CVC-NRHS 2025 SURVEY RESUTS

- I've attached the survey results for your review. Thanks in advance for your willingness to take some time to go through them and think about which section you'd like to work on with other Board member(s).

    - - **Meetings**
    - **- Membership**
    - **- Communication**
    - **- Tours/Activities**

- Please send me your top three choices by email at cvcnrhsmail@gmail.com. I'll assign you to an area based on your preferences.

- Between now and our summer BOD meeting, you and your partner Board member(s) will meet to create your conclusions and next steps that your group will recommend to our Chapter. If you need help setting up a Zoom meeting, just let me know.

- We'll also have a BOD meeting in either July or August on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm to share and plan our presentation. We'll spend the first membership meeting in September sharing our recommendations. It might be necessary to adjust our presenter schedule.

I'll also take some time to go through the survey and find out who's asking for help with tech, scanning, presentation building, and other stuff. I'll share those lists with everyone so we can reach out to them. Thanks to all of you for your willingness to make our Chapter such a great organization! Ed

Section 1 - MEMBERSHIP

What do you like best about belonging to our Chapter? (Check all that apply)

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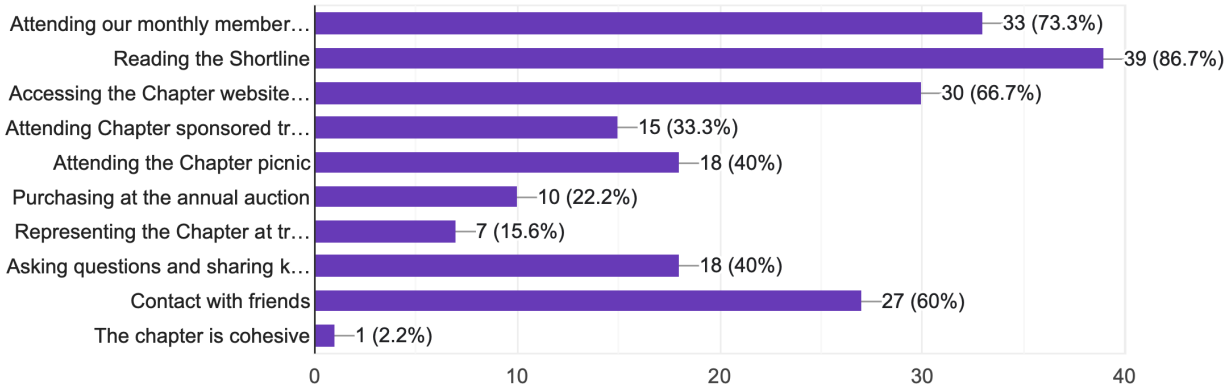

How will you help attract new members, especially younger people? (Check all that apply)

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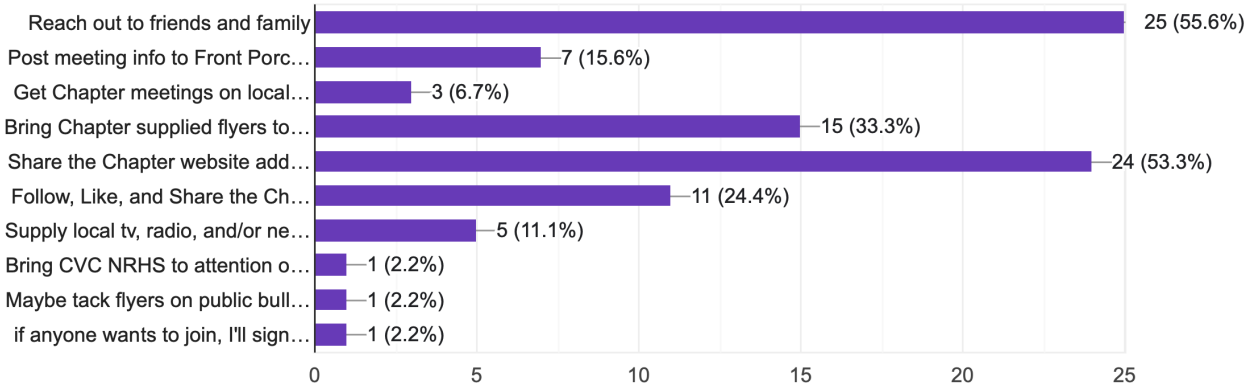

