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Wayland Moore will present the show at the March meeting of the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS. He's entitled it "Work Made Me Do It" or "A Pot Poured full of Pretty Pictures" PART 1. It's a collection of photos from some of the places and trains that he found when traveling for work.

Wayland comments: "Traveling for work has both positives and negatives. Time is taken from home; unpacking and repacking; losing out on things around the home, including missing the Blue Ridge Chapter meetings among them. Traveling involves having to travel in bad weather, canceled flights, finding a place to stay on short notice, missing sleep, being in closed spaces with people spreading colds, etc., irritable kids, trying to find new addresses for the client, the hotel and where to eat and having food that is loaded with the three main food groups - fat, sugar and salt.

"On the other side of the coin is seeing new places and finding new things or revisits to places previously enjoyed and, in one case the year before last, by staying over a day at my own expense and firing again on a steam engine -- this one being a 4-6-2, L&N 152. It gave me a chance to challenge Ed Fielding's knowledge. One time I left him a phone message: 'It's black with the number 420', then held the phone so the locomotive could be heard, followed with the same for number 425. Then the question to him is, 'Where was I and what railroad?' Another time it was telling him I was crossing the Canadian River headed to a shortline that used the initials of the owner's grandkids. He got both of them.

"This Part 1 goes back two weeks short of seven years to the time of taking along a pocket point-and-shoot digital camera. Hope you enjoy the program that will be my first effort at a digital show and first effort with PowerPoint."

Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Charley's Restaurant. 707 Graves Mill Rd. Lynchburg, VA.



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

President Rick Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Charley's Restaurant and welcomed 22 members and 3 guests. He reported that Dr. Earl Guthrow had eye surgery and was recovering. The Fun Meeting in January was cancelled due to snow. Minutes were approved as distributed and the Treasurer then reported.

Under Old Business: Dues are due and should be mailed to Rick as soon as possible. Lee Hawkins described this year's circle trip to Richmond, Washington and Lynchburg on Saturday May 7. Seats were still available and a circular was distributed. Lee stressed that riders needed to be confirmed for a bus seat before making Amtrak reservations.

Under New Business: Tom Ledford described the locomotive preservation project being undertaken by the Portsmouth Rail Museum and suggested that the museum be considered for a grant from this year's Rail Day proceeds. Rick reminded members that they were invited to the reception for the opening of the "Thoroughbreds of Steam" exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Transportation. He also reminded members about Howard Gregory's talk in Appomattox on March 9th. On March 23rd Aubrey Wiley will present a program at the fun meeting and a follow-up walking tour on March 26th on narrow-gauge logging railroads in Amherst County. Details are in the February *Bulletin*. Rick circulated a request for information about the N&W's *Powhatan Arrow* for a forthcoming book.

Norris Deyerle reported on Virginia Rail Heritage Region activities, reminding members about the C&OHS show at Clifton Forge on February 26-27. The Blue Ridge Chapter will have a White Elephant table there and volunteers are needed. There were no other reports. Gary Quale asked about placing some of Ralph's slides on the chapter web page for members only. Lloyd Lipscomb won the 50/50 and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Dale Diacont presented a program of slides from some of his recent travels. He also donated a \$20 gift certificate from Charlie's which was won by Gerald Duval as part of the 50/50 drawing.

Tom Ledford, Secretary

**"South River Lumber Company of Amherst, Nelson and Rockbridge Counties:
A fifty-seven-mile long narrow gauge railroad"
March 23 Fun Meeting program by Aubrey Wiley**

Aubrey says, "I guarantee that anyone who attends the program and the field trip on the following Saturday, will form lifelong memories!" Little has been published or is even known about this interesting web of a logging railroad right in our own area. Its gauge is unusual, 42", and it operated five Climax locomotives. Operating from 1916 to 1938, the company's saw mill, located beside N&W's Shenandoah line, produced over one hundred million board feet. The program will include pictures (samples on next page) of every locomotive, vintage pictures of the operation, as well as contemporary pictures of what can be found today.

The Saturday, March 26, road trip will leave from Lowe's Madison Heights parking lot (the side nearest the library) at 8:45. We will drive to Amherst and head west on route 60 for the mountains. From Lowe's to the end of our tour at about 2:00pm for our lunch stop in Buena Vista, we will travel 66 miles. As we visit remaining examples of the railroad grade and operations, we will enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery in the east! Arrange your own car pools, keeping in mind that about 20 miles will be on back roads, some unpaved and moderately steep in just a couple places. (In case of inclement weather on March 26, we will reschedule for Saturday, April 9. Call Aubrey at 434-386-2226 if in doubt.)



28-ton, two-truck Climax number 3 with log loader. #3 was built in 1899 and the loader was American Log Loader, model E. The location is unknown.



Shown here is a grade on southeast side of Tar Jacket Ridge. This was one of the last branches worked before operations ceased in 1938.

