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The 28th Annual Convention Will Be Held June 3-5 2016

WOW!! What a fabulous convention the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad Historical Society Board of Directors has planned for you this year. You will notice that our convention is earlier in June than usual. We are taking advantage of a model train show to be held at the Mini-Dome on the East Tennessee State University campus. Since many of you are model train buffs as well as historical train lovers, we want you to be able to take advantage of both.

Our Vice-President, Jerry Turbyfill, has planned an extra special experience for us. In cooperation with the George L. Carter Museum, Mr. Chris Robbins of the Tweetsie Railroad, the North Carolina Wildlife Commission, the Doe River Gorge Christian Ministry, and the Linville Depot, Jerry has arranged three days of historical memories.

Our convention will begin Friday night, June 3rd at 5:00 pm at the Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City, Tennessee. Supper will follow the business meeting. Dean Smith of Rolla, Missouri will be our

guest speaker. He will share his expertise on modeling the ET&WNC Railroad.

Saturday morning our members will have several choices of activities. At 9:00 am, in the Carnegie main meeting room and in preparation for the afternoon tour, Chris Ford will give a brief lecture on the workings of the Cranberry Mine. Convention attendees will also have the choice of attending the model train show at the Mini-Dome, touring the George L. Carter Railroad Museum, or walking some of the Tweetsie Trail. The model train show will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. Admission is five dollars. The George L. Carter Railroad museum, also on the ETSU campus, is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Construction of the ET&WNC scale model layout continues its fantastic progress.

From 1:00 to 4:00 pm, our President, Chris Ford, and a member of the North Carolina Wildlife Commission will be co-hosting a limited tour of the Cranberry mines. This tour promises to share the role that the ET&WNC Railroad played

in the production of iron in this region of North Carolina. You will be asked to sign a waiver releasing the Society in case of accidents.

Later, we will be traveling to Blowing Rock, North Carolina to enjoy our annual train ride at the Tweetsie Rail-

road. Supper will feature Daniel Boone Inn's famous Southern fried chicken and country ham.

Sunday morning, from 9:45 am to noon, will find us at Doe River Gorge for our annual train ride up to Pardee Point. After lunch on your own, the Linville

Depot in Newland, North Carolina will be our final destination for this convention. This much loved depot will be celebrating its grand opening after years of renovation. It will be 100 next year!

Jane Brady - Secretary

A Word from the President

Consider this a "Save the Date" and make your plans and reservations NOW to be with us this year at the 2016 Convention. Train shows, train rides, mine tours, excellent guest speakers, plush accommodations, rambling lectures, muddy shoes, great food, even better company, and maybe even a shorter business meeting (I hope I didn't just make that one up!) There's plenty of reasons to make this YOUR year to attend. A registration form for the convention accompanies this newsletter. The convention is a bit earlier this year, but we set our convention around Tweetsie's schedule AND the big train show in the Mini-Dome on the campus of ETSU. Hey... that's right across the street! Very convenient!

Fred Alsop tells me that he has a few of the Historical Society black polo shirts for sale, but if you want a specific size or if you'd like your name embroidered on it (or anybody's name for that matter) then he encourages us to pre-order. There's an order form included with this newsletter.

And speaking of the George L. Carter Museum, they have continued to add to their ET&WNC layout with the completion of Shell Creek (it's NICE, believe me) that was featured in *The 2015 HOn3 Annual* published late last year. Blevins Station and the Hopson Store will really complete that scene. Bring your DCC ET locomotives and rolling stock to run on the layout! Fred plans on having a goodly portion of the buildings of Cranberry started, if not completed, by the time we arrive. He is one hard workin' dude!

There'll be so much going on that you

Obituary

Mr. Steve Faw, long-time member of the ET&WNCRR Historical Society since 1989, died on December 14, 2015. He loved driving fire trucks and chasing trains. He will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

might want to come early and visit the layout on Friday. It'll be open Friday and Saturday while the Train Show is open.

We plan on having long time member Dean Smith as our guest speaker on Friday night. Dean has been modeling and operating his ET&WNC HO layout for 20 years or so and has a dynamite talk about why and how our little Railroad makes such a good operational model.

Saturday morning should start with (hopefully) getting some breakfast so that you will be fully up and going for a short lecture about the Cranberry Mine by yours truly. Might even have handouts. This is in preparation for the 1:00 mine tour. The Train Show at the Mini-Dome will be going on Friday and Saturday at 10 am, so try to visit the Train Show and/or the Museum before the mine tour.

If all goes as planned on the tour we'll have learned more about the timeline and operations of the mine during its heyday. And if you've never been to the mine, this will be a good convention to attend as we seldom get to visit the main reason that our beloved Railroad was built. Jerry really pulled some strings to

get us in and I appreciate the opportunity it will afford us to share our knowledge and the history of our Railroad of choice.

Tweetsie RR will be our last stop Saturday evening for our annual train ride and meal. Coal smoke and fried chicken! Yumm!

Speaking of yum, if you have time before or after the convention, visit the restored ET&WNC Depot in Johnson City with its new client the White Duck Taco Shop and YeeHaw Micro-Brewery. Or the renovated CC&O Depot across the street, housing one of my favorite places - Tupelo Honey Café.

And if there wasn't enough going on just with our convention, the Johnson City Blue Plum Festival will be alive and kicking downtown with thousands of folks expected to enjoy live music, craft vendors, food and drink.

You know, you might find that you'll need to juggle your time to fit in everything...but that's OK! Got your reservations at the Carnegie yet? Come on, whatcha waitin' for!!

Chris R. Faw



George L. Carter Railroad Museum TRAIN SHOW June 3-4, 2016

*On the campus of East Tennessee State University,
located in the ETSU Memorial Center "Mini-Dome."*

Enjoy more than 64,000 sq. ft. of model trains and
railroad displays in all scales. Fun for the whole family!
Refreshments available. Free parking.



Admission: \$5.00 per person
Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Located at 1081 John Robert Bell Drive, Johnson City, Tennessee

For details please visit www.etsu.edu/railroad



28th Annual ET&WNC Railroad Historical Society Convention June 3-5, 2016 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. Please give us the name of each person attending the Convention so that name badges can be made. And 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

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Johnson City, TN 37614

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*****Note - There is a 3.5% plus 15 cents processing fee added to this transaction by the card processing company. Your card will be charged \$50.93 per person.**

If you have any questions please contact Treasurer Patricia Jennings at pjdrj2006@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

+ \$5.00 for shipping

Polo Shirt with Embroidered Logo *Plus* Embroidered Name - Name adds \$5.00 to the above prices

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	
1 inch Enameled Metal Logo Pin - Green		\$5.00	
1 inch Enameled Metal Logo Pin - Red		\$5.00	

+ \$3.00 for shipping

Please check one:

I will pick up my order at the June Convention.

Please ship my order to the address below.

Shipping & Handling:
\$5.00 total for shirts - \$3.00 total for patches/pins

Mail check and this form to:
George L. Carter RR Museum
PO Box 70703
ETSU
Johnson City, TN 37614

Please make checks payable to:
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Total Enclosed _____

Your contact and shipping information:

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