Officers and Board Membership (Check all that apply)

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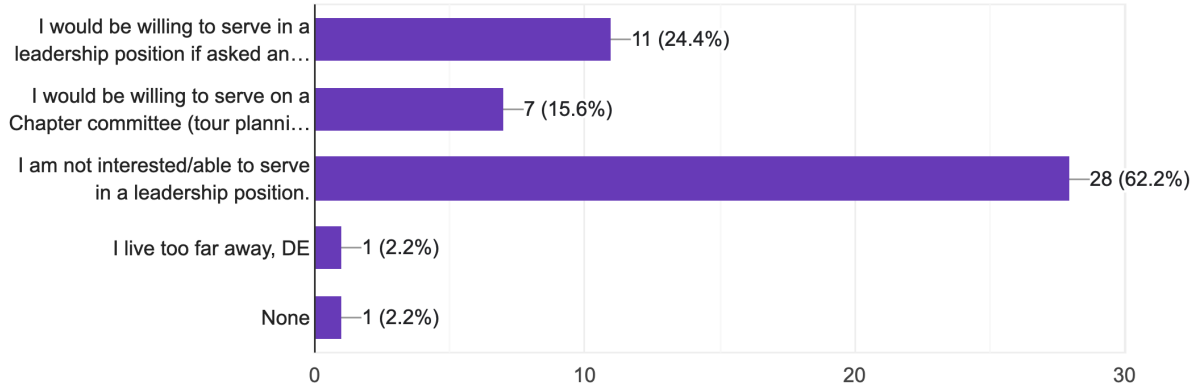

Additional thoughts on what being a Chapter member means to you and how we can encourage people to join.

13 responses

The most important thing to me is being connected to the largest railroad enthusiast group in the country.

I live in Plattsburgh, and attend via ZOOM, along with up to 5 other members. The audio during the presentations is difficult to hear. Especially when multiple people are speaking at the same time. A body mike could help with the audio.

I would like to see the chapter acquire a home for a model railroad layout depicting Vermont R.R., a library for books, DVD's etc,.for membership and perhaps public research and of course meetings. I have a considerable amount of materials to bequeath to such a project.

Sending time with fellow train friends

Try to get in weekly newspaper(s) calendars

Tee shirts,club logo,ball caps might be good

I like the openness and warm feelings received from the Chapter members. My first in-person meeting was close to 15 years ago and I joined the chapter right after.

The Chapter is a special organization. We are challenged by a less active membership but that is not unusual for most organizations. Our members participate in ways that work for them. I believe we need to actively recruit younger, more motivated members and encourage them to take on leadership roles. Interest in railroads isn't limited to seniors. Outreach to public places like libraries might be a good way to connect.

Interesting, educational, and fun. Good way to make friends.

Keeping up on current RR info

Post info on Seven Days.

Provide Club information on flyers to town historians, museums etc to post/handout to anyone interested in railroading.

In the "old days" organizations would send the local papers a notice of their upcoming meeting which might get some interest from people unaware of the club. Sort of a community bulletin board paradigm. Might be some outlet we could tap into

Section 2 - MEETINGS

In-person meeting participation (choose one)

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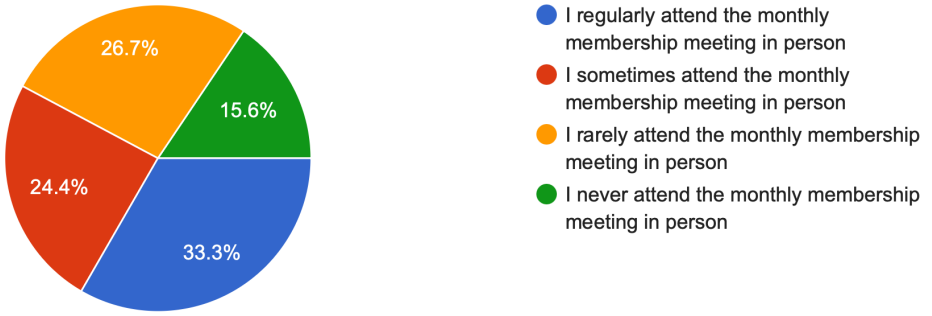

