



NORFOLK & WESTERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Convention 2019

Welcome to Roanoke!

Thanks for joining us for the 2019 Annual Convention! We are glad to welcome you back to Roanoke. It is a time for some fun and fellowship. While we realize that the big railfan event is out west, we appreciate your dedication to come to Roanoke.

Please check the schedule closely, as some times and locations have changed.

For your visit, we have to remind you to not trespass on private or railroad property. It is reported that the NS police are now watching a lot closer, and trespassing is not treated lightly.

The 611 will be here, not under steam, unfortunately, and this may well be your last chance to capture the big three together, as 611 will be leaving to visit the Strasburg Railroad later this summer, and may not return to Roanoke until next year.

All events are subject to change even up to the last moment. We have no guarantees on anything, but expect everything to work according to schedule.

One thing the organization needs besides money, is volunteers, if you see someone behind a desk or table, thank them for their efforts, they are volunteering their time to help the society. You can volunteer as well, talk to President Todd Arnett or Ken Miller, they will be glad to work with you and find a place.

We will be announcing our 2020 Convention at the membership meeting on Saturday morning, it will be a totally new location and has some interesting tours lined up already.

Remember be safe no matter where you are, and what you are doing!



Detailed Schedule

During the convention, your name badge will get you a half-price admission at the O. Winston Link Museum, and 25% off your normal admission at the Virginia Museum of Transportation. Please visit our partners.

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Activities

8:00-8:20 AM

Volunteer Meeting, Blue Ridge Hotel, Conference Room

8:30-1:00 PM

N&W HS Board Meeting, Conference Room

9:00-5:00 PM

Registration and Commissary Open at the Hotel

8:30-5:00 PM

Archives open and Surplus Book Sale

Come visit on Salem Avenue and bring your money, some great books and surplus material available at bargain prices! We will also have some stuff at the best price; FREE!

Thursday Clinics - ALL Clinics are at the Hotel

1-2 Sam Phillips – Photoshop and Lightroom

4-5 Frank Bongiovanni – Motive Power Comparison

Noon-5:00 PM

GOB East Archives and Roanoke Shop Tour

Bus to be at front of Hotel

For the first time in several years, we are going to tour the Roanoke Shops, courtesy of Norfolk Southern. The tour will leave the Hotel via charter bus at noon, be sure to eat lunch before you leave, no food is planned. We will proceed to our Archive space at General Office Building East, or the former Storehouse. This will be a short tour, then on to Roanoke Shops at 3:00. **For all visitors, railroad-appropriate attire (long pants, boots) is required. No shorts or open-toed shoes!** Hardhats, hearing protection and safety glasses (will be provided). This is a rare opportunity, our thanks to Norfolk Southern. Everyone will be required to sign a waiver of liability and *no photography allowed.*

6:00-8:00 PM

Meet and Greet Picnic, Virginia Museum of Transportation

Make your way to the Virginia Museum of Transportation for an BBQ dinner. Our dinner is catered by locally owned Wildwood Smokehouse and will include: Pulled Pork, Beef Brisket, Pulled Chicken, and Ham, BBQ Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, a Dinner Roll, Slider, or Sandwich Bun and Home Made Banana Pudding. We will have bottled water and coke products to drink. You should not go away hungry!

Before and during the meal, we have the chance to take a short train ride at VMT courtesy of our partners; the Roanoke Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society who will be operating their former APCO switcher from the now -closed Glyn Lyn power plant. This switcher was built for APCO and donated after the plant closed to the group.

9:00 PM - PLEASE NOTE EVENT CHANGED

Night Photo Session after the picnic

Due to some unforeseen technical difficulties, we have had to move the night photo session from Friday night to after the picnic at VMT. The featured power is ex-N&W T-6 No. 41 and APCO No. 1.

Friday, May 3, 2019

Activities

9:00-5:00 PM

Registration and Commissary Open at the Hotel

8:30-5:00 PM

Archives open and Surplus Book Sale

9:30-3:00 PM

Area Station Tour - Bus to be in front of hotel.

