



## NORFOLK & WESTERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Annual Convention 2019

May 2-3-4, 2019 • Roanoke, Virginia

**B**ack to Roanoke! Every five years, we hold our convention in our homebase of Roanoke. Roanoke is still the heart of the N&W, and as always there is a lot to see. Come home to Roanoke and see old friends, make some new ones and see what is going on in town.

Roanoke Shops, Shaffers Crossing, Virginia Museum of Transportation, O. Winston Link Museum, N&W General Office Buildings, N&W station, newly restored Virginian passenger station, are amongst our many features for Roanoke.

Of course, that does not even mention our own Archives, which is always worth a visit and will be available on Friday, Saturday and if demand warrants, Sunday.

One of the biggest changes in Roanoke since the last time we were here is the addition of Amtrak. Daily service is now offered with destinations to Washington D.C. and beyond. While we cannot offer a large train ride on a tourist line or the mainline, we do have a short ride arranged for our attendees.

Everyone's question is, of course, will 611 be there and fired up? We wish we could answer that, but 611's plans are unknown at the moment, and likely will not be known until

Convention time. We expect her to be here, with Class A No. 1218 and the rare chance to see Y6a No. 2156. This may be your last chance to see the 2156 in Roanoke as it is due to return to St. Louis sometime in 2020.

Please bear in mind, that all events are tentative and can change even up to the last moment. We have no guarantees on anything, but expect everything to work according to schedule.

Please send in 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 a tour or event is not selling well, we will 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)) or Ken Miller ([miller@nwhs.org](mailto:miller@nwhs.org)) with your suggestions or offer to help.



## Convention Hotel

Our convention headquarters is the Blue Ridge Hotel with a \$99 a night special NWHS Rate which includes breakfast, must request on reservation, the cut off is April 10.

Blue Ridge Hotel  
2801 Hershberger Road, Roanoke, VA, 24017  
Guest Reservations  
(540) 563-9300, use code NHW04

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

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

## Details and Schedule

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

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

### Thursday May 2nd

8:00 AM – 8:20 AM Volunteers meeting, Blue Ridge Hotel conference room.  
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM BOD Meeting  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration, Blue Ridge Hotel lobby.  
Please note:  
Only one registration required for entire convention. . . . . \$75 per family  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Commissary and Exhibits, Blue Ridge Hotel.  
Clinics – Blue Ridge Hotel  
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
12:00 Noon -5:00 PM Roanoke Tour, GOB East Archives, Roanoke Shops (limited to 40) \$50 per person  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Meet and greet picnic, held at VMT, drive or carpool . . . . . \$20 per person

### Friday May 3rd

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Registration, Blue Ridge Hotel. . . . . \$75 per family  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Commissary and Exhibits, Blue Ridge Hotel  
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM Railfan Tour (see description on page 3). . . . . \$45 per person  
Clinics – Blue Ridge Hotel:  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
3:00 PM-4:00 PM  
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Modeling committee meeting, Blue Ridge Hotel conference room.  
7:00 PM - ??? Virginian Special Interest Group meeting, Blue Ridge Hotel conference room.  
9:00 PM – 11:00 PM Night photo session, Roanoke NRHS Coach Yard . . . . . \$25 per person

### Saturday May 4th

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Registration, Blue Ridge Hotel lobby.  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Commissary and Exhibits, Blue Ridge Hotel.  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Membership meeting, Blue Ridge Hotel.  
Clinics – Blue Ridge Hotel:  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
5:00 PM – 5:45 PM Banquet happy hour-cash bar (on your own), Blue Ridge Hotel  
6:00 PM - ??? Buffet Banquet, Blue Ridge Hotel . . . . . \$55 per person  
Our speaker TBA

Of course there are other options available in Roanoke, the O. Winston Link Museum is open and convenient, as well as Roanoke's Railwalk and various viewing locations. Remember, keep off railroad property!

## Convention Tours and Activities

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On Thursday, May 2nd registration is running all day in the Blue Ridge Hotel. During the scheduled hours, at the Blue Ridge Hotel 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 Virginia Museum of Transportation, come meet old friends and make some new ones.

