

**2021 CONVENTION
NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
AUGUST 23 - 28, 2021**

Please note that NRHS will follow the COVID-19 guidelines from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and the States of Wisconsin and Illinois. *You will be required to sign a waiver to attend any Convention events.* Please refer to page 3 for more information.

Downtown Milwaukee, eastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois will be the venues for the 2021 NRHS National Convention. The dates of the convention are Monday, August 23 through Saturday, August 28, 2021.

Our host hotel will be the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown, 611 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203. The telephone number is: 1-414-273-2950.

We'll be spending a fun-filled week exploring museums and other sites of interest in the area. The convention kicks off on Monday, August 23rd when the Registration room opens mid-afternoon at the hotel.

On Tuesday, August 24th we will travel by chartered motor coaches to visit the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, WI. Lunch will be provided at the Museum.

On Wednesday, August 25th, we will travel by chartered motor coaches to the East Troy Railroad Museum in East Troy, WI. One option will be to ride the lunch train that uses South Shore cars set up as table cars. There also is the option of unlimited rides on the coach trolleys that does not include lunch.

That evening the annual NRHS banquet will be held at the hotel. The speaker is scheduled to be Mr. Norman Carlson, Vice Chair of Metra, the commuter rail system in the Chicago area.

On Thursday August 26th we will travel by chartered motor coaches to visit the Illinois Railway Museum at Union, Illinois. A lunch is included.

On Friday, August 27th two events are being offered. NRHS meetings will be held in the hotel and include the Advisory Council meeting, the Board meeting and the annual Membership meeting. Lunch will be on your own.

For those not attending the meetings, a chartered motor coach trip for an exclusive tour to the Christopher Farm & Gardens, Sheboygan, WI. is offered. Lunch is included.

On Saturday, August 28th we will travel by chartered motor coaches to ride a chartered special METRA train from Fox Lake, WI to Antioch, IL. A bag lunch is included.

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

Please plan to attend our Wisconsin convention.

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COVID-19 POLICY FOR 2021 IN MILWAUKEE

- 1. MASKS.** Masks must be worn at all meetings in the hotel. This is required not only by the NRHS but also by the hotel. Their policy is as follows:
In accordance with CDC guidelines, we require face coverings in all indoor public areas of our hotel for guests. This includes the restaurant when not seated and eating.
In addition, the NRHS policy directs that masks must be worn on all buses, trains and all facilities including museums and eating facilities which you attend as part of the convention.
- 2. DISTANCING:** The NRHS will set up board and members meetings to recognize social distancing for those attending the meetings. There will be limits to the number of persons who can attend such meetings based upon the size of the rooms in which they take place. Keep in mind that NRHS Officers and members of the NRHS Board and the NRHS Advisory Council will have first priority for seating at their meetings. Seating for the annual Membership meeting will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 3. VACCINATIONS.** NRHS would appreciate if all adult attendees have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to attending the convention. Since many of our members are seniors or have underlying medical conditions which make them more susceptible to COVID-19, NRHS would like to take every precaution to avoid the spread of COVID-19 during the convention.

We appreciate your understanding with our efforts to keep everyone safe.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

A Note to Members Who Wish to Attend the Convention.

The NRHS is concerned about the health and safety of its members when they gather for the 2021 National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this August. All attendees must be fully aware of reasonable safety precautions so as to not contract or spread Covid-19 or one of its variants. The State of Wisconsin, State of Illinois and the Doubletree Milwaukee Downtown Hotel where the convention will be held all have Covid protocols that convention attendees are expected to follow. Obviously masking outside and inside at this time may be required not only at the hotel but at the different event locations that will be part of the convention. Social distancing is still a very good idea and Wisconsin is telling its citizens not to travel unless they are vaccinated. Some of these protocols are required (such as masking) while others are recommended. Please understand that there is no insurance available to any organization should someone become infected while at any venue at the convention. In addition, NRHS will require that you sign a release that you understand the risks involved and that you will release the NRHS, NRHS Fund and the venue sites visited during the convention from any liability for contracting Covid 19 or one of its variants. Obviously if your doctor says you can be vaccinated you should be vaccinated since this will give you the best protection against contracting or spreading Covid-19.