On Friday our tour will be a more casual local tour leaving from the Blue Ridge Hotel. Since our last convention, the former Virginian station has been completed and it is beautiful! The leased space is a high quality gift shop. There is also a small display area that will be open for the visitors. Outside, depending

on traffic, will be NS motive power. Then we make a short drive-by tour of the former Virginian engine terminal and a tour of “Roanoke’s Other Preserved Steam Engine” at the water department’s Crystal Spring Steam pump. Then its off Rocky Mount to visit their restored N&W station. We then head off to visit the Boones Mill depot, which is in the beginning stages of restoration work. Return to town will be a very reasonable time. Riders will be provided a boxed lunch and drink which will be handed out during the trip.

Friday Clinics - ALL Clinics are at the Hotel

- 1-2 Jim Nichols – Boxes for Models**
- 3-4 Jeff Hawkins – Railfanning via Drone**
- 4-5 Mike Shockley – Modeling JK Tower**
- 7:00 Modeling Committee Meeting - Hotel**
- 8:00 Virginian Special Interest Group - Hotel**

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Activities

9:00-3:00 PM

Registration and Commissary Open at the Hotel

11:00-3:00 PM

Archives open and Surplus Book Sale (after 11 AM)

9:00-11:00 PM

Annual Membership Meeting

Come to learn what is new with the Society, ask questions of the officers and directors.

Saturday Clinics - ALL Clinics are at the Hotel

**11-12 Ron Davis and Joe Shaw –
How to utilize our Archives**

1-2 Jim Brewer - Detailing Bowser Freight Cars

2:30-3:30 Stephen Warren

“Lost Scenes Along the AM&O”

Stephen’s presentation will be a rare insight into the world of the AM&O in the 1870s, photographers working for the E. & H. T. Anthony Company of New York travelled to southwest Virginia in search of new, and potentially lucrative photographs of the emerging resorts at this area’s natural springs. Along the way, Anthony’s team inadvertently captured a series of stunning rail images along the Virginia and

Tennessee Division that are largely overlooked by historians today. Almost 150 years later, these surviving images – in the form of stereoscopic, or 3-D pairs – show us what life was like along the line of the Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio Railroad.

5:00-6:00 PM

Happy Hour - Cash Bar

6:00-9:00 PM

Annual Banquet

Our banquet will be held in the Blue Ridge Hotel Ballroom We have a very fine buffet planned:

Assorted Baby Lettuce, Seasonal Vegetables, Parmesan Crisp, Garlic Croutons and Cranberry Apple Vinaigrette and Buttermilk Ranch Dressings
Grilled Chicken with a Woodland Herb Demi
Slow Roasted Pork Tenderloin with
Apple Bourbon Butter Sauce
Bourbon Glazed Atlantic Salmon
Sautéed Tuscan Vegetable Blend a
(Zucchini, Squash, Peppers & Onion Strips)
Southern Style Green Beans with House Smoked Bacon
Mashed Potatoes with Smoked Cheddar, Cream and
Butter

Warm Rolls with Freshly Whipped Butter

Traditional New York Cheesecake with Fruit Coulee

After we eat, we will have awards presented and some door prizes as well!

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Rev. Glenn Fisher. Glenn has written the excellent series on signaling that was in the Arrow and is presently writing the series “High Noon on the N&W” that is continuing in the Arrow. Glenn’s topic will be entitled “*The Northern Dispatcher; A Man of Many Hats.*”

Our Archives

A visit to Roanoke without visiting the Society’s own Archives would not be complete. In that respect, our Archives will be open on Friday and Saturday, and if we have enough interest, also on Sunday.

Thank You For Attending

These conventions would not be a success if not for you the attendees, so we thank you for joining us.

**We also want to offer our thanks
to our partners who have helped us along the way:**

***Roanoke Chapter
National Railway Historical Society***

For the train ride and night photo session, guides at the Virginian Passenger Station.

Commonwealth Coach and Trolley

Bus Service for Tours

Coca-Cola of Charlotte

Drinks for the Picnic

Virginia Museum of Transportation

Reduced admission, hosting
the Thursday Night Picnic

***O. Winston Link Museum/
Western Virginia Historical Society***

Reduced Admission, Crystal Spring Steam Pump

***Roanoke Valley Convention
and Visitors Bureau***

Literature for welcome bags

Blue Ridge Hotel

Host Hotel

Our Dedicated Volunteers

At the archives and other locations

Trains Magazine

Posters in welcome bag

Norfolk Southern

Tours and Souvenirs

Member Donations

Todd Arnett

Gordon Hamilton

Ken and Beth Miller