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Pictured above is an image of Seaboard 2-8-2 # 392, one example of what's in Steve's show.
Photo by Edwin E. Olsen.

Wednesday, June 13, 2012. 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 - May 9, 2012**

President Rick Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm at Charley's Restaurant and welcomed 24 members and 3 guests. The April minutes were approved as distributed. Treasurer John Tanner then reported. Chuck Haldik announced that the Southeastern Region of the NMRA will meet in Gatlinburg, TN on June 1, 2012. It will include a tour of the Dollywood steam shops.

Under old business Rick reminded everyone about the Manassas trip on August 25th. Ed Fielding reported that the VBR program in Nelson County had been rescheduled to June 17th at the Massie's Mill Ruritan Club. The chapter picnic is scheduled for September 16 in Altavista and Rick reported that he will be presenting a program on the 1978 Crescent wreck for the Rivanna Chapter. There was a discussion of the facility situation in Hamlet, NC but no action was taken.

Vice President Charlie Long reported on the upcoming N&WHS convention in Lynchburg and gave an update on the Concord, VA railway station (ex-Southside). There was no National Director report. Norris Deyerle reported on Rail Day, noting that George Riley of Carstens Publishing was contributing a display ad in Model Railroad Craftsman and several posters for use in the area. Norris reported that the fliers were done and being distributed. He noted upcoming events in the Virginia Rail Heritage Region including: May 12, Railfest at VMT; May 19-20, Cass Railfan Weekend; June 2, Celebration at the Station at the O. Winston Link Museum and November 10-11, Bluefield Railfest. John Tanner urged members to think of new vendors for Lynchburg Rail Day because several long-time vendors will not be able to attend this year. Thanks were given to Garland Harper for getting the newsletter out and there was no report from the Webmaster.

Rick announced that Kurt Reisweber will do the August program and the Fun Meeting on May 23 will be digital with a selection from the late Ralph Yoder's collection. The June meeting will feature Winston-Salem Chapter member Steve Hucherson. Pete Echols send old magazines for giveaway and Gerald Duval won the 50/50. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. for a presentation by member Dale Diacont of his 2004 tour of New England railroads.

Tom Ledford, Secretary

**Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS 2012 Calendar of Events
54TH 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: The NRHS is the lead member of a new group of railway heritage groups and preservationists that list their upcoming events on their new website, RHICalendar@nrhs.com. I urge our friends with the other railway historical groups and museums to take advantage of this new NRHS service. There is no cost to subscribe to this service. This is a website that will help us all get the word out about our events!

June 2012

06-13-12: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Steve Hutchison from the Winston-Salem Chapter, NRHS will show slides from his Blackhawk Film Collection. "When Steam Was King" and "Steam In Indian Summer" are action shots from the 40's and 50's from photographers Edwin E. Olsen and Phillip R. Hastings. Most of the railroads represented are "fallen flags" with some very unusual shots of short lines and industrials. Steve assures us that there will be something of interest for everyone. You don't want to miss it!

06-16-12: {Saturday} The 14th Annual African-American N&W Heritage Celebration at the Virginia Museum Of Transportation, Roanoke, Va. Contact: Peg McGuire, pmcguire@vmt.org / 540-339-2753 or Robert Hamlin, African-American N&W Celebration Group, hamlin072000@yahoo.com / 540-798-0036

06-16-12: {Saturday} Virginia Train Collectors, Inc. Train Meet, Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, Suffolk, Va. 23434, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Admission: \$6.00 at Door, {Members \$5.00}. Spouses and children 17 and under {with adult} admitted free. Contact Stuart Gordon 804-798-3739, www.vatraincollectors.com

06-16-12: {Saturday} "The Susquehanna Limited" The Conrail Historical Society will run an excursion from Washington, DC to Harrisburg, PA {RT} via Amtrak, NS Port Road along the Susquehanna River, thru Enola Yard, using the Juniata Terminal E8's. Contact: 215-253-4527, Info: www.thechrhs.org

06-17-12: {Sunday} Virginia Blue Ridge Railroad Program presented by Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS Member Ed Fielding, Location: Piney River Ruritan Club {Rt. 151} Piney River-Massies Mill, Va. 2:00 PM

06-18-12: {Monday} Virginia Blue Ridge Railroad Program presented by Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS Member Ed Fielding for the Old Dominion Chapter, NRHS, Location: Hull Street Station, Richmond, Va. 6:30 PM

06-18 - 6-24-12: {Monday - Sunday} NRHS National Convention 2012, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Info: www.nrhs.org

