



NRHS News

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CONVENTION PLANS ANNOUNCED

PREREGISTRATION FLYER

Attached to this newsletter is the brochure, produced by Western Connecticut Chapter, containing detailed information about the 2000 NRHS Convention.

As mentioned in the article to the right, those wishing to attend are well advised to preregister before the January 31st cutoff.

LAWSON K. HILL DONATION RECEIVED

Recently, our Society was the beneficiary of the largest single donation in our 64 year history, when we received, from the Estate of the late Lawson K. Hill, an initial disbursement of over \$100,000. The final amount of the bequest is still to be determined, and specific plans for the use of the funds are being worked out as part of the Society's overall financial plan.

President Gregory P. Molloy, in commenting on the overwhelming philanthropy of this gift, said: "Mr. Hill's generous bequest is the culmination of a personal history of support of the NRHS that has spanned six decades. This is an important development toward securing the Society's financial future."

Although not a Charter Member, Mr. Hill joined what was then called the Hub City, now Boston, Chapter in 1940, the first year after its formation. A quiet, unassuming, soft-spoken man, he was a principle organizer of the 1948 NRHS Convention. Over the years,

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"NEW HAVEN RAILS 2000" TO SHOWCASE NORTHEAST

Western Connecticut Chapter, under the able direction of National Director, and Convention Chairman, Joseph B. Williams, has announced what shapes up to be a terrific program of rail enthusiast events, for the 60th Annual NRHS Convention, to be held from July 11th through 16th, in Stamford, CT.

Unique diesel/electric service, rare mileage excursions, museum visits, trolley operations, a night photo session, and more, are on tap for what promises to be a memorable experience for those who attend. Amtrak is hoping to be able to provide a trip on the Scenic Shore Line, utilizing the soon to be introduced *Acela Express* equipment.

Convention headquarters will be the Westin Stamford Hotel, which directly overlooks the Northeast Corridor, and its myriad variety of movements. Our traditional Gala Banquet will be held on Friday, July 14th. That day also features a complete program of interesting and informative seminars, as well as the Society's Annual Meeting.

Appropriately, for our first Convention of the new millennium, up-to-date information on the latest in Convention news may be obtained at "www.nhrails2000.com", on the Internet.

Members planning to attend are encouraged to preregister, which not only saves one \$5 off the regular \$25 registration fee, but also insures you will receive the registration package, needed to sign up for events, prior to those Members who have not preregistered. To preregister, just fill out the attached form, or send \$20, and your Membership number, to: New Haven Rails 2000, P. O. Box 1188, Southport, CT 06490-1188.

Lawson Hill

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he held a number of executive positions with the Boston Chapter; his longest service being as Chapter Secretary.

His National offices included New England Coordinator and New England Representative, functions now performed by the Regional Vice Presidents. He also served as Director-at-Large. In this position, he represented the interests of our Associate Members, as required by our State of Incorporation, Maryland.

While donations such as Mr. Hill's are a once in a lifetime thing, the Society is most appreciative of any size bequest, whether monetary, or in the form of photos or other historical artifacts.

Members considering a donation may wish to consult *Your Railroad Estate*, found on page 181 of *Bulletin* No. 3. Questions concerning the donation of financial instruments may be directed to Treasurer Richard M. Billings, 1412 Twelfth Street, Moline, IL 61260-3075.

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Editor's Note: For those who asked, LCL is the standard railroad abbreviation for less than a carload.

Belated thanks go to Ohio Valley Region Vice President **Wesley F. Ross** for his yeoman effort in arranging for, and compiling, the list of discounts available to Society Members, that was distributed in the NRHS News that accompanied *Bulletin* No. 2.

Membership Awards Director (and Chairman of the Board) **Leroy S. Dietrich** has

announced that 25 and 50 year Award pins are now available in pendant form. Anyone who has received, or shortly will be receiving one of these awards, and would prefer the pendant version, should contact the National Office at: P. O. Box 58547, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Congratulations to **Atlanta Chapter** on the reopening of their Southeastern Railway Museum. More information can be found at their website, www.srmduluth.org, or by telephoning 770-476-2013.

