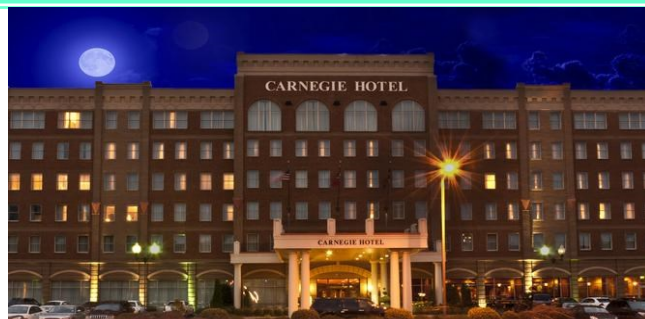


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# Annual Convention to be held June 27—29, 2014

LeAnn Lane & Fred Alsop



**G**reetings fellow society members. In partnership with the George L Carter Railroad Museum at ETSU the Historical Society Board of Directors bring to you the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the ET & WNC RR Historical Society. This year your Vice President, Jerry Turbyfill, in association with the George L Carter Railroad Museum, has planned an awesome and exciting adventure geared toward the history of the ET & WNC RR. We are **GOING HOME** to Johnson City, Tennessee, the site of the beginning of the Railroad. On Friday night we will be hosted at the 4-star Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City with discounted rates for convention goers and your

guests. In response to dinner request this year we will be having a full dinner at 7pm after the business meeting. But this is not the only happening this night for there will also be a special guest speaker that I believe will bring a new and exciting view of the railroad.

This is just the beginning of the weekend and I believe this will be the year to remember. We have some exciting new activities planned for the weekend starting with a live train show Saturday Morning. We will have vendors from local and distant areas. On the list to be there is Artist Frank

Crow, Dow Cook, and Starr Hobbies from Maryland. We will have vendors who will be selling everything train-related from engines, rolling stock, books, t-shirts, movies, art, and the list could go on forever. And for those who are young, or like me young at heart, we plan to have a live working railroad on the premises. The Carter Railroad Museum will be open nearby, and they have made a lot of progress on their HO<sub>n</sub>3 scale ET&WNC model railroad layout. The layout is still under construction and occupies more than 1,300 sq. of floor space with narrow gauge

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# Annual Convention



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track stretching from "Johnson City to Cranberry". This is sure to be an exciting fun time.

Then Saturday evening, as if you haven't had enough excitement, we plan to attend Tweetsie Railroad for special run-bys of once in a life time shots of a live working steam-powered railroad. There will be another meal provided this night at the Tweetsie Palace and this is where I need you to pay close attention. In order to keep the cost of the convention low to our members Saturday's meal will be a pre-order only event. Everyone is welcome to Tweetsie for the photo shoot but only those who have a special ticket will be able to share in a meal of

fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy and so much more. If you plan to enjoy the meal please, please register in advance of the convention or you may go home starving Saturday night. There will be a few tickets (by few I mean 10 or less) available at the meeting Friday night. But don't take the chance pre-register for the convention.

Sunday promises to be another fun-filled day with another train ride in the Doe River Gorge to Pardee Point and who doesn't love a train ride. In the afternoon visit the restored Linville Depot in Newland, NC and see a very special piece of ET&WNC RR rolling stock on the depot's track.

You have a family and the possibility that not everyone is a train junkie like you and me, but this is not a problem at this convention. We will be hosting from Johnson City, Tennessee and the hotel on its own is a spectacular event. Ladies and gentleman the hotel will be offering a full Spa to the convention attendee (this is not free an individual discounted charge will be placed). Johnson City and surrounding towns are full

of museums, parks, great shopping, and excellent food. Be sure to take a look at the Johnson City, Tennessee Visitor Website to see all the great and exciting adventures that await you and your family. This would be a great family vacation extend your stay and enjoy the local atmosphere.

There will be a full itinerary and registration packet waiting for you when you check in on Friday evening at the business meeting. Convention is scheduled to start at 5pm on June 27<sup>th</sup> and will run the entire weekend until we depart on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Reservations at the Carnegie can be made by calling toll free 866 757-8277. Don't forget to mention the ET&WNCRR Historical Society to get this rate by calling toll free 866 757-8277.