Note the protocols can change without notice and as we get closer to the convention dates, we will provide a summary of what is expected from all attendees.

If you have any questions, you may address them to NRHS General Counsel John Fiorilla at GC@NRHS.com.

John K. Fiorilla, Esq. General Counsel

UPDATES TO THIS VERSION

Event 2610 - Friday, August 27, Illinois Railway Museum - Morning departure times have changed. See page 13 for details.

Events 2810, 2820 and 2830 -Saturday, August 28th, Metra Commuter Special Excursion event to ride a chartered special METRA train will board at Fox Lake, IL. and not WI. Page 15-16.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Here's a quick look at the convention program highlights. The "Convention Events" section gives more detailed information.

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

YOU MUST WEAR YOUR CONVENTION ID BADGE TO ALL EVENTS.

Monday, August 23:

- Registration room opens at 3pm.
- Evening event - Seminar.

Tuesday, August 24:

- Registration room opens at 7am.
- All day event. Motor coach trip to the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, WI. Lunch included.
- Evening event - Seminar.

Wednesday, August 25:

- Registration room opens at 7am.
- All day event. Motor coach trip to the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum in East Troy, WI. Lunch is included for first class passengers only on the Elegant Lunch train.
- Banquet including cash bar in the evening.

Thursday, August 26:

- Registration room opens at 7am.
- All day event. Motor coach trip to the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Ill. Lunch included.
- Evening event - Seminars.

Friday, August 27:

- Registration room opens at 7am.
- All day event. Motor coach trip to the Christopher Farm & Gardens in Sheboygan, WI. Lunch included. This event conflicts with the Advisory Council and Board meetings.
- Morning event. NRHS Advisory Council Meeting.
- Lunch on your own.
- Afternoon event. NRHS Board Meeting.
- Afternoon event. NRHS Annual Membership Meeting.
- Dinner on your own.
- Evening event - Seminar.

Saturday, August 28:

- Motor coach trip to Fox Lake, Ill. to ride a special Metra train to Antioch, Ill. and return. Lunch included.
- Convention ends when the motor coaches arrive back at the DoubleTree Hotel.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

The convention hotel will be the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown, 611 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203. The telephone number to use for our event is: 1-414-273-2950.

The link to the reservation web page for our group is:

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MKECCDT-NRH-20210822/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Please note the link is very long and all of it is needed.

All convention events will be leaving from the hotel.

The hotel is located in downtown Milwaukee, just three blocks away from the Amtrak station. It is also a fifteen-minute drive from the General Mitchell International Airport (MKE). There is no hotel shuttle to and from the airport. Please see the 'Local Transportation' section of this booklet for travel options.

Parking for hotel guests is \$15 per day. This is a reduction from the standard \$23 rate. The

hotel features newly renovated rooms, a full-service restaurant, 24-hour fitness center and laundry facilities, and a Business Center. There is also the seasonal rooftop outdoor Sundeck and Bar.

We have negotiated a room rate of \$119 per night for up to two people in a room, taxes extra. Please use the discount code to receive the group rate: **NRH**. Rooms must be booked by 11:59pm on **August 2, 2021** to receive the special rate. This special room rate is available for booking three days prior to and after the convention dates.

Rooms include either Double Queen or King beds. All guest rooms feature complimentary wifi, a microwave, a refrigerator and a coffee maker. **There are a very limited number of ADA Accessible rooms available.** No smoking is allowed anywhere in the hotel.

The hotel has the Avenue Bar & Grill full-service restaurant. It serves Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner as well as Room Service. Several other restaurants are located near the hotel.

Check-in time starts at 3:00pm; 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 11:00am to avoid late check-out charges. Please check with the hotel front desk.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION ROOM

The registration room for the 2021 NRHS convention will be based in the Executive Room, which is on the main floor. Here, convention participants will be able to pick up their registration packet including tickets, purchase any tickets still available for future events, ask questions about convention activities and learn more about the Milwaukee area.

All tickets for all events will be picked up at the registration room. No tickets or other material will be mailed. **You must sign a waiver to receive your tickets.**

In the registration room, the NRHS will have a sales desk for items related to the convention and organization, such as t-shirts, pins, hats and other items.

