



The Wabash Railroad Historical Society

Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in the Wabash Railroad Historical Society. The WRHS is dedicated to the collection and preservation of historical artifacts, data, photos, and drawings on the history, operation and equipment of the *Wabash Railroad Company*, its predecessors and affiliates — including the *Ann Arbor Railroad Company (until 1963)*, the *New Jersey, Indiana & Illinois Railroad Company*, the *Lake Erie & Ft. Wayne Railroad Company*, and the *Manistique & Lake Superior Railroad Company*. The WRHS was established in 1975, incorporated in the State of Missouri in 1989 and recognized by the IRS as a not-for-profit organization (*operating under the 501c3 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code*) in 2005.

The WRHS communicates with its members through its publications. We have two. *The Banner* and *The Wabash Modeler* are high-quality publications, which contain feature-length articles and photographs in both color and B&W. Articles in our publications vary greatly in subject matter, but they all pertain to the Wabash Railroad and/or its affiliates. Past article subjects have included: passenger trains, coaling on the Wabash, interlocking towers, branch lines, locomotive diagrams, cabooses; modeling covered hoppers, diesels, right-of-way details, express reefers, etc. While the WRHS strives to adhere to our publication schedule, due to being an all-volunteer organization we occasionally get behind, but please note that you will eventually receive all publications for the year in which you joined.

Supplementing *The Banner* and *Wabash Modeler* each year is a twelve-month Wabash Railroad pictorial calendar, which is normally published & mailed in the fourth quarter of each calendar year.

Each year the WRHS sponsors an Annual Meeting, usually in September or October, at a location somewhere in former Wabash territory. WRHS members gather to catch up on old times, to discuss Wabash history, to listen to guest speakers, to show off their modeling prowess and to share a meal together. Past meetings have been held in Monticello, IL, St. Louis, MO, Decatur, IL, Milan, MI, Chicago, IL, and Toledo, OH, to name a few locations. Occasionally our Annual Meeting is held jointly with other railroad preservation societies.

The society owns two restored Wabash cabooses, #2824 and #2834, which reside at, and are in occasional use by the Monticello Railway Museum in Monticello, IL. Extra monetary contributions from members help keep our cabooses in tip-top shape.

The WRHS has a Board of Directors consisting of twelve elected members who serve four-year terms. In addition, we have Editors who oversee production of *The Banner* and *Wabash Modeler*. All correspondence typically goes through the Secretary, including dues renewals and address updates.

Membership dues are \$25.00 and \$30.00 a year for a regular membership and contributing membership, respectively. If you live outside the US or in Canada, the dues are \$35.00 per year (*to help cover higher mailing costs*). Our membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December. Each new member receives all publications for the membership year in which he or she joins. Renewals are due in January each year.

If you are interested in learning more about the Wabash Railroad, or would like to share your Wabash knowledge with the Society and help preserve the memory of this great railroad, we encourage you to become a member. Please fill out the opposite side of this form and remit the applicable dues (*make checks payable to WRHS*) to the Secretary at the following address: **30333 Horseshoe Lake Way, Brashear, MO 63533-2311.**

Email address: **wabashrr@hotmail.com**

WRHS website: **http://www.wabashrhs.org**

WRHS Discussion List: **http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wabashrailroadhistoricalsoc**

Please supply the following information for our records:

Name (please print): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip+4: _____ Telephone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Note: your email address will be used only to inform you of WRHS events and other time-critical information. **No spam!**

Please select only ONE of the following:

- Do not include me in the publicly available WRHS membership roster (*circulated only to the other WRHS members*)
- Include my name only
- Include my name and address only
- Include my name, address, telephone number and email address* *(if applicable)

Check one		Per year	For the year(s):	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Membership	\$25.00 US		\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustaining Membership	\$30.00 US		\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outside US and Canada	\$35.00 US		\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wabash Caboose Fund			\$
			Total ►	\$

Completing the following information would be very useful for our member database and is optional:

Modeling Interest(s):

None Z Scale N Scale HO Scale O Scale G Scale S Scale Other _____

Were you a former Wabash Railroad employee? Yes No

If YES, what was your title or occupation(s)? _____

Area(s) where you worked:

Do you have any historical Wabash documents containing information useful for Banner articles, such as news clippings, photos, operations data, timetables, stories or other items?

Yes No If yes, what do you have? _____

If YES, would you permit the WRHS to contact you to find out the nature and content of these documents and information?

Yes No

How did you hear about the WRHS?

- Model magazine (*i.e. Model Railroader, Railmodel Journal, etc.*)
- Special Event (*i.e. WRHS convention, railroad show, etc.*)
- WRHS member
- Railroad Museum or Preservation Society (*i.e. Monticello Ry. Museum*)
- Railfan magazine (*i.e. Trains, Railfan & Railroad, etc.*)
- Heard from a friend
- WRHS website or Yahoo! Discussion Group
- Other (*specify* _____)