## Message from your Treasurer

LeAnn Lane

Once again it is coming time for dues renewals. After speaking with Johnny Graybeal and the rising cost of printing the magazine, Every Time, With No Complaints, the yearly cost of the magazine will be going from \$12.00 to \$15.00. At this years con-

vention we will be voting on raising the cost of yearly dues from \$20.00 to \$23.00 or other set dollar amount. Until the vote at the convention we will keep the price at \$20.00. This means anyone who chooses to renew for the 2014-2015 year will be able to renew at a guaranteed price of \$20.00. After the convention your renewal will be at the new set rate.



Another important note is the convention registration. As outlined on page 1 we are doing things a little different this year. Please pay close attention to the registration sheet for prices. As always if you have any questions feel free to contact me directly by phone or email.

# Polo Shirts and Logo Pins Available

Fred Alsop

Along with the train show this year there will be other new and exciting adventures at the convention. One of those being a society logo shirts. They will be black polo shirts with a pocket on the left side and the historical society logo in three colors (red, black & gold) embroidered over the pocket. Price will be \$25 for sizes S to 2XL, \$2 additional for each larger size up to 6XL. A person's name can be embroidered on the right side for an additional \$4.50. Shipping & Handling charges with delivery by US Postal Service in the continental US will be \$5. I am including a separate order form in the newsletter for pre-ordering of the logo shirts and logo pins. Please note that these should be

mailed directly to the George L Carter Museum as it states on the order form not to me.



**Logo Pins Available**



**Logo Patch Available & on Shirt**

## Where To Next Year???

Time to start deciding where you would like to spend next year. The Board of Directors wants your input. You will find in your registration packet a suggestion form. Please fill out the form with your choices and put in the box at the registration table.

## Railroading from the 1950s

Got a topic you are curious about or just something you want to share. Then let me know. I'm always looking for something interesting to share. For instance have a topic about the railroad you are curious about, a question you want answered, or just simply want to give someone a shout out. Its your society newsletter so send it in.

[SURGNURSENC@AOL.COM](mailto:SURGNURSENC@AOL.COM)

Insert a Subject Line of Newsletter

Society Member Lindsay Abee sent me this video link a few months ago. It shows how railroading was done in the 1950s. It is a 23 minute black and white film. I found it interesting and thought you might also, so I'm including the site here.

<http://www.nfb.ca/film/railroaders>





# We Need to Update the Bylaws

LeAnn Lane

Recently after reviewing the Bylaws for the ET & WNC RR Historical Society, I noticed that although they were well written for the time they were written for they need to be updated to be consistent with our society as of today. So I am including in this issue a list of changes to the bylaws I feel that need to be changed to meet how we conduct business now. Each of these will be voted on separately at the annual convention in June. I am including them here to allow you to have ample time to think about each change and bring a discussion to the board if needed.

The current wording is in Italics followed by the proposal.

## 3.1 Principal Office

*The principal office the Corporation shall be located in the vicinity of Boone, North Carolina.*

In order to stay current with the mailing address for dues I propose to change this statement to :

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at the address of the Treasurer.

## 4.1 Society Member

*Any person of good character, interested in the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad, other associated Appalachian lines, and the purposes of this Corporation shall be eligible for membership.*

I propose to add to this section the following statement:

Society Members in good standing shall be eligible to receive Corporation publications.

## 4.3 Membership Application

*All applications for membership shall be made on a printed application form. **Members may change from one class to another at any time if desired by paying the appropriate prorated dues.** No member who resigns shall be reimbursed for his dues except in unusual circumstances approved by the Board of Directors. Application for membership shall be accompanied by the correct dues as of the date of application.*

I propose to remove the statement in red as it does not apply.

## 6.1 Annual Meeting

*The members of this Corporation shall meet at least once every year. The annual meeting shall be held, **if possible, in conjunction with Railroader's Day at Tweetsie Railroad**, for the election of Officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.*

Remove the statement in red as it no longer applies to Tweetsie Railroad.