Wearing your face covering will be required.

The hours that the registration room will be open (subject to change) are:

Monday, August 23		3pm - 8pm
Tuesday, August 24	7am - 10am	3pm - 8pm
Wednesday, August 25	7am - 10am	3pm - 7pm
Thursday, August 26	7am - 10am	3pm - 8pm
Friday, August 27	7am - 6pm	

Traffic in the registration room is expected to be heavy on Monday and Tuesday. If you are willing to assist, please contact Eileen Weber at: eileenweber@charter.net.

GETTING TO MILWAUKEE, WI

Amtrak Service:

Amtrak offers daily service to Milwaukee from the west on the *Empire Builder*, Train No. 8/28, which is scheduled to arrive at 2:07pm. The train stops at the Milwaukee Intermodal Station, which also serves Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) buses and Hiawatha Service trains. Hiawatha Service trains currently (in March 2021) run on a limited schedule. The estimated schedule for August has restored regular service frequency.

The Amtrak station address is: 433 West St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, WI. 53203. Amtrak offers a variety of discounts (subject to change), including Senior and Military fares. For more information, visit www.amtrak.com or call 1-800-USA-RAIL (800-872-7245).

Air Service:

All major airlines serve the Milwaukee General Mitchell International Airport. Please check the individual airline for its current schedule.

Bus Service:

Greyhound serves Milwaukee and uses the Milwaukee Amtrak Station. See www.greyhound.com for more information.

Several other intercity bus companies also serve Milwaukee.

Private Automobile:

Milwaukee is served by interstate highways - I-43 and I-94.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) provides local bus service throughout the area. Service is available between Mitchell Airport and downtown Milwaukee via the Green Line and Route 80. Please see their website for more information: <https://www.ridemcts.com/>

The MKE Hop streetcar runs daily through downtown Milwaukee. This is a free service. Please see their website for more information: <https://thehopmke.com/>

Go Riteway Airport Shuttle provides door-to-door shuttle service. For more information, see their website: <https://www.goriteway.com/airport-transportation/airport-shuttle-service/>
Their phone number is: 1-800-236-5450.

The Milwaukee General Mitchell International Airport is served by several major national rental car companies.

Taxi service as well as ride sharing services are available.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

The following are some local sites that may be of interest to convention attendees:
The Harley Davidson Museum, 400 West Canal Street, Milwaukee, WI., 53203.
<https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/museum.html>

Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Team, American Family Field, One Brewers Way,
Milwaukee, WI., 53214.
<https://www.mlb.com/brewers>

Note: The Brewers are scheduled to be playing at home during part of the NRHS Convention.

Milwaukee County Zoo Train, 10001 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI., 53226.
<http://www.milwaukeezoo.org/news/2016/train.php>
<http://www.milwaukeezoo.org/visit/attractions/>

Milwaukee Electric Railway and Transit Historical Society, PO. Box 371333 Milwaukee, WI.,
53237-1333. <https://www.tmer.org/>

Milwaukee Transit Archives and Museum, 4763 S. Packard Ave., Cudahy, WI., 53110.
milwtransit.org/WP/

Wm. K. Walthers, Inc. Corporate Office and Store, 5601 West Florist Ave., Milwaukee, WI.,
53218. <https://www.walthers.com/>

TICKETS AND SEATING

Tickets will only be sold for all trips and events through the online NRHS registration system through August 10th. After August 10th, any remaining tickets will be sold in the Registration room at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown starting August 23rd at 3pm. 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 motorcoach if no train is available. Please listen to 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 12 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 **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 by Hilton Hotel.

For registrants who submit a paper registration form rather than using the NRHS online registration system, NRHS will charge a \$20 manual processing fee in addition to the registration fee. Those orders should be directed to:

2021 NRHS Convention
c/o John K. Fiorilla
505 South Lenola Road, Suite 226
Moorestown, N.J. 08057

REGISTRATION FEES:

0010	NRHS Member Registration Fee	\$65
0020	NRHS Non-Member Registration Fee	\$100
0030	Manual Processing Fee for Mail Orders	\$20

CONVENTION EVENTS IN DETAIL

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YOU MUST WEAR YOUR CONVENTION ID BADGE TO ALL EVENTS.

