



**2023
CONVENTION
NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Deerfield Beach, Florida
September 1 – 6, 2023**

Florida will be the venue for the 2023 NRHS National Convention. The convention dates are Friday, September 1 through Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

Our host hotel will be the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels Deerfield Beach – Boca Raton, 100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441-1856. The telephone number is: 1-954-427-7700.

For our first visit to southern Florida, we'll be spending six fun-filled days exploring historic museums, current railroad operations and other sites of interest in the area.

The convention starts on Friday, September 1st when the registration room opens in the mid-afternoon at the hotel. Other planned events include the NRHS Fund meeting and a seminar in the evening.

Events on Saturday, September 2nd will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, including the Advisory Council, Board of Directors and Annual Membership meetings. An evening seminar is also planned.

The event for Sunday, September 3rd features a ride on a Brightline train from Miami to the Orlando Airport, which is the newest station to open on the line.

The event for Monday, September 4th features an excursion on the US Sugar Railroad's Sugar Express steam train. Photo runbys are planned.

Tuesday, September 5th offers options of a guided Transit Tour including the entire Tri-Rail commuter railroad and Metro Rail rapid transit systems OR a tour the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum. Both events have limited seating and run concurrently, so you are limited to selecting only one event. The Annual Banquet rounds out the day's events.

The Convention wraps up on Wednesday, September 6th with an all-day trip to the Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami. Part of the event will involve a ride on the Tri-Rail Commuter Rail; a ride on the Museum's train and lunch is included. Cab rides are typically available on the Museum's SW1500 diesel switcher and are sold by the Museum for extra cost.

The area is rich with other venues of historic interest and tourist sites.

Please plan to attend our south Florida convention.

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

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Seating is limited for some events and classes of service. Please order early to assure you get the seats and events you desire.

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Friday, September 1:

- Registration room open 4PM to 10PM.
- Evening event. NRHS Fund meeting.
- Evening event. Seminar.

Saturday, September 2:

- Registration room open 7AM to 8PM.
- Morning event. NRHS Advisory Council Meeting.
- Lunch on your own.
- Afternoon event. NRHS Board of Directors Meeting.
- Afternoon event. NRHS Annual Membership Meeting.
- Evening event. Seminar.

Sunday, September 3:

- Registration room open 7AM to 9AM and 5PM to 8M.
- All day event. Travel by motor coach to Brightline's Miami station to ride to the newest station on the line at the Orlando Airport. Lunch included.

Monday, September 4:

- Registration room open 7AM to 9AM and 5PM to 8PM.

- All day event. Travel by motor coach to the US Sugar Railroad at Clewiston to ride our special steam-powered excursion trip. Several photo runbys are planned. Lunch on your own in Lake Placid, FL.

Tuesday, September 5:

- Registration room open 7AM to 9AM and 3PM to 5:30PM.
- Choice of one of two events. Both have limited capacities:
- Tour A: Guided Transit Tour including rides of the entire Tri-Rail commuter rail and MetroRail/MetroMover rapid transit systems. Motor coach will be used only between the hotel and the Amtrak/Tri-Rail Deerfield Beach station. Lunch on your own.
- Tour B: Travel by motor coach to visit the Henry M. Flagler Museum. Lunch included.
- Evening event. Annual Banquet at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Wednesday, September 6:

- Registration room open from 7AM to 9AM and 5PM to 8PM.
- All day event. Visit to the Gold Coast Railroad Museum. We will travel by motor coach, Tri-Rail commuter rail train and then motor coach to the Museum. A ride on the Museum’s train and lunch is included. The convention ends when the group arrives back at the DoubleTree Hotel.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

The convention hotel will be the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels Deerfield Beach – Boca Raton, 100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441-1856. The telephone number to use for our event is: 1-954-427-7700.

We have negotiated an attractive room rate of \$129 per night for up to two people in a room, taxes extra. This rate is available starting two days before and running through two days after the end of the convention. Please use the discount code to receive the “NATL” group rate: **CDTNRS**. Rooms must be booked by **August 8, 2023** to receive the special rate.

