

Carnegie Bound in 2014

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A Newsletter for members of the ET & WNC RR HS

The ET Times

Are you ready for some adventure and good family fun. If so have we got some adventure for you. In 2014 ET&WNCRR HS Convention, will be held in Johnson City, TN, June 27-29, 2014 at the Carnegie Hotel. The Carnegie Hotel & Spa offers a full-service Spa and fantastic dining with an Old World ambiance. A 4-Star hotel, on the edge of the ET-SU Campus, a special rate of \$89 per night has been negotiated. Forty-five rooms have been dedicated to the convention so get your reservation early.

A tentative agenda for the weekend is as follows:

- Friday Night business meeting with food catered by the Carnegie Chef
- Saturday begins with a Train show included in the price of your Registration

(a \$5.00 admission fee at the door for non convention attendees)

- Saturday evening starts with a special convention member only ride on the historic ET & WNC RR Engine at Tweetsie and concludes with dinner catered by the Daniel Boone Inn.
- Sunday takes us to the Doe River Gorge where you will be able to sit back and relax on a peaceful train ride along a portion of track on the original route Tweetsie ran for years.
- Sunday afternoon you will be able to hike over some original railroad grade of the ET & WNC or if you aren't a hiker then

join us in Avery County at the Linville Depot where you can catch up on the happenings of the museum and caboose 505.

We encourage you to bring your family. For those in the family where trains is not on the do or die list then Johnson City, TN offers you dining, shopping, adventures, history and more. A full list of things to do can be found at the [John-son](http://visitjohnsoncitytn.com/about/visitors-guide/) City Visitor Guide online (click the link underlined above or the URL is <http://visitjohnsoncitytn.com/about/visitors-guide/>). Of special note to convention attendees, not meaning to bring you (Continued on page 2)

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down or anything but remember some rules must be observed. The biggest of these rules centers around the evening at Tweetsie. Admission into the park that evening is included in your registration fee for convention attendees only and no matter what age a convention badge must be worn for entrance into the park. Only way to get a badge is to see the registration at the business meeting or make arrangements prior to the convention with the society treasurer. So if you plan to bring other family members to the evening at Tweetsie

then you must notify us prior to the convention and a special rate will be quoted for those grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, and cousins who want to join us for Saturday night although we hope they will join us all weekend and become members of our ET & WNC **RR HS family**. **Also don't forget** this is not an all day event at Tweetsie and we are only allowed in the park later in the evening a specific time will be announced with the next newsletter when you will receive your official invitation to the convention. Now that we have gotten the rules out of the way we hope to see you in June.

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.



Winter scene pictured on page 1 is courtesy of society member Cody Cagle

From the Desk of the President: Mr Johnny Graybeal



Greetings from Lenoir and I hope all is well with my fellow society members. Today I bring you an opportunity to help. The South-

east Narrow Gauge & Shortline Museum applied to the Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation for a grant to pay for trucks, couplers, and other hardware to finish the three boxcars currently being restored for display at the museum in Newton, NC. The Foundation graciously approved a grant, but stipulated that it would only match other donations received in

the fund raising campaign, up to a maximum of \$3,500, from now until March 31, 2014. Here is an opportunity to help finish ET&WNC No. 434, Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge No. 401, and Lawndale No. 313, and get them on exhibit for the public. Any donation specified for this cause given between now and the cut off date will count toward the grant. If you donated to this museum when you renewed your membership, please let LeAnn Lane know if you want your donation to count toward this effort.

I also wanted to mention the availability of Along the ET&WNC books

At the present time only three of the books are currently in print. These

are Volume 2: The Ten Wheelers; Volume 3: Depots; and Volume 6: Passenger Cars. Volumes 1, 4, 5, and the Johnson City book were available until last September and will be reprinted when enough demand has been expressed. Due to increased printing costs, each book is now \$30.00, plus \$5.00 shipping. Make checks payable to Tarheel Press and send your order to Johnny Graybeal, 3978 Callie Court, Lenoir NC 28645. Quantities are extremely limited on the volumes still available, so if you need to fill a hole in **your collection (or start one), don't** delay.



Message from your Treasurer

Just wanted to mention that if you have not paid your dues for 2013 your time is running out. You have until January 31, 2014 to get me those dues or you will not be receiving any more publications from the society. At the end of

this newsletter is a renewal for the 2014— 2015 year but this is only a notice. Dues are not due until July 1, 2014 for the upcoming year and can always be paid at the convention. If you have already paid dues for the

upcoming year then please disregard this notice. If you have questions regarding your status please feel free to contact me.

Hope everyone has a Happy New Year!!!!

HOn3 News

Johnny Graybeal

There are some interesting happenings going on in the HOn3 modeling world for ET fans. First of all, after nearly two years of development, Sergeant Engineering has finally released their HOn3 Sharon coupler. This coupler, based on Sharon couplers used by the ET&WNC, the D&RGW and others, is a smaller coupler than the main HO coupler that Sergeant has offered for some time now. They work in the same manner, but are smaller, giving any project that prototypically accurate look. Sergeant Engineering is well known in the modeling world and their products are top notch. Now those detailed kits that are out there can be finished with a visually accurate coupler. Please visit www.sergentengineering.com and follow the links to read about the Sharon Coupler. You can also contact Frank at info@sergentengineering.com or write him at Sergeant Engineering, 7620 Crestland Road, Knoxville, TN 37938

Second of all, Mount Blue Model Company has re-issued a kit of the ET&WNC 32' boxcars that they produced for Train & Trooper a few years ago, which sold out rather quickly. This laser cut wood kit incorporates the changes suggested by Society Member Larry Smith, MMR, in an article about the T&T kits. Updates include a laser etched tin style roof, two types of end fascia, three types of body bolsters, Grandt Line air cylinders, two side etching, interior detail, one piece frame, and many details. This upgraded kit sells for \$34. Visit www.mountbluemodelco.com, email them at info@mountbluemodelco.com, or write at Mount Blue Model Co, PO Box 460, White Horse Beach, MA 02381. Shipping is \$5 for one kit.

