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The 29th Annual Convention Will Be Held June 2-4 of 2017

*Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday dear Tweetsie,
Linville Depot and Combine #15,
Happy birthday to you!*

Yes, we are having a great big birthday party and you are invited. There are three historical birthdays for us to celebrate. Engine #12 (Tweetsie) is 100 years old and celebrating her 60th year riding the rails at Tweetsie Railroad in Blowing Rock, NC. The 100-year-old restored Linville Depot sits at the Avery County Museum in Newland, NC. The 100-year-old Combine #15 is being restored at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC. This is a triple-use car.

We have reserved a block of rooms (\$92 per night) at the Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City. The rooms are available only through May 10. You can call their toll-free number – 866-757-8277

and mention that you are with the ET&WNC RR Historical Society. You can also go to – www.carnegiehotel.com.

Again, we are combining our annual convention with the model train show being held at the Mini-Dome on the campus of East Tennessee State University. Days for the train show are Friday and Saturday. Times will be announced later, but the show will have longer hours than last year. Some of us didn't get to the train show last year, so I hope that we can this year.

Several of our Board members have planned extra-special birthday memories for us train lovers. Thank-you's go in advance to Chris Ford, our President; Jerry Turbyfill, our Vice-President; Dr. Fred Alsop III and Johnny Graybeal, Board members. Special thanks also go to Sharon Waite and Gil Williams.

Our convention will begin Friday night, June 2 at 5 pm in the Grand

Soldiers Room in the Carnegie Hotel. Supper will follow the business meeting. Mrs. Sharon Waite, wife of the late John Waite, will be our guest speaker.

Saturday morning, June 3, our members will have choices of several exciting goings-on. Gil Williams, the Project Manager of the restoration of Combine #15 at the Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC will speak about the history and ongoing restoration of this one hundred year old railroad car.

The model train show will be open at 10:00 am and the George L. Carter Museum will be having an Open House across the street from the Carnegie at ETSU. The ET&WNC Railroad HO_{N3} layout will be highlighted. This fabulous layout is a must-see for viewing the scale model route that the railroad traveled on her trek from Johnson City, TN to Cranberry, NC.

Following lunch on your own, Vice-President Jerry Turbyfill and others will speak at the Linville Depot at the Avery County Museum about the history and restoration efforts for this one hundred year old depot. The Museum will also be hosting their own celebration – Depot Days – this weekend.

Later Saturday afternoon at Tweetsie Railroad in Blowing Rock, Past President Johnny Graybeal will share the history of Engine #12, Tweetsie. We will ride the train and eat our supper catered by the Daniel Boone Inn. We hope to have a group picture made. Mike Hardin plans to share a newly found black and white film of the ET&WNC. We might even be able to buy our own copy with proceeds going to the Doe River Gorge.

Note – On the train rides this weekend we will be passing the hat to show our appreciation for the hard working train crews of Tweetsie Railroad and the Doe River Gorge.

On Sunday morning we'll take our annual ride from the Doe River Gorge

Ministries Camp to Pardee Point. Come celebrate with us as we recognize the men and women, past and present, who have preserved this little railroad with a heart. For your convenience there is a Convention Registration Form included with this newsletter.

Another birthday of interest: The MoonPie is 100 years old. The MoonPie was introduced in Chattanooga, TN to coal miners needing a snack and to use the excess flour from the Mountain City Flour Mill. Micro-waving it makes a special gooey treat. Thanks go to Patricia Jennings for sharing. Credit goes to Fred Sauceman of The Johnson City Press.

Jane Brady - Secretary

A Word from the President

I hate to put y'all to work, but I want to hear from you with your opinions about any aspects of the Historical Society that you'd care to share.

What do you like about how the Society operates? More importantly, what do you dislike? Here's your chance!

Are there things about the conventions that you really like and wish that we'd do more often? Are there things we don't currently do that you'd like to see us include? Other suggestions?

We who have been entrusted to run the Society want to honor that trust by providing a Society that makes you proud to be a member, one that sustains your interest, and one that attracts new members. One way we can accomplish this is by listening to the needs of our members.

I know many of you belong to similar organizations. I think our Society could benefit greatly from your input. Give us a shout with new ideas! Email your thoughts to me at... chris@cfordart.com

Please let me hear from you, even if it's just to say "Hi!"



