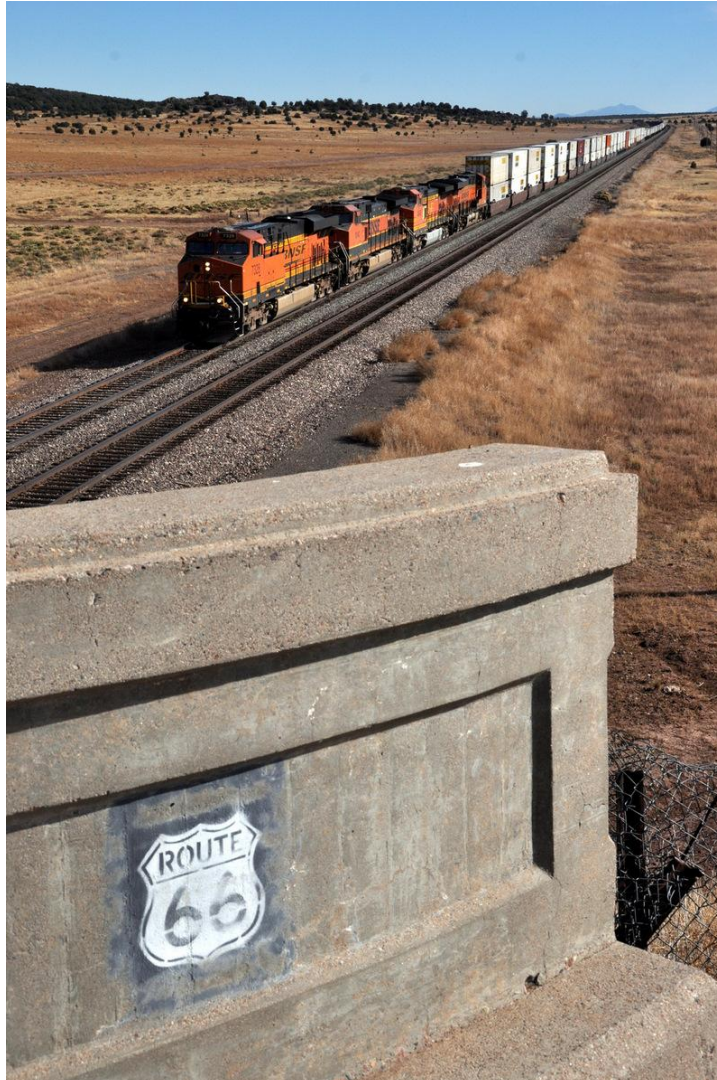


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BNSF ES44DC 7328 leads three Erie siblings under the former Route 66 Crookton bridge east of Seligman, AZ.

For many years I had entertained the idea of riding Amtrak to the West coast, but work always seemed to preclude this from happening. Finally, last fall a plan came to fruition. After visiting family in San Antonio, I rode the Sunset to Los Angeles and spent three days there visiting my college roommate and his wife. Then I made the brief overnight journey on the Southwest chief to Winslow where I rented a car and railfanned the BNSF Transcon for three days before luxuriating the final night at La Posada. Finally, back on the Chief to Chicago, Southwest Airlines to DC, and the Regional back to Lynchburg. Join me for this travelogue/railfan journey at our meeting this Wednesday evening.

Skip "Groundhog" Hansberry

Wednesday, June 12, 2013. 6:00 p.m.
Charley's Restaurant. 707 Graves Mill Rd. Lynchburg, VA.



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**Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS
Minutes of Meeting - May 8, 2013**

President Rick Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. at Charley's Restaurant and welcomed 25 members and 5 guests. Minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed with thanks to Lloyd Lipscomb for taking them. Treasurer John Tanner reported.

Rick reported that three members were able to make the High Bridge fieldtrip on April 11 and that he had attended the 110th anniversary celebration of the N&W Farmville depot. Lee Hawkins went over the arrangements for the upcoming Norfolk trip on May 17-18.

