Activities Issue as a project largely separate from the historical *Bulletins*. The Assistant Editor will manage staffing and work assignments, solicit chapter reports, and track responses. He or she will also manage the other *Bulletin* No. 3 features (chapter sales items, etc.) and work with Membership Records and others to coordinate officer listings, death listings, and other material taken from the database. The Assistant Editor will work with the historical *Bulletin* staff on the few areas where duties overlap (e.g. cover design). The Assistant Editor for *Bulletin* No. 3 need not be a resident of the Philadelphia area.

Editing Staff for *Bulletin* No. 3: We need a group of people to handle non-technical editing of chapter submissions for the Annual Activities Issue. Duties will include transcribing non-electronic submissions into approved word processing software. The staff will also edit the submissions for language, spelling, style, and repetition. The spelling check will include checking the accuracy of people's names against a chapter roster or the national database. *Bulletin* No. 3 staff may be located anywhere, and most communication will be electronic or by mail.

Some of this is work in progress, and there are still some details to fill in. As with all NRHS volunteer positions, we will do our best to be flexible and accommodate individual needs. If

something on this list fits your interests and abilities, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the National Office or e-mail to nrhs@compuserve.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Chairman Honored

The photo on Page 1 depicts President Gregory P. Molloy (on left) presenting the Society's first 60 year certificate and pin to Chairman of the Board Leroy S. Dietrich at last fall's Board of Directors' Meeting in Dallas, Texas. Actually, Leroy has been a continuous Member for 63 years.

He is one of the distinguished initial class of 31 Members, who joined in the period 1935 to 1940, and have now received this new level of recognition. A complete list of recipients follows:

John J. Bowman, Jr., 1935, Lancaster Chapter
 David H. Cope, 1935, Philadelphia Chapter
 Henry Dickinson, Jr., 1937, Wilmington Chapter
 Leroy S. Dietrich, 1937, Lehigh Valley Chapter
 E. Everett Edwards, 1940, Lehigh Valley Chapter
 Edward T. Francis, 1937, North Jersey Chapter
 Robert C. Gerstley, 1939, Associate Member
 Hugh R. Gibb, 1936, Philadelphia Chapter
 John W. Hand, 1937, Pottstown & Reading Chapter
 Willard H. Hart, 1937, Philadelphia Chapter
 Edward E. Hermanns, 1938, Long Island - Sun. Trail
 Richard V. Hinchey, 1939, Associate Member
 William D. Hooker III, 1939, Philadelphia Chapter
 J. Huber Leath, 1939, Lancaster Chapter
 J. Hansell Lewis, 1936, West Jersey Chapter
 Robert G. Lewis, 1936, Associate Member
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 James P. Shuman, 1935, Lancaster Chapter
 C. L. Siebert, Jr., 1940, Harrisburg Chapter
 John S. Thomsen, 1940, Baltimore Chapter
 Robert A. Truax, 1937, Potomac Chapter
 Henry S. Wells, 1940, Baltimore Chapter
 Rudolph S. Wendeling, 1937, North Jersey Chapter
 G. Lester Whitfield, 1938, North Jersey Chapter
 Richard E. Whittier, 1939, Connecticut Valley
 Jeffrey K. Winslow, 1937, Long Island - Sun. Trail
 Walter A. Zackon, 1940, Philadelphia Chapter

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