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Kurt Reisweber presents the October show for the Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS, "RF&P-ACL-SAL, PART TWO", and will cover the RF&P, former ACL and former SAL in the Seaboard Coast Line and CSX eras, mostly between Fredericksburg, VA, and Weldon, NC. PART TWO is a reference to the fact that these are the second best photos of those roads I have. The first string was showed at the BRC on September 10, 2003. Pictured above is RF&P #141 at North Doswell, VA.

Come on out and be a part of the fun.

Wednesday, October 8, 2014. 6:00 p.m
Charley's Restaurant 707 Graves Mills Rd. Lynchburg, VA



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**Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS. Minutes of Meeting
September 10, 2014**

President Rick Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Charley's Restaurant and welcomed 20 members and 4 guests, including Bobby Dudley, A. Howell Franklin, Edie Tanner and Denise Mays. Mr. Dudley displayed samples of his railroad-theme engraved plaques selling in the \$20-35.00 range. Rick also welcomed new member Bob Toothman, who was not present, and announced the death of former chapter member Bill Cabble on August 25th in Princeton, WV. Tom Ledford attended the funeral. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as distributed. Treasurer John Tanner then reported.

There was no old business.

New business: Rick announced the chapter picnic will be held at member Dale Diacont's home in Waynesboro, Va. on Sunday, September 28th. Maps are included in the Blue Ridge Dispatcher. The annual Christmas banquet will be held at the Altavista station on Saturday December 6 and the Christmas gathering at Kemper Street Station is scheduled for December 20th. Rick also noted that the Appomattox Railroad Festival will be held on October 11-12th. Rick requested volunteers for the nominating committee as the annual election will be at the October regular meeting. There were no volunteers.

There was no Vice President's report. National Representative Bob Leslie announced that he would attend the NRHS regional meeting in Johnson City, TN in November but had no other news to report on the status of NRHS at this time. Rail Heritage Region Representative Norris Deyerle reported that he had contacted the Ruritan Club about Rail Day next year but no response so far. He commented that the proposed new NRHS dues set-up was described in the Roanoke Chapter's newsletter, that also included several favorable comments from Dorr Tucker about Lynchburg Rail Day and the Blue Ridge Chapter. No report from the Webmaster.

Rick announced that Lynchburg Fire Department Chief Brad Ferguson would speak at the September 24th Fun Meeting about the Lower Basin Train Derailment. The October 8th meeting will feature Kurt Reisweber whose program is, as yet, undisclosed. Bobby Dudley won the 50/50 and Brad Dobbins presented the evening's program on the remnants of the Milwaukee Road's electric service. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Thomas G. Ledford, Secretary

Annual Election of Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS 2015 Officers

The following Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS, officer positions will be voted on by our members at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2014. As long as you are a paid up member of the BRC then you may run for office. If you would like to run for an officer's position please contact our Election Committee Chairman Norris Deyerle to put your name in the hat. Please do not nominate a person for an officer's position without their prior consent. Norris may be contacted by phone at 434-237-4912 or by email railcow@msn.com. The following is NOT our official BRC, NRHS ballot. One will be given to all current BRC members on Wednesday night at our monthly meeting. Lee Hawkins is on the Election Committee and will be helping Norris count the votes.

So far this is our BRC, NRHS 2015 Officers ballot:

President:	Rick Johnson
Vice President:	Derek Wimberly or Gale McKinley {vote for only one candidate}
Secretary:	Dale Diacont
Treasurer:	John Tanner
National Representative:	Bob Leslie

This election could end up being one of the most important BRC elections in many years. With the uncertainty surrounding the future of National we need a strong group of local leaders. Please come to our October regular monthly meeting to vote and show your support to these fine folks. We owe a sincere "Thank You" to our current Vice President Ed Fielding and our current Secretary Tom Ledford for their dedication and hard work. Thanks, gentlemen!

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, BRC, 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 or www.trains.com. There is no cost to promote your train show on these websites. It's simple to add your event to their websites and your event approval is fast and efficient. These are websites 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.

