



Nevada Northern Railway Foundation

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2023 Iron Horse Symposium

Nevada Northern Railway the Early Years 1900 through 1920

September 28 - October 1, 2023

Thursday September 28 – Optional Add On

7:00 am – 7:30 am: Check in East Ely Depot

7:30 am - 7:30 pm: Line tour of the original Nevada Northern Railway line from East Ely to Cobre, Shafter, Goshute, Cherry Creek and return to East Ely. This tour is weather dependent, in the event of inclement weather, the tour will be cancelled and fees refunded.

This is a very remote tour that for the most part looks the same today as it did when the railroad was built between 1905 and 1906. There are NO services or restrooms available for most of the trip. Furthermore, cell phones will NOT work on most of the trip. Most of the trip will be on dusty dirt roads. For clothing, closed toed shoes are required, we recommend long pants and long sleeve tops. Bring a jacket and a hat. Optional sack lunches will be available.

Individual Participants Price: Members \$51, Non-Members \$60 Capacity 12, Individual price is for individuals that need a ride. Individuals will be assigned a vehicle for the duration of the trip.

Vehicle Participants: Members \$72.25 per vehicle, Non-members \$85 Capacity 12 vehicles. Vehicle must be 4-wheel drive and all passengers must wear seat belts. Vehicles need to be in good mechanical repair and leave East Ely with a full tank of fuel. We will stop in West Wendover for a break, refueling and to pick up lunches. The tour convoy will be split into four groups led by a NN Ry vehicle. It is required that you stay in your assigned group and display your vehicle number.

Optional Sack Lunch and Drink \$25

Friday September 29 – Conference Day 1

8:00 am – 4:30 pm: Registration and check in.

9:00 am - 11:30 am: McGill Tour: Drive to McGill for Depot Tour and Kennecott Building Tour. All passengers must wear seat belts.

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Lunch on your own

Award Winning Destination

Best Adrenalin Rush in Rural Nevada - 2020

Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence – 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014

Best Museum in Rural Nevada – 2020, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008

Best Place to Take the Kids in Rural Nevada - 2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm: East Ely Yard National Historic Landmark Tour, Hourly, Capacity 10 per tour.

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm: Train ride “mixer” with employees and participants. Coaches 7 & 8

Optional Add-On - 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm: [Mine Tour: Members \\$63.75, Non-Members \\$75, Tour Capacity 30](#)

September 30 – Conference Day 2 – Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 6th Street

7:30 am – 8:30 am: Continental Breakfast

8:00 am: Conference Welcome, Speakers: Mark S Bassett, President, NN Ry and Con Trumbull, Archivist, NN Ry

8:30-9:30 am: Presentation: Mark L. Requa, Builder of the Nevada Northern Railway. Synopsis: An introduction to Mark Requa, the builder of the railroad. Speaker Ann Requa, Mark Requa’s great granddaughter.

9:45-10:45 am: Presentation: Construction of the Nevada Northern Railway from Cobre Milepost 0 to Ely, Milepost 140.4, Synopsis: Overview of the Nevada Northern Railway route with photos. Speaker Lawrence Meeker

11:00 am – Noon: Presentation: Using Your Head, A Chance Discovery, Synopsis: John Henry, the railroad’s 6’ 8” Master Mechanic was on the second floor of the Storehouse and stood up. When he did so his head hit a box. Looking around he noticed four boxes that were covered in dust and cinders. The presentation reveals a surprising discovery. Speaker: Con Trumbull, Archivist, NN Ry

Noon - 1:30 pm: Lunch & Presentation: Locomotive 40, the Ghost Train of Old Ely and a Nevada State Symbol. Synopsis: What does it take to maintain and operate a National Historic Landmark and an official symbol of the State of Nevada. Speakers Mark Bassett, President NN Ry, John Henry McDonnell, Master Mechanic, NN Ry and Carlos Brito, NN Ry Boilermaker.

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm: Presentation: Locomotive 1 Past and Future. Synopsis: Nevada Northern #1 was originally built by as Central Pacific #161 Juno, along with sister CP #160 Sultana – functional twins to the CP #60 Jupiter that was at Promontory. She was purchased used by the Nevada Northern Railway and became Locomotive 1. Could she be recreated? Speakers: Kyle Wyatt, Railroad Historian and Mark S Bassett, President, NN Ry

2:45 pm - 3:45pm: Presentation: We’ll Be Done The Day After Tomorrow. Synopsis: What does it take to keep a National Historic Landmark Railroad operating? Panel discussion by staff and volunteers. Moderator: Con Trumbull

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Sunset, Stars and Champagne Train with drinks and finger foods and panel discussion. Synopsis: Is this any way to run a railroad. Panel: Mark, Angie, Con, Joan, John Henry, Dave, Roger in coaches 7 and 8

Optional Add-On – 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm: [Ghost Tour of the rail yard and buildings. Capacity 30, Cost Members \\$12.75, Non-Members \\$15](#)

October 1, 2022 – Conference Day 3 - Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 6th Street

7:30 am – 8:30 am: Continental Breakfast

8:30 am - 9:30 am: Presentation: Passenger and Freight Equipment from 1905 – 1920. Synopsis: An overview of the surviving equipment Speakers: Mark Bassett, President and Con Trumbull, Archivist

9:45 am - 10:45 am: Presentation: Wrap-Up, Thank You and Safety Briefing for the afternoon's photo opportunities. Speakers: Mark S Bassett, President, NN Ry and Con Trumbull, Archivist, NN Ry

11:00 am – 11:30 pm: Sack Lunch at Nevada Northern Railway Museum

11:00 am - 2:00 pm: Nevada Northern Railway Maintenance and Fire-Up: Locomotives #93 and #81. On Display will be Rotary Snowplow #B, Baggage/RPO #20, Coach #5 and Outfit 06, ALCOS RS-2 #105, RS-3 #109 and RSD-4 #201. Baldwin VO-1000 #801 will be fired up! There will be photographic opportunities through the yard with multiple buildings opened up. There will be photo runbys in the East Ely yard.

Conference Fee: Members \$233.75, Non-Members \$275; Capacity 60

Includes all speakers, yard tour, two train rides, yard photo opportunities, continental breakfast and lunches.