



# 2010 N&W HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONVENTION

**JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> FRONT ROYAL, VA**

***“Where the Blue Ridge Mountains Meet the Shenandoah River”***

## Front Royal Past & Present

Join us in Front Royal for our 26th Annual Convention, the first ever on the Shenandoah Division. As always, the railroad has changed a lot since the days of lumbering steam-powered Y's dragging freight and streamlined K's providing through Pullman service from New York. But big-time railroading in these parts is far from a distant memory. We'll see how Norfolk Southern is upgrading its lines, adding second track, improving junctions, and increasing train speeds as part of its Crescent Corridor project to move even more freight than ever. We'll visit the Virginia Inland Port, an intermodal terminal providing international container shipping and customs service 220 miles from the ports at Norfolk. We'll also be returning to the past by visiting the many surviving stations still standing along the Hagerstown District.



**INCLUDES VISITS TO VIRGINIA INLAND PORT, LURAY,  
HAGERSTOWN...CLINICS...GREAT FOOD...AND FUN!**



We have a special rate of \$104/night plus taxes.  
See page 3 for more information about making your  
reservations.

## Convention held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites Blue Ridge Shadows

This hotel is located directly across from the Virginia Inland Port, on Route 340, 1-1/2 miles north of Interstate I-66. Only two years old, the Holiday Inn is a full service conference hotel, with an on-site restaurant, pool, whirlpool and 24-hour fitness center. The hotel has 124 beautifully appointed rooms with one king or two queen beds and with a refrigerator, free high-speed wireless Internet, a 32" LCD TV with HBO, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, and coffee maker with complimentary coffee. For those such as families needing more space, 26 suites are also available.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL N&WHS CONVENTION

We will start our Convention Wednesday night with a presentation by noted author Mason Cooper who will fill us in on the history of the N&W Hagerstown Division.

## Virginia Inland Port

On Thursday we will tour the Virginia Inland Port, also known as VIP. VIP offers the same services for shipping containers offered 220 miles east at terminals in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News, effectively bringing the port of Hampton Roads to the mountains. VIP is also a U.S. Customs-designated port of entry, and the full range of customs functions is available to customers.

Note: Due to safety considerations, our tour of VIP will be limited to viewing the facility through a window in their control building.

## Luray Tour

After visiting VIP, we will proceed south with stops at Front Royal, Luray and Shenandoah. There will also be stops at a few of the more spectacular bridges along the route. Restoration of the station at Luray has recently been completed. It now houses offices the Luray/Page County Visitor's Center and the local chamber of commerce.



For lunch we will dine at the Mimslyn Inn, a historic 1931 hotel that was one of the first large buildings in the Commonwealth of Virginia to use concrete construction techniques.

The Inn just recently underwent a multi-million-dollar restoration.

## Alternate Tour

For those family-members who are not so rail-minded we are offering an alternate tour on Thursday. The alternate tour will be to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley showcasing the art, history, and culture of the region. The museum in Winchester, Virginia, includes a historic house dating to the eighteenth century, six acres of spectacular gardens. We'll stop for lunch at the Wayside Inn in Middletown VA on the way back to the convention hotel.

## Clinics

Clinics will begin Thursday upon our return from Luray. There will be three presentations Thursday afternoon and evening. One will be held Friday night followed by the Virginian Rwy Interest Group meeting. Three more will be held on Saturday. Check the official convention schedule on the NWHS web site for times and topics.

## Presenter

## Topic

Mason Cooper.....	Introduction to Hagerstown District
Steve Summers .....	Trestles of the Virginian Railway in West Virginia
Alex Schust.....	Mine to Market - Follow a ton of coal as it starts
.....	in the miners "room" and makes it way to the
.....	consumer
Alex Schust .....	N&W's Pochontas Division Dry Fork Branch
Paul Weber .....	Detailing N&W steel cabooses
Dave Stephenson.....	Horsepower vs. Horsefeathers; analysis of steam
.....	locomotive power
Jim Nichols.....	Clearing up various N&W tender classes
John Munson .....	Modeling in the 21st Century using 21st
.....	Century Tools
Bill McClure.....	Modeling VGN Wooden Passenger Cars
Frank Scheer .....	History of N&W Railway Post Offices-1864-1959

## Hagerstown Tour

On Friday we'll follow the N&W north to its terminus at Hagerstown, Maryland. Along the way we'll be seeing surviving stations at White Post, Charlestown and Sheperdstown, WV. We'll also see the spectacular bridge



over the Potomac River at Sheperdstown. The Christ Reform Church across the tracks from the Sheperdstown station will be feeding us lunch in return for donations. Then we'll move on to the Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum located in the former historic N&W station at Antietam, MD. We'll finish up

our trip north with a bus tour

of the N&W-related sights in Hagerstown including St. James station, Vardo yard, and the former sites of Hager Tower and the N&W/PRR passenger station at milepost H-0. The tour will be stopping at Boyce, VA on the return trip for the cookout.

## Cookout at Boyce Station

After the success of last year's cookout in Roanoke, we've decided to do it again! Frank Scheer and the Railway Mail Service Library will provide the location for our cookout of hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings right next to the tracks in Boyce, VA. Being on Norfolk Southern's gateway to the northeast, we hope to have some live prototype action during our



stop. Frank maintains an ATCS computer server that can show us the rail traffic in the area and give us plenty of warning before those double-stacks come roaring through!