Rooms include Standard Two Queen and Single King options. There are a very limited number of ADA Accessible rooms available. Guest rooms provide a coffee maker and cable TV with pay-per-view movies, as well as a hairdryer, ironing facilities, a work desk and complimentary internet. No smoking is allowed in the hotel. The hotel is just off of Interstate 95 and Hillsboro Boulevard/Highway 810.

Parking for hotel guests is included at no extra charge. The hotel also offers a fitness center, an outdoor pool and hot tub and other amenities. Bobby Bahia’s Restaurant and Lounge is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The hotel does have a shuttle service that operates within a five mile radius. The shuttle service may not be available at all times, especially when providing service for other hotel guests. If the shuttle service is not available, rideshare or taxi service are options.

Please note: there is no hotel shuttle to any of the local airports – Fort Lauderdale, Miami or Palm Beach.

Check-in time starts at 4:00PM; check-out time is at 11:00AM. The hotel front desk will hold a limited amount of luggage for those guests attending functions on the day of departure, so that they may check out by 11AM to avoid late check-out charges. There will be a \$10 charge per person for this service; please check with the hotel front desk.

Please be aware that the Hotel will honor Hilton Honors Points, but those reservations using points will not go towards the convention's hotel minimum.

All convention events will be leaving from the hotel.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION ROOM

The registration room for the 2023 NRHS convention will be based in the Captain's Room, which is on the first floor just down from the lobby. Here, convention participants will be able to pick up their registration packet including tickets, purchase any tickets still available for future events and ask questions about convention activities. If you are attending the Banquet, please see the sign-up board in the registration room to select a table number and seats.

All tickets for all events will be picked up in the registration room. No tickets or other material will be mailed.

In the registration room, the NRHS will have a sales desk for items related to the convention and organization, such as t-shirts, hats and other items. Convention items may have to be pre-ordered and pre-paid. A limited number may be available for purchase in the registration room during the convention. Please stay tuned for updates.

The registration room will be open:

Friday, September 1st: 4PM – 10PM

Saturday, September 2nd: 7AM – 8PM

Sunday, September 3rd: 7AM to 9AM and 5PM – 8PM

Monday, September 4th: 7AM to 9AM and 5PM – 8PM

Tuesday, September 5th: 7AM – 9AM and 3PM – 5:30PM

Wednesday, September 6th: 7AM – 9AM and 5PM – 8PM

Traffic in the registration room is expected to be heavy on Friday and Saturday. If you are willing to assist, please contact Elizabeth Guenzler at: elizabethjoyceruth@twc.com.

GETTING TO AND FROM DEERFIELD BEACH, FL

Amtrak Service:

Amtrak offers daily service to Deerfield Beach on both the *Silver Star* (Trains 91 and 92) and *Silver Meteor* (Trains 97 and 98). If you are planning an extended vacation in Florida, Amtrak's *Auto Train* may be a good option, although the train's terminal in Sanford, FL is a 3 ½ hour drive to the hotel. Please be advised that it is a long walk from the Deerfield Beach Amtrak station to the hotel across a busy multi-lane road.

Tri-Rail commuter trains serve the Deerfield Beach Amtrak/Tri-Rail station at least hourly throughout the day, seven days a week. For more information, see www.tri-rail.com.

The Deerfield Beach Amtrak station address is: 1300 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442. For more information, visit www.amtrak.com or call 1-800-USA-RAIL (800-872-7245).

Air Service:

The Fort Lauderdale Airport is the closest to the headquarters hotel, but better fares may be found at other area airports, including those at Miami and Palm Beach that are further away. Tri-Rail provides train service between the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Deerfield Beach station. It has a free bus connection from the FLL airport terminal to the Tri-Rail Airport station.

Bus Service:

Greyhound serves the nearby cities of West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach and Jupiter. See www.greyhound.com or call (800) 231-2222 for more information.

Private Automobile:

The DoubleTree by Hilton Deerfield Beach is located on Interstate Highway I-95 at State Route 810 / W. Hillsboro Blvd.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Broward County Transit provides local bus service throughout the area. For more information, see: <https://www.broward.org/bct/Pages/default.aspx>

Deerfield Beach also offers transportation services. Please see: <https://www.deerfield-beach.com/1513/Transportation-Services> for more information.

There are several taxi companies serving the area, as well as rideshare services. An internet search will return many options.