SIGHTINGS

Feb. 12 - JK Tower in Roanoke, spotted on NS coal train #820: a lone CSXT coal gon # 390951. (Robin Shavers)

Feb. 12 - three former SR GP38-2s, 5069, 5093 and 5165, spotted powering 30-car coal (hoppers, not gons!) train # 940 from JK Tower to Roanoke Yard. (Robin Shavers)

Feb. 14 – CSX SD40-3 rebuilds 4004 and 4005 spotted in the siding at Reusens and then downtown on Q30212!
(Rick Johnson-2, Aubrey and Charlotte Wiley, G. Harper)



Feb 14. - Ringling Bros. Red Unit circus train seen at various places passing through Lynchburg on its "jump" from Greensboro to Philadelphia. Seen below crossing the James River (Rick Johnson-2, Aubrey and Charlotte Wiley, G. Harper)



Feb. 26 - ex-SOU, now NS, 3280 and ex-BN, now CEFX, 7105, both SD40-2s, spotted switching Montview Yard in Lynchburg. (Charlie Long)

**Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS, Outing! The Second Circle Tour Around Virginia.
Lynchburg-Richmond- Washington (or Alexandria)-Lynchburg.
Celebrating National Train Day and Amtrak's 40th Anniversary. Saturday, May 7, 2011**

Once again the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS, is planning a charter bus / train circle trip around the Commonwealth of Virginia, similar to what we did last year. All Blue Ridge Chapter members and their friends are invited. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE TO OUR ITINERARY!!!** We've had to alter it slightly since our initial announcement.

The schedule of our Richmond-to-Washington train has been changed! As a result we'll be leaving Lynchburg earlier, but we'll have a little more time to spend in Washington. **TAKE NOTE!** Now leave from Kemper Street Station at 5:45 a.m. via chartered bus for Richmond's Main Street Station arriving about 8:15 a.m. Spend a little time in the downtown / Shockoe Bottom neighborhood of Richmond near the famous Triple Crossing. Board Amtrak train #194 at 9:30 a.m. departing from Main Street Station traveling over the former RF&P. See from the train ACCA Yard, Staples Mill Rd. Station, Ashland, Doswell, Ruther Glen, Penola, Guinea (where Stonewall Jackson died), Meade's Marker, Fredericksburg, Rappahannock River Bridge, Aquia Creek Bridge, Quantico, Powell's Creek Bridge (near the power plant), Neabsco Bridge, Occoquan River Bridge, Lorton - Auto Train terminal, Southern Ry. connection right into Alexandria Union Station. Arrive in Alexandria at 11:50 a.m.

If you wish to detrain in Alexandria have lunch, perhaps, at Joe Theismann's Restaurant next to station. Other restaurants close by include Five Guys and Hard Times Café. Or tour King Street - free street shuttle every 10 minutes to the Potomac River and back; or the George Washington Masonic National Monument; or just hang out at Alexandria's Union Station and watch trains. Catch NEC Regional train #147 in Alexandria at 4:17 p.m. arriving in Lynchburg at 7:39 p.m.

OR, if you wish, you might want to book your train ticket into Washington rather than Alexandria. Amtrak will be celebrating National Train Day in a big way this year at Union Station. Amtrak's 40th anniversary is May 1, 2011, and many exhibits and equipment displays will be open to the public commemorating this milestone event on May 7 at Washington Union Station. Many, many restaurants are available in the Food Court in the station. Our train is due into Washington at 12:20 p.m. The train to Lynchburg departs Washington at 4:00 p.m.

Right now the cost to travel on the two trains via Alexandria is \$44. The fare to go into Washington is \$52. These fares could go up if bookings on one or both trains begin to increase. You will be responsible for booking your own rail transportation. Our Chapter rail travel consultant, Garland Harper, can assist you in booking. He is on duty at Kemper Street Station Wednesday thru Sunday 4pm – midnight. 434-847-8247. If you are internet savvy, book on-line at www.amtrak.com.

The Chapter is reserving the chartered bus to Richmond. This portion of the trip will cost \$35.00 per person. The cost will be non-refundable unless the trip is canceled. The Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS, will make every effort to sell enough bus tickets to have the trip and not put a financial burden on the chapter.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE CONFIRMED FOR A SEAT ON THE BUS FROM LEE HAWKINS BEFORE PAYING FOR AMTRAK RESERVATIONS. THE TRAIN FARES QUOTED ABOVE ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!

If you have any questions about the trip please contact me, Lee Hawkins, at railhawk46@aol.com OR ilhawkins@babcock.com.

**Connecting bus service for rail passengers to Lynchburg funded in budget
by Ray Reed**

The budget adopted by the General Assembly on Feb. 27 provides \$150,000 for a yearlong bus service between Roanoke and the Amtrak passenger station on Kemper Street in Lynchburg. The funds become available July 1 and are designated for Roanoke city to set up and operate a "bus bridge" for one year. The budget's language calls it "a one-year ridership demonstration project" and says nothing about the project's future.

