



## NORFOLK & WESTERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Annual Convention 2018

**May 17-18-19, 2018  
Spencer, North Carolina**

What a great location. OK, sure, everyone is going “What does Spencer NC have to do with the N&W?” Sure the N&W hosted Southern passenger trains in the day, but they had no real connection with Spencer. But since the merger in 1982, Spencer has become a lot more connected with the former N&W. Run through trains go between Roanoke and Spencer. But our Spencer Convention is a lot more than that, Spencer is home to the North Carolina Transportation Museum, one of the premier museums that features railroad history. Spencer is home to several N&W pieces in their collection as well, including operating GP9 620 and an H9 hopper as well as an ex-N&W combine and caboose.

This year, we are also inviting members of other regional railroad historical societies to participate. This should bring in fans of all sorts of roads and give us all a chance to expand our

horizons. Fans of the original Norfolk Southern, Atlantic Coast Line/Seaboard and Southern Railway Historical Association and others are all invited.

The best thing for members is the chance to socialize, renew old friendships and make new ones in this great location. We have invited a number of model manufacturers to attend and have received a lot of interest, and some new products to be seen. We expect to have some really interesting presentations and some good stuff to buy or sell!

Our headquarters hotel is the Courtyard Marriott and additional rooms at the Holiday Inn Express with a special rate for N&WHS members.

We will have a wide variety of activities available for members including a shop tour, a railfan tour or the NC Zoo, a special night photo session, clinics, presentations and more! For Details see inside.



All photos: Todd Arnett



## Details and Schedule

(Please note this is preliminary and may change by necessity)

### Convention Hotel

Our convention headquarters is the Courtyard Marriott with a \$119 a night special NWHS Rate, must request on reservation.

120 Marriott Circle • Salisbury, NC 28144 • 704-680-9201

In addition we also have rooms at the rate of \$99 per night at the Holiday Inn Express.

125 Marriott Circle • Salisbury, NC 28144 • 704-314-4100

### Registration (per family, for any attendees, one registration per family required)

Convention Cost: \$75 Includes:  
Admission to NCTM, clinics, vendor areas with optional events as priced individually.

**Please note registration and order form as well as on-line ordering will be available on the N&WHS website in mid February. [www.nwhs.org/convention](http://www.nwhs.org/convention)**

### Wednesday May 16th

### Price

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| 3:00-7:00 PM     | BOD meeting part 1. Courtyard Marriot conference room. |  |
| 5:15PM – 8:00 PM | Exhibitor move in and set up. NCTM back shop.          |  |

### Thursday May 17th

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| 8:00 AM – 8:20 AM                           | Volunteers meeting. Courtyard Marriot conference room. |                 |
| 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM                           | BOD meeting part 2. Courtyard Marriot conference room. |                 |
| 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM                           | Registration, Courtyard Marriot lobby.                 |                 |
|   | Please note:   |                 |
|   | Only one registration required for entire convention   | \$75 per family |
| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM                           | Commissary and Exhibits, NCTM back shop.               |                 |
| Clinics – NCTM roundhouse orientation room: |  |                 |
| 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM                         |  |                 |
| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM                         |  |                 |
| 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM                           |  |                 |
| 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM                           |  |                 |
| 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM                           |  |                 |
| 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM                           | NCTM, meet and greet BBQ picnic.                       | \$20 per person |

### Friday May 18th

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| 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM                           | Registration, Courtyard Marriot lobby.                                       | \$75 per family |
| 8:00 AM – Noon                              | ACL/SAL Meeting, Courtyard Marriott conference room.                         |                 |
| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM                           | Commissary and Exhibits, NCTM back shop.                                     |                 |
| 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM                           | Railfan Tour (see description on page 3)                                     | \$35 per person |
| 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM                           | NC Zoo Tour  | \$35 per person |
| Clinics – NCTM roundhouse orientation room: |  |                 |
| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM                         |  |                 |
| 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM                           | Modeling N&W Dining Cars” Rev. Jim Nichols                                   |                 |
| 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM                           |  |                 |
| 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM                           | Troop Trains – George Eichelberger   |                 |
| 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM                           | Modeling committee meeting, Courtyard Marriot conference room.               |                 |
| 7:00 PM - ???                               | Virginian Special Interest Group meeting, Courtyard Marriot conference room. |                 |
|   | Includes presentation on Virginian RPO cars by Dr. Frank Scheer              |                 |
| 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM                          | NCTM, night photo session  | \$25 per person |

