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Straight from the parking lot of the Alaska Railroad's general office building in Anchorage, AK, ARR Engine No. 1, a Davenport 0-4-0T poses under azure blue skies during the 2013 NRHS Convention last September.



Typical "Whittier weather" sets in as ARR SD70MAC No. 4324 eases into the yard limits at Whittier. The Alaska Railroad maintains a car float connection here at Whittier. The very last cruise liner of the 2013 season is seen looming behind the 2013 NRHS charter train.

Dale Diacont present the March program for the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS. It'll be his "Review of 2103", and it'll be a "dy-no-mite" show, indeed. We missed last month account of the snow storm. Don't miss out on this one! Pland to attend this month's meeting. You'll be glad you did.

**Charley's Restaurant. 707 Graves Mill Rd. Lynchburg, VA
Wednesday, March 12, 2014. 6:00 p.m.**



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Lynchburg, Virginia



**There are no minutes of the February, 2014, meeting because there was no meeting!
It was cancelled due to snowy weather.**

**Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS, 2014 Calendar of Events.
56th 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, www.trains.com or RHICalendar@nrhs.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 & 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.

March 2014

03-12-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Dale Diacont Slide Presentation, "2013 Year In Review"

03-22-14: {Saturday} Carolina Model Railroaders Train Show and Swap Meet, Greensboro Amtrak Depot, Greensboro, NC. Info:

www.carolinamodelrr.org

03-26-14: {Wednesday} BRC "Fun Meeting", Ed deBary digital presentation, Ed is the VP of the Rivanna Chapter, NRHS. His presentation will be about trips that he made to the West Chester Railroad in PA.

April 2014

04-09-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Wayland Moore Presentation

May 2014

05-03-14: {Saturday} The Train Collectors Association Southeastern Division Toy Train Sale, Raleigh, NC. Info: www.se-tca.org

05-04-14: {Sunday} 28th Annual Shenandoah Valley Model Train & Railroad Show, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sponsored by the Augusta County Model Railroad Club, Note new location: Augusta Expoland, Fishersville, Va. Info: Walt Neubauer, lococrazy31@comcast.net

05-14-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Presenter Slot Available

05-16-18-14: {Friday thru Sunday} Cass Railfan Weekend 2014

"Return to Spruce and Beyond Geared Steam Photo Spectacular", Cass, WV. Info: www.msrlha.org/rfw/index.html

05-28-14: {Wednesday} BRC "Fun Meeting"

05-29-06-1-14: {Thursday-Sunday} NCTM Historic Spencer Shops "Streamliners at Spencer", Spencer, NC. Info: www.nctrans.org

June 2014

06-07 & 6-08-14: {Saturday & Sunday} C&OHS George Washington's Train Show, This is the makeup train show for the one in February that was cancelled due to snow. These new dates will be the same as the C&O Railway Heritage Festival. Location: Clifton Forge Armory, Clifton Forge, Va. Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday noon to 4:00 pm. Info, phone: 540-862-2210, www.cohs.org

06-10-14 Thru 06-14-14: {Tuesday Thru Saturday} NRHS 2014 Annual Convention, Springdale, Arkansas, Info, www.nrhs.com

06-11-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Norris Deyerle Slide Presentation

06-21-14: {Saturday} North Carolina Rail Fair 11th Annual Model Train & Railroad Artifact Show & Sale, Metrolina Expo Trade Center, Charlotte, NC. Info: www.gserr.com

06-26-14 Thru 06-29-14: {Thursday Thru Sunday} N&WHS 2014 Annual Convention, Roanoke, Va. Info, www.nwhs.org

06-27 & 28-14: {Friday & Saturday} N Scale Enthusiast 22nd Annual 2014 National N Scale Convention Public Train Show, Roanoke, Va. Info:

www.nationalscaleconvention.com

July 2014

07-09-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Derek Wimberly Presentation

07-23-14: {Wednesday} BRC "Fun Meeting"

07-28-14 Thru 08-01-14: {Monday Thru Friday} C&OHS 44th Annual Conference, Pipestem, WV, Info, www.cohs.org

August 2014

08-09-14: {Saturday} BRC, NRHS "Lynchburg Rail Day 2014", New show times are 9:00 am till 3:00 pm, Info, LRD 2014 Chairman, Barry Moorefield, Phone: 434-821-2174 before 9:00 pm nightly or email rockdalefarm@live.com Note: LRD 2014 Vendor Registration Forms and

White Elephant Table Guidelines are now available on our website, www.blueridgenrhs.org

08-13-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Dale Diacont Presentation

September 2014

09-10-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Brad Dobbins Slide Presentation

09-24-14: {Wednesday} BRC "Fun Meeting"

October 2014

10-08-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Kurt Reisweber Presentation

10-11&12-14: {Saturday & Sunday} Appomattox Railroad Festival, Appomattox, Va. Contact info: TBD

November 2014

11-02-14: {Sunday} 37th Annual Gaithersburg Railroadiana & Transportation Show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD. Info: www.gserr.com

11-08-14: {Saturday} 13th Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club Trains & Railroadiana Show and Sale, Raleigh, NC. Info: www.nrvshow.org

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

11-25-14: {Wednesday} NO BRC "FUN MEETING" DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

December 2014

12-06-14: {Saturday} BRC Annual Christmas Banquet, Altavista, Va.