All attendees will be required to comply with current COVID-19 guidelines regarding the wearing of face masks, social distancing, etc.

Monday, August 23, 2021

Evening event - Seminar. Check in the Registration Room for more information.

The event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel. 7:00 - 8:30pm no charge

NOTE: Please wear your name badge. Wearing your face covering will be required.

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, WI. Hobo lunch is included.

The 2021 convention kicks off with a chartered motor coach trip to the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, which is one of the largest rail museums in the U.S. Our visit will feature guided tours of their extensive locomotive and rail car collection. The collection features locomotives Union Pacific Big Boy 4017 and Pennsylvania Railroad GG-1 4890, the General Motors Aerotrain and General Eisenhower's WWII command train, among other equipment. A short train ride around the grounds is available and runs frequently.

A Hobo lunch will be served in the Pavilion at around 12:30pm. It is made up of a choice of sandwich on a large Kaiser Roll, creamy coleslaw, a cookie and a beverage. Sandwich choices are: Turkey and Provolone, Roast Beef and Cheddar, OR Egg Salad. The lunch is wrapped up in a colorful hobo bandana, which is yours to keep.

Tickets:

2410	Green Bay Museum, Turkey Sandwich	\$98
2420	Green Bay Museum, Roast Beef Sandwich	\$98
2430	Green Bay Museum, Egg Salad Sandwich	\$98

PLANNING SCHEDULE

7:45am	Motor coaches begin boarding. First coach departs when full.
8:30am	Last motor coach departs Hotel.
10:30am	Motor coaches begin to arrive at the National Railroad Museum.
3:45pm	Motor coaches begin loading. First coach departs when full.
4:30pm	Last motor coach departs the Museum.
6:30pm	Motor coaches begin to arrive back at the Hotel.

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Evening event - Seminars. Check in the Registration Room for more information.

The event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel. 7:00 - 9:00pm no charge

NOTE: Please wear your name badge. Wearing your face covering will be required.

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

East Troy Electric Railroad Museum, Tour and Lunch Train trip

This day's tour will begin with a chartered motor coach trip to the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum, located in the southeastern Wisconsin town of East Troy. The Museum is the last vestige of Wisconsin's formerly vast network of interurban railways. The line, built in 1907, was formerly part of The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company. The interurban ran between East Troy and Milwaukee from 1907 to 1939. After 1939 the line existed as a freight connection for the Village of East Troy. Preservation of the line began in the early 1970s. The East Troy Electric Railroad Museum has operated and maintained the line since 1985.

You will experience a 14-mile round trip through the Wisconsin countryside aboard some of the Museum's historic trolley cars. Before lunch, several trolleys will be running on the line, limited to four trolleys at a time. Also, the Museum's shop building will be open for tours. The lunch train riders will then board and have lunch on the historic table cars.

The two meal options are: Homemade Meatloaf and Vegetarian Cavatappi Pasta. The Meatloaf meal includes Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Strawberry Shortcake with whipped topping. The Cavatappi meal includes Garlic Roasted Mushrooms, Asiago Cream sauce and Chocolate Zucchini Cake with Brown Sugar and Walnut topping.

Both meals include a House Salad, Seasonal Vegetable, Pull Apart Pan Rolls, whipped butter, and Dark Roast Regular and Decaf Coffee and Hot Tea, served with cream and sugar.

When the lunch trip is over, passengers may ride any of the other operating trolleys.

Coach passengers will ride on the coach trains, with the option of unlimited rides. The coach trains will stop near the middle of the line at the Elegant Farmer Bakery, Deli and Market. Coach passengers may detrain here and purchase their own lunch at the Elegant Farmer. They will be able to re-board by flagging down any coach train. Lunch is not included in the Coach Trains ticket. Coach trains will continue on to the end of the line at the Indianhead Park passenger station, where passenger may detrain. This park overlooks the Canadian National railroad line. Picnic tables are available there.

Arrival back at the hotel is planned for about 5:00pm.

This event is limited for lunch attendees, due to lunch train capacity.

