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Derek Wimberley presents the July show for the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS. He'll relive the fun many of us had at the N.C. Transportation Museum two years ago when all the Norfolk Southern heritage units were assembled there. He'll be showing a video of the turntable spins the locomotives took. Pictured above are examples of NS heritage units in 1:1 scale and HO. Plan to attend!

Wednesday, July 9, 2014. 6:00 p.m. Charley's Restaurant. 707 Graves Mill Rd. Lynchburg, VA



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Lynchburg, Virginia



Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS. Minutes of Meeting June 11, 2014

President Rick Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at Charley's Restaurant and welcomed 20 members and 3 guests. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed. Treasurer John Tanner then reported.

There was no old business. Jim Overholser announced the schedule for the N&WHS convention in Roanoke, noting that it overlapped the National N-scale convention. He also endorsed Al Weber who is running for president of NRHS. There were no reports from the Vice-President, National Representative, Webmaster or the Newsletter Editor, although he was thanked for another excellent issue. Regional Heritage Director Norris Deyerle thanked Barry Moorefield and Chuck Hladik for their help manning a table at the C&OHS train show in Clifton Forge. They sold white elephant merchandise and realized \$155.00. He asked someone to organize the chapter picnic in September and announced that he had Rail Day posters available for distribution. He also recognized Tex Carter for his contribution of \$25.00 to the chapter.

The evening's program was presented by Norris Deyerle, using images from his extensive collection of N&W scenes, some dating back to steam. Rick announced that Derek Wimberly would present Part 2 of his NS Heritage Fleet program at the July 9 regular meeting. The July Fun Meeting will feature Chase Gunnoe presenting his "Nighttime Ramblings through the Mountain State" program, scheduled for July 23. (see details below). Rick also announced that Lynchburg Fire Chief Brad Ferguson will speak about the CSX wreck in Lynchburg's Lower Basin last April. The August regular meeting is on the 13th. Dale Diacont will present the program and Brad Dobbins will present his program at the September meeting. The 50/50 was won by Brad Dobbins and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Thomas G. Ledford, Secretary

A word about the July 23 fun meeting -

Nighttime Ramblings through the Mountain State. Railroad Photography by Chase Gunnoe.

As a young photographer from Charleston's suburban chemical-driven town of Nitro, I've been fortunate enough to have the C&O Railway mainline essentially in my backyard, during a transitional era from old infrastructure to new, modern-day universal signaling infrastructure. The evolution of technology has created for newer hardware and the unique characteristics distinctive to the C&O and its contracted engineers are falling victims to this technology. In an effort to document the final years, I've joined with a small group of dedicated like-minded photographers to venture into the darkness, documenting these relics in the most obscure locations across beautiful West Virginia, exclusively under starlit skies.



A scene at Prince, WV.

Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS, 2014 Calendar of Events
56th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Chapter A Virginia's Rail Heritage Region Partner
Compiled By Norris Deyerle, BRC, NRHS, Chairman of Virginia's Rail Heritage Region Partners
Newly updated or added events since last month printed in "Bold Italics".

Notice: I urge our friends with the other railway historical groups and museums to take advantage of www.trainfinder.com, www.trains.com or RHICalendar@nrhs.com. There is no cost to promote your train show on these websites. It's simple to add your event to their website and your event approval is fast and efficient. This is a website that will help us all get the word out about our events!

Are you interested in learning more about the historic Norfolk & Western Railway "High Bridge" in Farmville, Va.? Please check out the following links for more info:

Friends of High Bridge Trail: <https://sites.google.com/site/friendsofhighbridgetrail/>

High Bridge Trail State Park: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/hig.shtm

<http://www.virginia.org/Listings/OutdoorsAndSports/HighBridgeTrailStatePark/>

Historical USGS Topographical Maps: A great research tool for locating abandoned railroad lines, etc.

<http://nationalmap.gov/historical/>

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation – Free Official State of Virginia Railroad Map, 600 East Main Street, Richmond, Va. 23219 Phone: 804-786-4440 www.drpt.virginia.gov

Tennessee Valley Railroad/Norfolk Southern 21st Century Steam Train Excursion Schedule Info:

<http://www.tvrail.com/pages/21st-century-steam> Note: Find more railroad related info on other websites at the end of this Calendar Of Events.