## Saturday May 19th

## Price

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| 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM                | Registration, Courtyard Marriot lobby.                    |                 |
| 8:00 AM – Noon                   | SRHA BOD Meeting, Courtyard Marriott conference room      |                 |
| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM                | Commissary and Exhibits, NCTM back shop.                  |                 |
| 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM               | Membership meeting, NCTM general purpose room.            |                 |
| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM              | RPO car tour by Dr. Frank Scheer                          |                 |
| Clinics – NCTM orientation room: |   |                 |
| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM              |   |                 |
| 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM                | “Modeling Dining Cars” Rev. Jim Nichols                   |                 |
| 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM                | “The N&W, Then and Now – A Photo Exhibition” Jeff Hawkins |                 |
| 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM                | Banquet happy hour, NCTM General Purpose Room.            |                 |
| 6:00 PM - ???                    | Banquet, NCTM General Purpose Room.                       | \$40 per person |
|                                  | Our speaker will be Jim Wrinn, Editor Trains Magazine     |                 |

## Convention Tours and Activities

The tours for the 2018 convention have been coordinated and secured by VP Dean Taylor and Convention Chairman Todd Arnett.

On Thursday, May 18 registration is running all day in the Marriott. During the scheduled hours, at the Roundhouse a variety of clinics and presentations will be offered for the attendees. The exact schedule will be updated as we firm them up, please check the website for updates. That evening is a meet and greet barbecue at the Museum, come meet old friends and make some new ones.

On Friday the railroad theme tour will be on Friday May, 18th and include a tour of the Winston Salem Southbound. The WSSB was jointly owned for many years by the N&W and Seaboard.

**For all visitors, railroad-appropriate attire (long pants, boots) is required. No shorts or open-toed shoes!** From there we will travel to the former Southern Rwy Depot in Rural Hall, NC ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rural\\_Hall\\_Depot](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rural_Hall_Depot)) for a visit. From Rural Hall we will retreat south towards Winston Salem, NC and visit the Winston-Salem Southbound Model Railroaders (<http://www.sbmrr.org/>) and their magnificent model railroad.

Drinks (Coca-Cola products) will be available on the bus and box lunches will be provided that hopefully we can enjoy trackside while at the SR Rwy museum. We will stick to a strict schedule as I know everyone will be eager to return for bit of rest, dinner and the evening photo session. This tour is limited to 55 people and will cost \$35.00

per person. Transportation, lunch and drinks are included in the cost. This tour will depart the Courtyard Marriott at 8:00 AM sharp and will return at 3:00 PM.

The second tour is for those not interested in the aforementioned railroad related tour. This tour is also on Friday May 18th and is a trip to the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, NC. This tour will depart the Courtyard Marriott at 8:00 AM and will return at 3:00 PM. Drinks (Coca-Cola products) will be available on the bus and each individual will have the opportunity to purchase their own lunch at the zoo. The tour is limited to 31 people and includes drinks on the bus, transportation, and admission to the zoo. This tour also costs \$35.00 per person. This tour will also be on a strict time schedule in the same manner as the railroad theme tour.

Please do your ticket orders early for the paid events (see order form) or you can go online to the N&WHS website and place your order conveniently from there. If an tour or event is not selling well, we will have to cancel the event if costs are not covered by ticket sales. So, the earlier the better, please!

We are expecting to have more clinics or discussions as we get closer to time, but due to print deadlines, this is what we have for now.

