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RailCamp 2002 Scheduled

Chairman Stricken

Chairman of the Board and Membership Awards Director, Leroy S. Dietrich, has fallen victim to a stroke. A 65 year Member of the Society, Lee is doing well, but will require an extended period of rehabilitation.

His many, many friends are advised that expressions of encouragement are most welcome, and should be sent to his home.

Two Basic Sessions to be Held this Year

The National Railway Historical Society and the National Park Service's Steamtown National Historic Site will operate two Basic RailCamps in the year 2002, NRHS Senior Vice President Larry Eastwood announced this month. This marks the fifth year for the highly successful RailCamp, with a total of 48 slots available in two separate one-week sessions.

Basic RailCamp 2002 dates are July 14-20 and July 21-28. The tuition for Basic RailCamp 2002 will be \$550.00 per student, unchanged from 2001. This amount represents only a portion of the full cost of conducting each session, with the National Railway Historical Society providing additional financial support as a means of developing future rail history preservationists.

RailCamp 2002 will again be held at the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pennsylvania. RailCampers will be housed and fed on the campus of the University of Scranton, a Jesuit school located in downtown Scranton, and will be housed in Gavigan Hall, an air-conditioned dormitory on the campus.

The Basic RailCamp program includes detailed instruction by Park Service rangers on various restoration skills,

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Pre-Registration Deadline Extended to February 15th

Grand Canyon Chapter invites you to Canyon Rails 2002 being held from Monday, August 19th to Monday, August 26th, 2002 in Williams, Arizona. **Please note that the preregistration deadline has been extended to Feb. 15, 2002.** The weather in Williams at that time of year is usually a high in the mid 80s and a low around 50 with very low humidity. It really cools quickly when the sun goes down.

Our plans include beginning in Los Angeles, CA. with a two day inbound trip pulled by former AT&SF 4-8-4 #3751. This will be over BNSF's busy transcontinental mainline over Cajon Pass. The train will be serviced in Barstow and continue to Needles, CA. We will bus to nearby Laughlin, NV, and stay at a railroad theme hotel. On Tuesday we will bus back to

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roundhouse operations, railroad operations, historical interpretation and a whole host of subjects connected with maintaining and promoting railroading's rich heritage. Included in the one-week session will be a field trip to a working rail location as well as tours of the Lackawanna Coal Mine, Anthracite Museum and the Electric City Trolley Museum, all of which vividly illustrate the magnificent but gritty history of Northeastern Pennsylvania's Lackawanna Valley. Additional support for the RailCamp concept has been provided by Canadian Pacific Railway through their Police Service, which provides an Operation Lifesaver program to the RailCamps, many of whom are concurrently learning to drive.

Each one-week session has 24 slots available, and the second session will be operated contingent upon demand. Reservations from NRHS chapters, other rail history organizations as well as individuals will be accepted through May 1, 2002. Organizations wishing to reserve a slot pending selection of a candidate need to immediately communicate that in writing to: BASIC RAILCAMP 2002, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PO BOX 58547, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102-8547. E-mail reservations will be accepted at info@nrhs.com. Additional information is available from NRHS National Office Manager Lynn Burshtin at the above address.

RailCamp attendees produce results, according to NRHS's Eastwood. One previous attendee is a Vice President of a major NRHS chapter, another writes a monthly column

for *Railpace* Newsmagazine, two are attending college in Tennessee and Kansas, both hoping 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. Another served an internship in the schedules and planning department of New Jersey Transit this summer, with another working in the Strasburg Rail Road backshop.

Basic RailCamp 2002 will be directed again this year by Eastwood, who also serves as Senior Vice President of NRHS. He will be joined by Assistant Director and NRHS Corporate Secretary Bruce J. Hodges of Oneonta, NY, plus a host of volunteer counselors from the ranks of the National Railway Historical Society.

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Needles and resume our train trip. We cross the Colorado River and start the all day climb thru Kingman, AZ, to Williams. The day will start warm and cool off as we climb to 7000' altitude.

On Wednesday morning we will bus about two hours to Cottonwood, AZ. to ride the scenic Verde Canyon Railroad. They have the FP-7s with the eagles painted on them, plus some amazing scenery and wildlife. We are planning a photo runby. The train includes both air-conditioned and open cars with shade. There will be seminars on Wednesday and a photo session in the evening.

Thursday morning will be a tour of the Grand Canyon Railway shops and a non-rail trip to The Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff. The Museum features exhibits that explore the

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anthropology, biology, geology and fine arts of the Colorado Plateau, featuring Native American arts. The afternoon and evening will feature a vintage Alco diesel powered trip to the Grand Canyon for a beautiful breathtaking sunset! Once we get to the Canyon in mid-afternoon, you can explore the south rim until after sunset.

Friday will feature seminars, the Board of Directors meeting, the Membership meeting and a Banquet. Some seminar topics being considered are: a) Building the Atlantic & Pacific Ry., b) History of the Grand Canyon Ry., c) Logging Railroads of Northern Arizona and d) Harvey Girls.

Saturday will be a spectacular day with steam on the Grand Canyon Railway with photo runbys. There will be at least two steam-powered trains on the line that day. This promises to be a spectacular day. A non-rail trip will bus to Sedona

for great scenery, lunch and shopping in one of the most beautiful areas in the world.

Sunday will start the two-day return trip to Los Angeles with 3751. From Williams we will go west and south down the old ATSF "Peavine" toward Phoenix. From near Wickenburg, AZ, we turn west to Parker, AZ, on the Colorado River. We overnight in Parker. Monday 3751 leaves Parker for the last leg to Los Angeles. From Wickenburg to Cadiz, CA, the trip is on the Arizona and California Railroad. At Cadiz we rejoin the BNSF transcontinental mainline to return to Los Angeles Union Passenger Station.

Remember the preregistration deadline has been extended until Feb. 15, 2002. The preregistration form is included in this issue of *NRHS News* and was included with BULLETIN #3, so please fill it out and send it in to join us for CANYON RAILS 2002.



2002 Annual Convention

Monday, August 19th - Monday August 26th

Pre-registration: \$25 until February 15, 2002

Name _____

Street Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Membership# _____ Date _____

Make Check or Money Order Payable to: Canyon Rails 2002 **or**

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Signature _____

Mail to: Canyon Rails 2002, P. O. Box 391, Williams, AZ 86046

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Railway Heritage Grant Applications Sought

The National Railway Historical Society is now accepting applications for grants for the year 2002. Although most grants have been awarded for preservation activities, NRHS also encourages projects in research, education and publications.

Should your chapter or other organization wish to apply for a grant, please contact the NRHS National Office to request a Grant Application Package. Write, fax, phone or e-mail to NRHS Railway Heritage Grant Program, P. O. Box 58547, Philadelphia, PA, 19102-8547: telephone 215-557-6606, fax 215-557-6740, e-mail info@nrhs.com.

Grant Application Packages will be distributed from our Philadelphia National Office beginning February 1,

2002. Completed applications must be received at the NRHS National Office, Philadelphia, PA, not later than 4:00 P.M. Friday, April 26, 2002. No exceptions.

Grants will be announced on Monday, July 1, at our Philadelphia National Office and on our NRHS website. Grant amounts may vary from \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000.

Happy Birthday Wishes to W. F. G. Williams

Word has reached us that Associate Member W. F. G. Williams, of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada has recently celebrated his 100th birthday. On behalf of all our Members, your Editors would like to congratulate Centenarian Williams on this milestone. We'll certainly look forward to presenting him with his 25-year pin next year!

Santa Fe #3751 - Set to Star at Canyon Rails 2002



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