## 6.2 Annual Meeting Notification

*Notice of the annual meeting shall be forewarned by mail to the last known address of every member in good standing, at least sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for said meeting.*

Because we now email newsletters I propose we change this statement to:

Notice of the annual meeting shall be forewarned in writing to every member in good standing, at least sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for said meeting either by mail or email.

## 8.2 Board Meetings

*The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year.*

In order to comply with business of the Corporation I propose that

The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year, once at the annual meeting and at least once more to discuss business of the corporation.

## **Article VII. Quorum for Members' Meeting**

### **7.1 Quorum**

*An acceptable quorum at any annual or special meeting of the members of which due notice has been given as provided herein, shall consist of at least 15% of the total Society and Spousal Members present or by proxy, or twenty five (25) members in good standing including at least two (2) elected officers. Members may give their proxy to a member of the society who will be present at the annual meeting. Proxy forms will be supplied in the official publication of the Corporation.*

In order to define what a proxy is and does I propose we add section 7.2 as follows:

### **7.2 Proxy**

Proxy forms will be supplied in the official publication of the Corporation announcing the annual meeting. Anyone society in good standing who will be unable to attend the annual meeting may vote on known issues prior to the meeting. To be included on the proxy form will be any business that is known prior to the meeting that will need to be voted on and any nomination for an office that will be elected. Proxy forms will be mailed or emailed to the treasurer 14 days prior to the set date of the annual meeting. In the event the nomination by proxy elects to run for office the nomination by proxy will serve as a vote for that nominee. If the member decides to attend the meeting after turning in his or her proxy the proxy will be null and void at the annual meeting.

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### **9.3 Nomination of Officers**

*The President shall appoint an Officers nominating committee of Society or Spousal Members at least two (2) months prior to the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall present a slate of recommended member's names to the Board of Directors for approval. The Board shall present its nomination recommendations to the membership. Additional nominations can be made by the membership from the floor.*

I propose we change the way we nominate officers by eliminating the nominating committee and taking nominations from the floor or by proxy. I propose we change section 9.3 to read:

A notice of upcoming officer elections will be given in writing in the Official Publication of the Corporation. Nominations for the offices being elected can be made by the membership from the floor at the annual meeting or by proxy prior to the annual meeting. A society member in good standing can decline nomination if they desire.

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## **DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

### **10.1.3**

*The President shall oversee the planning, operation, and accounting of all special events.*

Since the Office of Vice President has been doing this I propose we move this duty the office of Vice President.

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## **DUTIES OF THE TREASURER**

To give the secretary back up I propose the following duty be added to the office of Treasurer

### **10.4.8**

The Treasurer will take over the responsibilities of the office of Secretary in the event the Secretary is not available.

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## **Article XIII General**

In order to define the fiscal year for financial reasons I propose we add the following section to Article 13

### **13.4 Fiscal Year**

The Fiscal year of the Corporation shall run from July 1 to June 30 of the given year.

# Events of Interest

Mike West

In addition to the main ETWNC Historical Society Convention event, June 27—29 this year, there are other events that you may be interested in attending starting in May of this year into the Fall:

National Train Day May 10 [www.nationaltrainday.com](http://www.nationaltrainday.com) to register and see where events are being held throughout the country.

30th National Garden Railway Convention May 5-10 in Tampa, Florida [www.wendysetzer.wix.com/ngrc2014](http://www.wendysetzer.wix.com/ngrc2014)

Mid Atlantic Narrow Gauge meet May 18-20 in Kimberton, PA [www.midatlanticng.org](http://www.midatlanticng.org) for information

Scottish Rite TCA Train Show May 24, Sacramento, CA [brsta@comcast.net](mailto:brsta@comcast.net) for information

Big Train Operation Club Convention June 22-27 in Hershey, PA [www.bigtrainoperator.com](http://www.bigtrainoperator.com) for information

34th National Narrow Gauge Convention September 3-6 in Kansas City, Kansas  
[www.34thnngc.com](http://www.34thnngc.com) for information and registration



## So Mark Your Calendar!!!!

# 2014 Elections

LeAnn Lane

Elections at the annual business meeting this year will include the office of President and Vice President.