TICKETS AND SEATING

Tickets will only be sold for all trips and events through the online NRHS registration system through **August 11th**. After **August 11th**, any remaining tickets will be sold on-site at the

DoubleTree Deerfield Beach hotel starting September 1st at 4PM. After online sales close, we will post a list of available tickets for your planning purposes. Check our registration room schedule for the hours/days when tickets will be sold for all events with space remaining.

Event participants should recognize that purchasing one ticket guarantees them one space at the event. On all trains, each passenger paying a fare will be entitled to a seat. Window seats are not guaranteed, as both window and aisle seats will be sold. Passengers are entitled to one seat per fare, to ensure other paying passengers are not excluded. Unless specific seats are assigned, seating is on a first come – first served basis. Seating arrangements will be made without regard to race, color, gender, creed or national origin.

NRHS reserves the right, whenever operating conditions require, to transfer passengers from one car or train to another car, train, or to a motor coach if no train is available. Please listen to the NRHS staff for directions and further information on each event.

All tickets are sold on a per person basis. Unless noted, there are no discounts for children or senior citizens. No railroad passes, or other discounts, will be accepted. Any children 18 and under must always be under the supervision of a responsible adult.

All trains and museums are non-smoking venues.

When alcohol is available at a venue, please use responsibly.

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REGISTRATION FEES

All convention registrants must pay a registration fee. The fee is to be paid one time by each primary registrant. Additional family members included on the same registration do not require any additional registration fee payment. No additional registration fee is required for additional ticket orders.

Registrants who are current NRHS members pay the Member Registration Fee. To qualify for the Member Registration Fee, you must be a Member in Good Standing of the NRHS for the current membership year. Qualification is based on the NRHS national membership and not on membership in chapters or other organizations affiliated with a particular chapter. Registrants who are not current NRHS members must pay the Non-Member Registration Fee. This fee includes a current At-Large Membership for the primary registrant only for the balance of the calendar year.

Payment of the appropriate registration fee entitles the registrant and all family members included in the same registration to convention name badges and access to all programs at the DoubleTree Deerfield Beach Hotel.

For registrants who submit a paper registration form rather than using the NRHS online registration system, NRHS will charge a \$25 manual processing fee, in addition to the registration fee. Those orders should be directed to:

2023 NRHS Convention
c/o John K. Fiorilla
505 South Lenola Road, Suite 226
Moorestown, NJ. 08057

FEES:

0010	NRHS Member Registration Fee	\$95
0020	NRHS Non-Member Registration Fee	\$125

Mail-in orders are assessed a \$25 extra fee for this service.

CONVENTION EVENTS

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Friday, September 1, 2023

Registration Room open 4PM – 10PM

NRHS Fund Meeting 6:30PM

DoubleTree Hotel

No Charge

Seminar 7:30PM

DoubleTree Hotel

No Charge

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Registration Room open 7AM – 8PM

Advisory Council Meeting 8:30AM

DoubleTree Hotel

No Charge

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Board of Directors Meeting 1PM

DoubleTree Hotel

No Charge

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Annual Membership Meeting 3:30PM

DoubleTree Hotel

No Charge

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Seminar 7PM

DoubleTree Hotel

No Charge

NOTE: The NRHS Annual Meeting is open to all NRHS members, and your attendance is strongly encouraged.

Sunday, September 3, 2023
Registration Room open 7AM – 9AM and 5PM – 8PM



North and southbound trains passing in Fort Lauderdale, March 9, 2022. Photo by Walter Zullig.

Sunday, September 3, 2023
Brightline Rail Trip From Miami to Orlando Airport Station, Lunch included

Brightline is the only privately-run passenger train network in the country, operating high-speed trains in southern Florida. During today's event we will be riding approximately 225 miles. Between Miami and Cocoa we will ride on the historic Florida East Coast Railway main line which has not seen a scheduled passenger train north of West Palm Beach since 1966. Between Cocoa and Orlando Airport we'll ride the completely new 125 mph high speed line which is scheduled to open on September 1st, just two days before our trip. These trains are aero-dynamic, sleek and feature comfortable seats, USB ports at each seat, large windows and restrooms in each coach.