We have arranged a special, limited tour for Thursday, May 2nd. For the first time in several years, we are going to tour the Roanoke Shops, courtesy of Norfolk Southern. This tour is strictly limited to 40 people! The tour will leave the Hotel via charter bus at 1:00 PM, 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, and limited by Norfolk Southern, everyone will be required to sign a waiver of liability and **no photography allowed.** After the tour it is back to the hotel for a brief respite, then we will have a picnic barbeque at Virginia Museum of Transportation, where you can visit the big three, enjoy fellowship a fine meal, and conditions permitting a short train ride featuring former Appalachian Power No. 1, which spent its career at the Glyn Lyn plant.

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 is beautiful! It has been leased and is now open as a gift shop. There is also a small display area that will be open for 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 short tour of "Roanoke's Other Preserved Steam Engine" at the water department's Crystal Spring Steam pump. Then its off Rocky Mount to visit to 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.

We will have a night photo session at Roanoke Chapter NRHS' 9th Street Coach yard with N&W's first GP30 (and only one preserved) No. 522. If T6 No. 41 is available, it will be included.

During the convention, your convention name tag will get you a half price (\$3.00) admission to the O. Winston Link Museum in the former N&W passenger station.

## Afternoon Clinics or Presentations

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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

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Join us to learn what is new with N&WHS and ask questions of the officers and directors. It is always good discussion and everyone left with more information than they came in with!

## Annual Banquet

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Blue Ridge Hotel Ballroom Happy hour begins at 5:00 PM. Banquet begins at 6:00 PM. Country buffet banquet, we will eat first, then do awards, and then a keynote speaker (TBA).

## Door Prizes

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We would like to have donations for door prize, if you have something to offer or know of someone that has something, please feel free to contact Todd at arnett@nwhs.org or Ken at miller@nwhs.org.

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.

## Our Archives

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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.

## 2019 Convention Volunteers

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The Convention planning team is tying up the last minute details for this year's convention. We are looking for VOLUNTEERS! We need folks to help ensure everything goes smoothly. 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.

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

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

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

| Event  | Price   | Quantity | Total |
|--|---------|----------|-------|
| Registration   | \$75.00 |          |       |
| Thursday Tour  | \$50.00 |          |       |
| Thursday Evening Picnic  | \$20.00 |          |       |
| Friday Tour  | \$45.00 |          |       |
| Evening Photo Session  | \$25.00 |          |       |
| Saturday Evening Banquet   | \$55.00 |          |       |
| T Shirt <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL | \$20.00 |          |       |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED   |         |          |       |

**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

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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 they will be picked up at the Convention, no merchandise will be mailed in advance.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

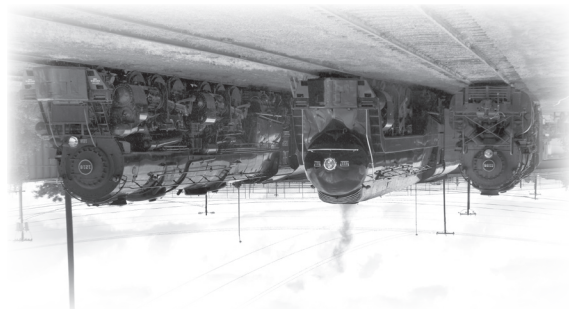
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Name(s) of family members attending with you \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry No.

Model Contest Entry

Modeling Contest and Photo Contest

Please note each entry must have its own form.

Contest Categories

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- [ ] N&W steam
[ ] N&W diesels prior to 1964
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[ ] N&W passenger cars
[ ] N&W freight cars
[ ] N&W MOW
[ ] N&W structures
[ ] VGN steam
[ ] VGN diesel and electric
[ ] VGN freight cars, including cabs and MOW
[ ] VGN structures

Photo Contest

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

Details of your model, what you've done, modifications, details added:

Multiple horizontal lines for writing details of the model.

Table with 4 rows: N&WHS Model and Photo Contest Claim Check, Name, Address, City State Zip, Entry Description.

Details:

- 1. Only N&WHS members in good standing and their families may enter the contest.
2. Supplemental photos, drawings diagrams may accompany each entry.
3. Contest entrants may enter as many items as they wish, subject to agreement by 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) the 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.
9. Contest Committee and N&WHS will make every effort to secure and protect all entries, but cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Name
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Entry Description

Entry No.

By initialing here, I acknowledge that I have received my contest entry back. \_\_\_\_\_