



Steam on the Range

The 2009 NRHS Convention



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The Steam on the Range 2009 NRHS National Convention Committee announced today that operators of the former SP 4449 steam locomotive have withdrawn their agreement to use the engine during the August convention. The 4449 group reluctantly withdrew their earlier agreement when the sponsors of Train Fest 2009 in Owosso, Michigan suddenly notified the NRHS that a five figure user fee was to be paid to the Michigan group, in addition to the fees the NRHS had already agreed to with the 4449 organization.

Neither the NRHS or the 4449 group was aware that the Michigan group had what they claimed was a proprietary agreement in controlling use of the locomotive during its upcoming four month journey to the Midwest. The 4449 organization, in order to preserve their arrangement with the Michigan group decided to withdraw from participation in the NRHS convention.

Convention Chairman John Goodman said: “We regret very much the loss of what would have been a fine last minute addition to our convention. Our original plan still features ex-Soo Line Pacific steam locomotive 2719.” The Steam on the Range 2009 convention activities as published and mailed to NRHS members in mid April have not changed. Sales continue, with some events nearly sold out.

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