We will use chartered motor coaches to travel from our hotel to the Brightline station in downtown Miami to ride a northbound train to its newest station at the Orlando Airport. Box lunches will be served after boarding the train in Miami. Lunch options are a choice of: a Turkey sandwich with Provolone, Cranberry Aioli and Baby Arugula Salad or a Grilled Vegetable Wrap with Quinoa and Baby Greens with Hummus spread. Both options include a bag of Potato Chips, a House baked Chocolate Chip Cookie and a bottle of Water. On the southbound trip we'll leave the train at the Boca Raton station and board our motor coaches there for the short ride to the hotel. If desired, refreshments will be available for purchase at the stations as well as from the attendant on board the trains.

Tickets:

9310	Brightline Rail Trip, Turkey Sandwich Box Lunch	\$199
9320	Brightline Rail Trip, Grilled Vegetable Wrap Lunch	\$199

PLANNING SCHEDULE:

7:15AM	Motor coaches begin boarding.
7:30AM	Motor coaches depart from the main entrance of the Hotel.
9:30AM	Estimated time motor coaches arrive at Miami Brightline station.
9:45AM	Train departs Miami station.
1:15PM	Train arrives at Brightline Orlando Airport station.
2:50PM	Train departs Orlando Airport station.
5:22PM	Train arrives Boca Raton station; board motor coaches.
5:30PM	Motor coaches depart for the Hotel.
6:00PM	Estimated time motor coaches arrive back at the Hotel.



Brightline in Miami Shores, March 7, 2022. Photo by Walter Zullig.



US Sugar No. 148 at Clewiston. Photo by Walter Zullig.

Monday, September 4, 2023

Registration Room open 7AM – 9AM and 5PM – 8PM

Monday, September 4, 2023

Sugar Express Steam Excursion

U.S. Sugar is privately-owned agricultural business based in Clewiston. The company farms over 230,000 acres of land and is the largest producer of sugar cane in the United States by volume. They are unique in that they transport all their cane from the fields to the factory by train. Since 2020, the company has operated the Sugar Express excursion train featuring U.S. Sugar 4-6-2 No. 148, built by American Locomotive Company in 1920 for the Florida East Coast Railway. It is interesting to note that this steam engine used to work for the company back in the 1930's.

The Sugar Express uses historic coaches and equipment, including a baggage car featuring open doors. Snacks are available for purchase aboard the train. While the steam train does operate at select times of the year, runbys are not included. However, photo runbys are planned for our event.

We will travel by chartered motor coaches to Clewiston where we will board the steam excursion. The excursion train will then take us to Lake Placid, FL., where we will have a layover for lunch on your own. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the

train. The train will then depart for the return trip back to Clewiston, where we will re-board the motor coaches for the trip back to the hotel.

Tickets:

9400 Sugar Express Steam Excursion \$199

Planning Schedule:

7:15AM Motor coaches begin boarding.
7:30AM Motor coaches depart from the main entrance of the Hotel.
9:10AM Motor coaches arrive at Clewiston. Begin boarding the train.
10:00AM Train departs.
12:00PM Train arrives at Lake Placid. Lunch on your own.
1:40PM Train begins boarding for the return trip.
1:45PM Train departs for Clewiston.
5:45PM Train arrives at Clewiston. Motor coaches begin boarding.
5:50PM Motor coaches depart Clewiston.
7:20PM Estimated time for motor coaches to arrive at the Hotel.



Sugar Express near Clewiston, FL., January 2022. Photo by Alex Mayes.

Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Registration Room open 7AM – 9AM and 3PM– 5:30PM

Tuesday, September 5, 2023
This day offers two concurrent events. You will only be able to attend one event. Both have limited seating.



Tri-Rail Train. Photo by Walter Zullig.



MetroRail Train. Photo by Walter Zullig.

Transit Tour

We will travel by motor coach to the Deerfield Beach Amtrak/Tri-Rail train station where we will board a northbound Tri-Rail train to the north end of its line at Mangonia Park. Tri-Rail is a 70.9 mile long system connecting Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach which opened in 1989 and is named "Tri" for the three counties it serves.

