



Virginia Museum of Transportation

The Virginia Museum of Transportation is well known as the home of the famous N&W Class J 611 and N&W Class A 1218 both designed and built by N&W employees in Roanoke, Virginia. The collection also includes N&W Class G-1 6 built in 1897. N&W diesel fans will appreciate the SD-45 1776 and Alco C-630 1135. Virginian Railway fans will enjoy seeing the last surviving Virginian Railway steam locomotive Class SA 4 as well as Virginian Electric Locomotive Class EL-C 135 and caboose 321. You will also want to check out the new display *Virginian Railway: Roanoke's Other Railroad*. The museum is open from 10AM-5PM Monday-Saturday and 1PM-5PM on Sunday. Get your tickets for free admission from the sales table in the exhibit room. By foot you can cross the glass bridge over the tracks and follow the RailWalk to the museum. By car travel west on Shenandoah Avenue, left across the 5th Street Bridge and take the next left onto Norfolk Avenue to the museum.



The Glazed Bisque-it Tour

Do a fused-glass project by placing colored glass over contrasting color. Works can be large or small and you can glue on a pin to make a brooch. You are limited only by your imagination! Complete instruction is available for everyone from first timers to the experienced. Some railroad templates will be available but you can choose any subject. The staff fires the glass project overnight and you can pick it up the next day. You can also try your hand at pottery. Designs range from plates to mugs, candle holders to ceramic picture frames and much, much more. Paint on the design of your choice. Instructors will be available to help at every turn. Again, rail theme templates will be available or you can bring your own. Enter your creations in the "Mighty J" contest at the convention.

O. Winston Link Museum

The O. Winston Link Museum is located across the street from the Hotel Roanoke in the former N&W Railway passenger station. The collection is predominantly focused on the Norfolk & Western Railway. Link captured the last days of steam operation on the N&W in the late 1950s, but within the walls of its galleries, the museum offers much more than just photographs. The images created by Link are vignettes into history and sociology; they are art. They are a part of the history of photography and are a tool to share an era with every person. The museum is open from 10AM-5PM every day. An escorted tour will be held from 1-3PM on Friday. Get your tickets for free admission from the sales table in the exhibit room.

Lost Railroads of Roanoke Tour

We all know that Roanoke hosted our favorite railways the N&W and the Virginian. This tour will cover the "lost" railroads in Roanoke that many have forgotten. This trip for railroad archeologists will travel the lines of the Catawba Railroad, pass remnants of the never-completed Valley Railroad, and view what remains of the much-discussed narrow gauge Rorer Mine Railroad. The trip will also include a stop to view the 1905-vintage Snow Steam Pump with its 13-foot diameter, 11-ton flywheel that for over 50 years pumped water from Crystal Springs to downtown Roanoke. Two identical tours will be offered on Friday to accommodate Friday morning arrivals; the first departs from the hotel at 9:00AM and the second section departs at 1:00PM.

Beeds Indeed

Turn a string of beads of your own design into a necklace or bracelet. Many colors and materials, both common and imported, are available and you can place your fused glass piece on it. Prices vary. Instructors are available.

Main Line Cookout at OWLM

What could be better than good friends and good food right next to the N&W main line through Roanoke? We'll have a cookout of hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings right next to the main junction in Roanoke at the O. Winston Link Museum. Be sure to bring your cameras for an unobstructed view of NS traffic passing through Roanoke.

Meet the Authors

Meet your favorite N&W/VGN book authors! Louis Newton, Ed King, Bud Jeffries, Jim Nichols, Mason Cooper and Alex Schust will gladly sign copies of their books and answer your questions. Don't miss this unprecedented gathering of experts!

2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Shop Tour / Roanoke Chapter Excursion

We'll tour the famous Roanoke East End Shops where the legendary Class Js, As and Y6bs were constructed. Fifty years later, the proud tradition continues as the facility is now one of Norfolk Southern's finest locomotive shops for handling heavy repairs. We'll also visit the new NWHS/NS Archives facility in the GOB-East building. Our tour will finish with a box lunch ride on the Roanoke Chapter's N&W caboose 518409 behind either the Alco T-6 Switcher N&W 41 or GP-30 N&W 522 at the Chapter's 9th Street facility. For safety's sake be sure to wear sturdy shoes for this tour because a moderate amount of walking will be involved. Bring your hard hat and safety glasses if you have them, else we'll provide them.



Taubman Museum of Art

Tour the new Taubman Museum of Art, an 81,000 square-foot museum in downtown Roanoke. The new facility, designed by architect Randall Stout, is transforming Western Virginia with an architectural achievement like no other. The facility houses state-of-the-art exhibition galleries and a stellar permanent collection that provides an analogy for the city's evolution from industrial and manufacturing town to technology-driven city. The building's forms and materials evoke both the drama of the surrounding mountainous landscape of the Shenandoah Valley and the lyrically gritty industrial-era building culture of the great early 20th Century railroad boom, when Roanoke came to prominence as a switchpoint city of the new South.