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Misc. October Dates for the 2014 Fall Excursion Schedule: Old Dominion Chapter, NRHS "James River Rambler" train rides on the Buckingham Branch Railroad, Dillwyn., Va. Info: www.odcnrhs.org for exact dates and ticket prices for these and other Fall train rides.

10-08-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Kurt Reisweber Presentation, "RF&P-ACL-SAL, PART TWO", and Blue Ridge Chapter annual election of officers. Contact Norris Deyerle, BRC Election Committee Chairman, if you would like to run for a BRC officer position. You must be a Blue Ridge Chapter member and have your annual dues paid in full to run for office. Home phone: 434-237-4912 or railcow@msn.com

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

10-12-14: {Sunday} BRC member Dale Diacont's cookout at "Red Dog Manor" in Waynesboro, Va. BRC members and their guests are invited. Contact Dale for more info. Space may be limited since this is Dale and Audrey's home. Info: daled1acont@yahoo.com to get more details and make sure the cookout is still scheduled.

10-16-18-14: {Thursday – Saturday} Eastern Division Train Collectors Association York Train Meet, York Expo Center, York, PA, Train Show Open to TCA members and their guests, Info: www.easterntca.org for directions and to join the TCA.

10-18 & 10-19-14: {Saturday & Sunday} Amtrak Exhibit Train, The NS Exhibit Car will also be at the VMT for this event! Sit in the engineer's seat and see what it's like to operate a diesel locomotive! Reduced admission: \$5.00 per person, VMT members free, Infants 2 and under free, and NS Employees free. Virginia Museum of Transportation, Roanoke, Va. Info: www.vmt.org

10-25 & 26-14: {Saturday & Sunday} "The Great Scale Model Train Show", Maryland State Fairgrounds Cow Palace, Timonium, MD Info: www.gsmts.com

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11-01& 02-14: {Saturday & Sunday} North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation & the Watauga Valley Railroad Historical Society and Museum, "Scenic Southern Rails" Fall Excursions, Virginia Autumn Special, Spencer, NC to Charlottesville, Va. Georgia Autumn Special, Spencer, NC to Toccoa, Ga. Tickets went on sale to the general public on July 9, 2014. Info: <http://www.nctrans.org/Events/Fall-Excursions>

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

11-08 & 09-14: {Saturday & Sunday} Pocahontas NRHS Model Train Show, Bluefield Youth Center, 1780 Stadium Drive, Bluefield, WV, Contact Phone: 304-431-2593, Website: <http://www.visitmercercounty.com> Contact email: rkmassie@yahoo.com

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

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

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12-06-14: {Saturday} BRC Annual Christmas Banquet, Prior reservations required due to space limitations. Guests are welcome! \$15.00 per person. See Norris Deyerle to sign up and pay for your meal(s) at the regular BRC monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. Checks or exact amount preferred. Social gathering starts at 6:00 pm, dinner buffet starts around 7:00 pm. Location: Former Southern Railway Depot, Altavista, Va. Info: railcow@msn.com or 434-237-4912

12-06 & 12-07-14: {Saturday & Sunday} Candy Cane Express, The most affordable and awesome family holiday event in the Roanoke Valley! Train Rides! Take your own picture with Santa, make an ornament for your holiday tree and many more activities for children! Virginia Museum of Transportation, Roanoke, Va. Info: www.vmt.org

12-10-14: {Wednesday} BRC Monthly Meeting, Skip "Groundhog" Hansberry Presentation

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

"Lynchburg Rail Day 2015", Saturday, August 8, 2015

Check Out This New Addition!

Norfolk Southern Locomotives – The Diesel Shop, NS Loco roster with professional quality photographs. NS Heritage Locos 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.fandprailroad.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.wghshow.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>

Thank You, Dale and Audrey Diacont, for hosting our annual BRC picnic September 28. Below are two images of the folks there enjoying a fine afternoon next to the Buckingham Branch RR. Blue Ridge and Rivanna Chapter members line up to shoot the westbound Cardinal. Ed deBary and Lee Hawkins photos, respectively.



