

SAVE THE DATE! November 10-11, 2012



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The Roanoke Chapter, National Railway Historical Society announces *Amtrak excursions* from Roanoke!

On Veteran's Day Weekend of November 10 and 11, riders have the chance to ride the rails once again. In cooperation with Amtrak and Norfolk Southern, we will operate two round-trip excursions.

On Saturday, November 10, 2012, 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 11, 2012, we return to the scenic Shenandoah Valley of Virginia as we travel to Shenandoah, Virginia. The Valley is steeped in history from the earliest Valley Road migration southward to the Civil War, not to mention the

fantastic vistas outside the train window. While we don't expect any fall foliage at this point, the lack of leaves should provide far better views of the mountains, rivers and valleys.

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 "2012 Amtrak Excursion" in the subject line to Terrapin66@cox.net and we'll send the PDF. We also expect to have information on our website:

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 could possibly change.

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