Monthly meeting participation on Zoom (choose one)

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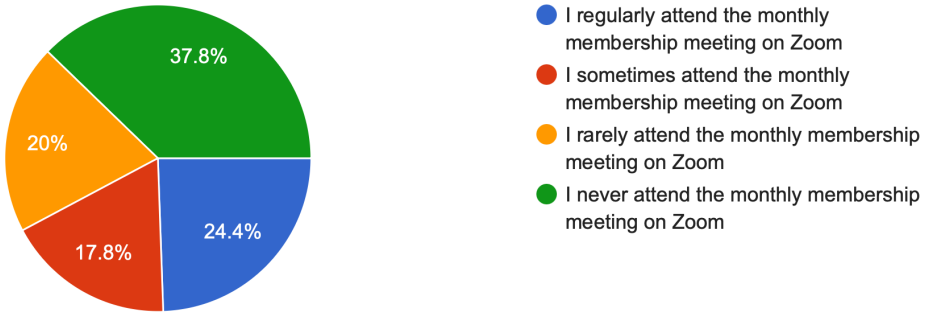

Monthly membership meeting day and time - 3rd Wed at 7:30 to 9 pm (choose one)

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The Essex VFW meeting location (choose one)

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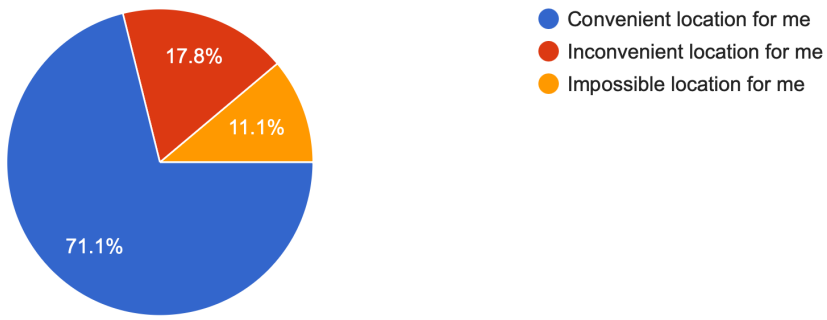

I would be interested in carpooling to the membership meeting (choose one)

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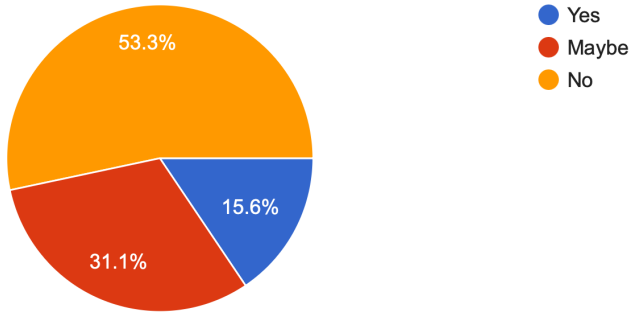

I would be interested in attending on Zoom at a nearby member's home. (Choose one)

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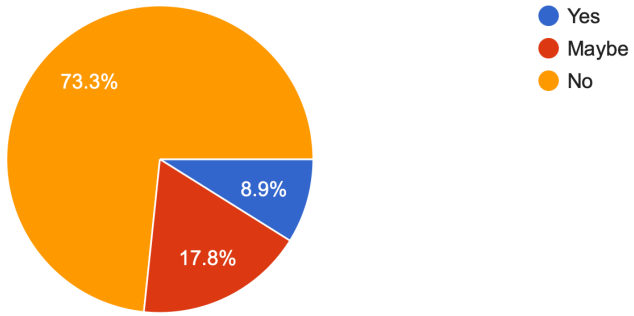

Zoom help (choose one)