July 2014

07-09-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Derek Wimberly Video Presentation, NS Heritage Locos

07-23-14: {Wednesday} BRC "Very Special Fun Meeting", Chase Gunnoe's "Nighttime Ramblings through the Mountain State" Digital Presentation. This is a presentation that you don't want to miss. Chase is considered by many to be one of today's finest young railroad photographers. Chase is taking his time to drive down from his home in West Virginia to share his photos with us. Let's show Chase our Lynchburg "Southern Hospitality" and have a large welcoming committee waiting for him!

07-28-14 Thru 08-01-14: {Monday Thru Friday} C&OHS 44th Annual Conference, Pipestem, WV, Info, www.cohs.org

August 2014

08-09-14: {Saturday} BRC, NRHS "Lynchburg Rail Day 2014", New show times are 9:00 am till 3:00 pm, Info: LRD 2014 Chairman, Barry Moorefield, Phone: 434-821-2174 before 9:00 pm nightly or email rockdalefarm@live.com, or Norris Deyerle, Phone: 434-237-4912 or email railcow@msn.com. Table Registrar John Tanner, Phone 434-525-1318 or email flytrains@yahoo.com. Note: LRD 2014 Vendor Registration Forms and White Elephant Table Guidelines are now available on our website, www.blueridgenrhs.org

08-13-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Dale Diacont Presentation

September 2014

09-10-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Brad Dobbins Slide Presentation

09-21-14: {Sunday} This is the day that we normally schedule our Blue Ridge Chapter Summer Picnic in Altavista to celebrate the ongoing success of our Lynchburg Rail Day Train Show. It's always been open to BRC members and their guests, LRD Train Show workers and vendors. Attendance has dropped off so much in the past several years that your BRC picnic organizers have not reserved this date at the park in Altavista. If any member or members are willing to organize our Summer picnic in a new location please contact BRC President Rick Johnson or Norris Deyerle. It's OK to set it up on the date the organizer chooses. The BRC will still pay for the fried chicken or other meat and beverages. Please be safety conscious when you choose a location since this is a family event and small children may be attending. I would hate to see this BRC family outing end.

09-24-14: {Wednesday} BRC "Fun Meeting", A Lynchburg City Fire Department officer will have a special presentation on the April 30, 2014, CSX oil train derailment in Lynchburg, Va.

October 2014

10-08-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Kurt Reisweber Presentation

10-11&12-14: {Saturday & Sunday} Appomattox Railroad Festival, Appomattox, Va. Contact info: TBD

10-12-14: {Sunday} BRC member Dale Diacont's cookout at "Red Dog Manor" in Waynesboro, Va. BRC members and their guests are invited. Contact Dale for more info. Space may be limited since this is Dale and Audrey's home. Info: daled1acont@yahoo.com to get more details and make sure the cookout is still scheduled.

November 2014

11-01& 02-14: North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation & the Watauga Valley Railroad Historical Society and Museum, "Scenic Southern Rails" Fall Excursions, Virginia Autumn Special, Spencer, NC to Appomattox, Va. Georgia Autumn Special, Spencer, NC to Toccoa, Ga. Tickets went on sale to the general public on July 9, 2014. Info: <http://www.nctrans.org/Events/Fall-Excursions---Appomattox,-Va--and-Toccoa,-Ga-.aspx> (Details included in this issue)

11-02-14: {Sunday} 37th Annual Gaithersburg Railroadiana & Transportation Show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD. Info: www.gserr.com

11-08-14: {Saturday} 13th Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club Trains & Railroadiana Show and Sale, Raleigh, NC. Info: www.nrvshow.org

11-08 & 09-14: Pocahontas NRHS Model Train Show, Bluefield Youth Center, 1780 Stadium Drive, Bluefield, WV, Contact Phone: 304-431-2593, Website: <http://www.visitmercercounty.com> Contact email: rkmassie@yahoo.com

11-12-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Wayland Moore Presentation

11-25-14: {Wednesday} NO BRC "FUN MEETING" DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

December 2014

12-06-14: {Saturday} BRC Annual Christmas Banquet, Altavista, Va.

