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Chattanooga Rails 2007

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National Railway Historical Society

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Welcome to Chattanooga Rails 2007

Pardon me, boy...

Is that the Chattanooga Choo Choo? Track twenty-nine Harry Warren 1941

Ever since Glen Miller and his Orchestra popularized the “Chattanooga Choo Choo” back in 1941 in “Sun Valley Serenade,” there has been a certain mystique that has become associated with the City of Chattanooga, Terminal Station, and the entire railroad system in the area. The song was written by Mack Gordon and Harry Warren while traveling on the Southern Railway’s “Birmingham Special” train. The song tells the story of traveling from New York City to Chattanooga by train. While that is not possible today, you will have the opportunity to catch the spirit and enthusiasm of Chattanooga during the National Railway Historical Society’s 2007 Convention in Chattanooga. The headquarters hotel will be the Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn which contains the original Terminal Station in Chattanooga. The area is rich in railroad, Civil War, and southern history. Come experience and enjoy real Southern Hospitality and see and ride historic trains from the past.

The Convention this year is being conducted by a committee representing the National organization, and not any one Chapter. The committee believes that they have put together an interesting, informative, and exciting program for the Convention. Three major excursions are planned, and one of those will involve steam. In addition, a day will be spent exploring the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, complete with a Shop Tour. A series of educational seminars is planned for Friday and evening movies and discussions are planned.

Chattanooga offers a wide variety of family activities which range from visiting the world-famous Tennessee Aquarium downtown to the Rock City and Ruby Falls attractions on top of Lookout Mountain.

We hope that you will decide to join us in Chattanooga in August. The following pages provide program details and the information that you will need for ordering event tickets and making reservations at the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Please act promptly to avoid disappointment as many of the events have limited capacity.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Chattanooga.

Larry Klingbeil
Co-Chair

Wesley F. Ross
Co-Chair



Photo courtesy David Hayes

Schedule Board



*All times are
Eastern Daylight*

Monday, August 20

- Registration 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Crystal Room
- Bus to meet Amtrak Train#19 Westbound *Crescent* in Atlanta
- Movies– Gainesville Midland, N&W Robert Soule, III 7:30 p.m. Centennial Theatre

Tuesday, August 21

- Registration 6:00 a.m. to noon & 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Crystal Room
- Hiwassee Loop Trip Buses leave for Gee Creek at 7:45 a.m. near Hotel 1. Return approximately 7:00 p.m.
Boarding site is NOT handicap accessible.
- Southern Lumber Roads by Wes Ross and Mitch Dakelman 7:30 p.m. Centennial Theatre
- *Tuesday Night Photo Session (identical to Wednesday Night Session)
Bus leaves at 9:00 p.m. near Hotel 1

Wednesday, August 22

- Registration 6:00 a.m. to noon & 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Crystal Room
- Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad Trip **RARE MILEAGE** Buses leave for Blue Ridge, Ga. at 7:45 a.m. near Hotel 1. Boarding site is NOT handicap accessible
Return by bus from Tate, Ga at approximately 7:00 p.m.
- Aquatic Adventures (Duck Tour, Tennessee Aquarium, Behind the Scenes tour) Leave at 9:00 a.m. near Hotel 1
Return on your own via electric bus
- Meet the Officers 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Rose Garden

- Movies from the NRHS Collection by Mitch Dakelman 8:00 p.m. Centennial Theatre
- At-Large Members meeting Finley Lecture Hall 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Photo Session (identical to Tuesday Night Session)
Bus leaves at 9:00 p.m. near Hotel 1

Thursday, August 23

- Registration 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Crystal Room
- Two identical Rail Activities. Two groups will be used due to limited seating **RARE MILEAGE** Boarding site for train is NOT handicap accessible.
 - ˆ Group A RDC trip on TAG line leaves from hotel at 9:00 a.m. Return approximately noon Buses to TVRM for shop/museum tour leave at 1:30 p.m. return approximately 4:30 p.m.
 - ˆ Group B Buses to TVRM for shop/museum tour leave 9:00 a.m. return approximately noon. RDC trip on the TAG line leaves from hotel at 1:30 p.m. return approximately 4:30 p.m.
- Civil War Battlefield Tour and trip on Lookout Mountain Incline. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. Bus loads near Hotel 1. Return approximately 4:30 p.m.
- Southern Belle Riverboat Dinner Cruise. Buses leave at 6:00 p.m. near Hotel 1 Return approximately 10 p.m.
- NRHS Film Presentation by Mitch Dakelman in Centennial Theatre 8:00 p.m.

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Friday, August 24

- Registration 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Crystal Room
- Seminars
 - * 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Finley Lecture Hall "Chattanooga Railroads in the 1940's" by Louis Newton
 - * 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Finley Lecture Hall "Once I built a Railroad" by Robert Soule, III.
 - * 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Finley Lecture Hall Fernley & Fernley presentation
- NRHS Directors Meeting Finley Lecture Hall 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- NRHS Membership Meeting Finley Lecture Hall 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Social Hour Reception Hall 6:00 p.m.

to 7:00 p.m.
• Banquet in the Imperial Ballroom 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 25

- Registration 6:00 a.m. to noon .& 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Crystal Room
- Summerville, Ga. Steam Powered Round Trip Boarding will be at the Choo Choo and departure time is 7:45 a.m. Return approximately 6:00 p.m.
Boarding site is NOT handicap accessible

Sunday, August 26

- Bus to Atlanta Amtrak Station leaves at 1:00 p.m. near Hotel 1. to meet Amtrak #20 the *Crescent*



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Registration and Ticketing

Registration

Everyone attending Chattanooga Rails 2007 must register in order to purchase tickets. The non-refundable registration fee covers the registrant and immediate family living at the same address. The registration fee entitles the member household to one registration package. NRHS members who have paid the pre-registration fee are registered. If you did not pre-register the registration fee is \$25. The registration fee for non-members is \$50. Non-members may not register until July 15.