Next we'll board a southbound train to the Tri-Rail/MetroRail transfer station where we'll transfer to the MetroRail Green Line. MetroRail is the state's only rapid transit metro system, operating two lines of 23 stations on 24.4 miles of track which opened in 1984. Lunch will be on your own at the restaurant in the downtown Government Center station. We'll then re-board MetroRail to explore the south end of its system, followed by the downtown MetroMover. From there we'll ride the MetroRail Orange Line to Miami Airport station where we'll re-board Tri-Rail for the return trip to Deerfield Beach. The tour will cover the entire routes of both Tri-Rail and the MetroRail rapid transit system.

*About two years ago a connection was constructed between Tri-Rail and the FEC main freight line near Hialeah so as to enable some Tri-Rail trains to operate to/from the Brightline station in downtown Miami. **IF** service is being operated via that connection at the time of our tour the itinerary will be changed to cover that route in one direction.*

Tickets:

9500	Transit Tour	\$69
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Planning Schedule:

7:45AM Motor coach begins boarding.

8:00AM Motor coach departs.

8:25AM Motor coach arrives at Deerfield Beach Tri-Rail station.

8:44AM Tri-Rail train departs.

Tour involves several transfers to rail stations; lunch on your own during the tour.

5:06PM Tri-Rail train arrives at the Deerfield Beach station. Motor coach begins boarding.

5:15PM Motor coach departs for the Hotel.

5:30PM Motor coach arrives at the Hotel.



Henry Flagler Museum. Photo by Dawn Holmberg.

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Henry Morrison Flagler Museum Tour, lunch included.

Henry Flagler was known as an industrialist and the founder of the Florida East Coast Railway. He was also instrumental in the development of the southeastern part of Florida including the cities of Miami and Palm Beach.

The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum features his Gilded Age estate named Whitehall. It is located in Palm Beach and overlooks Lake Worth. The Beaux Arts-style mansion of 100,000 square feet was built in 1902 and features 75 ornate rooms; it is a National Historic Landmark. The Museum also includes the Flagler Kenan Pavilion that houses Railcar No. 91, Flagler's private car built in 1886 in Delaware.

Our tour will begin with a motor coach ride to the Museum, where we will enjoy a guided one-hour tour of the first floor area. The tour will then divide into Groups A and B for lunch served in the Pavilion. The Flagler Museum offers one lunch option; as of May the current option is a Tuscan Grilled Chicken Sandwich Box. The lunch option is scheduled to be changed sometime before the convention and information updates will be made when available. Access to the Museum's Gift Shop will be available during the visit. After lunch we will re-board the motor coach for the ride back to the hotel.

Please join us on a tour of this magnificent museum. Space on this tour is limited; please place your order early.

Tickets:

9525	Flagler Museum Tour, lunch included.	\$125
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Planning Schedule:

8:45AM Motor coach begins boarding.
 9:00AM Motor coach departs for the Museum.
 10:20AM Motor coach arrives at the Museum. Docent-led tours begin.
 11:30AM Group A lunch begins.
 12:30PM Group B lunch begins.
 1:40PM Motor coach begins boarding.
 1:45PM Motor coach departs for the Hotel.
 2:45PM Estimated time motor coach arrives back at the Hotel.

Tuesday, September 5, 2023**Annual Banquet**

The annual Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom which is on the main floor of the hotel lobby. The planned speaker is yet to be determined. Please see the sign-up board in the Registration Room, starting in the afternoon on Saturday, September 1st to select a table number and seats.

The two entree choices are: *Grilled Herb Seasoned NY Strip Steak* with Caramelized Onion, Potato au Gratin and Haricot Verts

or

Citrus Herb Airline Breast of Chicken, with Creamy Mashed Potatoes Broccolini finished with Natural Pan Au Jus.

Both entrees include a Farmers Market Salad of Garden Greens, Rainbow Tomatoes, Shaved Watermelon Radish and Baby Carrots, Florida Orange Segments and Lime Lemon Poppy Seed Dressing. Also included are Warm Rolls, Creamery Butter, NY style Cheesecake with Strawberry Coulis and Freshly Brewed Coffees, Tea and Iced Tea.

A limited number of Vegetarian dinners are available at \$69 upon request. Please contact John Goodman at the convention hotline: 1-636-543-6747.

Tickets:

9575	NY Strip Steak	\$97
9580	Breast of Chicken	\$69

Planning Schedule:

6:00PM Cash bar available in Hotel Lobby.
 7:00PM Dinner is served.
 8:00PM Speaker presentation.