If you have an idea for a clinic, suggestions for topics, or can present a clinic, we'd love to hear from you! Please email Todd Arnett ([arnett@nwhs.org](mailto:arnett@nwhs.org)) with your suggestions or offer to help.

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## 2018 Convention Volunteers

The Convention planning team is tying up the last minute details for this year's convention. We are continuing something that started last year at Strasburg. We are looking for VOLUNTEERS! As the conventions get bigger we need more folks to help ensure everything goes smoothly and has a good time. So far six people have stepped up for this year's Convention and we could use 10-12 more. We hope those who volunteer will have fun talking to new people, feeling like they are part of the team, and maybe even become a regular volunteer. Here are a few frequently asked questions.

Q) Will I have to spend all my time working? How much will I have to do I want to enjoy the Convention too?

A) Most folks will simply answer questions from convention attendees. Others may want to help at the registration table or commissary table. It really depends on how much you would like to do. Naturally, the more folks we have, the less everyone had to do.

Q) I have never done anything like this before. How will I know what to do?

A) There will be a brief meeting on Thursday morning where we hand out assignments and information. No difference than you have done in your everyday life. If you check in after the meeting just stop by the Commissary table and Dean Taylor can fill you in and give you your things.

Q) I volunteered last year but I don't feel like it this year is that OK?

A) Not a problem. You are still on the list so can still get your EXTRA FORCE hat if you sign up to volunteer at a future conventions. All we ask is if you do not volunteer, please do not wear your EXTRA FORCE hat. That way people don't ask you a question that you may or may not be able to answer

Q) What is this HAT you talk of.

A) Well the Yellow hat is earned as volunteers with a special T-shirt that shows that you gave of your time to be an active member of the society outside of the archives to ensure that that everybody had a great convention. These hats and T-shirts are earned and will not be for sale at the commissary EVER. They are your thank you for helping the society grow better every year.



Volunteer only T-Shirt, not available to order

Hopefully, if you volunteered last year, we'll be glad to see you this year and thanks for helping make a difference

Dean Taylor Vice President

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## Everyone Asks

What about Class J No. 611? Is it going to be at our convention? Is it going to be fired?

To be brutally honest, we do not have answers to any questions on 611. It is, at this writing, undergoing winter maintenance at Spencer. But we are not privy to any plan or schedule for the locomotive. Will it be at Spencer? Don't know. Will it be under steam at Spencer? Don't know. Is it an official part of our Convention? No. We are not planning around its availability or lack thereof, we simply have no answers, and very likely will not know until close to Convention time. So if you feel 611 at Spencer is the only reason to come, we have no information as to its presence or not and cannot guarantee anything. But we know we are going to have a great convention, regardless, and if 611 is there, consider it an added bonus!

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## Banquet

Our banquet will be an affair to remember, with Spencer's famous catering and a buffet dinner beyond compare.

Our banquet speaker is the Jim Wrinn, Editor of Trains Magazine. Jim grew up in western North Carolina and was affiliated with NCTM for a number of years. Jim also wrote the book on the Southern and Norfolk Southern Steam program "Steam's Camelot"

## Convention T-Shirts

We are asking for advance orders for the convention T-Shirts, as shown below. They will be picked up during your registration process. We have four different shirts, available in sizes S-3XL, please be sure to mark your sizes on the order form, or if ordering multiples, please include a clear list on an additional paper. You can order shirts after the convention, but it will require the postage on your order to ship them to you.

### CONVENTION shirt No. 1

Pevler Blue shirt with YELLOW half-moon herald and SPENCER across top of arc and 2018 across the bottom on back of shirt left front YELLOW NWHS logo with SPENCER across top and 2018 across bottom.

### CONVENTION shirt No. 2

Black shirt with the "J" cylinder badge with SPENCER across top and 2018 across bottom in GOLD on back of shirt left front GOLD NWHS logo with SPENCER across the top and 2018.

