

# SAVE THE DATE!



**T**he Roanoke Chapter, National Railway Historical Society announces **Fall Foliage Amtrak excursions** from Roanoke!

On the weekend of November 5 and 6, riders have the chance to ride the rails in our area again. In cooperation with Amtrak and Norfolk Southern, we will operate two round-trip excursions.

On Saturday, November 5, 2011, we will be headed out to one of our most popular destinations ever; Abingdon, Virginia. Our excursion train will depart the former N&W passenger station and climb Christiansburg Mountain then across the scenic highlands via Radford, Pulaski, Rural Retreat and Wytheville before arrival in Abingdon. There are lots of options on arrival including lunch at one of several restaurants, perhaps a visit to the local art gallery in the former station or even a visit to the famed Barter Theatre. The train will operate on to Bristol before returning, riders have the option of staying onboard for the additional ride.

On Sunday, November 6, 2011, this time we are bound for Bluefield, West Virginia, climbing Christiansburg Mountain, rolling along the New River Valley then climbing the grade into Bluefield. After a layover of several hours to experience the local

sights, sounds and food, passengers will board the train to return to Roanoke. Bluefield has always been a hugely popular destination for our trips.

Want to be a part of this historic event? We expect to have full information available sometime in mid summer. Send a stamped, self-addressed business sized envelope to:

**Amtrak Excursions, Roanoke Chapter NRHS  
P.O. Box 13222  
Roanoke, VA 24032**

Postal Service not quick enough? We'll email out a PDF to all those on our mailing list just as soon as it is finalized for the printer. Just send an email with "2011 Amtrak Excursion" in the subject line to [Terrapin66@cox.net](mailto:Terrapin66@cox.net) and we'll send the PDF. We also expect to have information on our website:

**[www.RoanokeNRHS.org](http://www.RoanokeNRHS.org)**

The PDF will be posted as soon as possible.

These trips are the major fund raiser for Roanoke Chapter National Railway Historical Society a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation of rail history in Western Virginia.

***Please note: at this date, these trips are considered tentative, as we have not received confirmation from either Amtrak or Norfolk Southern. Destinations and exact dates could possibly change.***

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