12-10-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Presenter Slot Available

12-20-14: {Saturday} BRC Annual Kemper Street Station Holiday Gathering

Check Out This New Addition!

Norfolk Southern Locomotives – The Diesel Shop, NS Loco roster with professional quality photographs. NS Heritage Locomotives included.

www.thedieselshop.us/NS.HTML

"Fallen Flag" railroad of local interest: Franklin & Pittsylvania Railroad, "The old fast and perfect" railroad that ran between Gretna and Rocky Mount, Va.: www.fandprrailroad.org

Locomotive Search Tool And Railroad Photos Link: www.railbaron.rpicturearchives.net

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.gsmr.com, www.trains.com, www.TrainFinder.com, www.gserr.com,

www.wgshow.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

Railroad Photos: www.railsinvirginia.com, www.railfirephotography.com

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>

SIGHTINGS

(Images of most of these sightings are on the next two pages)

Feb. 11: NS Executive Fs (3 out of 4, A-B-B) seen northbound at Lynchburg and Sweetbriar. (Skip Hansberry) Page 4 Top.

Feb. 13: BNSF (Santa Fe) 235 in the warbonnet scheme led an NS intermodal train north out of Lynchburg. (G. Harper, who spent the night at work Feb. 12 rather than chance driving home.) Page 4. 2nd Row. Left.

Feb. 13: CEFX AC4400CW 1034 led another NS intermodal train northbound out of Lynchburg. (G. Harper) Page 4. 2nd Row. Right.

Feb 13: A non-sighting, in a way. Due to the snowstorm the previous day NO Amtrak trains ran at all through Lynchburg this day. Parked Regional seen with NS train 35Q at north end of platform. (G. Harper)

Page 4. 3rd Row. Left

Feb. 23 : UP 8561 leads NS ethanol train 64A northbound past Kemper Street Station. (G. Harper)

Page 4. 3rd Row. Right.

Feb. 24: Ringling Bros Red Unit circus train seen departing Montview Yards en route from Richmond, VA to N. Charleston, SC. Train taking an NS routing with CSX 7811 and 7363 for power. (G. Harper).

Page 4. Bottom left.

Feb. 26: Two Ferromex units were spotted on NS train 12R in Amherst County. (Skip Hansberry)

Page 4. Bottom Row. Right

Feb. 28 - BNSF 4899 leads CSX oil train K08025 past the Hydro plant at Reusens. BNSF power has been the norm on these oil trains which originate in the upper midwest and are handed off to CSX in Chicago. (G. Harper)

Page 5. Top Row. Left.

Feb. 28: NS Heritage loco, Illinois Terminal #1072, EB, Rutherford Street, Kinney Yard, Lynchburg, Va.

(Lee Hawkins and Norris Deyerle) Not pictured

Mar 6: NS rerouted train 21W had CN 2360 in its consist. Seen at Park Ave tunnel behind Kemper Street Station. (G. Harper) Page 5. Top Row. Right.

Mar. 7: NB Amtrak train #20 seen with 165 leading and running 1 1/2 hours late, due to severe ice storm in North Carolina the night before. Train pictured at LYH station. Dash-2 waters a coach on the late #20 as his dad (Dash-1) supervises. (Lee Hawkins, Norris Deyerle, Rick Johnsons I and II, G. Harper) Page 5, 2nd Row.

Mar. 10: NS 6963, their GORAIL unit, spotted by Skip Hansberry at Montview Yd. Page 5, bottom two rows.

What is GoRail, you may ask? An answer from their website: GoRail unites rail stakeholders with community leaders and the public in support of rail solutions to tomorrow's transportation challenges. Visit www.gorail.org.

The locomotive was in Lynchburg on its way to Washington DC to be a part of "Railroad Day on Capitol Hill"

SIGHTINGS Photo Gallery.

Since there was no meeting last month and so little news to report, and since there has been SO MUCH colorful foreign power in the Lynchburg area of late, your editor chose to run heavy on the visual and light on the scripted in this issue. Hope you enjoy the aberration.





**TRAIN SHOW VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM
LYNCHBURG RAIL DAY 2014, SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2014
LYNCHBURG RAIL DAY 36th ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW
BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER, NRHS 56th ANNIVERSARY**

The Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society would like to invite you to join us for the 36th Annual Lynchburg Rail Day to be held on Saturday August 9, 2014 from 9:00 am – 3:00 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 2014 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 2014 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 9, 2014.** 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 9, 2014. Prior to July 9, 2014 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 8, 2014 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm and on Saturday, August 9, 2014 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 3:00 pm the day of the show. Note that our 2014 train show ends at 3:00 pm this year instead of 4:00 pm.** Door admission will be charged till the close of the show at 3:00 pm.

**Please return this lower portion with your info & payment OR Free Table Acceptance
Lynchburg Rail Day 2014 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 2014 Train Show Chairman: Barry Moorefield at rockdalefarm@live.com . 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.

Important Option: 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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