12-10-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Skip "Groundhog" Hansberry Presentation

12-20-14: {Saturday} BRC Annual Kemper Street Station Holiday Gathering

Check Out This New Addition!

Norfolk Southern Locomotives – The Diesel Shop, NS Loco roster with professional quality photographs. NS Heritage Locos included. www.thedieselshop.us/NS.HTML

"Fallen Flag" railroad of local interest:

Franklin & Pittsylvania Railroad, "The old fast and perfect" railroad that ran between Gretna and Rocky Mount, Va.: www.fandprailroad.org

Locomotive Search Tool And Railroad Photos Link: www.railbaron.rpicturearchives.net

Railroad Related Events Information: Visit: www.varailheritage.org, www.vmt.org, www.linkmuseum.org, www.nctrans.org, www.roanokenrhs.org, www.dcnrhs.org, www.odcnrhs.org, www.nwhs.org, www.cohs.org, www.csxthsociety.org, www.thecrhs.org, www.theruralretreatdepot.com, www.srha.org, www.rfandp.org, www.vatraincollectors.com, www.traincollectors.org, www.railroadcollectors.org, www.nhvry.org, www.norfolksouthernrhs.org, www.RailServe.com, www.gsmr.com, www.trains.com, www.TrainFinder.com, www.gserr.com, www.wghshow.com, www.drpt.virginia.gov

Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS Website: www.blueridgenrhs.org

Norfolk Southern/TVRM Steam Excursion Website: <http://www.21stcenturysteam.com> OR <http://www.tvrail.com/pages/21st-century-steam>

Steam Train Events in the United States and Canada: www.diary.svsfilm.com

Steam Locomotive Locations: www.steamlocomotive.com

Railroad Historical Information and Related Photos: www.hawkinsrails.net

Railroad Photos: www.railsinvirginia.com, www.railfirephotography.com

Key Lock & Lantern Railroad History and Preservation Organization, www.klnl.org

Danville & Western Ry. Website: Railway operated in Southwestern Virginia between Danville and Stuart. <http://southern-railway.railfan.net/dw/>

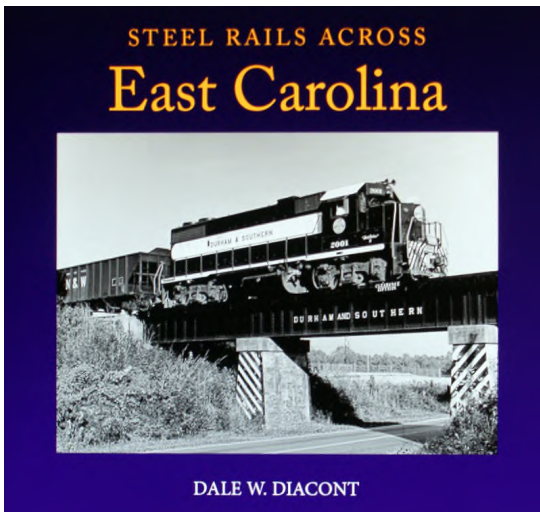
Trains & Travel International: www.traintrips.biz

Additional links to other NRHS Chapters, Railroad Historical Societies and Museums available at www.blueridgenrhs.org

Virginia Museum Of Transportation Rail Cam: <http://www.nwhs.org/cam/vmt>

Roanoke, Va. Rail Cam: <http://128.173.197.94:443/RRCmov>

Chapter member Dale Diacont's latest book is available! - Steel Rails Across East Carolina is a leisurely excursion aboard those railroads found east of US Route 1. The story is told from the viewpoint of a career railroader who has worked on many of the lines that are featured. Whether you figure your tonnage with the engineer of a grain train, put Amtrak back on the track, or work on a Baldwin diesel in a shop, you will get your hands dirty.



Like my first book, Steel Rails Across East Carolina features a horizontal format with nearly one hundred photographs; many of which are full page. An impressive list of excellent photographers helped the author by sharing their work. It'll be available at the July meeting for \$40 including tax which equals \$2 off the cover price and author pays the sales tax. The book uses same 128-page template, layout and publisher as Yesterday's Trains Across the Commonwealth; and includes an index. Steel Rails Across East Carolina has an entire chapter devoted to both the original Norfolk Southern and the prosperous Durham and Southern. Other chapters touch on the Atlantic and Western, A&EC, Franklin County, Rockingham and Warrenton. Printed in the USA.