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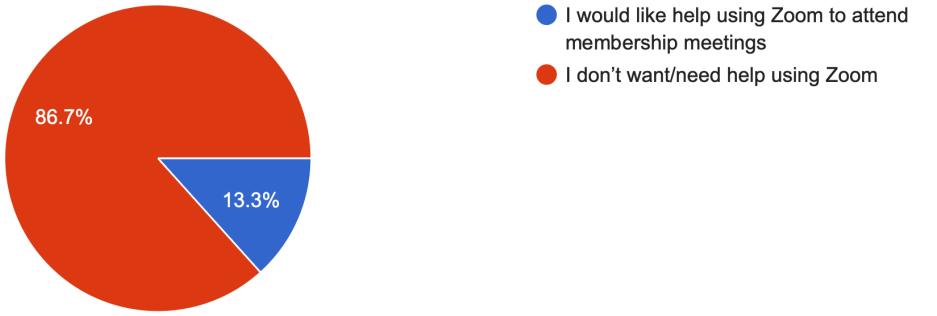

Meeting presentations (choose one)

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Would you like to offer a presentation? (Check all that apply)

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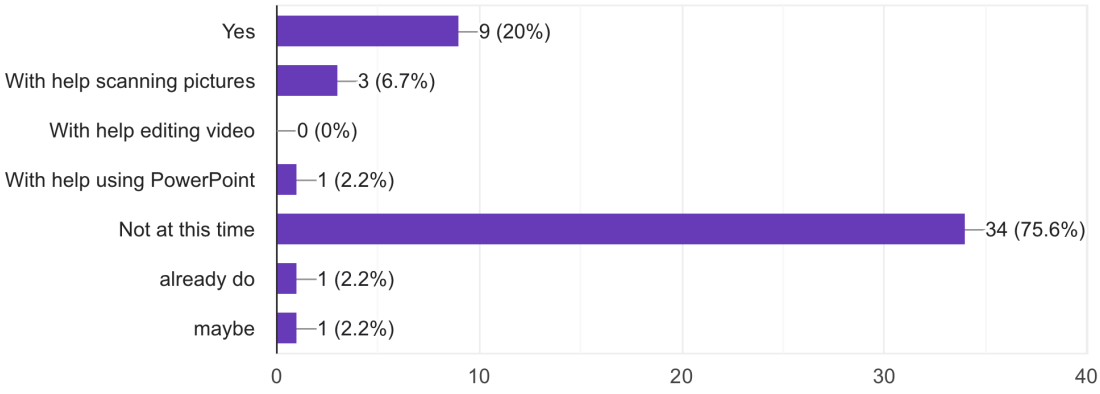

Additional thoughts on meetings including possible topics you'd like to see offered.

11 responses

More programs about old time local railroading.
selection now is excellent.
Nothing to suggest at this time,
No changes
Anything rail, but I would drop the annual model rail session--as there are local clubs there
Informing the membership of local Railroad News (VRS/NECR/Amtrak)
Better tech.....sound on zoom .....image quality varies
I wonder if some of our meetings were open to the public and well advertised, might we encourage some new members.
The variety is excellent. Only down sides of VFW are noise (sometimes) and the 9:00 curfew.
I'm interested in all aspects of railroading; it's all good for me.
The TV screen is fairly small so seeing the presentation from halfway back or further in the room loses a lot of detail.

Section 3 - COMMUNICATIONS

Information (choose one)

45 responses

The Shortline (choose one)

45 responses

Shortline Mailing, mail and/or email (choose one)

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Would you like to contribute content, news, or pictures to the Shortline (check all that apply)

