

CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2018 Black Hills Meet * May 17-20 *** Rapid City, SD**

Home2 Suites by Hilton, 621 WaTiki Way, Box Elder, SD 57719

For reservations call 605-791-4662 and ask for special C&NWHS Rate of \$79.95 single or \$99.95 double per night plus tax. All reserved rooms will be released April 20, 2018.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Membership-only reception at the Alex Johnson Hotel
- Bus tour to former C&NW roundhouse and facilities in Chadron, Nebraska
- Presentations by former C&NW Western Division employees
- Presentations by rail museum curators and preservationists from South Dakota
- Steam-powered excursion on the Black Hills Central/1880 TRAIN
- Special access and photo session at the Black Hills Central Railroad Shops
- South Dakota State Railroad Museum
- Banquet and Program at Mount Rushmore National Memorial
- Society model show and photo contest

Questions? Looking to Volunteer?

Registration questions: Registrar John Berg jberg@hbc.com

Meet questions and volunteer requests: 2018 Meet Chair Rick Mills sdsrrm@gmail.com

DAILY MEET ACTIVITIES

ALL TIMES - MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE

Thursday, May 17th

- 1:00 P.M. - Registration, Company Store, Silent Auction
- Model Show/Photo Contest Set-up
- 2:00 P.M. - Presentations
- 6-8:00 P.M. - Meet and Greet Reception at
Vertex Lounge, Alex Johnson Hotel
- 8:30 P.M. - Modeler's Roundtable,
- Open showing of members' slides, movies & videos at Home2

Friday, May 18th

- 8:15 A.M. - Bus Tour departs hotel for Chadron
- Stop at Maverick Junction
- 10:30 A.M. - Nebraska Northwestern roundhouse and yard tour
- 1:30 P.M. - Tour at Dawes County Museum
- 2:30 P.M. - Busses depart Chadron
- Stop at Maverick Junction
- 4:30-6:30 P.M. - Pizza/Chicken buffet at Hermosa
- 7:00 P.M. - Busses arrive hotel

Saturday, May 19th

- 8:00 A.M. - Annual Membership Meeting
- 9:30 A.M. - Busses depart Hotel for Keystone
- 11:00 A.M. - Board 1880 TRAIN for Hill City
- Box Lunch at Hill City
- 12:45-3:30 P.M. - Tours of 1880 TRAIN locomotive shop
- South Dakota State Railroad Museum
- 3:45 P.M. - Busses leave Museum for Mount Rushmore
- 5:00 P.M. - Convention Banquet and Program at
Mount Rushmore National Memorial
- Raffle Drawings, "Traveled Farthest" Door Prize
- 7:30 P.M. - Busses depart for Hotel
- Final Silent Auction bidding, Model/Photo Contest voting
- Pick-up Silent Auction Items & Models/Photos

Sunday, May 20th

- 8:45 A.M. - Short Program to announce Model/Photo results
- Two Presentations before meet concludes at 11:00 A.M.

NON-RAIL EVENTS

Thursday Evening – Join other meet attendees at the Vertex Lounge – Alex Johnson Hotel in downtown Rapid City

Friday Daytime – Visit the South Dakota Air and Space Museum at Ellsworth Air Force Base; The Journey Museum & Learning Center in Rapid City; Rapid City Downtown District Retail Therapy

Saturday Daytime, 1-2:30 P.M. – Art galleries/wine tasting tour in Hill City

2018 MEET MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Thursday: Home2 Suites by Hilton, 621 WaTiki Way, Box Elder, SD

Our meet hotel is part of a complex of four hotels, a Perkins Restaurant, Sliders Bar & Grill, Marco's Pizza, and WaTiki Water Park on the northeast side of Rapid City. The other hotels interconnected with the meet hotel are the LaQuinta Inn and Suites, Residence Inn, and Fairfield Inn. Registration opens at 1:00 P.M. along with Model and Photo entry, the Company Store and Silent Auction. Presentations start at 2:00 P.M. On Thursday evening, travel is on your own to the historic Alex Johnson Hotel in downtown Rapid City, (carpooling recommended). The Alex Johnson was built by the C&NW in 1927 & 1928 and has recently been renovated. Enjoy the traditionally decorated lobby and Paddy O'Neills Bar, and then join us for a Meet & Greet at the ultra-modern Vertex Sky Lounge. Members' slides, videos, photo presentations to end the evening.

Friday: Bus Trip to Chadron, Nebraska – a former C&NW Division Headquarters

Complimentary continental breakfast furnished at hotel. We'll cruise in comfort to the former railroad town of Chadron – located approximately 100 miles south of Rapid City. The Nebraska Northwestern Railroad will host us with a tour of the former C&NW roundhouse, facilities, and yard, lunch included. Later, we will stop at the Dawes County Museum before heading north to Hermosa for dinner, then back to Rapid City. In the evening, two presentations, one of which will be on our archives building project at Illinois Railway Museum. More member's slides, photos & videos after the evening presentations.

Saturday: Into the Hills We Go!

Complimentary continental breakfast furnished at hotel. The day will start with our annual membership meeting, and then we'll venture into the Black Hills for a truly remarkable day. We'll board the 1880 TRAIN at Keystone for a ride behind steam. Upon arrival at Hill City, there will be plenty to offer at the Black Hills Central Railroad Shops and South Dakota State Railroad Museum. Next, a short bus ride to Mount Rushmore - our banquet will be held at the foot of this spectacular National Memorial. Upon return to the hotel, there will be an opportunity for final Silent Auction bidding and Model Show and Photo Contest voting.

Sunday: Short Program to Announce Model & Photo Winners / Two Presentations

Complimentary continental breakfast furnished at hotel. At 8:45 A.M., we will have a short program to announce the Model Show and Photo Contest winners. Two additional presentations will follow. Meet concludes at 11:00 A.M.

MEET PRESENTATIONS, (subject to change)

**SATURDAY EVENING: Cheryl Schreier, Superintendent,
Mount Rushmore National Memorial**

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FRIDAY EVENING, SUNDAY MORNING:

- A Hundred Miles To Town – The Fort Pierre Depot restoration
- The Redfield C&NW Depot collections
- Paul Braden – Three Generations on the West End
- Mike Lenzen – Working on the Western Division in the 1980's
- Rick Mills – The South Dakota State Railroad Museum Story
- Nick Smith – The Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern in Photos
- C&NWHS Archives Building at Illinois Railway Museum