Vice President Charlie Long reported on the NRHS Bulletin and distributed copies of the Virginian Heritage Trail brochure to those who were interested. There was a discussion about the NRHS deficit and the increase in national dues from \$39 to \$50. Concerns were expressed over national's finances and the lack of reporting on financial matters to the membership. Chapter representative Earl Guthrow concurred, and reported that he received little information about NRHS's financial situation. Norris Deyerle reported that the Rail Day information and forms were included in the May "Blue Ridge Dispatcher", flyers were ready and Rail Day was only three months away. Barry Moorefield reported on Rail Day arrangements and the need for volunteer help during the day, especially with raffle ticket sales. Editor Garland Harper was thanked for another fine issue of the newsletter; and there was no report from the web master.

President Rick Johnson announced that he was presenting the evening's program in place of Rick Dash-2, who was called away by work. Dash-2's program will be presented at the December meeting, Amtrak permitting. The fun meeting on May 22 will feature slides taken by Roanoke Chapter member Dorr Tucker and Old Dominion Chapter member Robin Shavers. The June 12 regular meeting will feature Skip Hansberry's inaugural power point presentation and Ed Fielding announced that Bob Leslie, who had just arrived at the meeting, was the proud grandfather of a newborn baby girl.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

-Thomas G. Ledford, Secretary

**Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS 2013 Calendar of Events
55th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Chapter
A Virginia's Rail Heritage Region Partner
Compiled By Norris Deyerle,
Blue Ridge Chapter, 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 or www.trains.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 And 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.shtml

<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.

June 2013:

- 06-12-13: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Skip Hansberry program {Digital}
- 06-12-16-13: {Wednesday – Sunday} N&WHS Annual Convention, Twin Falls State Park, WV, Twin Falls is just a bit north of Mullins, WV Info: www.nwhs.org
- 06-17-21-13: {Monday-Friday} VMT Wings & Wheels “Zoom Camp”, 9:30 am – 11:30 am, Members \$70.00, Nonmembers \$85.00, Virginia Museum Of Transportation, Roanoke, Va. Info: <http://vmt.org>
- 06-22-13: {Saturday} The 15th Annual African-American Norfolk & Western Railroad Heritage Celebration, Virginia Museum Of Transportation, Roanoke, Va. Info: Email pmcquire@vmt.org, Phone {540} 339-2753 or Robert Hamlin, African-American N&W Celebration Group, Email hamlin072000@yahoo.com Phone {540} 798-0036**
- 06-22-13: {Saturday} North Carolina Railroad Show, Metrolina Expo Trade Center, Charlotte, NC, Info: www.gserr.com
- 06-22-23-13: {Saturday & Sunday} The Great Scale Model Train Show, Sat. 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md. Info: www.gsmts.com, Email hzane1@verizon.net Phone {410} 730-1036**
- 06-24-28-13: {Monday-Friday} VMT Wings & Wheels “Let’s Go Camp”, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Members \$180.00, Nonmembers \$195.00, Virginia Museum Of Transportation, Roanoke, Va. Info: <http://vmt.org>

July 2013:

- 07-10-13: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Derek Wimberly’s program, {DVD} “NS Heritage Units At Spencer”
- 07-08-12-13: {Monday–Friday} VMT Wings & Wheels “On The Move Camp”, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Members \$200.00, Nonmembers \$225.00, Virginia Museum Of Transportation, Roanoke, Va. Info: <http://vmt.org>
- 07-15-19-13: {Monday-Friday} VMT Wings & Wheels “Rolling Wheels Camp”, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Members \$180.00, Nonmembers \$195.00, Virginia Museum Of Transportation, Roanoke, Va. Info: <http://vmt.org>
- 07-24-13: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS “Fun Meeting”
- 07-28-08-01-13: {Sunday – Thursday} C&OHS Annual Conference, Info: www.cohs.org

August 2013:

- 08-03-13: {Saturday} Virginia Train Collectors Charlottesville Summer Train Meet, Holiday Inn Monticello, Exit 120 off I-64 at 5th Street, 1200 5th Street, SW, Charlottesville, Va. 22902, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Info: Russell Youens, Phone {804} 342-6023, www.vatraincollectors.com**
- 08-10-13: {Saturday} BRC, NRHS “Lynchburg Rail Day 2013”, NOW ACCEPTING VENDOR REGISTRATION RESERVATIONS. PLEASE USE THE LRD 2013 VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, WWW.BLUERIDGENRHS.ORG, VENDOR TABLES SELL OUT EARLY EACH YEAR! SIGN UP TODAY! Contacts: Barry Moorefield at bmopar@verizon.net or phone 434-821-2174 before 9:00 pm., Norris Deyerle at railcow@msn.com or phone 434-237-4912, John Tanner at flytrains@yahoo.com or phone 434-525-1318**
- 08-14-13: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Dale Diacont program, “The Stuff Dash-2 Didn’t Do In Colorado”

September 2013:

- 09-11-13: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Charlie Long program
- 09-13-14-13: {Friday & Saturday} The Mid-Atlantic Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet, Stafford, Va. Info: <http://www.marpm.org>
- 09-15-13: {Sunday} BRC, NRHS Summer Picnic, English Park, Altavista Va.
- 09-18-22-13: {Wednesday-Sunday} NRHS 2013 Alaska Convention, Info: www.nrhs.com
- 09-25-13: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS “Fun Meeting” Chase Gunnoe and Jesse Smith’s digital program titled “Starry Nights”.

October 2013:

- 10-09-13: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Kurt Reisweber’s program titled “Westward the Amfleet” featuring Kurt’s March, 2012 trip out west.
- 10-17-19-13: {Thursday – Saturday} Eastern Division Train Collectors Association York Fall Meet, York, Pa. Info: www.easterntca.org

November 2013:

- 11-03-13 {Sunday} 36th Gaithersburg Railroadiana & Transportation Show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD Info: www.gserr.com
- 11-9 & 10-13: 25th Annual ‘13 Railfest Model Train Show, Pocahontas Chapter, NRHS, Bluefield Youth Center, 1780 Stadium Drive, Next To Mitchell Stadium, Bluefield, WV. Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sunday: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm, Admission: \$5.00 Per Person, \$10.00 Per Family, Info: {304} 431-2593 or {304} 327-0026. Facebook: Pocahontas NR HS
- 11-9 & 10-13: {Saturday & Sunday} First Frost Train Show, Allentown Fairgrounds Ag Hall, Allentown, Pa. Info: www.allentowntrainmeet.com
- 11-13-13: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Wayland Moore program
- 11-27-13: {Wednesday} Attention! No “Fun Meeting” due to Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2013:

- 12-07-13: {Saturday} BRC, NRHS Annual Christmas Banquet, Former Southern Railway Station, Altavista, Va.
- 12-11-13: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Rick Johnson-2 program**
- 12-21-13: {Saturday} BRC, NRHS Annual “Kemper Street Station Holiday Gathering”

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.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

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>

**TRAIN SHOW VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM
LYNCHBURG RAIL DAY 2013. SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013.
LYNCHBURG RAIL DAY 35th ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW
BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER, NRHS 55th ANNIVERSARY**

The Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society would like to invite you to join us for the 35th Annual Lynchburg Rail Day to be held on Saturday August 10, 2013 from 9:00 am – 4:00 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 2013 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 2013 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 10, 2013.** 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 10, 2013. Prior to July 10, 2013 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 9, 2013 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm and on Saturday, August 10, 2013 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 4:00 pm the day of the show.** Door admission will be charged till the close of the show at 4:00 pm.

Please return this page with your info & payment OR Free Table Acceptance

Lynchburg Rail Day 2013 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 2013 Train Show Chairman: Barry Moorefield at bmopar@verizon.net or 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.

New For 2013: 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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