06-21 - 6-24-12: {Thursday - Sunday}: N&WHS 2012 Convention, "Mainline To Norfolk", Location: Lynchburg, Va. Info: conv2012@earthlink.net and www.nwhs.org, Contact: Charlie Long, H. {434} 239-3521, C. {434} 660-6989

06-23-12: {Saturday} NS Public Steam Excursion with loco #630 from Spencer, NC to Winston-Salem, NC. Info: http://www.nscorp.com/nscportal/nscorp/Media/News%20Releases/2012/ns_steam_excursion_june.html

Info courtesy of Chad Jordan

06-24-12: {Sunday} NS Public Steam Excursion with loco #630 from Winston-Salem, NC to Roanoke, Va., Chad Jordan stated that if you buy a ticket for the 24th trip and live in Roanoke you can ride a bus to Winston-Salem to catch the train. I would verify this if you elect to do so. Check the same website as shown on the 06-23-12 trip. Info courtesy of Chad Jordan

06-23-12: {Saturday} North Carolina Railroad Show, Location: Metrolina Expo Trade Center, Charlotte, NC, Info: www.gserr.com

06-23-24-12: {Saturday & Sunday} The Great Scale Train Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD, Info: www.gsmts.com

06-30-12: {Saturday} The Fast Flying Franklin PRR Coach Ride, Sponsored by the Washington, DC Chapter, NRHS Reserve online at www.dcnrhs.org, Information: 610-429-5858 or e-mail to reservations@dcnrhs.org

07-03-04-12: {Tuesday-Wednesday} NS Heritage Locos will gather for a "family portrait" at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC during the Fourth Of July week. Purchase Tickets: 704-636-2889 ext. 237, www.nctrans.org Info courtesy of George Weber, Note: Robin Shavers suggested that railfans be very careful where they walk around and take photos during this event. The NS wye in downtown Salisbury is strictly off limits. As always, follow NS safety rules and obey the NS police. Thanks to NS for sponsoring this historic event.

07-07-12: {Saturday} The Virginian Museum Of Transportation in Roanoke, Va. will unveil the refurbished N&W #1776 Loco which was painted in a star-spangled color scheme to commemorate the nation's bicentennial in 1976. Info: www.vmt.org Info courtesy of George Weber

07-11-12: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Fred Mayer presentation

07-25-12: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS "Fun Meeting"

August 2012

08-04-12: {Saturday} Virginia Train Collectors, Inc. Charlottesville Summer Train Meet, Holiday Inn Monticello, 1200 5th. Street SW, Charlottesville, Va. 22902, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Admission: \$6.00 at Door, {Members \$5.00}. Spouses and children under 17 {with adult} admitted free. Contact: Stuart Gordon 804-798-3739. Breakfast and lunch will be available. www.vatraincollectors.com

08-08-12: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Kurt Reisweber

08-08-12-12: {Wednesday – Sunday} C&OHS Annual Conference. Old Town Alexandria, Va., Info: www.cohs.org

08-11-12: {Saturday} Lynchburg Rail Day 2012, Sponsored by the Blue Ridge Chapter, National Railway Historical Society, The 34th year!

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Boonsboro Ruritan Club, Lynchburg, Va.

Admission: \$6.00 Per Person, \$10.00 Family Admission, Children 12 & Under Free With Paying Adult. "White Elephant Table" where we will sell your railroad related items for a 20% commission. Our

concession stand will be serving doughnuts and coffee during breakfast hours and our freshly prepared "World Famous North Carolina BBQ" will be served during lunch hours. Plan on eating while you shop for some of the best model train and railroad artifacts in the area. The kids both young and old always enjoy our operating model layouts that are set up in the exhibit hall. Also again this year we will have a special show on prototype railroading from Noon till 1:00 PM. Our annual raffle prize will be awarded after our noon show. Door prizes will be given out throughout the show. This is truly a family oriented train show that continues to grow each year. Please help spread the word.

Vendor Table Prices: 6 Ft. = \$25.00 each, 8 Ft. = \$33.00 each

Rental Vendor Tables are sold on a first paid for basis. Please reserve your Vendor Tables before they're all sold. Lynchburg Rail Day 2012 Info, White Elephant Table Guidelines and Vendor Registration Forms are available on our website: www.blueridgenrhs.org Need additional assistance? Please contact:

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Norris Deyerle: railcow@msn.com {434} 237-4912

John Tanner: flytrains@verizon.net {434} 525-1318

Model & Photography Contest Info:

Fred Mayer: barbalin@comcast.net {434} 384-2773

08-25-12: {Saturday} Blue Ridge Chapter Outing, Amtrak's Northeast Regional #156 train ride to Manassas, Va. Departs Lynchburg's Kemper Street Station at 9:59 AM and arrives in Manassas, Va. at 12:39 PM.