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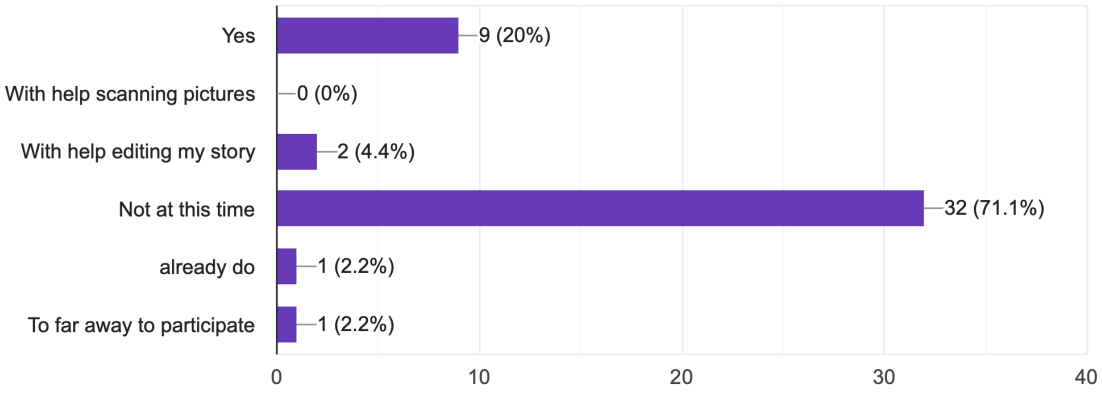

Website registration (choose one)

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I visit the Website (choose one)

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Website value (check all that apply)

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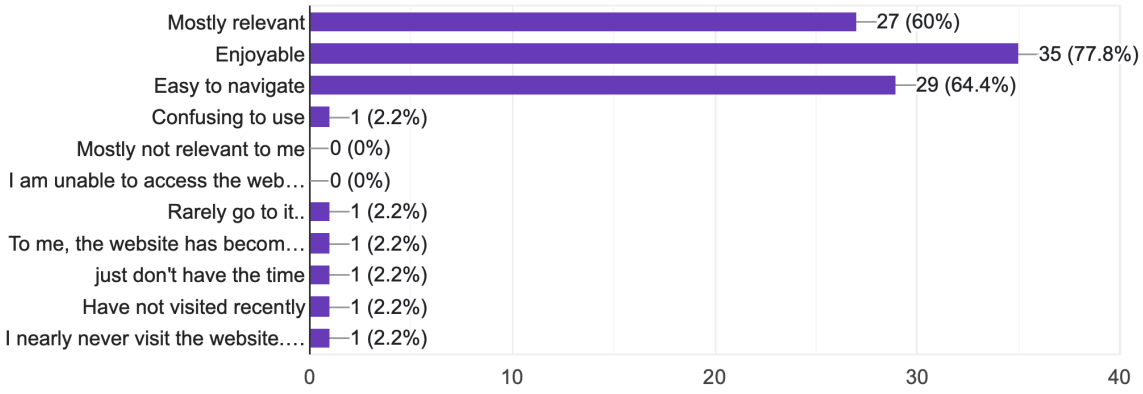

Would you like to Contribute pictures, videos, articles, or news to the website for only other members to see? (Check all that apply)

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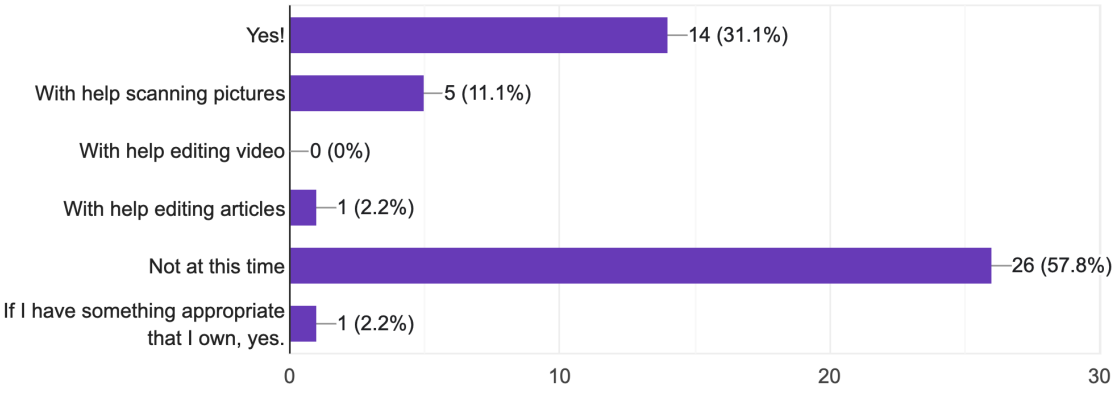