Courtney Ware, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Rail and Public Transportation, said Monday the department could not say when the service would begin. Gov. Bob McDonnell has not yet signed the legislation, and details also will have to be worked out with Roanoke's local transit service, which will operate the bus.

The State Department of Rail and Public Transportation issued a study in December that indicated the bus could have 3,600 riders per year. The study projected that they would pay \$3 per ride. The DRPT report said local governments in the Roanoke-to-Lynchburg corridor would be expected to contribute to the cost of the bus service.

The bus would connect Roanoke and Bedford-area riders to the Northeast Regional train that departs from Lynchburg at 7:38 a.m. on weekdays, 9:59 a.m. on weekends, headed toward Washington, New York and Boston. The train's return trip arrives in Lynchburg at 8:36 p.m. on weekdays.

- from The Lynchburg News and Advance

**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".

March 2011:

Now Through June 19, 2011: Trains That Passed In The Night, The Photographs Of O. Winston Link, Reynolda House Museum Of American Art, Winston-Salem, NC. {336}758-5150 or {888} 663-1149, www.reynoldahouse.org

03-09-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS Monthly Meeting, Wayland Moore

3-12-11: {Saturday} The Winchester Model Railroad Club Train Show and Sale, Friendship Fire Hall, located at 627 North Pleasant Valley Road. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Admission: \$4.00 adults; children 12 and under admitted free with adult. Info: {540} 665-9898 or www.wmrrc.org

03-12-13-11: {Saturday & Sunday} Boy Scout Troop 964's 13 Annual Model Train Show, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$7.00, adults; \$3.00, Seniors/Students; Children under 5 admitted free. Herbert J. Saunders Middle School, 13557 Spriggs Road, Manassas, Va. Info: www.troop964.org

03-13-11: {Sunday} Virginia Train Collectors, Inc. Spring Train Meet, Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, Exhibition Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., \$6.00 at Door {Members \$5.00} Spouses and children under 17 {with adult} admitted free. Contact: Stuart Gordon {804} 798-3739.

03-19-11: {Saturday} The Carolina Model Railroaders Train Show And Swap Meet, J. Douglas Gaylon Depot {formerly Southern Railway Station} located at the corner of Washington and Church Streets. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Admission: \$5.00, adults; children under 12 admitted free. Info: Ben Stemkowski, {336} 540-1543 or email: stemjobe@bellsouth.net

03-23-11: {Wednesday} BRC, NRHS "Fun Meeting", Upcoming Blue Ridge Chapter outing to "Central Virginia's 57 Mile Long Irish Creek Logging Railroad" will be previewed by Aubrey Wiley.

03-26-11: {Saturday} BRC, NRHS Chapter Outing, Irish Creek Railroad, attend our 3-23-11 "Fun Meeting" for a preview of this trip. Rain Date {Saturday} 4-02-11.

April 2011:

04-09-11: {Saturday} Railroads, Raids & Ruin, Dana Science Building, Babcock Auditorium at Hollins University, Roanoke, Va. Program begins at 8:45 p.m. \$45.00 per person? RSVP by March 28, 2011, History Museum Of Western Virginia, Info: Call {540} 342-5770 or www.southwestva150.wordpress.com

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.

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 prices are subject to change. 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 Amtrak Reservations: Garland Harper, Wednesday – Sunday, 4:00 p.m. till Midnight at Kemper Street Station, Lynchburg, Va. Phone: {434} 847-8247.

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

05-20, 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

06-20-26-11: {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

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

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

08-13-11: {Saturday} Lynchburg Rail Day 2011 by the BRC, NRHS, Train Show and Vendor Information will be available on our website, www.blueridgenrhs.org, as it becomes available. 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:

11-09-11: {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.qserr.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

**Blue Ridge Chapter Members and Chapter Friend
Attend C&OHS George Washington Train Show In Clifton Forge, Va.
by Norris Deyerle**

I would like to recognize Barry and Rita Moorefield and Blue Ridge Chapter friend Chuck Hladik for taking their time to man our BRC, NRHS vendor tables at the C&OHS George Washington Train Show on Saturday February 26, 2011. Barry, Rita and Chuck sold many of the leftover BRC items from past Lynchburg Rail Day's. On Sunday February 27th I rode to the train show in Clifton Forge with Tom Ledford. Tom and I tried to sell as many leftover railroad related items as Saturday's crew. We came close but couldn't catch them. I accused Barry for having an unfair advantage by having his lovely wife Rita selling with him. He agreed. I guess the only reason that Tom and I came close was because Chuck may have frightened some of the customers on Saturday. Ha! Seriously, I want to thank all of them for their dedication to our Chapter.

I want to also thank the fine folks with the C&OHS. I was working with Rick Tabb and Brandy Dudley prior to and during the train show. They along with their fellow employees and volunteer workers rolled out the red carpet for everyone that attended their show. We experienced true Southern hospitality the entire weekend! If you want to experience C&O Railroad history at its finest, make plans to visit the C&O Heritage Center in Clifton Forge, Va. www.cohs.org

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