Returning on train #147 from Manassas at 4:53 PM arriving back into Lynchburg's Kemper Street Station at 7:39 PM. The approximate cost will be \$44.00 per person. Earlier reservations are recommended to get the best price for the round trip ticket. This will be the 150th. Anniversary of the Second Battle Of Manassas.

You may make your reservations by calling Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL, www.amtrak.com or by calling the Lynchburg /Ticket Agent Office at 434-847-8247. The Lynchburg ticket office is closed from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Trip Questions: Call Lee Hawkins at 434-237-2429 or email at railhawk46@aol.com. This is not a BRC, NRHS chapter sponsored function. It's simply an outing. The BRC, NRHS or Lee Hawkins is not responsible for any issues that may arise during this outing. The BRC, NRHS or Lee Hawkins is not handling any tickets sales or accepting any money for this trip.

September 2012

09-08-12: {Saturday} Sharpsburg, MD Summer Model Train Sale, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Info: 301-800-9829, hmrrm@myactv.net, www.antietamstation.com

09-12-12: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Norris Deyerle presentation

09-16-12: {Sunday} BRC, NRHS Summer Picnic, English Park, Altavista, Va.

09-26-12: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS "Fun Meeting"

October 2012

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

10-18-21-12: {Thursday – Saturday} Train Collectors Association "TCA" York Train Meet, York, PA. Info: www.easterntca.org

10-27-28-12: {Saturday & Sunday} The Great Scale Model Train Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD. Info: www.gsmts.com

November 2012

11-04-12: {Sunday} Railroadiana & Transport Show and Sale, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD, Info: www.gserr.com

11-10 & 11-12: {Saturday & Sunday} 2012 Amtrak Excursions From Roanoke, Va. Please verify that these trips will run. The Roanoke Chapter, NRHS is still working out the final details with Amtrak and Norfolk Southern. Info: terrapin66@cox.net

11-10 & 11-12: {Saturday & Sunday} 24th Annual '12 Railfest Model Train Show, Pocahontas Chapter, NRHS, Bluefield Youth Center, 1780 Stadium Drive {Next to Mitchell Stadium} Bluefield, WV, Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sun. 12:00 Noon – 5:00 p.m. Admission \$5.00 Per Person, \$10.00 Per Family, Info: {304} 431-2593 or {304} 327-0026 Mail: Pocahontas Chapter, NRHS, P.O. Box 151, Bluefield, WV 24701

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

11-21-12: No November "Fun Meeting" due to Thanksgiving

11-24-12: {Saturday} Sharpsburg, MD Fall Model Train Sale, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Info: 301-800-9829, hmrrm@myactv.net, www.antietamstation.com

December 2012

12-01-12: {Saturday} BRC, NRHS Annual Christmas Banquet, Altavista, Va.

12-12-12: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Rick-2 Johnson, presentation

12-22-12: {Saturday} BRC, NRHS Kemper Street Station Christmas 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.thechrhs.org, www.srha.org, www.vatraincollectors.com, www.klnl.org,

www.railroadcollectors.org, www.nhvry.org, www.norfolksouthernhs.org, www.RailServe.com,
www.trains.com, www.TrainFinder.com, www.gserr.com, www.wghshow.com or RHICalendar@nrhs.com.
 Norfolk Southern/TVRM Steam Excursion Website: <http://www.21stcenturysteam.com>
 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
 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>
 Lynchburg Rail Day 2012 {Saturday} August 11, 2012



A TRIVIA QUESTION FROM NORRIS...

Here's my photo that I took of the NS Heritage Central Of Georgia Loco #8101 on May 3, 2012. The Trivia Question is: "Where was the photo taken and which direction was the train heading?" Answer somewhere in the newsletter



Derailment at Bowler - NS train I33, an empty container train, also known as a "baretable" train, derailed the last few cars of his train a little west of Pamplin, VA, at Bowler on May 16. Chapter president Rick Johnson provided this image of the damaged cars and track repairs from State Rt. 628.



