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Tom Dixon, Chairman and President Emeritus of the C&O Historical Society, brings us our April program. He'll be concentrating on the C&O's Alleghany Sub-division between 1967-1969 and on C&O's Lake Michigan car ferry service. It ought to be a great show! Tom's programs always are. Hope to see you there.

Wednesday, April 13, 2011. 6:00 p.m.
Charley's Restaurant. 707 Graves Mill Rd. Lynchburg, VA.



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Blue Ridge Chapter , National Railway Historical Society Minutes of Meeting - March 9, 2011

President Rick Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Charley's Restaurant and welcomed 20 members and 5 guests. Tom Ledford announced that Bill Cabble had moved into The Summit. Minutes were approved as corrected and the Treasurer then reported.

Under Old Business dues are due and should be mailed to Rick as soon as possible. He described this year's circle trip to Richmond, Washington and Lynchburg on Saturday May 7. Seats were still available and a circular was distributed. Rick stressed that riders needed to be confirmed for a bus seat before making Amtrak reservations and noted that the schedule for the Richmond-Washington leg of the trip had changed slightly so we are leaving Lynchburg at 5:45am. A sign-up sheet was also passed around for Aubrey Wiley's field trip to the South River Lumber Company logging railroad in Amherst, Nelson and Rockbridge Counties on Saturday, March 26 with a rain date on April 9th. He will present a slide lecture at the March Fun Meeting, March 23rd at Charley's Restaurant.

Rick reported on Howard Gregory's talk on Civil War railroads earlier that day in Appomattox. He, Bob Leslie and Tom Ledford attended with about 60 people. He reminded members that the next regular meeting is April 13 with C&OHS President Emeritus Tom Dixon presenting the program.

Chapter member Wayland Moore presented a slide review of various sites and locomotives he has seen while traveling for work over the last seven years. The majority of the photographs were taken with a pocket point-and-shoot camera that has accompanies him in his journeys across the planet.

Tom Ledford, Secretary

Chapter Road Trip to South River Lumber Company's Logging Railroad near Lynchburg

As a follow-up to the chapter's Fun Meeting program by Aubrey Wiley on March 23 on the South River Lumber Company's 57 miles long logging railroad, six people braved the cold three days later for a tour to some of the remaining railroad rights-of-way in Amherst, Nelson and Rockbridge counties. Our tour lasted over seven hours. Some of that time, however, was used for eating!

The railroad operated from 1916 into 1938 and used five two-truck Climax locomotives. Several highlights of the trip, which featured nine stops, included calculating the grade at one stop of 12.5% using a portable GPS and finding clinkers and coal along some of the remote and wooded grades. At Cornwall, we were surprised to find a small garden with the cab of engine number five and a descriptive sign board erected the day before our visit. Below are some pictures taken that day.



These group pictures show us at Hog Camp Gap, where the Appalachian Trail crosses, studying topo maps as we started to walk old grades. L-R: Aubrey Wiley, Rick Johnson, Mark Chase from Richmond, Charlie Long, Skip Hansberry, Rick Johnson Dash Two, and inside the remains of the cab of Climax locomotive #5 at Cornwall.



In this shot, Rick Johnson documents finding clinkers and coal along an old grade south of Yankee Horse Ridge. We concluded that a fireman on a Climax locomotive must have shook the grates while waiting for the loader to load logs onto a skeleton flat car for the trip to the sawmill at Cornwall more than 75 years ago! The elevation at this point was just over 3,000 feet and at Cornwall it was 1,015 feet.

SIGHTINGS



March 25 - Seven Units destined for Vale Mining subsidiary Carajas Railroad in Brazil seen passing through town en route to the port in Norfolk. Units were built by GE. Engines are loaded on flatcars with truck assemblies trailing on flats because they are wide-gauge, 5'3". (Rick Johnson-II, G. Harper)

March 29 - Thanks to a derailment in Newton Falls, Ohio, CSX detoured intermodal trains Q130 and Q139 to and from Portsmouth, VA, one trip over the James River Line. CSX containers are seen here passing by the Reusens Dam pond. Quite a change from the normal coal and grain traffic. Such moves are supposed to become routine in the near future during tunnel enlargement work on the former B&O. (Skip Hansberry, G. Harper)



March 31 – NS's executive F-Units and business cars spotted passing southbound by Kemper Street Station soon after midnight. Train was making its annual trek to Augusta, GA, and the Master's Golf Tournament. (G. Harper)