### CONVENTION shirt No. 3

Caboose Red shirt with WHITE line drawing of a Virginian C-1 caboose with SPENCER across top in a arc and 2018 across bottom in a arc on back of shirt left front a VGN logo with SPENCER across top in a arc and 2018 across the bottom in a arc.

#### Convention T Shirts

All are offered in sizes S, M, L, XL, 2X and 3X. No Children's sizes.

**All Shirts are \$20 each**, please preorder to save shipping. They will be picked up at the Convention.



Convention Shirt No. 1



Convention Shirt No. 2



Convention Shirt No. 2

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## Modeling Contest and Photo Contest

1) All categories listed. But with a note that categories have at least (3) three entries by (2) two different people, two be eligible for a 1st and 2nd place prize

2) On the flyer it there will be a line so that each person that registers can put down the number of models and classes they are going to enter. This will help in knowing how many models to expect and the amount of 1st place prize money will be needed.

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### Contest Categories

N&W Steam  
N&W Freight Car and Caboose  
N&W Passenger Car  
N&W Diesel Original  
N&W Diesel 2nd hand  
N&W Structures  
Norfolk Southern Locomotives  
VGN Steam  
VGN Diesel/Electric  
VGN Passenger and Freight Cars  
VGN Structures  
Photograph (Prints)

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### Photo Contest

The following are guidelines for the photo contest, we hope this will help kick start the concept of enjoyment, involvement and growth which is going to be the path that the society will take in 2018

1) All pictures entered should be either 8x10 or 5x7

2) All pictures will be mounted on foam board so that they may be hung with Velcro to the display board for viewing

3) There will be a 1st and 2nd place

4) On the flyer there will be a line so you can put size and number of entries.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of great entries for the model and photo contests, this is a great opportunity to show off some of your projects.

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## Door Prizes

We are planning on having some nice door prizes at the banquet this year, if you have something to offer, please feel free to contact Todd at arnett@nwhs.org or Dean at taylor@nwhs.org. If you know of a manufacturer, publisher or author who is willing to provide some door prizes, please let us know.

Our commissary will have the usual nice selection of merchandise, and we are also planning on some new materials to have there. Remember your purchases do help the Society.

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### Spencer

Spencer Shops is a grand place to visit, if you have not been in a while, you will always see changes going on.

There is a lot of walking involved, so comfortable shoes are a must. The roundhouse, backshop and a train ride are among the many features.

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### For those folks who might think that conventions are not really for them.

Member Nancy Breed expressed it best in an email to us:

“My love affair with trains began when I was very young, and on a cold and clear winter night, I could hear the trains running in Keyser WV.

I attended my first Norfolk & Western train convention in 1996 in Bluefield WV and have attended most of them since then. Back then, I was the only girl on the bus trips!

My interest in trains is more the social side of the N&W conventions. The technical part pretty much escapes me. I smile sweetly and say “yes, dear” because I am truly interested in and appreciate the enthusiasm of the technical and modeling aspects even if I don’t grasp the enormity of the facts and figures.

I enjoy every minute of our gatherings, from the excursions to the clinics to the mealtimes. I enjoy meeting up with old friends each year and making new ones. I miss the ones who are no longer with us.

So to any spouse or significant other, please give our group a chance. I promise you’ll have FUN. If not, let me know!”

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## 2018 Spencer NC



### Model or Photo Entry Description

**The Fine Print:** 1. Only N&WHS members in good standing and their families may enter the contest. 2.) Supplemental photos and diagrams may accompany each entry. 3. Contest entrants may enter as many items as they wish, subject to the concurrence of the Contest Committee Chairman. 4. Past N&WHS award-winning entries are NOT eligible. 5. Contest entries may not be removed from the contest display area without a.) a claim check, b.) proper identification or c.) permission of the Contest Committee Chairman. 6. The Contest Committee Reserves the right to display entries as it sees fit. 7. Winners in each category will be determined by popular vote, with each registered convention attendee allowed one vote per category. 8. Contest entrants agree to abide by the rules stated herein.

