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"THE AMERICAN" exits Gould Tunnel on Tuesday, July 18 at the "Buckeye Rails" convention with power from Century 420 No. 7220 and F40PH No. 271.

Photo by Dawn Holmberg

'Buckeye Rails' annual convention successful with 673 in attendance

By CARL JENSEN
Convention Chairman

New Philadelphia, Ohio was the site of this year's successful NRHS annual convention, held July 17 through 22. Over the course of the convention week, 673 members attended, staying at six closely located motels which served as the center of housing for convention goers. The local Holiday Inn was the registration headquarters.

While not a big city, New Philadelphia had what it takes to host our annual event. Local businesses, the Tuscarawas Convention Bureau, and Dennison Railroad Museum all were very helpful.

Things ran smoothly and on time. Sunshine and hot weather prevailed for three of the four trip days. Even the rainy day wasn't bad as it was chiefly intermittent showers. Bus transportation to and from activities was fast and comfortable.

The excursions featured steam and diesel motive power and included some rare mileage. There were four excursion train trips, two of which featured steam power furnished by the Ohio Central Railway System. One trip also operated in part over a portion of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad. Another used a chartered Cuyahoga Valley Scenic train featuring rare Alco FA cab units and an all Budd-built train of eight cars which ran over 42 miles of the line from suburban Cleveland to Canton, Ohio.

Members also enjoyed visits to the Morgan Run Shops of the Ohio Central, including a night photo session there; museums of the Orrville Railroad Heritage Society; the Steam Railroad Museum at Minerva, Ohio and the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

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ADDITIONS TO 2006 DIRECTORY OF RAIL ATTRACTIONS OFFERING DISCOUNTS TO OUR MEMBERS

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CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum, 55 Bridge Street, Willimantic, CT 06226, 860-429-7961. Regular \$5 adult admission discounted to \$3. www.cteastrrmuseum.org

MINNESOTA

Lake Superior & Mississippi Railroad, Fremont Street and Grand Avenue (West Duluth), Duluth, MN, 218-624-7549. Buy one and get one free. www.lsmrr.org

NEBRASKA

Fremont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad, 1835 N. Somers Avenue, Fremont, NE, 68025, 402-729-0615. 15 percent off train fare and 15 percent off merchandise. www.fremontrailroad.com

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Conway Scenic Railroad, 38 Norcross Circle, N. Conway, NH 03860, 603-356-5251. \$.50 off each ticket-Conway; \$1 off each ticket-Bartlett; and \$2 off each ticket-Crawford. www.conwayscenic.com

NEW JERSEY

Phillipsburg Union Station, 178 South Main Street (green brick structure at the "Black Bridge"), Phillipsburg, NJ, 908-246-6554. The station hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Everyone who presents an NRHS membership card will receive a free gift.

NEW YORK

Roscoe O & W Railway Museum, 7 RR Avenue, Roscoe, NY 12776. 10 percent discount on all sales.

OHIO

AuGlaize Village Railroad Historical Society, Krouse Road, Defiance, OH 43512, 419-594-2179 or 419-238-3109. 15 percent on train fare, 15 percent discount in gift shop.

Ohio Railway Museum, 990 Proprietors Road, Worthington, OH 43055, 614-885-7345. 50 percent off admission. www.ohiorailwaymuseum.org

OKLAHOMA

Waynoka Station, 202 South Cleveland, Waynoka, OK 73860, 580-824-1886. 15 percent discount in museum gift shop. www.waynoka.org

VIRGINIA

O. Winston Link Museum, 101 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016, 540-982-5465. 10 percent discount in museum shop and 20 percent discount on adult admission only. www.linkmuseum.org

Railway Mail Service Library, former N&W Station, Boyce, VA 22620, 540-837-9090 (daytime). NRHS members receive a 10 percent discount on the DVD "Men and Mail in Transit" and "Men in Motion." Regular price is \$18.99 plus \$2.01 shipping. www.railwaymailservice.org

WISCONSIN

National Railroad Museum, 2285 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304, 920-437-7623. Buy one admission, get one free. Only one free admission per visit. Not valid for special events. www.nationalrrmuseum.org



THE "AMERICAN" climbs new connection trackage at Apex entering rare mileage on former NYC trackage during the "Buckeye Rails" convention. Photo by Dawn Holmberg

At-Large membership is largest NRHS chapter

From the Members At-Large Board of Directors

In 2005, Gregory Molloy, the president of NRHS, appointed five NRHS members who had no local chapter affiliations to the NRHS board, as At-Large directors. In addition, six alternates were appointed to act in place of the At-Large directors who could not attend a board meeting. There have been two NRHS board meetings since we were appointed to the NRHS board. We would like to communicate to the NRHS At-Large members concerning actions we have taken.

First, we have made the NRHS board aware of the fact that of the NRHS' 18,228 members, 3,657 are At-Large members. The At-Large membership category is the only one that has grown in numbers since 1992.

Second, we have tried to answer the question posed by the NRHS board of directors as to why we have chosen not to belong to a chapter. Each of us serving on the board had a different reason for not being a chapter member. We propose to do a mailing to all At-Large members in 2007, seeking information on your wants and needs concerning NRHS. With this information in hand we should be better able to represent you.

Third, we have asked the NRHS board to set aside a meeting time at the NRHS convention at which the At-Large members can meet with their board representatives. We are, in fact, the largest

chapter in the NRHS, the "At-Large Chapter."

Fourth, we would like to ask all the At-Large members to become more active in NRHS. Posted on the NRHS website is a list of duties and responsibilities that are currently unfulfilled in the NRHS organization but that need to be performed. Many of these duties do not require that you travel to NRHS headquarters in Philadelphia. Take a look at the list and see if there are any of these duties you could help carry out.

Fifth, an issue brought to the attention of the national directors at a recent NRHS board meeting was the need for financial support for RailCamp scholarships – to assist young persons with the cost of attending RailCamp. If each At-Large member would consider donating \$1 to the RailCamp Scholarship Fund the At-Large membership could fully fund three teenagers for a week at RailCamp.

Sixth, we want to inform all At-Large members that they are welcome to attend the NRHS board meetings and participate in all events. We saw many At-Large members at the New Philadelphia convention meeting and met with those who could attend an open meeting with us. The NRHS Board will also meet at Huntsville, Alabama, Nov. 10-12, 2006 and at Greenville, S.C., April 19-22, 2007. We are looking forward to interacting with our fellow At-Large members.

More information on the Huntsville and the Greenville Board meetings can be found on the NRHS web site.



A SET OF YELLOW-FACED MLW-BUILT ALCO FPA4 CAB UNITS leads a "Buckeye Rails" convention train on a photo run-by in the Cuyahoga National Park south of Cleveland on Wednesday, July 21. The NRHS convention committee chartered the train from the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic for the trip.

Photo by Dawn Holmberg



THE CINCINNATI LIMITED, a special train for the "Buckeye Rails" convention, is shown westbound on a photo run-by at Trinway, Ohio. The 4-6-2 Pacific is a former CP engine, now owned by the Ohio Central Railway.

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