Third and finally, David Hoffman, long known for his HOn3 ET&WNC trucks and freight cars, has indicated that he has done the research to produce the ET&WNC 2-8-0s Nos. 4-6 in a composite metals offering (not

brass). At this stage of the game the ball-park figure for an engine would be \$400+. The wood cab and steel cab versions will be produced if there is enough interest. He asks that people interested in the project contact him at David Hoffman, 8682 US Highway 61 North, Woodville, MS 39669, or call him at (601) 888-3016. David does not do email. The reserve number is not high so this is probably the best opportunity to get an accurate looking ET Consolidation in HOn3 for the foreseeable future.



Did you see that Fall Color???

Curtis Brookshire

Sunday October 20, 2013 started out cold (37°), but turned into a picture perfect day at the Doe River Gorge for the annual fall excursion. Director Mark Milbourne said that 677 tickets sold for the train with the gate counting over 800 visitors. There was entertainment and activities at the lodge in addition to the ride. Fall colors were a bit early, but still beautiful.

An added attraction came from Ken Riddle, "the keeper of the tales", who kept riders entertained with his many stories from the old timers, as well as a few of his own. He is pictured telling the story of "Chicken" (Oscar) Farrell, a brakeman on a train that ran away down the grade, sending the caboose

and two boxcars into the Doe River. After searching for over an hour, the crew found him in a tree watching them, hence the nickname. Ken is living repository for ET&WNC stories.

Trains were hauled by the Gorge's Plymouth "#16", plus the speeder kept busy with overflow. No hiking on this day in the interest of safety.

Thanks to all the Gorge crew for a great day, as well as all their hard work restoring and maintaining track and equipment.



A Brief History on the beginning of the Linville River Railway

LeAnn Lane

On July 13, 1896, after three Camp brothers of Chicago landed in a large stand of white pine east of Cranberry, the Linville River Railroad was incorporated by Everette H. Camp to construct a railroad from Cranberry to the mill site at Saginaw, NC (Ferrell, 1979). Construction began on the railroad that summer and after the initial grading had begun, construction activity ceased (Ferrell, 1979). The word was that the Camps had either run out of money or just lost interest in the railroad (Ferrell, 1979).

Fortunately a lumber baron by the name of William M. Ritter out of Welch, WV picked up interest in the area and in 1898 all of the Camp Brother's property was sold to Ritter and his associates (Ferrell, 1979). The following year Isaac T Mann and William M Ritter incorporated the Linville River Railway in Mitchell County, NC and a new line was projected from Cranberry to Pineola (Ferrell, 1979).

In April of 1899, the track was being laid

and was projected to be completed by the middle of May. After track was laid to Pineola, crews began to extend the line into the mountains snaking out in five different directions (Ferrell, 1979). Several locomotives were brought in and an old coach to provide passenger service on the Railway.

By 1912, the Pineola mill had cut most of the readily available timber and the Ritter loggers began looking elsewhere for lumber, leaving the Linville River Railway of little importance to The WM Ritter Lumber Company (Ferrell, 1979)

. Then on August 1, 1913 the ET &WNC Railroad purchased the LRR and sent Cy Crumley over to rebuild the 12 miles of narrow gauge between the Cranberry Mine and Pineola (Ferrell, 1979)

Reference

Ferrell, M. H. (1979). *Tweetsie Country: The East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad*.



From the personal collection of LeAnn Lane



Here's Chester Ford posing with the Linville River Climax. This isn't the Black Satchel but a larger, more powerful logging locomotive. This is probably about 1915, between Cranberry and Linville Gap. (Courtesy of the Cy Crumley Scrapbook)



Cy Crumley at Shull Mills, NC 1916 (Courtesy of the Cy Crumley Scrapbook)



Linville River Trestle, around 1911 (Courtesy of the Cy Crumley Scrapbook)

Cy Crumley Scrapbook can be found online at <http://www.johnsonsdspot.com/crumley/tour3a.htm>

Dates to Remember

Jan 20th: Martin Luther King Day

Feb 2nd: Ground Hog Day

Feb 7th: National Wear Red Day

Feb 14th: Valentines Day

Feb 17th: President's Day

March 3rd: Read Across America Day

Mar 9th: Daylight Savings Time Starts

Mar 7th: St Patricks Day

Mar 20th: March Equinox

Dues Renewal Form

East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad Historical Society

Dues & Donations Form

2014 — 2015

Name: _____

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This is just a notice of renewal. Dues are not due until July 1st. If you have already paid for the 2014—2015 year please disregard this notice. A renewal notice will be sent with each newsletter for the current year or the following year. Reminder dues are not due until July 1, 2014. This is just a notice.

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			
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