April 3 – About six export units for the South African concern, Transnet, spotted in Kinney Yard. The GE-built locomotives were on flat cars as were the Vale units mentioned earlier. These units, however, are narrow-gauge: 3'6". (Norris Deyerle)

April 6 – The red unit of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus train was spotted passing eastbound through Reusens on the CSX at 4:00 a.m. (Yes. I stayed up for it.) Train was making the "jump" between Louisville, KY, and Newport News, VA. (G. Harper)

**Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS, 2011 Calendar of Events
53rd 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 added events since last month printed in "Bold Italics".**

April 2011:

04-13-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Tom Dixon Of TLC Publishing

04-14-16-11: {Thursday-Saturday} Train Collectors Association, Spring York Train Meet, York, Pa. Info:

www.tca.org

04-20-11: {Wednesday} Roanoke Chapter, NRHS Spring Amtrak Excursion, Board bus at the Virginia Museum Of Transportation, Roanoke to Lynchburg by bus, Lynchburg to Washington, DC roundtrip by Amtrak and then back to Roanoke by bus. Adult Tickets: \$115.00, Seniors age 62 and older: \$105.00, Youth under 16, \$65.00. To purchase tickets by credit or debit card call {540} 744-0611.

04-21-11: {Thursday} Blue Ridge Chapter Member Dale Diacont will present a special slide show titled "Steel Rails and Tobacco Trails" to the Roanoke Chapter, NRHS. Coverage begins on the original NS back in 1972 and focuses on NS's East Carolina Business Unit, in particular, the ten month period when ten EMD SD9's were assigned to the territory. 7:30 pm, O. Winston Link Museum auditorium, 101 Shenandoah Ave. Roanoke, Va. Guests welcomed.

May 2011:

05-01-11: {Sunday} Shenandoah Valley Railroad Club Model Train & Railroading Show, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, Va. Admission: \$5.00, Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

05-07-11: {Saturday} "Celebrate Amtrak's 40th Anniversary And National Train Day At Washington DC's Union Station"! The Second Circle Tour Around Virginia, Lynchburg – Richmond -Washington (or Alexandria) – Lynchburg via Chartered Bus and Amtrak, PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT TIME CHANGE IN OUR ITINERARY! BRC, NRHS CHARTERED BUS LEAVES KEMPER STREET STATION AT 5:45 A.M. Bus trip tickets are \$35.00, Amtrak round trip adult tickets to Union Station in Washington, DC are approximately \$52.00 each depending on your age. Amtrak tickets for children 2-15 years old are \$26.00. Amtrak tickets prices are subject to change. While in Washington, DC visit the many displays available commemorating National Train Day and Amtrak's 40th. anniversary. {Go to www.nationaltrainday.com for details. Click the "Washington" tab.} IMPORTANT: Buy the bus tickets before the Amtrak tickets!! Additional Trip details are available in this newsletter or on our website at www.blueridgenrhs.org, Bus Reservations: Lee Hawkins, railhawk46@aol.com or ilhawkins@babcock.com Cell Phone: {434} 610-2429. Bus. Phone: {434} 522-6704. Amtrak Reservations: Garland Harper, Wednesday – Sunday, 4:00 p.m. till Midnight at Kemper Street Station, Lynchburg, Va. Phone: {434} 847-8247. Cell Phone: {434} 660-1218.

05-11-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Kurt Reisweber

05-14-11: {Saturday} Roanoke Rail Festival at the Virginia Museum Of Transportation and the O. Winston Link Museum, Roanoke, Va. Info: www.vmt.org & www.linkmuseum.org

05-14-11: {Saturday} C&OHS Alleghany Railroad Heritage Festival, Clifton Forge, Va. Info: Phone: {540} 862-2210, Fax: {540} 863-9159, www.cohs.org

05-14 & 21-11: {Saturdays} "James River Rambler" Spring Excursions, Old Dominion Chapter, NRHS, Dillwyn, Va. Tickets: <http://www.odcnrhs.org/excursions.htm>

05-20, 21 & 22-11: {Friday, Saturday & Sunday} Titans Of The Mountain Geared Steam Photo Spectacular, Cass Scenic Railroad, Cass, WV, Info: Call {304} 456-4300 or toll free 1-{800} 225-5982, ask for Railfan Weekend, www.msrlha.org

05-25-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS "Fun Meeting"

June 2011:

06-08-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Steve Hutchison

06-11-11: {Saturday} VTC Nansemond-Suffolk Meet, Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, Suffolk, Va. Info: www.vatraincollectors.com

