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NEW HOPE VALLEY DOUBLE-HEADED THUNDER TICKET PACKAGES SPECIAL TICKETS FOR RAILFANS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

Bonsal, NC – 1 August 2007 – The *New Hope Valley Railway* (NHV) announced special ticket pricing for its unique ***Double-Headed Thunder!*** event in November. The event will bring a second 0-4-0T tank engine, known as *Flagg Coal Company #75*, to the NHV, pairing up #75 with NHV #17, as a double-header combination, operating over two weekends. This event will provide four thrilling days of railroading to the public.

Regular tickets will be on sale at the Bonsal Depot the days of the event at a fare of \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children three to twelve years old. A special *Railfan Package* will also be available at a fare of \$20.00 per person, providing railroad enthusiasts and photographers with:

- A special collectable commemorative ticket stub,
- Preferred seating in Car #200 (no roof) for the best view of the locomotives from the train,
- Special transportation to unique photo locations accessible only by rail,
- and advice and assistance from noted, award-winning Fine Art Photographer Tim Telkamp.

This special *Railfan Package* will be available for advance sale at the Bonsal Depot Ticket Office on Sunday, 2 September, and a number of other retail outlets soon after that. Please see our website (WWW.NHVRY.ORG) soon for a full listing of these stores.

The *New Hope Valley Railway* will operate the all-steam ***Double-Headed Thunder!*** event over two consecutive weekends. Operations will be held on 3, 4, 10, and 11 November 2007, with trains departing the Bonsal Depot on the regular schedule at 11:00AM, 12:15PM, 1:30PM, 2:45PM, and 4:00PM each operating day. The two tank engines will be operated in tandem to pull the *New Hope Valley Railway* passenger trains on those operating days, providing a unique experience for all riders.

The *New Hope Valley Railway* operates regularly each month from May through December. The ticket office opens at 10:00AM, and trains depart at 11:00AM, 12:15PM, 1:30PM, 2:45PM, and 4:00PM. Exhibits include historic and heritage cars and locomotives, a collection of memorabilia, and a six-hundred foot garden railway. Visit our website (WWW.NHVRY.ORG) for further information, schedules, and detailed directions, or call 919-362-5416.

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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.