No. 153, Gold Coast Railroad Museum. Photo by Walter Zullig.

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Registration Room open 7AM – 9AM and 5PM – 8PM

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Gold Coast Railroad Museum

The Gold Coast Railroad Museum is one of the three official Florida State Railroad Museums. It was built on the second largest WWII airship base in the U.S. and houses forty historic rail cars. The collection features FEC Pacific-type steam Locomotive No. 153 and U.S. Car #1, the Pullman Presidential car *Ferdinand Magellan*. The facility also includes a model railroad room, multiple displays of rail equipment and a Naval Air Station Richmond exhibit.

Our tour will begin with a motor coach ride to the Deerfield Beach Tri-Rail station, where we will board a southbound train to the end of the line at the Miami Airport Station. We will then re-board the motor coaches for a ride to the Museum. A buffet lunch will be served upon arrival at the Museum.

Rides on the standard gauge line that goes around the whole property will be available and included in your admission; cab rides are an extra fare of \$20 per person and need to be purchased onsite.

At the end of our visit we will board our motor coaches for a direct trip back to the host Hotel.

Tickets:

9600 Gold Coast Railroad Museum, lunch included. \$129

Planning Schedule:

7:45AM Motor coaches begin boarding.
8:00AM Motor coaches depart for the Deerfield Beach Tri-Rail Station.
8:44AM Southbound Tri-Rail train departs for Miami Airport Station.
9:55AM Tri-Rail train arrives at the Miami Airport Station. Board motor coaches immediately upon their arrival at the station.
11:30PM Estimated arrival at Gold Coast Museum.
4:00PM Begin boarding motor coaches.
4:15PM Motor coaches depart the Museum.
6:30PM Estimated arrival back at the Host Hotel.

The convention ends when the motor coaches arrive at the Deerfield Beach DoubleTree hotel.

GENERAL INFORMATION

How to Register

The best way to register and purchase tickets for the 2023 NRHS Convention is to use the On-Line Registration System. When you use the on-line system, you will see the latest information about available capacity, and you will receive immediate confirmation of your purchase. On-Line Registration requires payment by a major credit card or by PayPal. We strongly suggest that you read through the event descriptions and make your decisions about what you want to purchase before going to the registration system. You can use the On-Line Registration System to review your order or add to it.

On-Line Registration System:

For NRHS members, go to:

<https://nrhs.app.neoncrm.com/login>

Login and click on the link in the “2023 convention info” box and follow the prompts.

Tips:

1. If you recently joined NRHS or renewed your membership online, you have an account on our system. Login using your login name or email address plus password.
2. If you have not logged in to our system in the past, please first create an online account (use the “Create an account” link). Use the email address that we have on file to login, and set up a password that only you will know.
3. If NRHS does not have an email address on file for you, send your email address, name, NRHS member number (if available) or ZIP code to membership@nrhs.com. Give us a day or so to enable access.
4. You must be logged in as an active NRHS member to receive the reduced registration rate.

5. If you prefer to send your registration by mail, be sure to include the \$25 manual transaction fee.

Registration for non-NRHS members will be available in one week.

You may also register manually by printing, filling out and submitting the PDF registration form. Manual registrations will take us longer to process and confirm due to the mailing times required. Sales will depend on the capacity available on the day the order is processed, not the capacity available on the day it was mailed. Manual orders may be paid by check or money order; the required payment must accompany the order form. Mail-in orders are assessed a \$25 extra fee for this service. Installment payments are not accepted. The manual registration form may be downloaded at:

<https://nrhs.com/convention/>

We are not staffed nor equipped to handle telephone orders.

Please note that advance registration will close on **August 11, 2023** so that records can be transferred to Deerfield Beach. Any remaining unsold event capacity will then be offered for sale over the counter at the headquarters hotel in the registration room. For your planning purposes, after online registration closes on **August 11th** we will post online the tickets remaining for each event.

Schedules

The official schedule of events will be posted in the convention registration room. Schedules are subject to change. Schedules included in the event information are preliminary and for general guidance only, although they represent our best information at this time.

Please make sure you check the official schedule in the registration room.