Tickets:

2510 East Troy Museum Coach Trains, Meal not included	\$49
2520 East Troy Museum Lunch Train, Meatloaf Meal	\$99

2530 East Troy Museum Lunch Train, Vegetarian Cavatappi Pasta Meal \$99

PLANNING SCHEDULE

7:45am Motor coaches begin boarding. First bus departs when full.
8:30am Last motor coach departs Hotel.
9:15am Motor coaches begin to arrive at the East Troy Electric Trolley Museum
4:00pm Motor coaches begin loading. First coach departs when full.
4:30pm Last motor coach departs the Museum.
5:15pm Motor coaches begin to arrive back at the Hotel.

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Banquet

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown, Milwaukee and Madison Ballrooms.

This year's annual Banquet will be held in the combined Milwaukee and Madison Ballrooms. Our planned speaker is Norman Carlson, Vice Chair of Metra, the commuter rail system in the Chicago metropolitan area. Please see the sign-up board in the registration room, starting in the afternoon on Monday, August 23rd to select a table number/seats.

The entree choices are: London Broil, Chicken Victoria and Vegetable Wellington.

The London Broil meal features a USDA Certified Angus Bistro Filet marinated with Soy and Balsamic, grilled to perfection, sliced and finished with a Sweet Mushroom Glaze, and served with Roasted Garlic and Red-skinned Mashed Potatoes.

The Chicken Victoria meal features a Lightly Breaded Tender Breast of Chicken, sautéed then poached in a Sauce of Smoked Bacon, Roma Tomatoes, Artichoke Hearts, Fresh Garlic, White Wine, Lemon Juice, and finished with Sweet Butter. Served on a bed of Imported Fettuccine Pasta.

The Vegetable Wellington meal features a colorful cornucopia of tasty tender vegetables encased in a buttery, flaky puff pastry shell. It is served with tomato sauce.

All dinner entrees include a Garden Salad with two Dressing choices, Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls with Whipped Butter and choice of Regular or Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea, or Milk. All meals will include Dessert, which will be a generous wedge of traditional New York Cheesecake with a Berry Topping.

Tickets:

2555 Banquet - London Broil Entree	\$65
2565 Banquet - Chicken Victoria Entree	\$65
2575 Banquet - Vegetable Wellington Entree	\$65

PLANNING SCHEDULE

6:00pm Cash bar and social hour

7:00pm Banquet
9:30pm End of banquet

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Il., Tour. Lunch is included.

This day's tour begins with a chartered motor coach ride to the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Ill. It is the largest railroad museum in the U.S. and was founded in 1953 to preserve the Indiana Railroad interurban car No. 65. The current site is located on the former Elgin & Belvidere Electric Railway right-of-way. The museum now contains diesel, steam and electric locomotives, trolleys and motor buses, a demonstration railway, a railroad signal display and the largest collection of railroad rolling stock in the U.S. Also on the grounds are the East Union Depot, built in 1851, a functioning interlocking tower from Spaulding, IL., built in 1890, the 50th Avenue "L" station from Cicero, IL., built in 1910, and a diner building that was formerly located in Akron, OH., built in 1934.

Our visit will begin with a short talk from a museum docent, who will start us on a tour of the facilities. You will be able to explore the Museum grounds on your own after this briefing. There will be a limited amount of rides, which are included in the event ticket, available on Museum equipment. In addition, several of the equipment barns will be open for viewing.

As of May 20th, lunch will be available in the early afternoon. Your event ticket will include a 'lunch stub'. Lunch will be available at the 'Central Diner' museum facility. You will be allowed to make one pass through the Diner using the lunch stub. Additional food will be available for purchase.

This is a not-to-be missed event at a premier venue.

Please note: this event will involve a lot of walking to see most of the exhibits. Wear comfortable shoes. Some areas of the museum have uneven ground. Also, some of the barns are closed to the public.

Due to the historic nature of the coaches, wheelchair access is not available on board. Smoking, alcoholic beverages and pets are also not permitted on board.

Note: the morning departure times have changed. Arrival back at the hotel is planned for about 6pm.

Tickets:

2610 Illinois Railway Museum Event \$129

PLANNING SCHEDULE

~~8:15am~~ ~~7:15am~~ Motor coaches begin boarding. First coach departs when full.