Annual Banquet

Join us for an enjoyable buffet dinner with your choice of sirloin or chicken. Following our meal, we will dedicate a plaque to name the NWHS James N Gillum Archives. The Golden Arrow, Brakeman, H. Reid, and Precision Transportation awards will also be presented. Jim McClellan, retired Senior Vice-President for Planning at Norfolk Southern will be the keynote speaker. Jim was the thread throughout Rush Loving's book, "The Men Who Loved Trains." He began his career with New York Central, suffered through Penn Central, spent time with western railroads, and has an utterly fascinating career full of stories to tell.

Membership Breakfast

We'll prepare to say goodbye for another year as we enjoy a hearty breakfast buffet of scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage and bacon. The annual Society business meeting will follow, including presentation of awards from our modeling contest.

Check the website for the latest updates:

<http://www.nwhs.org/convention/2009roanoke/schedule.shtml>

Tentative list of seminars:

- Dave Oroszi: N&W slide show
- Paul Weber: Detailing the RS-11
- Gary Rolih: A Short History of the Peavine
- Alex Schust: Coal Mining and the N&W.
- John Munson: Mullens, WV – everything except the motor barn
- John Munson: Resin scratch-building
- Jim Nichols: Modeling N&W Passenger Cars

- John Snidow: Building Foundations
- Tom Dixon: The Current State of Railroad History and Preservation
- Frank Bongiovanni: Introduction to Virginian Modeling
- Steve Summers: Trestles of the Virginian Railway in West Virginia

Wednesday, July 8

Noon–5:00PM • Archives open for convention attendees
4:00–8:00PM • Registration

Thursday, July 9

9:00AM–9:00PM • Registration
Noon–10:00PM • Exhibit Room
10:00AM–5:00PM • Archives open for convention attendees
10:00AM–5:00PM • Virginia Museum of Transportation
10:00AM–5:00PM • O. Winston Link Museum
1:00–3:00PM • Virginia Museum of Transportation
1:00–4:00PM • Glazed Bisque-It
7:00–10:00PM • Clinics – TBA

Friday, July 10

9:00AM–6:00PM • Registration
9:00AM–10:00PM • Exhibit Room
9:00AM–Noon • Lost Railroads of Roanoke
10:30AM–Noon • Clinics: TBA
10:00AM–Noon • Beads Indeed
10:00AM–5:00PM • Virginia Museum of Transportation
10:00AM–5:00PM • O. Winston Link Museum
1:00–4:00PM • Lost Railroads of Roanoke
1:00–3:00PM • O. Winston Link Museum
1:00–4:30PM • Clinics: TBA
5:00–7:30PM • Main Line Cookout @ the O. Winston Link Museum
7:30–10:00PM • Clinics: TBA

Saturday, July 11

9:00AM–4:00PM • Exhibit Room/Registration
9:00AM–2:00PM • Roanoke Shops/Roanoke Chapter Excursion
10:00AM–2:00PM • Taubman Art Museum
10:00AM–5:00PM • Virginia Museum of Transportation
10:00AM–5:00PM • O. Winston Link Museum
2:00–4:30PM • Clinics: TBA
5:30–6:15PM • Reception
6:15–9:30PM • Banquet
9:00–10:00PM • Exhibit Room

Sunday, July 12

9:00–11:00AM • Membership Breakfast
Noon–4:00PM • Archives open for convention attendees
1:00–5:00PM • Virginia Museum of Transportation
10:00AM–5:00PM • O. Winston Link Museum

2009 N&WHS CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Basic Registration (before June 15)	Price	Number	Sub-Total
Member/Family	\$55.00		
Non-Member/Family	\$65.00		
Basic Registration (after June 15)*			
Member/Family	\$65.00		
Non-Member/Family	\$75.00		
Glazed Bisque-It – Thursday 1-4PM	\$3.00		
VMT Guided Tour – Thursday 1-3PM	\$0.00		
O. Winston Link Guided Tour – Friday 1-3PM	\$0.00		
Lost Railways Tour – Friday 9am-Noon OR 1-4PM	\$18.00		
Beeds Indeed – Friday 10am-Noon	\$9.00		
Main Line Cookout – Friday 5-7:30PM	\$15.00		
Shop Tour / Excursion – Saturday 9:00AM-2:00PM	\$18.00		
Taubman Art Museum – Saturday 10:00AM-2:00PM	\$8.50		
Banquet buffet – Saturday 6:15-9:30PM	\$40.00		
Membership Breakfast – Sunday 9:00-11:00AM	\$12.00		
Exhibit Table**	\$45.00		
Total Registration			

Basic registration covers attendee and family members

*Register at the convention after June 30, 2009

**Subject to availability. Requires registration fee. No tables sold after June 15, 2009

NOTE! The Basic Registration Fee is required for all activities. Make check or money order payable to **Norfolk & Western Historical Society**. Do not send cash! **Do not mail after June 30, 2009.** All tickets are to be picked up at the registration table when you arrive. Receipts are returned via mail for registrations until June 30. After that you may pick up receipts with your convention package. Refunds after June 30 will be subject to a 25% penalty.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

First & last names of persons attending with you: _____

I Wish to pay with credit card: Visa MasterCard or Discover Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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