Final schedule adjustments are expected to be minor, but could be significant if caused by local weather, railroad or other conditions. Major schedule changes known in advance of the convention will be posted on <https://nrhs.com/convention/> .

Event Capacities

The event capacities shown in the On-Line Registration System are the most current information available. These capacities are updated in real time.

Wait Lists

Wait lists will be kept for the 2023 convention events.

Cab Ride Conditions

Please follow instructions at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum.

Mobility Issues

While the NRHS strives to make events as accessible as possible, much of the passenger train equipment used is of a historic nature and not designed for modern wheelchairs and electric scooters. Because of the historical nature of this equipment, wheelchairs and electric scooters cannot be used on buses, motor coaches and trains. Passengers are required to climb at all boarding locations, including the buses or motor coaches. NRHS and railroad staff will be available to assist passengers on and off the trains, motor coaches and buses.

Special Dietary Needs

Please indicate any special dietary needs (food allergies, dietary limits, etc.) when you register, either online or on the paper form. Not all events include meals, so please read the event descriptions carefully to find out if meals or other food is included. Where food is provided as a part of an event, the caterer will be provided a listing of participants who have indicated special dietary needs. Please ask for your special meal at these events by name. *Please do not write "none" or other such terms if you do not have any special dietary needs.* This only indicates to the online registration system that you do have special dietary needs.

How to Get Information Updates

You may check back with the website periodically to view updates. New information and update bulletins will be posted on www.nrhs.com as information becomes available. If you have specific questions about the 2023 NRHS Convention that are not answered by the resources above, please contact us directly by leaving a message at:

636-543-NRHS or 636-543-6747

Please be aware that messages are only checked periodically; we may not get back to you for three to five days.

Ticket Delivery

You have only one option for delivery of tickets, name badges and other convention registration materials. All convention packets will be held at the registration room. Pick up is available starting on Friday afternoon, September 1st at 4pm, or held there for pick up prior to your first convention event.

Waivers & Identification

At this time, we do not believe that there is a need to submit a general liability waiver form or produce government-issued identification in order to participate in the 2023 NRHS Convention. Participants may be required to sign waivers or produce identification for specific activities, although we do not know of any such requirements at this time. Convention participants may be required to show identification when picking up their tickets in the registration room.

Should requirements change, NRHS will update this information on the website and at the registration room, or at the specific event.

Terms & Conditions

Tours, trips, excursions and events (also referred to as an "Activity" or "Activities") are offered by the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. (NRHS) to NRHS members and the public subject to these General Conditions, as well as to any special conditions applicable to each Activity. The specific conditions for a particular Activity may also modify these General Conditions. By making a reservation, a participant agrees to have read, understood and be bound by these General Conditions and the specific conditions applicable to that Activity. Unless otherwise noted in the specific conditions for an individual offering or in the section "Payments, Cancellations & Refunds" below, full payment is required for each reservation at the time the reservation is made.

By making a reservation, a participant agrees that NRHS is not responsible for any delays, late arrivals, changes in trip itineraries, missed connections, loss of business or other opportunities, re-routings or detours required by or caused by a railroad or transportation service, cancelled or annulled trains, mechanical failures or Acts of God.

The NRHS is not a common carrier, and activities offered by NRHS are not common carriage. The NRHS and its representatives act only as agents for the passengers with respect to the transportation, accommodations and other services included in each activity, including transportation by rail, motor coach, bus, automobile, steamship or plane; as well as food and dining services, hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and other similar services included in the activity. The NRHS is not responsible for any injury, delay, loss or damage from any cause whatsoever from these conveyances, accommodations and other facilities and activities or with respect to any other cause beyond the immediate control of the NRHS.

Smoking is not permitted aboard the motor coaches, buses, on the trains or at any other convention venue. Alcoholic beverages may not be brought aboard any train, motor coach, bus or to any convention event.

All convention attendees must be able to board and alight from motor coaches, buses and trains, walk moderate distances (including on uneven ground), and maneuver at events without assistance.

Information in this booklet was accurate as of time of issuance. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to make any necessary changes. Updates will be provided upon check-in at the convention registration desk, or during the convention.