Long-time Lynchburg Amtrak agent retires - T. L (Tommy) Gilbert, who held down the lead ticket agent's job in Lynchburg for many years, retired May 31. Tommy began his years with Amtrak on June 1, 1975, working in Roanoke during the years the Mountaineer and Hilltopper trains operated over the N&W. After they were discontinued in September, 1979, he worked in the stations in Richmond and Petersburg until coming to Lynchburg in May, 1986. We all wish you well as you enter this new phase of life. **STAY BUSY!!**

Norfolk Southern's Heritage locomotives will gather for a "family portrait" -

NORFOLK, VA. – Norfolk Southern's Heritage locomotives will gather for a "family portrait" at the North Carolina Transportation Museum (NCTM) in Spencer, N.C., during the Fourth of July week. All 20 locomotives painted in the color schemes of predecessor railroads will be on display July 3 and 4.

"This is the first and probably only chance we'll have to get all these locomotives together in one place at one time," said Norfolk Southern CEO Wick Moorman. "We're proud of the role railroads play in keeping the country's economy strong, and July 4 is an opportune time to showcase that heritage of service and safety. "Having these engines gathered together is a phenomenon, not just an event," said NCTM Executive Director Samuel Wegner. "And the N.C. Transportation Museum's Bob Julian Roundhouse is obviously a great place to frame this 'family portrait'. It's a great partnership with Norfolk Southern to host this historic occasion. "Tickets for the event are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children in advance, and \$30 for adults and \$20 for children the day of the event. Tickets apply to a single day of events. Those wishing to attend both days will need tickets for each. Nighttime photo shoots will also be held July 3 and 4. To purchase tickets to the daytime activities and the nighttime photo shoot, call 704-636-2889, ext. 237. Norfolk Southern employees and retirees will be eligible for a \$5 discount, with a limit of four tickets per purchase. Retirees must purchase tickets by phone to get the discount. The Fourth of July week was chosen because of the holiday and because demand for the locomotives in freight service temporarily will be reduced due to the traditional coal miners' holiday.

Norfolk Southern is producing the Heritage fleet as part of the company's 30th anniversary celebration. Norfolk Southern was created June 1, 1982, with the consolidation of Southern Railway Company and Norfolk and Western Railway Company, but both of those trace their lineage to hundreds of predecessors dating back to the early 1800s. The museum is on the former site of Southern Railway's Spencer Shops, a steam locomotive servicing facility. After the advent of diesel, Spencer continued to serve as a classification yard into the late 1970s, when Southern donated land and facilities to the State of North Carolina for the establishment of the museum.

For information on hotels, other local lodging and other area attractions, visit the Rowan County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Return of the NW 1776 on Saturday, July 7 -- note new date! - The cosmetic restoration of the [N&W Bicentennial Locomotive 1776](#) is complete. She will roll back into the Museum on July 7 to celebrate our nation's independence. Joining her will be one of the Lost Engines of Roanoke, the Chesapeake & Western diesel 662, painstakingly restored by the Roanoke Chapter, NRHS. Plus--three Norfolk Southern Heritage Locomotives and the newly refinished NS Exhibit Car! More details will be posted.

Norfolk Southern invites public to help protect the rail line; Joins BNSF in expanding community rail security initiative -

NORFOLK, VA. – Norfolk Southern is making it easier for communities, businesses, and informed observers such as rail fans to report issues relating to public safety and security to the railroad's police force. The NS announcement is a significant expansion of the community-based rail security initiative started by BNSF Railway.

Everyone with a stake in rail operations is invited to join Norfolk Southern's new "Protect the Line" reporting program, an online resource that directly connects you with NS Police. By becoming a Protect the Line member at the new www.protecttheline.com website, observers can report immediately to NS Police any suspicious activity relating to equipment maintenance, track obstructions, trespassing, vandalism, suspicious items and vehicles, and terrorism.

NS' Protect the Line and BNSF's Citizens for Rail Security are part of an industry-wide initiative that works to include everyone with an interest in railroads.

"Community awareness and participation are critical to keeping the railroad line safe and secure," said David Julian, NS vice president safety and environmental. "Through Protect the Line and Citizens for Rail Security, the public can work directly with us to prevent and mitigate situations that jeopardize the railroad line and those whom we serve."

Mark Sinquefield, NS director of police, said, "Protect the Line members will be doing their part to safeguard America's critical commerce network by serving as responsible additional eyes and ears for railroads and our employees."

"More than 10,000 citizens have joined the Citizens for Rail Security effort and are making the rail network a safer place by reporting potential trespassers, stolen equipment, and suspicious behavior near the tracks," said Duwayne Pennington, BNSF's assistance vice president of Resource Protection.

