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Crew of a MA & PA freight c. 1972

Hi. I'm Wayland, and I'm presenting the program at the November meeting of the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS. When I got out of school all I had was an Argus C3 [range finder camera] and more debt than dollars. However, I saved up some money and purchased my first "decent" camera which was a single lens reflex 2 1/4 X 2 1/4 S-2A Bronica. However, the cost of color film with processing was still a bit much and producing the photographs for my thesis had provided the knowledge to process and print black and white. The digital show will come from scans and photographs of the negatives, some of which are 50 years old [that's a shocker to me that I have negatives that old].

Y'all come to the meeting and enjoy the show.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018. 6:00 p.m.
Charley's Restaurant. 707 Graves Mill Rd. Lynchburg, VA.



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Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS Minutes of Meeting – October 10, 2018

President Rick Johnson called the meeting to order at Charley's Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. He welcomed 15 members and guests. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the September meeting. In the absence of John Tanner, there was no treasurer's report. Voting for next year's officers will take place at the November meeting as the nominating committee was not present and due to the lack of a quorum.

National representative Bob Leslie reported briefly on the fall Conference of the NRHS.

The Chapter Christmas banquet will be held on Saturday, December 8th in Altavista. Cost will be \$20 per person. It will be open to all interested.

The date for next year's Rail Day has been "penciled in" for the second weekend of August at the Boonsboro Ruritan Club. Because of the lack of a quorum, discussion on the definite date of the Rail Day was postponed.

Chris Schieck suggested that a book or manual be prepared giving the steps to be taken for organizing a Rail Day. This book could also give some post mortems on previous Rail Days. Such a book would make it much easier for future Rail Day leadership.

Rick thanked Garland Harper for the latest edition of "The Blue Ridge Dispatcher." Future programs will be presented by Wayland Moore in November and by John Gardner on "Seasonal Reflections" in December. Because of the lack of a quorum, no official business was transacted. Norris Deyerle won the 50-50 drawing.

Kurt Reisweber presented the program entitled "A Quick Tour of Western Pennsylvania." He showed pictures of railroad activity in the areas around Johnstown, Jeanette, Greensburg, and Connellsville.

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Lipscomb, Secretary

Election of Officers and Lynchburg Rail Day 2019 Discussion at the November Meeting

All members of the Blue Ridge Chapter are urged to be at the November meeting Nov. 14 in order to participate in the election of Chapter officers for 2019. In addition, we will be discussing the future of Lynchburg Rail Day 2019. Those members who indicated their willingness to support LRD 2019 with John Tanner at the October meeting need to contact him right now, or during the dinner period of the November meeting. His contact info is on the cover sheet. Thanks. - Norris

2018 BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER, NRHS CHRISTMAS BANQUET DETAILS

You and your family and friends are invited to join your fellow Blue Ridge Chapter members and friends at our annual Christmas Banquet. As in year's past our banquet will be held in the Altavista, Va. Area Chamber of Commerce on 414 Washington Street, Altavista, VA 24517. For those of you reading this that are railfans, I'll make the directions simple. Our Christmas Banquet will be held in the former Southern Railway Depot. For those of you that want a map please go to <https://www.altavistachamber.com>. Please mark your calendar as soon as you decide to attend! This year our banquet is being held on the SECOND SATURDAY in December. The date is December 8, 2018. You will not need to avoid the annual Town of Altavista Christmas Parade since it is being held on the first Saturday of December.

Our evening of fellowship begins with a social hour at 6:00 pm. and runs until 7:00 pm. Then a delicious catered buffet style homemade dinner will begin. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages {punch and sodas} will be available during the social hour. The buffet includes your choice of two meats, veggies, and dessert. Iced tea and both regular and decaf coffee will be offered.

Our entertainment for the evening will be a special presentation by our BRC, NRHS President Rick Johnson. The evening's activities usually end around 9:30 pm. The BRC will pay for any expenses over the \$20.00 per person meal price as a thank you for supporting the chapter's railroad preservation efforts during the past year.