~~8:30am~~ ~~8:00am~~ Last motor coach departs the Hotel.

~~10:00am~~ ~~9:30am~~ Motor coaches begin arriving at the Illinois Railway Museum.

4:00pm Motor coaches begin boarding. First coach departs when full.

4:30pm Last motor coach departs the Museum.

6:00pm Motor coaches begin to arrive back at the Hotel.

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Evening event - Seminars. Check in the Registration Room for more information.

The event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel. 7:00 - 9:00pm no charge

NOTE: Please wear your name badge. Wearing your face covering will be required.

Friday, August 27, 2021

Christopher Farm & Gardens, Sheboygan, WI., Exclusive Tour. Lunch is included.

Please note: This event conflicts with the NRHS Advisory Council and Board meetings. If you plan to attend the meetings, do not sign up for this event.

The Christopher Farm & Gardens stretches across 500 acres of farm and botanical gardens along a mile of Lake Michigan shoreline. This private venue also features the "Dairyland Express", a 16-inch gauge amusement park train powered by a Wisconsin gas engine that runs on a half-mile of track. The highlight of the tour will be the Christopher Transportation China Collection. The vast and varied collection features vintage china pieces and sets from a wide variety of American and International air, steamship and rail lines. The collection also includes various railroad equipment and transportation memorabilia.

The grounds are a world-class botanical garden and are outstanding. They are worth the trip by themselves.

Photography is permitted and encouraged in the garden area, but may not be used for any commercial use without prior written approval from Farm management.

This event will include a chartered motor coach ride and a tour of the grounds, conservatory and the railroad collections. A bag lunch will also be included. You have a choice of either a sandwich or a salad. Each lunch includes fresh whole fruit, Kettle chips, a chocolate chip cookie and a soda or a bottle of water. The sandwich is: Roasted Turkey, which includes tomato, lettuce, and Swiss cheese on sourdough bread. The Roasted Vegetable Salad includes artisan lettuce, seasonal vegetables, Feta cheese and balsamic vinaigrette.

Arrival back at the hotel is planned for about 4pm, in time to attend the Annual Membership Meeting.

Our tour is extra special, as the site is not open to the public on a regular basis. More information is available at their website: <https://www.christopherfarmandgardens.org/>

Tickets:

2710	Christopher Farm & Gardens Tour, Turkey Sandwich	\$149
2720	Christopher Farm & Gardens Tour, Vegetable Salad	\$149

PLANNING SCHEDULE

7:45am	Motor coaches begin boarding. First coach departs when full.
8:15am	Last motor coach departs the Hotel.
9:30am	Motor coaches begin arriving at the Christopher Farm & Gardens
2:30pm	Motor coaches begin boarding. First coach departs when full.
2:45pm	Last motor coach departs for the Hotel.
4:00pm	Motor coaches to arrive back at the Hotel.

Friday, August 27, 2021

Advisory Council Meeting 9:00am - 11:30am no charge
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown, Milwaukee and Madison Ballrooms.

NOTE: Please wear your name badge. Wearing your face covering will be required.

Friday, August 27, 2021

Board of Directors Meeting 1:00pm - 4:00pm no charge
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown, Milwaukee and Madison Ballrooms.

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Friday, August 27, 2021

Annual Membership Meeting 4:15pm - 5:15pm no charge
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown, Milwaukee and Madison Ballrooms.

NOTE: Please wear your name badge. Wearing your face covering will be required.

Friday, August 27, 2021

Evening event - Seminar. Check in the Registration Room for more information.
The event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel. 7:00 - 9:00pm no charge

NOTE: Please wear your name badge. Wearing your face covering will be required.

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Metra Commuter Special Excursion. Lunch is included.

Metra is the commuter rail system for Chicago, Ill. and its surrounding suburbs. It operates 242 stations on eleven different rail lines. Most of the rail lines date from the mid-19th century. It is also the largest and busiest commuter rail system outside of the New York City metro area.