Interested people can access the Protect the Line website a number of different ways: directly at www.protecttheline.com, through the Norfolk Southern website at www.nscorp.com, and through BNSF's Citizens for Rail Security website at www.citizensforrailsecurity.com. Visitors are encouraged to register by clicking Protect the Line and providing contact information. The Protect the Line website explains more about the program, including a link to BNSF's site.

Citizen reports can be made to the NS Police at 800-453-2530 and nspolice@nscorp.com and to BNSF Police at 800-832-5452 and www.citizensforrailsecurity.com, either directly or through the website. Stay tuned. NS is developing an update to its smartphone app, NS Corp, that will include access to Protect the Line, with enhanced communications capabilities.

The NS and BNSF police forces are charged with safeguarding people and freight shipments over the systems. They work closely with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to protect railroads and communities.

**21st Century Steam excursion train trips scheduled for June in North Carolina and Virginia
NORFOLK, VA. and CHATTANOOGA, TENN. - If you have been waiting to ride a train behind a century-old
steam locomotive, here is your chance.**

As part of the 21st Century Steam program of Norfolk Southern and the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, excursions are being offered in June in North Carolina and Virginia behind steam locomotive 630.

June 16-17, Spencer to Barber, N.C., and return

- Host: North Carolina Transportation Museum
- Train departures from museum: 9 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. each day
- Route: Norfolk Southern "S-Line" between Spencer and Barber, 24-mile round trip
- Power: steam locomotive 630 only (no diesels assisting)
- Equipment: air-conditioned coaches with reclining seats and large picture windows
- Fare: \$35 adults, \$25 children ages 3-12. Children 2 and under not occupying seats do not require tickets.

June 23, Spencer to Winston-Salem, N.C., one way (bus return)

- Train departs North Carolina Transportation Museum 10 a.m.
- Train arrives Winston-Salem 2 p.m.
- Bus arrives North Carolina Transportation Museum 3 p.m.
- Route: Norfolk Southern main line from Spencer to Greensboro, and NS "K-Line" from Greensboro to Winston-Salem
- Power: steam locomotive 630 with diesels assisting
- Equipment: air-conditioned coaches
- Fare: \$80. Includes box lunch and bus return to North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer.

June 24, Winston-Salem, N.C., to Roanoke, Va., one way (with bus connections from Roanoke and to Winston Salem)

- Train departs Winston-Salem 10 a.m.
- Train arrives Roanoke 3:30 p.m.
- Route: Norfolk Southern "Punkinvine" line between Winston-Salem and Roanoke
- Power: steam locomotive 630 with diesels assisting
- Equipment: air-conditioned coaches
- Fare: \$95. Includes box lunch and bus transportation. For Roanoke-originating passengers, bus will depart Roanoke 7 a.m.; for Winston-Salem-originating passengers, bus will depart Roanoke within a half hour of train's arrival in Roanoke.

Tickets for all trips are available through the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum's website at www.tvrail.com.

Additional one-way excursions are planned in July and September. Check TVRM's website or call 423-894-8028 for the latest information.

Southern Railway 630, the steam locomotive featured on these trains, is a Consolidation-type locomotive built in 1904 at the Richmond, Va., works of the American Locomotive Company. Number 630 pulled freight trains during the first half of the last century, mostly in North Carolina, and in the 1960s and '70s traveled extensively in excursion service throughout the Southeast. Small of size but big in character, this locomotive underwent an exhaustive 10-year rehabilitation at TVRM's Soule Shops complex in East Chattanooga before returning to service in 2011.

Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum was founded in 1961 in Chattanooga to create an interpretive operating museum of historic equipment and artifacts in an authentic setting. Today it operates an extensive schedule of historic and scenic trains in Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia, supported by its East Chattanooga locomotive and shop complex. TVRM is the largest operating historical excursion railroad in the Southeast.

21st Century Steam is a partnership between Norfolk Southern and TVRM to operate steam-powered excursions throughout the territory Norfolk Southern serves. More information is available on the 21st Century Steam website at www.21stcenturysteam.com.

Answer to Norris's trivia photo question:

Picture taken on the former Virginian Railway mainline at Ninth Street Industrial Park, Roanoke Va. NS engineer Chad Jordan will answer the question as follows, "I was on the other end of that train. The CofG loco was my pusher! He pulled the train out of South Yard and didn't pull far enough across the diamond so he pulled down some more. Then I coupled up and we had to wait on the 2nd. shift carman to do a brake test on us. We left and went South around 3:20." Norris thought that he was photographing an East bound coal train on the Virginian. He was actually photographing a South bound coal train getting ready to head down to Winston-Salem, NC on "The Punkin Vine"! And we wonder why railfans argue!

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