Don't just stand trackside - RIDE the "Steel Rails Across East Carolina."

Excursion train returning to Appomattox this fall - One of the N.C. Transportation Museum's most popular offerings combines the romance of rail travel, a great destination and the convenience of a day trip. Autumn Train Excursions offer the rare opportunity to take a daylight train trip on vintage rail cars through beautiful countryside. Trips typically sell out, so those wishing to purchase are urged to act quickly.

These one-day trips are presented by the N.C. Transportation Museum Foundation and the Watauga Valley Railroad Historical Society and Museum and act as fundraisers for both organizations.

Civil War history will be all around for those traveling to Appomattox, Va. Nov. 1. Departing from the museum grounds in Spencer with additional passenger pick-up in Greensboro, travelers will arrive in one of the nation's most historic towns around noon.

Passengers will disembark at the restored Appomattox Station, once a stop for the South Side Railroad in the late 1800s and now home to the Appomattox Visitor Information Center. This charming small town holds claim to one of the most significant moments in U.S. History -- the surrender of General Robert E. Lee to end the Civil War and reunited a divided nation.

Virginia Autumn Special passengers can enjoy the historic shops and restaurants of Appomattox's quaint downtown, or, for a nominal additional fee, explore either the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, or the Museum of the Confederacy's Appomattox site.

After about three hours in Appomattox, travelers will board the train for the trip home.

Ticket Sales Begin July 9th at 9:00 a.m. Choose from the following classes of service.

Trip Itinerary	
7 a.m.	Depart Spencer
8 a.m.	Arrive in Greensboro
8:15 a.m.	Depart Greensboro
Noon	Arrive in Appomattox
2:45 p.m.	Depart Appomattox
6:30 p.m.	Arrive in Greensboro
6:45 p.m.	Depart Greensboro
8 p.m.	Return to Spencer

Dome Class - Dome Class passengers are seated in the upper level of a glass dome-topped car and enjoy outstanding panoramic views. Additional amenities are available. **\$295/person**

First Class - First Class Premium seating is available onboard a selection of beautifully-restored vintage parlor, lounge or business cars. Additional amenities are available. **\$265/person**

Deluxe Coach - Deluxe Coach ride in comfort with spacious seating, adjustable seat backs, leg rests and large windows to view the scenery. Includes lunch in the dining car. **\$190/person**

Tourist Class - Tourist Class seating features the comfort and convenience of modern Amtrak passenger cars. **\$155/person**

**TRAIN SHOW VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM
LYNCHBURG RAIL DAY 2014. SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2014.
LYNCHBURG RAIL DAY 36th ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW
BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER, NRHS 56th ANNIVERSARY**

The Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society would like to invite you to join us for the 36th Annual Lynchburg Rail Day to be held on Saturday August 9, 2014 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. This model train show is always well attended by veteran modelers as well as newcomers to our hobby. It definitely has a family atmosphere. Children 12 and under are always admitted at no charge when accompanied by a paying adult. Vendors are encouraged to bring items that appeal to children. Many small children attend our show with their parents. Last year's attendance was approximately 500 adults and children. We have numerous door prizes and a raffle. Our very popular "White Elephant Table", where our Chapter sells individual's train related items on a consignment basis, always attracts sellers and buyers to our show. Model layouts with operating trains are a real treat for everyone young and old. The Lynchburg Rail Day 2014 facility is air conditioned and has wide aisles for easy access during the train show. We will still have our popular slide or video presentation by a Chapter member or friend. Our Model Railroad and Railroad Photography Exposition will continue this year. This gives railroad modelers and photographers a competitive environment to show off their work. Prizes are given to the winners of the numerous categories. Our Chapter also operates a concession stand with freshly prepared lunch items and snacks at very affordable prices. As in years past, the train show will be held at the Boonsboro Ruritan Club on 1065 Coffee Road just off of Rt. 501 North in Lynchburg, Virginia.