**Tell us what YOU did, what details YOU added, what techniques YOU Used**

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The N&WHS Model/Photo Contest is intended to reward members for their own efforts.

If you have not made changes or improvements to your entry, it **MUST** be considered for **DISPLAY** only. (Use separate form.)

**N&WHS Model & Photo Contest** **Entry No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Claim Check** \_\_\_\_\_

You must present this check to retrieve your contest entry

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ENTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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| N&WHS Model & Photo Contest                          |           |
| Entry Receipt  | Entry No. |
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| Address: _____                                       |           |
| City, State, ZIP: _____                              |           |
| Entry: _____   |           |
| I acknowledge that I have received my contest entry. |           |
| Signed: _____  |           |



### Afternoon Clinics or Presentations

Several different clinics or presentations will be made, please see the schedule on page 2. Additional clinics to fill available slots will be added.

### General Membership Meeting

Join us to learn what is new with N&WHS and ask questions of the officers and directors. Our meeting at Strasburg last summer might have seemed a bit contentious, it was a good discussion and everyone left with more information than they came in with!

### The Commissary

Our Commissary will be open and fully stocked throughout the Convention in the Marriott Hotel.

### Annual Banquet

General Purpose room adjacent to gift shop. Happy hour begins at 5:00 PM. Banquet begins at 6:00 PM. Catering by NCTM famous Debby Suggs. Country steak, two vegetables, deserts, sweet tea and coffee. Bar will be open for a minimum of 2 hours including happy hour. Possible music and dancing after banquet depending on participation. A trolley will transport people from NCTM parking lot to venue during entire duration. ADA parking available in front of Master Mechanics office. Venue location subject to change. Our speaker will be Editor of Trains Magazine, Jim Wrinn, who has close ties to Spencer and the area.

**Please print and completely fill out the form below.**

| Event  | Price   | Quantity | Total |
|--|---------|----------|-------|
| Registration   | \$75.00 |          |       |
| Railfan Tour   | \$35.00 |          |       |
| NC Zoo Tour  | \$35.00 |          |       |
| Evening Photo Session  | \$25.00 |          |       |
| Friday Night Picnic  | \$20.00 |          |       |
| Saturday Evening Banquet   | \$40.00 |          |       |
| T Shirt No. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL | \$20.00 |          |       |
| T Shirt No. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL | \$20.00 |          |       |
| T Shirt No. 3 <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL | \$20.00 |          |       |
| Special Convention Book Offer  | \$50.00 |          |       |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED   |         |          |       |

Order by Credit Card or make your check or money order payable to N&W Historical Society and mail to:

N&WHS Convention  
P.O. Box 13908  
Roanoke, VA 24038-3908

If you have questions, please leave a message at (540) 342-0575. Be sure to leave your telephone number and the best times to contact you. To place a credit card order by FAX 24 hours/day, (540) 342-7439

Please indicate your affiliation below

☐ N&WHS ☐ SRHA ☐ NS ☐ ACL/SAL

☐ Check ☐ Money Order

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

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Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not send your credit card number via e-mail.

Note: Any personal information we collect is not used outside this organization. We use e-mail to communicate with you as necessary.

### Special Note

If you order T-shirts or books, they will be picked up at the Convention, nothing will be mailed in advance.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of family members attending with you \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Convention Book Offer

A one time only convention special offer!

#### The Norfolk & Western...As I Knew It!

From rail photographer August A. Thieme, this large format volume features over 150 photos of N&W steam trains in operation from Norfolk to Bluefield during the 40s and 50s. Hard cover w/ dust jacket, 11" X 14" format, 175 pages, 150+ B&W views of steam power!

Normal Retail: \$64.95

**Convention special \$50.00**

This is a special one time price and only for pick up at the convention, since this book is oversize, it is more difficult and expensive to ship, special price only available to order in advance.