We will be riding on chartered motor coaches to the station at Fox Lake, Ill., where we will board the special four-car excursion train. Please note: passengers will have to climb a short set of stairs to board this train. Our excursion will use commuter coaches and will begin on the former Milwaukee Road West line to Big Timber/Elgin. We will then run to Tower A12 near Franklin Park where we will transfer to the former Soo

Line, now CN line to Antioch, Ill. Riders will be able to detrain at Antioch for a short station stop to stretch their legs. We will then return to Fox Lake, where we will re-board the motor coaches for the return trip to the hotel. Restroom facilities are available on the train.

A bag lunch with beverage will be handed out at the hotel before boarding the motor coaches. It will include a choice of sandwich, a bag of potato chips, an apple, condiments, a cookie and either a bottle of water or canned soda. Sandwich choices are: Turkey and Cheddar cheese croissant, Smoked Ham and Swiss cheese on Rye bread or Cold Vegetable Wrap with Pesto Sauce.

This excursion features a rare round trip over two rail lines that can not normally be ridden on one train in one day.

Tickets:

2810	Metra Commuter Special Excursion, Turkey Sandwich	\$169
2820	Metra Commuter Special Excursion, Ham Sandwich	\$169
2830	Metra Commuter Special Excursion, Veggie Wrap	\$169

PLANNING SCHEDULE:

7:00am	Motor coaches begin boarding. First coach departs when full.
7:45am	Last motor coach departs hotel for Fox Lake, Ill.
8:30am	First motor coach arrives at Fox Lake.
8:45am	Last motor coach arrives at Fox Lake. Train begins boarding.
9:00am	Train departs Fox Lake.
1:00pm	Estimated time train arrives back in Fox Lake. Motor coaches begin boarding for the return to the hotel.
1:15pm	First motor coach departs for the hotel.
1:30pm	Last motor coach departs for the hotel.
2:45pm	Estimated arrival of first motor coach back at the hotel.

The 2021 NRHS convention ends when the last motor coach arrives at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown. Thank you for attending the convention! We hope to see you in Southern California in 2022.

GENERAL INFORMATION

How to Register

The best way to register and purchase tickets for the 2021 NRHS Convention is to use our **On-Line Registration System**. When you use our 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. To reach the NRHS On-Line

Registration System, go to:

<https://www.123signup.com/register?id=kzttk>

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, money order or credit card; the required payment must accompany the order. Mail-in orders are assessed a \$20 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 10, 2021 so that records can be transferred to Milwaukee. 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 10th, 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 or railroad conditions. Major schedule changes known in advance of the convention will be posted on **<https://nrhs.com/convention/>** .

Event Capacities

Event capacities are limited and for some events are very limited. Attendees are urged to place their orders early. If an event reaches capacity, the on-line ordering system will display a message to that effect.

Wait Lists

No wait lists will be kept for the 2021 convention events.

Mobility Issues

While the NRHS strives to make events as accessible as possible, much of the passenger train equipment used is of a historical 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 the 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 2021 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

There is 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 Monday afternoon, August 23rd at 3pm, or held there for pick up prior to your first convention event. A waiver MUST be signed to receive your tickets.

Convention Booklet Distribution

Convention Booklets will only be available as a .pdf file for download from the Convention webpage on the NRHS.com website: <https://nrhs.com/convention/>. No printed copies will be available.

Waivers & Identification

At this time, participants will be required to sign a waiver form for COVID-19 in order to participate in the 2021 NRHS Convention. 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.

NRHS is not a common carrier, and Activities offered by NRHS are not common carriage. 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, automobile, steamship or plane; as well as food and dining services, hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and other similar services included in the Activity. 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

NRHS must pay non-refundable deposits, insurance premiums and other costs in advance of the convention dates to secure arrangements for the 2021 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 2021 NRHS Convention.

Please read carefully the information on payments, additions, and cancellations.

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

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

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 additional event registration charge. This is a limitation of the commercial registration system employed by NRHS to permit on-line registrations. Even though an additional payment may be required, this does not change the amount of the cancellation fees applicable to an order canceled prior to July 4, 2021.

Orders must always be paid in full; no partial payments are accepted.

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:

May 23 through July 3, 2021	0% of the order, minus the registration fee
July 4 through August 9, 2021	75% of the order, minus the registration fee
August 10, 2021 or later	100% of the order, including the registration fee

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

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. 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.

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, 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.

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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