NOTE: USING GPS NAVIGATION TO FIND THIS ADDRESS! SOME INTERNET MAP SEARCHES SHOW THAT WIGGINGTON RD. RUNS INTO RT. 501. THIS IS INCORRECT. COFFEE RD. RUNS INTO RT. 501. Our Blue Ridge Chapter website will have a correct map showing you how to get there from all directions. Log on www.blueridgenrhs.org for the correct directions and Lynchburg Rail Day 2014 updates. There will be an ample amount of signs directing vendors and the public to the Boonsboro Ruritan Club on the day of the show. Plenty of free parking is available in our expanded parking area. Vendors can easily unload their goods next to the building. The building is handicapped accessible.

Vendor Registration:

6ft. tables are \$25.00 each. 8ft. tables are \$33.00 each. The postmark date on your letter that you send your registration payment in will determine who gets the available 6ft. or 8ft. tables. We expect increased attendance this year due to the rekindled interest in local model train shows. Table space will be limited. We have sold all available table space each year at this train show since we took over Lynchburg Rail Day. **Reserved table space must be paid for in full no later than Wednesday, July 9, 2014.** Tables not completely paid for by this date will be made available to other vendors. No refunds for tables will be given on or after July 9, 2014. Prior to July 9, 2014 table rental refunds will be given for personal hardships. To help boost your sales, at your request, we will post your name and any contact information that you supply to us on our Chapter website when your table reservations are paid in full. The sooner you pay for your tables the sooner we can post your contact information. This will allow your customers the option of placing advanced orders with you if they desire and pick up their items at the show.

Vendor Set Up:

The Boonsboro Ruritan Club will be open for vendor set up on Friday, August 8, 2014 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm and on Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 7:30 am – 8:30 am. We would like to have all vendors have their table setup finished by 8:30 am the day of the show. This will allow the public to have free movement through the aisles when the show begins. We ask that no vendor sales transactions occur until after 9:00 am on the day of the show. Vendors will be asked to park in specially designated areas to allow for customer parking in front of the building. **We also request that no one begins breaking down your sales table until 3:00 pm the day of the show. Note that our 2014 train show ends at 3:00 pm this year instead of 4:00 pm.** Door admission will be charged till the close of the show at 3:00 pm.

**Please return this lower portion with your info & payment OR Free Table Acceptance
Lynchburg Rail Day 2014 Vendor Registration Form**

Your Name or Your Business Name: _____

Name Of Person To Contact w/ Business: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone Number w/ Area Code: _____

Evening Phone Number w/Area Code: _____

Cell Phone Number w/ Area Code: _____

Business Phone Number w/ Area Code: _____

Fax Number w/ Area Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Website address: _____

Number of 6ft. Tables: ____ X \$25.00 = _____ Total

Number of 8ft. Tables: ____ X \$33.00 = _____ Total

One Free 5ft. Round Table available to railroad related historical societies, museums and preservation organizations. Circle "Yes" here if your organization is attending.

NOTE: These organizations can purchase extra 6ft. or 8ft. Tables and still get a free table of the same size purchased instead of a 5ft. Round table. All of your tables will be in the same area. Please make the total amount of your check or money order made payable to the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS. Thank you for helping the BRC,NRHS preserve railroad history through our annual donations to regional railroad projects!

Electricity: Circle Yes/No, No extra charge if available. First come, first serve basis.

Special Needs or Requests: _____

Please make checks payable to the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS. Mail your payment to the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS, P.O. Box 11731, Lynchburg, Virginia 24506-1731. If you have any questions please call our Table Registrar John Tanner at 434-316-9500 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday or email John at flytrains@yahoo.com . If you need extra assistance you can email our LRD 2014 Train Show Chairman: Barry Moorefield at rockdalefarm@live.com . Phone 434-821-2174 before 9:00 pm.

Vendor Table Agreement: Note: Agreement Must Signed In Order to Rent Any Tables

By signing this form, I recognize that I am responsible for the security of the items that I bring to offer for sale. The Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS and/or the Boonsboro Ruritan Club organization are not responsible for lost or stolen items. The Blue Ridge Chapter will make every reasonable effort to keep the hall secure for your items as well as ours.

Important Option: I would like my contact information shared with other model train/railroadiana show promoters so they may contact me. Yes ____ No ____

Signed: _____

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