Obituaries

Lonnie James "Jim" Fields, III

Jim Fields, 49, of Graham, NC passed away December 9, 2016. Jim was a train and airplane enthusiast. He traveled many of the scenic railroads in the United States. As an ET&WNC RR Historical Society member, he regularly attended the society's conventions.

Niel Stewart

Niel Stewart, 76, of Pineola, NC passed away January 28, 2017. Niel was a member of the ET&WNC RR Historical Society and was instrumental in getting the Linville Depot moved to its current location at the Avery County Museum.

Tentative Convention Schedule June 2-4

Friday, June 2

Carter Railroad Museum Open House –
ETSU Campus..... 10 am-5 pm

Train Show –
ETSU Mini-Dome 10 am-8 pm

Convention Registration –
Carnegie Hotel Lobby..... 3-5 pm

Business Meeting –
Grand Ballroom..... 5 pm

Banquet –
Grand Ballroom..... 7 pm

Guest Speaker –
Sharon Waite 8 pm

Saturday, June 3

Wellington's at the Carnegie Hotel –
Opens for breakfast 7 am

Gil Williams Talk - Combine Car 15
Grand Ballroom..... 8:30 am

Carter Railroad Museum Open House –
ETSU Campus..... 10 am-4 pm

Train Show –
ETSU Mini-Dome 10 am-4 pm

Lunch On Your Own –

Linville Depot Celebration –
Newland, NC..... 2 pm

Park Opens to Convention Attendees –
Tweetsie Railroad 4 pm

Johnny Graybeal Talk - Engine 12
Tweetsie Railroad 5 pm

Convention Train Ride Leaves –
Tweetsie Railroad 6 pm

Dinner Catered by Daniel Boone Inn –
Tweetsie Palace 7 pm

New ET&WNC Film - Mike Hardin
Tweetsie Palace after dinner

Sunday, June 4

Gorge Train Ride Leaves –
Doe River Gorge..... 9:45 am

Informal Tweetsie Trail Walk - less than a mile –
Happy Valley School Parking Lot
Elizabethhton, TN..... 1:30 pm



29th Annual ET&WNC Railroad Historical Society Convention June 2-4, 2017 at the Carnegie Hotel - Johnson City, Tennessee Convention Registration Form

Your contact information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

The Convention price again this year is \$49.00 per person. Total cost for you and a spouse would be \$98.00. This fee includes all Convention sponsored activities, the Friday night banquet at the business meeting and the meal at Tweetsie on Saturday night. Give us the name of each person attending the Convention so that name badges can be made. Please mark which meals each person will be present for so that we can get a headcount and have meal tickets made. Thank you!

Name	Friday Night Banquet	Meal at Tweetsie	Price
			\$49.00
			\$49.00
			\$49.00
			\$49.00
			\$49.00

Mail check and this form to:

ET&WNC RR Historical Society Treasurer
PO Box 70697
ETSU
Johnson City, TN 37614

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If you have any questions please contact Treasurer Patricia Jennings at pjdrgr2006@yahoo.com or 336-452-4212.

Don't forget to make your reservations at the beautiful Carnegie Hotel in downtown Johnson City, Tennessee. There is a limited block of rooms available just for our Historical Society Convention attendees at the great rate of \$92 per night, so please book early. Make your reservations by calling the Carnegie toll-free at 866-757-8277 and mention you are with the Historical Society. Check out their accommodations at www.carnegiehotel.com.



ET&WNC Railroad Historical Society Polo Shirts - Patches - Pins Order Form



Shirt sizes & prices:

S-M-L-XL = \$28 | 2XL = \$32 | 3XL = \$34 | 4XL = \$36 | 5XL = \$38 | 6XL = \$40

Shirts are black -
65% polyester/35% cotton

Polo Shirt with Embroidered Logo

Size	Qty	Price per shirt	Total

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Size	Qty	Name on shirt - Please print legibly	Price per shirt +\$5	Total

+ \$5.00 for shipping



Patches & Pins - \$5.00 each

Item	Qty	Price per item	Total
3 inch Embroidered Logo Patch		\$5.00	
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