



ANNOUNCING NRHS HISTORIC PLAQUE PRESENTATION TO B&O RAILROAD MUSEUM

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Baltimore, July 4 – At the Star Spangled Rails, Baltimore 2003 convention banquet held at the Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel last night, the National Railway Historical Society honored the B&O Railroad Museum on the eve of the 175th anniversary of the beginning of construction of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad with the presentation of an NRHS Historic Plaque. The bronze plaque, presented by NRHS President Gregory Molloy, is given as part of the National Railway Historical Society's Historic Plaque program, recognizing significant railroad historic sites and events. Construction of the B&O Railroad commenced with ceremonies on July 4, 1828, presided over by Charles Carroll, then the last living signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The B&O Railroad Museum was also commended for its efforts to protect and restore the historic artifacts including the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse, damaged by winter storms in February 2003. Accepting the plaque on behalf of the Museum was Courtney B. Wilson, Executive Director of the B&O Railroad Museum. The plaque will be installed and displayed at the B&O Railroad Museum located at 901 W. Pratt Street in Baltimore, Maryland.

The National Railway Historical Society, founded in 1935, is the United States' largest rail historical society with over 17,000 members and 170 Chapters worldwide.

The Historic Plaque was sponsored by the National Railway Historical Society's Washington, D.C. Chapter, which is one of the two host organizations for Star Spangled Rails, Baltimore 2003, the joint national convention of the National Railway Historical Society and the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, being held in Baltimore this week. For more information on the convention, please see <http://www.starspangledrails.org>; for more information on the National Railway Historical Society, please see <http://www.nrhs.com>. For more information on the B&O Railroad Museum and their efforts to protect and restore their historic artifacts, please see <http://www.borail.org>.