06-20-26-11: {Monday-Sunday} "Cascade Rails 2011" NRHS Convention, Tocomo, WA. Info: www.cascaderails2011.com

06-22-26-11: {Wednesday-Sunday} N&WHS Convention, Norfolk, Va. Info: www.nwhs.org

06-25-11: {Saturday} Eighth Annual North Carolina Rail Fair Model Train & Railroad Artifact Show & Sale, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Metrolina Expo Trade Center, Charlotte, NC Info: www.gserr.com, print off discount coupon for show admission

July 2011:

07-13-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Fred Mayer

07-27-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS "Fun Meeting"

August 2011:

08-03-07-11: {Wednesday – Sunday} C&OHS Annual Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, www.cohs.org

08-06-11: {Saturday} VTC Summer Richmond Meet, Chesterfield Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall, Info: www.vatraincollectors.com

08-10-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Dale Diacont

08-13-11: {Saturday} Lynchburg Rail Day 2011 by the BRC, NRHS, Model Train Show and Vendor Information is now available on our website, www.blueridgenrhs.org. We are now accepting table registrations on a first come first served basis. Table space is limited and usually sells out prior to the show. This is the only model train show in our area. If you have questions please contact Barry Moorefield, {434} 821-2174 before 9:00 p.m., bmopar@verizon.net, Norris Deyerle, {434} 237-4912 railcow@msn.com, John Tanner {434} 525-1318 flytrains@verizon.net Model & Photography Contest Chairman: Fred Mayer {434} 384-2773 barbalin@comcast.net

September 2011:

09-14-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Norris Deyerle

09-18-11: {Sunday} BRC, NRHS Annual Chapter Picnic {Pending}

09-28-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS "Fun Meeting"

October 2011:

10-12-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Kurt Reisweber

10-13-15-11: {Thursday-Saturday} Train Collectors Association, Fall York Train Meet, York, Pa. Info: www.tca.org

November 2011:

11-06-11: {Sunday} 34th. Gaithersburg Railroadiana Show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, Md. Info: www.gserr.com

11-09-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Rick-2 Johnson

11-23-11: No BRC, NRHS "Fun Meeting" due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

December 2011:

12-03-11: {Saturday} BRC, NRHS Annual Christmas Banquet

12-14-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Charlie Long - Video

12-17-11: {Saturday} BRC, NRHS Annual Kemper Street Station Christmas Gathering. Kemper Street Station, Lynchburg, Va.

Upcoming Railroad Related Events Information: Visit: www.varailheritage.org, www.vmt.org, www.linkmuseum.org, www.roanokenrhs.org, www.nwhs.org, www.cohs.org, www.vatraincollectors.com, www.RailServe.com, www.trains.com, www.TrainFinder.com or www.gserr.com. Railroad Historical Information And Related Photos: www.hawkinsrails.net 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>

Lynchburg Rail Day 2011 {Saturday} August 13, 2011

Lynchburg Rail Day 2012 {Saturday} August 11, 2012

Radio Change in the Area – Attention scanner users! Have you wondered why you no longer hear trains and dispatchers talking on the former N&W in the Lynchburg and Altavista area? There's a good reason for that. After years and years of being on AAR Channel 71, 161.190, the former N&W between Crewe and Roanoke now uses AAR Channel 62, 161.025! So, program this frequency into your scanner and you will be back in business again. It is thought that the frequency change was made in preparation for the FCC-mandated change to narrow-band radio which needs to be in place by 2013.

**TRAIN SHOW VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM
LYNCHBURG RAIL DAY 2011, SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011
LYNCHBURG RAIL DAY 33rd ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW
BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER, NRHS 53rd ANNIVERSARY**

The Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society would like to invite you to join us for the 33rd Annual Lynchburg Rail Day to be held on Saturday August 13, 2011 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. Since we're holding Lynchburg Rail Day 2011 in the **LARGER** facility that we have used for the last five years, 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. It will be held at the air conditioned Boonsboro Ruritan Club on 1065 Coffee Road just off of Rt. 501 North in Lynchburg, Virginia.

NOTE: DO NOT USE GPS NAVIGATION TO FIND THIS ADDRESS! 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 2011 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 13, 2011.** 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 13, 2011. Prior to July 13, 2011 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 12, 2011 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm and on Saturday, August 13, 2011 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 portion with your info & payment OR Free Table Acceptance
Lynchburg Rail Day 2011 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 preserve railroad history!

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@verizon.net. If you need extra assistance you can email our LRD 2011 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.

Signed: _____

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