PAYMENTS, CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

The NRHS must pay non-refundable deposits, insurance premiums and other costs in advance of the convention dates to secure arrangements for the 2023 convention events. In order to assure that arrangements and required capacities will be available for convention

attendees, the following policy applies to all registrations and Activity orders for the 2023 NRHS Convention.

Please read carefully the information on payments, additions, and cancellations. The NRHS strongly recommends that customers consider purchasing travel insurance to protect themselves from having to cancel their participation. This is especially important for customers who are concerned they may have to cancel for medical, personal or family situations, or who cannot afford to forfeit deposits.

Options for Payments

The NRHS will accept payment by credit card, PayPal, check or money order. Orders must always be paid in full; no partial payments are accepted.

If you are paying for your order by check or money order and that payment is not received by **August 11, 2023** (when on-line registration ends), your order will be cancelled. These orders must use the downloadable Order Form, available at: <https://nrhs.com/convention/> . The filled-in order form must accompany your payment.

Refunds

Decisions regarding cancellations will be at the sole discretion of the NRHS. This provision will also apply to credit card payments declined by the credit card issuer and check payments declined by the issuing bank. A \$75 fee will be assessed for each check returned for any reason in addition to any other cancellation fees described herein.

Reservations and payments for air transportation, hotels and individual tourism before or after the convention are governed by the rules of the individual service providers. Again, the NRHS strongly recommends that customers consider purchasing travel insurance to protect themselves from having to cancel their participation. This is especially important for customers who are concerned they may have to cancel for medical, personal or family situations, or who cannot afford to forfeit deposits.

Additions to Orders

Once an order has been placed, a customer may add to that order without payment of an additional registration fee. However, adding to an existing order requires the payment of the total balance due. In other words, you will have to pay for the additional event(s) when the order is updated. Even though a second payment may be required, this does not change the amount of the cancellation fees applicable to an order canceled prior to **August 11, 2023**.

Cancellations by Customer

Requests for cancellation of individual Activities or a total order must be made in writing to the NRHS. The cancellation fee will be determined by the date such written notification is received by the NRHS.

The following cancellation fees will apply to full cancellations:

June 28 through July 10, 2023: 0% of the order, minus the registration fee.

July 11 through August 11, 2023: 75% of the order, minus the registration fee.

August 12, 2023 or later: 100% of the order.

In the event of cancellation of an individual Activity, but not the full order, the same percentages will apply to the Activities canceled.

Cancellations or Alterations by NRHS

The NRHS reserves the right to cancel any Activity for any reason. In the unlikely event of a cancellation, a full refund will be made without any further obligation on the part of the NRHS. The NRHS may make alterations without notice to any Activity, including changing or substituting schedules, routes or transportation equipment as NRHS deems appropriate or desirable. NRHS reserves the right to provide a full or partial refund if, in the sole discretion of NRHS, the altered Activity is not equivalent.

Payment of Refunds

Refunds will be made only to the customer who made the reservation. A refund may be in the form of a check for payments originally made by check. In the case of payments made by credit card, refunds may be made by either a credit to the account used for the original charge or by a check mailed to the person who made the original reservation. The choice of refund payment method will be at the sole discretion of the NRHS.

All appropriate cancellation charges will be deducted from the refund before the check or credit is issued.

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Convention merchandise is available for pre-order to be picked up during the convention at the DoubleTree Hotel. See the order form on the next page.



NRHS Souvenir Convention Items:

PRE-ORDER FORM

Items may also be available in limited quantities at the convention registration room.

Items will only be available for pick-up during the convention at the DoubleTree Hotel in Deerfield Beach, FL. *No orders will be shipped.*

(Guaranteed pick-up if ordered by **August 12, 2023).**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

	Number / Total
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention Polo Shirt (white w/color logo) @ \$40 each 	
Quantity of each shirt (adult sizes): S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___ XXXL___	_____ / \$_____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention T-Shirt (ash grey w/color logo) @ \$16 each 	
Quantity of each shirt (adult sizes): S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___ XXXL___	_____ / \$_____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention Hat (khaki w/color logo) @ \$18 each 	_____ / \$_____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention Mug w/Color Logo @ \$12 each 	_____ / \$_____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 3/4 Inch Pin Back Button w/Color Logo @ \$2 each 	_____ / \$_____
Grand Total	\$_____