Do you need help accessing and using the website (choose one)

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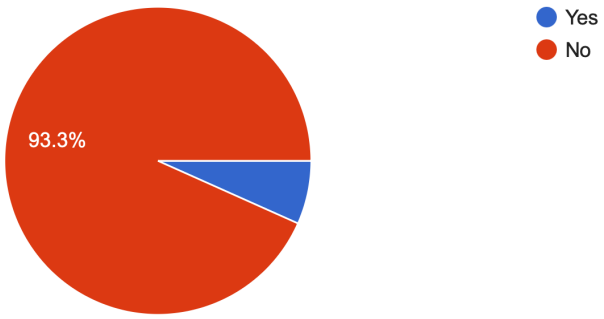

Email communication (choose one)

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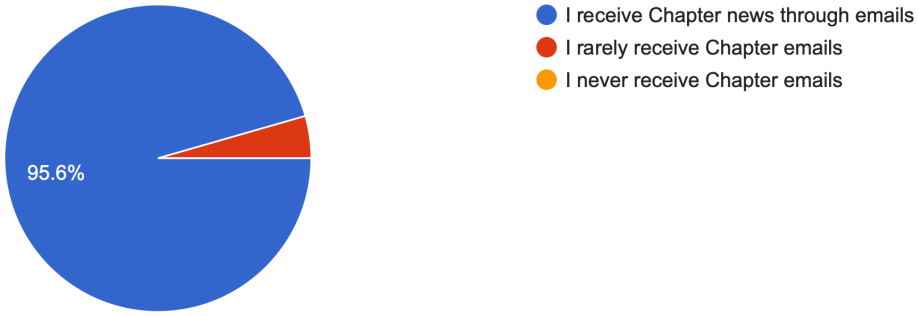

Facebook (choose one)

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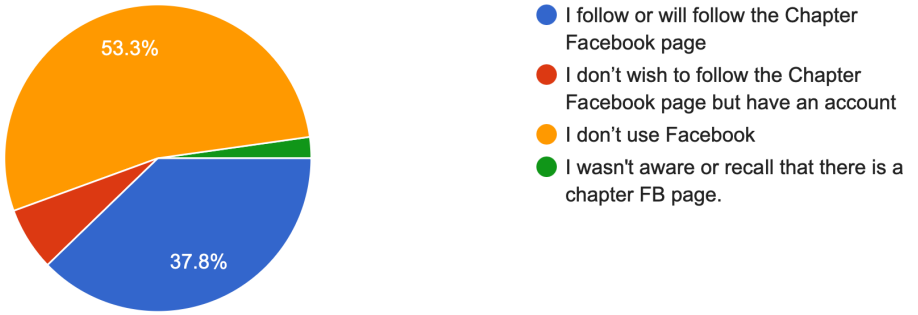

Additional thoughts on how we communicate.

7 responses

None
Nothing to contribute at this time.
If possible, I would like emails addressing the person. An example: Hi Tony
Email communication works very well for me.
Maybe send a "RailFan Picture of the Week" on facebook and to the membership via Email along with any reminders of upcoming events.
Our web site expert is very helpful to navigating the site and adding new materail

Section 4 - TOURS AND ACTIVITES

Tour participation (Check all that apply)