The **San Diego Railroad Museum** is very interested in obtaining an air operated, "large button", grease gun, that will handle hard stick "pin" grease (known as "pin dope" in the days of steam), operable off either an engine's main reservoir, or an air compressor. It is sought for use with their recently restored Southern Pacific steam locomotive #2353. Anyone with such an item to donate or sell, should contact the Museum at: 1050 Kettner Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101; 619-595-3030 (phone); 619-595-3034 (fax); or sdrm@pacbell.net.

NRHS JACKETS AVAILABLE

Emblem Sales Director Martin Swan has announced the availability of lightweight windbreaker "coach" jackets, 100% nylon, mesh lining in upper body, front and back vents for breathability, back vent has velcro closures, slash pockets and raglan sleeves.

They are Navy with the NRHS emblem embroidered on the left side of the jacket. They are available in Large, X-Large, and XX-Large, and priced at \$41.75 (\$2.00 additional for 2X) including postage and handling.

Orders should be sent to: NRHS Emblem Sales, P. O. Box 58547, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

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New
Haven *Rails 2000*

*You are cordially invited to the
2000 NRHS National Convention*

in

Stamford, Connecticut

From

July 11 to 16, 2000

Hosted by

The Western Connecticut Chapter, NRHS



Events

NEW HAVEN RAILS 2000, is set in the Greater New York
Metropolitan Area,
On one of the busiest rail lines in the United States,
THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR.

We offer you all the Newest and Oldest “all electric” line in
the U.S.A.

Unique DIESEL/ELECTRIC service; five rail museums
with vintage rolling stock; trolley operations; rare mileage
on Fallen Flag trackage; and much, much, MORE. Why
even the Convention Hotel, The Westin Stamford, sits
alongside THE CORRIDOR.

Excursions

- Scenic Shore Line excursion to Boston, with Acela Express if available.
- Connecticut Trolley Museum at Warehouse Point, via Metro-North and Amtrak lines, and rare mileage if available. Also Railroad Museum of New England to Torrington, via rare mileage if available.
- Circle Trip via Amtrak from Stamford to New Haven, Springfield, MA, Palmer, MA and Willimantic to visit the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum, then to New London, and return to Stamford.
- The Danbury Branch to the Danbury Railway Museum and then via the Maybrook Line to the Hudson Line and New Haven Main Line.
- Steam train and riverboat rides on the Valley Railroad. Visit to the Branford Electric Railway.

Night Photo Session

A night photo session with Steve Barry is planned at the Danbury Railway Museum in Danbury, Connecticut.

Meetings, Seminars, & Banquets

There will be the traditional day of meetings and seminars followed by the banquet. Banquet speaker will be Walter Zullig, Special Counsel, MTA Metro-North Railroad.

Local Events

Local tours and excursions of the Metropolitan area will be featured.

Additional Information

Web Site

For up to date information on the convention visit our web site at:
www.nhrails2000.com

Registration Package

The registration package will have the information needed to sign up for the convention activities. It will be mailed shortly after January 31, 2000 to the members who pre-registered.

Pre-Registration

Pre-registration discounts the registration fee to \$20 and enables you to receive the registration package prior to members who have not pre-registered. Pre-registration ends on January 31, 2000. After that date, the full \$25 registration fee will be required. Only one pre-registration is needed per family.

Special Note

The events described above are currently being planned. These events are still tentative and subject to any unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of either the Western Connecticut Chapter, or the National Railway Historical Society. The NRHS and the Western Connecticut Chapter do not guarantee that the above events will in fact occur.

2000 National Convention Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

E-Mail: _____

Day Phone (____) _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Chapter: _____

(You must be a Member of the NRHS to pre-register)

Registration is \$20 until January 31, 2000, and \$25 thereafter.

Only one registration per family is required.

We accept checks or money orders.

Make checks or money orders payable to:

Western Connecticut NRHS, Inc.

Mail to:

Registration

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