Railfan Report - Lee Hawkins did some exploratory railfanning on a recent trip of his. He focused on the Carolina Southern Railroad and brought back several images of the now-silent shortline. Ed Fielding provided me with a short history of the line and their complete locomotive roster.

The Carolina Southern began operating the former Mid-Atlantic RR in 1995 from a CSX connection in Mullens, SC, to Whiteville, NC, with a branch from Conway to Myrtle Beach.

The owner is Ken Pippin, who formerly owned the Baltimore & Annapolis RR in Maryland. The railroad is presently shut down due to the fact that seven of the 52 bridges on the line have major defects. The railroad shut down on May 26, 2011, and repaired the bridges. However, the railroad is still shut down. Both North and South Carolina are negotiating with Pippin to purchase the line. The railroad's units are in Chadbourn, NC.

www.wikipedia.org has a complete rundown of news items regarding the status of the Carolina Southern.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carolina_Southern_Railroad



TR#	Builder	Model	Horses	History/Notes
48	GM	F7A	1500	Originally built as the Texas & New Orleans #379 7/52, traded to GE, to Wellsville, Addison & Galetton #2400 in 1969, to Louisiana & North West #48 in 1974, to Waccamaw Coast Line 48 1/92, stored at Chadbourn in disrepair
87	GM	SW9	1200	Originally built as the Chesapeake & Ohio #5092 in 1953, to Baltimore & Annapolis #87, still painted and lettered for B&A and stored in Chadbourn
88	GM	F7A	1500	ex-MILW, ex-Waccamaw Coast Line, stored at Chadbourn in disrepair
100	GM	GP18	1800	Originally built in 1960 as Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific #1333, ex-Nashville & Ashland City #9, ex-McCormick, Ashland City & Asheville #9, red and white, in regular freight service
943	GM	GP18	1800	Originally built as Norfolk Western #943, ex-Waccamaw Coast Line #943, high, short hood, in faded WCL purple paint, in regular freight service
950	GM	GP18	1800	ex-Mid-Atlantic, ex-Norfolk Southern, ex-Norfolk & Western, in red and white Carolina Southern paint, chop nosed by CALA
951	GM	GP18	1800	ex-Mid-Atlantic, ex-Norfolk Southern, ex-Norfolk & Western, in Carolina Southern Pullman green, chop nosed by CALA
958	GM	GP18	1800	ex-Mid-Atlantic, ex-Norfolk Southern, ex-Norfolk & Western, in gray/maroon Mid-Atlantic paint, chop nosed by CALA without benefit of a repaint
2613	GM	GP30	2250	ex-Waccamaw Coast Line, ex-Norfolk Southern, ex-Southern, high, short hood
6622	GM	F9BU	1750	Originally built March 1957 as the Canadian National 6622, class GPB-17d, retired from CN roster and transferred to VIA 31 March 1978, sold for scrap by VIA November 1991 to Montreal Locomotive Sales, Lachine QC, sold March 1992 to Waccamaw Coastline Railroad, to Carolina Southern Railroad, in service as of 2002, repainted in CN colors by WCL
9158	GM	F7AU	1500	Originally built August 1952 as the Canadian National #9080, F7A, class GFA-17a , reclassified GFA-15d, September 1954, rebuilt to 9158 November 1972, class GFA-17a, retired December 1989, sold to Century Locomotive Parts, Lachine QC in 1992, to Waccamaw Coastline Railroad, to Carolina Southern, red and white, ex-Canadian National
9163	GM	F7AU	1500	Originally built November 1952 as the Canadian National #9116, F7A, class GFA-17a, reclassified GFA-15d, September 1954, rebuilt to 9163 April 1973, retired December 1989, sold to Century Locomotive Parts, Lachine QC in 1992, sold to Waccamaw Coastline Railroad, to Carolina Southern Railroad, red and white, in regular freight service

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