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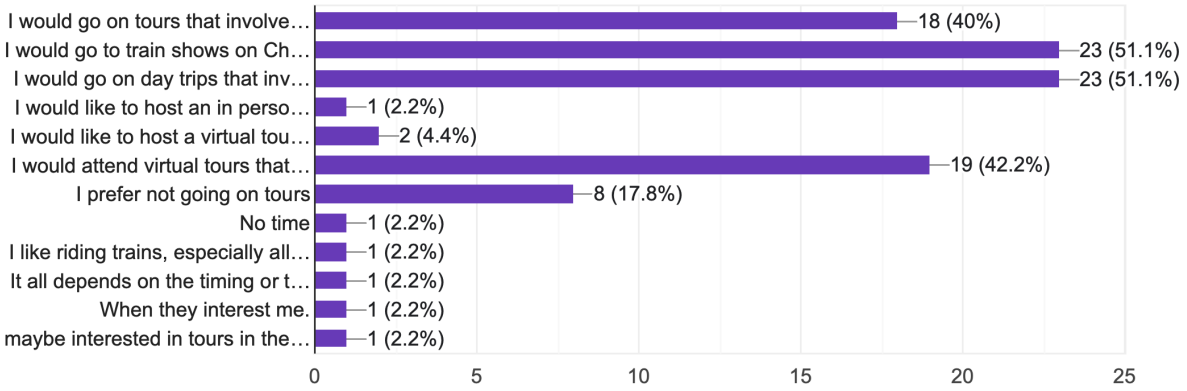

What other Chapter activities would you enjoy being involved with? (Check all that apply)

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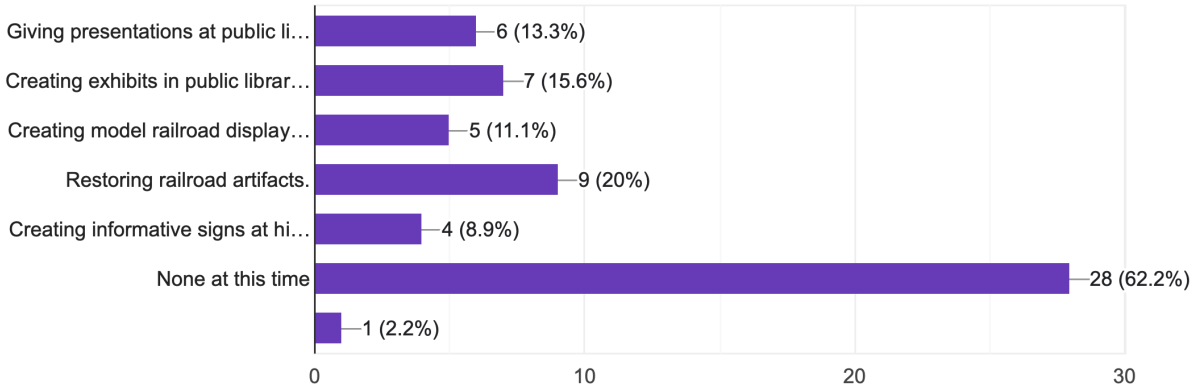

Additional thoughts and suggestions on Chapter activities

5 responses

Really enjoy the Shortline and have mobility and sight issues.
Nothing at ths time.
Outreach has been close to nonexistent for a number of years. This results in a closed organization. The website has changed that a little but we need to improve our efforts to reach the larger community.
In addition to youth, we should think about how to attract more women. The "H" in NRHS is for Historical, and I think a lot of women study history.
None. The Chapter's activities are excellent.

CONCLUSION - WHAT MAKES OUR CHAPTER SPECIAL

The presentaions
the programs and the members.
Nice bunch of people with varying interests and knowledge with the hobby.
Great Chapter! Thanks!!!!
Enjoying the company. Not crazy about the meeting location.
Always enjoy anything to do with railroad
As an NRHS board member, I especially like that you talk about being a member in the national organization and not just the chapter.
The people that are in it, and their shared interests. I could not figure out how to share my email.
The members! Humor! Fun! It was never really about the trains, but don't tell anyone!
The members.
I really enjoy the Short Line. It's interesting, informative and keeps me up to date with your activities. I'm still working at 70 and get up at 03:00, nightly meetings don't really work for me any more. I applaud the efforts all of you put into this organization and wish you all the best!
The membership. Unfortunately my situation makes personal attendance difficult.
Members personalities, enthusiasm and knowledge shared
A suggestion: On the membership application, For new members, include a line "Who or how were you referred". This will give an idea of where new members are coming from as well as crediting the referring member.
Maybe a membership pin available for handout or purchase.
The great wealth of knowledge about railroad history in the region.
Members are interested in both real and model trains. Rail related conversations are a nice way to get together, and the occasional weekend trip is good.
fun group of people to be with that will chat about all aspects of railroading