Buses from the Hagerstown Tour will be stopping over at Boyce for the cookout.

## Saturday Activities

After a long day on Friday, relax by catching a clinic, shopping the Commissary, voting for your favorites in the modeling contest, or just swapping stories with other members. If your engine's still fired up you can check out the Winchester Model Railroad Club's layout or do some railfanning along the busy Hagerstown District. Just remember to be safe and stay off the tracks.

## Annual Banquet

Join us for an enjoyable buffet dinner with your choice of sirloin or chicken. Following our meal, we will present the Golden Arrow, Brakeman, H. Reid, and Precision Transportation awards. Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Executive Director of the Virginia Museum of Transportation will be our speaker. Having first worked at the museum as a teenager, Bev is well qualified to talk about the history of the museum. He will also discuss developments in planning for the museum's future and the million-dollar Norfolk Southern Challenge Grant.

## Membership Breakfast

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

**Exhibit Hall/Sales Hall will close at 3PM on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. All models and displays to be picked up prior to 3PM. No more sales after 3PM. NO SALES AFTER BANQUET.**

# MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS AT THE HOLIDAY INN HOTEL AND SUITES BLUE RIDGE SHADOWS

On-Line: To make your reservations on-line, go to <http://holidayinn.com/frontroyalva>. To get the NWHS Convention rate, enter "NWS" in the Group Code box on the Check Availability form.

Reservations by Phone: To make your reservations by phone, call the hotel at 540-631-3050 or call 1-800-HOLIDAY to make your reservation. Ask for the "Norfolk and Western" Convention rate, which is \$104 per night.

Hotel Address:  
111 Hospitality Dr., Front Royal, VA 22630  
Hotel Front Desk: 1-540-631-3050  
Hotel Fax: 1-540-631-3023

Alternate Hotels:  
Bluemont Inn  
1525 N. Shenandoah Avenue  
540.635.9447  
Pet Friendly

Budget Inn  
1122 N. Royal Avenue  
540.635.2196  
800.766.6748  
All ground-floor rooms.

Cool Harbor Motel  
141 W. 15th Street  
540.635.2191

Hampton Inn  
9800 Winchester Road  
540.635.1882  
800.HAMPTON



Holiday Inn Front Royal

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, June 16

5:00pm	9:00pm	Registration
7:00pm	7:15 pm	Welcome by Ron Davis and Mason Cooper
7:15pm	9:00 pm	Presentation - Introduction to Hagerstown District by Mason Cooper

### Thursday, June 17

7:00am	8:00am	Registration
3:00pm	9:00pm	Registration
7:30am	8:00am	Load buses
8:00am	3:00pm	Tour - Virginia Inland Port, Front Royal, Luray, Shenandoah
9:30am	2:00pm	Alternate Tour - Museum of the Shenandoah Valley
4:00pm	5:30pm	Presentation - To Be Announced
7:00pm	8:30pm	Presentation - To Be Announced
8:30pm	10:00pm	Presentation - To Be Announced
12:00pm	10:00pm	Exhibit Hall Open

### Friday, June 18

7:00am	8:00am	Registration
7:30am	8:00am	Load buses
8:00am	4:30pm	Tour to Shepardstown, Antietam, Hagerstown, Boyce
4:30pm	6:00pm	Boyce Cookout
6:00pm	6:30pm	Return to Hotel
6:00pm	10:00pm	Registration
7:00pm	8:30pm	Presentation - To Be Announced
8:30pm	11:00pm	Meeting - VGN Interest Group
6:00pm	10:00pm	Exhibit Hall Open

### Saturday, June 19

8:00am	12:00pm	Registration
9:00am	10:30am	Presentation - To Be Announced
9:00am	3:00pm	Exhibit Hall Open
10:30am	12:00pm	Presentation - To Be Announced
1:30pm	3:00pm	Presentation - To Be Announced
10:00am	5:00pm	Winchester Model RR Club
6:00pm	7:00pm	Reception - Cash bar
7:00pm	9:00pm	Banquet

### Sunday, June 20

9:00am	11:00am	Membership Breakfast
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**Be sure to check the website for additional detail and final assignment of presenters.**

**<http://www.nwhs.org/convention/2010frontroyal/>  
You may also register for the convention on-line.**

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# 2010 N&WHS CONVENTION REGISTRATION

	Price	Number	Sub-Total
Registration-Member	\$55.00		
Registration-Non-Member	\$65.00		
Registration-Member, after 6-1-10 *	\$65.00		
Registration-Non-Member, after 6-1-10 *	\$75.00		
Exhibit Tables (No tables sold after 6-1-10) **	\$45.00		
Luray Tour (includes lunch)	\$29.00		
Alternate Tour (includes museum admission)	\$20.00		
Hagerstown Tour (lunch provided, please bring donation)	\$20.00		
Boyce Station Cookout	\$18.00		
Banquet Buffet	\$35.00		
Membership Breakfast	\$14.00		
<b>Total Registration</b>			

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Basic registration includes attendee and family members.

**Tours are sold on a space-available basis; register early to guarantee a space on the tours.**

\* After June 1, register at the convention

\*\* Subject to availability. Requires registration fee. No tables sold after June 1, 2010

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 1, 2010. All tickets are to be picked up at the registration table when you arrive. Receipts are returned via mail for registrations until June 1. After that you may pick up receipts with your convention package. Refunds after June 1 will be subject to a 25% penalty.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ First and last names of persons attending with you:

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