



Nevada Northern Railway Foundation

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2026 Iron Horse Symposium

Railroad Day 2026

September 24 - 27, 2026

Thursday September 24 – Optional Add On

8:00 am – 4:30 pm: Check in East Ely Depot

8:00 am – 5 pm: Cobre, Shafter, Currie, Cherry Creek

Individual Participants Price: Members \$46.75, Non-Members \$55 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. The vehicle must be high clearance 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. The tour convoy will be split into four groups led by a NN Ry vehicle. It is required that you stay with your assigned group and display your vehicle number.

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Sunset, Stars and Champagne Train with drinks and finger foods and panel discussion. Synopsis: 120 years and Still Steaming. Panel: Mark Bassett, President, Angie Stevens, Superintendent, Con Trumbull, Archivist, Joan Bassett, Curator, John Henry McDonnell, Master Mechanic and Roger Bowers, Board Member in coaches 7 and 8

Friday September 25 – Conference Day 1

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

9:00 am - 11:00 am: Ping-Pong Train to White Pine Public Museum for tours. Archive tours at the Transportation Building. East Ely Yard National Historic Landmark Tours.

11:00 am - 1:00 pm: Lunch on your own.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Ely Depot Tour and Ely Cemetery Tour.

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

8:00 pm: 120th Anniversary Drone Show

Saturday September 27 – Conference Day 2 – Morning in the yard, open to the public / Afternoon Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 6th Street

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

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8:15 am: 120th Anniversary Proclamation: Nathan Robertson, Mayor, City of Ely

8:30 - 9:30 am: Parade of Nevada Northern Railway Equipment and Tours on Team Track

9:30 - 10:30 am: 120th Anniversary Copper Spike Ceremony

11:00 am – Noon: Nevada Northern Railway Annual Meeting and Year In Review Speaker: Mark S Bassett, President

Noon - 1:15 pm: Lunch & Presentation: Restoring Locomotive 40, the Queen of Steam, Synopsis: World War 1 has been raging in Europe for two years, when NN Ry President Eccles authorizes the purchase of a new 2-8-0 steam locomotive. Taken out of service in 1958, it was restored to service in 2022. Speakers: Mark Bassett, President and Ken Keels, Shop Foreman

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm: Presentation: History of the Nevada Northern Railway in 120 Objections. Speaker: Con Trumbull, Archivist

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm: Presentation: From Steam to Amps and Back Again: Synopsis: Speaker: Mark Bassett, President

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm Kurt Dietrich, Volunteering at the NNRy

6:00 pm: Hall of Fame Banquet: Join us for the inaugural Nevada Northern Railway Hall of Fame induction ceremony. In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Nevada Northern Railway Foundation, 40 honorees who had a profound impact on the Nevada Northern Railway will be inducted in the Hall of Fame.

Sunday, September 28 – Conference Day 3 - Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 6th Street

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

8:30 am - 9:15 am: Historic Railroad Clothing, Wimbley Vu

9:30 am - 10:15 am: Eureka & Palisade and the ties to the NNRy, Mark and Con

10:30 am – 11:15 am: Passing the (Welding) Torch. Panel discussion by John Henry, Chris Burleigh, Arthur Mills, Angela Stevens Moderator: Con Trumbull, Archivist

11:30 am - 12:00 pm: Presentation: Wrap-Up and Thank You

Conference Fee: Members \$255, Non-Members \$300; Capacity 60 - Includes all speakers, yard tour, two train rides, yard photo opportunities, continental breakfast, lunches and Hall of Fame Banquet.

Hall of Fame Banquet Only: Members \$42.50, Non-members \$50