Please bring your banquet check for \$20.00 per person {both member and guest price} made payable to the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS to our November 2018 regular monthly meeting on Wednesday November 14, 2018. Please give your check to Rick Johnson so your name can be added to the reservation list. If you can't attend the November meeting please mail your banquet check to our BRC P.O. Box address in this newsletter. Your check needs to arrive at our P.O. Box by Wednesday, November 28, 2018. To be safe that means you should have your check in the mail by Wednesday, November 21, 2018. Reservations are non-refundable unless I have not given our caterer a final headcount. Once I give her a final headcount then we have to pay her for your reservation whether you attend or not.

When you have your check book out why not take the opportunity to pay your BRC yearly dues? Please DO NOT include your annual local dues in the same check as your Christmas Banquet reservations. Annual BRC dues are \$13.00. Checks made payable to the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS. Note on the check "Local BRC, NRHS 2019 Dues".

inclement weather policy: If the weather has created situations hazardous for driving then the banquet will be rescheduled to a later date.

Lynchburg Rail Day 2018 was one of our best train shows yet! Let's finish out the year on a high note and have a great turnout for our annual Christmas Banquet!

Happy Holidays!
Norris Deyerle

Annual Kemper Street Christmas get-together - As in years past, members and friends of the BRC, NRHS, have gathered informally at Kemper Street Station during the Christmas season to exchange holiday greetings and to enjoy each other's company with the hopes of watching a few trains go by. This year's event will take place on Saturday, December 22, beginning around 8:30 p.m. and winding down with the departure of train #19 at 10:06 p.m., assuming on-time departure. Bring a snack or a RULE G compliant beverage to share.

Please avoid parking on the lower level at the station in deference to the legitimate customers that will be meeting or taking the trains that evening. Thanks.

Blue Ridge Chapter mourns the loss of member Bobby Dudley



Bobby Clifton Dudley claimed the promise of the resurrection on Friday, October 26, 2018, surrounded by his entire family.

Bobby was born on October 29, 1938, in Campbell County, Virginia, to Thomas and Laurie Dudley. He is survived by his wife of nearly sixty years, Peggy Elliott Dudley. He is also survived by his two daughter Pam Barile and Rhonda Sydnor (Buck). Other family members include his granddaughters Courtney Campbell (Travis) and Dudley Ann Strosnider (Bruce) along with his great grandson, Levi Campbell. A sister Mae Hicks and nephew Gary Bell also survive him.

Pop was the patriarch to his family of girls that he loved more than anything in this world. He was thrilled to finally have a great grandson to carry on the tradition of sitting on benches and holding packages while the girls shop.

Bobby started his career with B & W Naval Nuclear Division. But his passion was creating and being an entrepreneur. Bobby was known to many people throughout the area as a master craftsman with his woodworking skills and furniture manufacturing. He was the founder and former owner of Central Virginia Hardwood Products. He was also a train aficionado who shared long term friendships with other train lovers.

Most importantly, Bobby was a man of deep, quiet faith. He walked the path and heeded Christ's mission to take care of other people in need. May we all practice Pop's spirit and mission in our life everyday.

The family wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to the Pearson Cancer Center, especially Dr. Cecilia MacCallum and the members of the Centra Hospice team.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the charity of your choice in Bobby's memory.

A service of remembrance was held on Saturday, November 3 at 11:00 am at Timberlake United Methodist Church.



Bobby displaying his creations at the counter at Kemper Street and at Lynchburg Rail Day.

Rail Day reflections - Lynchburg Rail Day 2018 surprised us all, I do believe. Attendance was greater than expected and the Chapter benefitted immensely as a result. This was the fortieth year the event was held! Below are a few photos of this year's event with commentary.



Blue Ridge Chapter members at LRD 2018 who were present at the First Rail Day event.
Ed Fielding, Rick Johnson, Roy Evans, Chris Schieck, Gary Quale John Tanner; and Trains Unlimited owner Jim Revell and Mrs. Revell, aka, Sherry.



Jim Revell and Fred Mayer, who also participated in the first Rail Day.



Some BRC helpers at LRD 2018. Norris Deyerle, John Tanner, Garland Harper, Jim Revell, Barry Moorefield.



SIGHTINGS

Oct. 8, 2018 - Foreign power spotted on CSX on ethanol train K478.
(G. Harper)

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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT NOVEMBER MEETING.
CHRISTMAS BANQUET DECEMBER 8. Details inside**