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RAILROAD HERITAGE DAY

SEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS COUNTRY BY THE RAILROADS

Bonsal, NC – 15 May 2007 – The *New Hope Valley Railway* will be operating on Sunday, 3 June 2007, and showing off our pride in our long history and heritage in the development of the State of North Carolina and the nation in general. Starting as a small lumber-hauling railroad just over a century ago, the NHVRy has developed into a major tourist attraction in the state, and a source of learning and information for our children. We now take some time to celebrate that legacy, and display our ancestry.

Join us for a look back to a time not so long ago in the days when life moved at a different pace, and railroads were both transportation and high-technology rolled into one. When the track we use was originally built, fully one person out of every ten in the entire nation worked for a railroad in some capacity. Come share a look at that time with us and your family. Our North Carolina Railroad Museum will have special exhibits to show how things used to be, and that makes a great history lesson to pass on to our children. You might even remember those days yourself, and this is your opportunity to share what it was like with those around you.

The *New Hope Valley Railway* operates the first Sunday of each month from May through November, and both Saturday and Sunday the first two weekends in December. Each operating day has five trains for round trips over four and a half miles (nine miles total run) of track in Chatham and Wake counties. The ticket office opens at 10:00AM each operating day, and trains depart the depot at 11:00AM, 12:15PM, 1:30PM, 2:45PM, and 4:00PM. Tickets are available to the public at the ticket office in Bonsal, NC (just south of Apex, NC) at a fare of \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Exhibits at the museum include a number of cars and locomotives, a collection of historic memorabilia, and a six-hundred foot garden size model railway. Visitors are encouraged to visit our website (WWW.NHVRY.ORG) for further information, schedules, and detailed directions to the facility. Alternatively, they may call +1-919-362-5416 to speak with the yardmaster on duty.

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About the East Carolina Chapter NRHS:

The East Carolina Chapter NRHS is a non-profit [501(c)(3)] organization dedicated to the preservation of the history and heritage of North Carolina. This is accomplished through the operation of the *North Carolina Railroad Museum* at Bonsal, NC, an operating museum, running the *New Hope Valley Railway* with both diesel and steam locomotives. The organization maintains no paid staff, with all operations conducted by member volunteers, giving their time and effort in a skilled and professional manner. Please visit our website (WWW.NHVRY.ORG) or call +1-919-362-5416 for further information.