Society President Johnny Graybeal will not be seeking re-election of President this year.

When considering your nomination for office I would like to remind you of the duties for each office as stated by the bylaws.

### Duties of President:

The President shall have charge of the business affairs of the Corporation and shall preside at all annual and special meeting of the members, and all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall be an ex-officio member of the board and all committees. He shall have the power to make such additional appointments as he may deem necessary or proper, with the approval of the Board and membership as may be required.

The President shall prepare and present to the annual meeting of the members a report on the activities of the Corporation during the previous

two years. This report shall include information as to the state of the Corporation, number of members, accomplishments, and other information of a general interest. This report shall be entered upon the pages of the minute book of the Corporation.

The President shall oversee the planning, operation, and accounting of all special events. He shall be responsible for all formal acquisition of equipment and donations.

### Duties of Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep records of the proceedings of all meetings of the members and Board of Directors, as well as official documents.

The Secretary shall issue notice of all meetings, and cooperate with the President in all matters pertaining to the activities of the Corporation.

The secretary shall conduct correspondence.

The Secretary shall oversee the print-

ing and distribution of the Corporation newsletter and other publications.

Please remember as we would love to see you at the convention we understand that not everyone will be able to attend. So if you would like to vote on any of the issues or nominate a society member for office then please use the Proxy form in this issue of the newsletter. Please mail or email your proxy form to LeAnn Lane PO Box 154, McGrady, NC 28649 or email [surngursenc@aol.com](mailto:surngursenc@aol.com) no later than June 12, 2014.

**All Proxy forms not post-marked by June 12, 2014 will not be accepted.**



**George L. Carter Railroad Museum**  
**ET&WNC RR Historical Society**  
**Order Form**



**Logo Embroidered Polo Shirt: Color Black**

<u>Size</u>	<u>With Pocket</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___		\$25.00			
	2 XL ___	\$27.00			
	3 XL ___	\$29.00			
	4XL ___	\$31.00			
	5XL ___	\$33.00			
	6XL ___	\$35.00			

**Name on Shirt add \$4.50 for each personalized shirt**

Size   Name on shirt(s): First or First & Last (Please print legibly)


**3 Inch Embroidered Logo Patch: Quantity   Total**

\$5.00 each

**1 Inch Enameled Metal Logo Pin: Qty.   Total**

\$5.00 each

Please send check payable to **"G. L. Carter RR Museum"** to: George L. Carter RR Museum, P.O. Box 70703, ETSU, Johnson City, TN 37614

<b>Yes</b>		I will pick up my order at the June Convention
<b>NO</b>		Please ship my order to me (\$5.00 S&H @ Shirt: \$2.00 patches/pins)

**TOTAL Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Ship to: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# Proxy Form

Voting on Bylaw Changes:

See pages 4 & 5

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No

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Section 13.4

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Name:

Address:

Other New Business:

1. Dues Structure:

(Check one box)

Increase the dues to 23.00

Increase the dues to the amount decided by the society  
but no more than 30.00.

Leave the dues at 20.00

2. Site for the 2015 Convention

Johnson City, TN

Other Location

(Check the box or enter desired location)

Nominations:

President:

Secretary:

Please mail to : LeAnn Lane  
PO Box 154  
McGrady, NC 28649

Or Email: [surnursenc@aol.com](mailto:surnursenc@aol.com)

**Must be postmarked by June 12, 2014**



# Dues Renewal Form

East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad Historical Society

Dues & Donations Form

2014 — 2015

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

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Description	Quantity	Amount	Total
Dues		\$20.00	
Combine Car #15 Donation			
Linville Depot Donation			
Narrow Gauge Museum/Boxcar 434 Donation			
Doe River Gorge Donation			
Caboose 505 Donation			
Total Enclosed			

Mail To: **LeAnn Lane**  
**PO Box 154**  
**McGrady, NC 28649**

If you would like to receive notices and newsletters by email please check

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If you have questions regarding your membership please contact LeAnn Lane by email or phone at [surnursenc@aol.com](mailto:surnursenc@aol.com) or 336.467.0364. Thank you for your renewal!!!!

For Office Use Only!!!!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_