Registration Room

The registration desk for Chattanooga Rails 2007 will be located in the Crystal Room of the Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn, Chattanooga, Tennessee. The room is located on the left after you enter at the front of the hotel. Please see the Schedule Board on Pages 3 and 4 for registration room hours. Your tickets and registration packet will be given to you at the registration desk.

Ticket Ordering

A separate ticket order form is enclosed with the convention brochure. Additional order forms may be downloaded from the Web site, or requested by email, phone, or mail.

Orders will be accepted by U.S. Mail and express services (FedEx, UPS, etc.) only, at the address listed below. Ticket orders will be processed in order of date received. Ticket orders for members who paid the pre-registration fee will be processed beginning April 23. Ticket orders for other NRHS members will be processed beginning May 23. Ticket orders for non members will be processed beginning July 15.

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Chattanooga Rails 2007 cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail. No email, fax or telephone orders will be accepted.

Please complete all information on the order form. Convention attendees may be required to sign a waiver of liability for certain events.

Payment may be made by personal check, money order, VISA®, or MasterCard™. Make checks or money orders payable to **Chattanooga Rails 2007**. DO NOT SEND CASH.

Mail ticket order forms to:

Chattanooga Rails 2007
2025 Zumbahl Road
PMB 87
St. Charles, MO 63303-2723

An order confirmation will be mailed for orders received through August 12, 2007. All tickets will be held for pickup at the registration desk, except tickets for August 20 Pre-Convention Bus (Event 2001) which will be mailed in advance of the convention. Tickets are required for all events, whether or not a fee is charged, unless otherwise noted in this brochure.

Lost tickets will not be replaced. **All tickets are non-refundable.** Refunds for canceled activities, should such be necessary, will be processed as quickly as possible after the convention.

Registration and Ticketing

If there is a problem with your ticket order or confirmation, please contact us by email at [**rail@chattrails.com**](mailto:rail@chattrails.com) or by phone at 636-928-6634. This number has voicemail in case you do not reach a Chattanooga Rails 2007 staff member. Please leave a message with your evening phone number and your call will be returned promptly. Note: no orders will be accepted by phone or email.

Capacity is limited for many events. Order early to avoid disappointment. If you order for an event that is sold out, fees paid for that event will be returned to you or not charged to your credit card. Ticket availability status will be posted on the convention Web site [**www.chattrails.com**](http://www.chattrails.com) and will be in the recorded message on the Chattanooga Rails answering machine prior to the convention. Ticket status will be available at the registration desk during the convention.

General Event Information

Bus or shuttle transportation will be provided from the Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn to every off site event. Trains will leave from and return to the Chattanooga Choo Choo for Events 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506.

Please remember that the times given in the event descriptions are approximate and subject to change. Schedules and routings are subject to change without notice. NRHS Chattanooga Rails 2007 and the carriers reserve the right to substitute any equipment, including motive power, without advance notice. Such changes are not just cause for a refund.

The individual train event descriptions describe the classes of service offered for that event.

Conditions

The National Railway Historical Society, Inc. acts solely as an agent for the attendees with respect to rail transportation, food services and other services offered, and as such holds itself free of liability for any injury, delay, loss, or damage from any cause whatsoever, in tort, contract or any other means.

Schedules and routings are subject to change without advance notice. The carriers reserve to themselves the right to substitute any equipment, including motive power, without prior notice to attendees. No refunds will be made should substitution of either motive power or equipment be deemed to be necessary by the operating carriers.

To the extent that convention trains are operated with historic equipment, potential passengers are hereby advised and warned that such equipment does not meet current standards for accessibility for disabled or handicapped persons, nor does it comply with current accessibility standards. Passengers purchasing or otherwise accepting tickets to ride on convention trains which consist exclusively of this equipment are hereby notified that such equipment will not accommodate a standard wheelchair nor are accessible restroom facilities available.

This equipment is not required to be accessible under the applicable laws of the United States.

Potential passengers, by purchasing or accepting tickets for excursions where such equipment is operated, disclaim any liability on the part of Chattanooga Rails 2007 or the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. for inability to disembark the train or car in any emergency. Potential passengers further agree that all risk due to limited ability to ingress or egress in case of such emergency from the train or any car thereof in an emergency or any other circumstance is solely that of the potential passenger. Potential passengers hereby disclaim any liability on the part of Chattanooga Rails 2007 or the National Railway Historical Society, Inc., in tort, in contract, or otherwise for potential passenger's inability to ingress or egress in case of emergency.

Conditions

Chattanooga Rails 2007 is unable to accommodate the physically challenged at many events. Because of the use of historic equipment, visits to non-public shop facilities and operation of special trains with boarding, photo runbys and destinations at other than regular stations, the facilities, trips and events may not be handicapped accessible. Physically challenged convention attendees should consult with the ticket agent as to the accessibility of any event. Furthermore, when making your hotel reservations, please advise the hotel of any special needs you may have. Chattanooga Rails 2007 is not responsible for lack of accessibility, and any consequence flowing therefrom.

For events where meals are provided, those with special dietary needs must specify the need in the space provided on the order form. Chattanooga Rails 2007 will make every reasonable effort to comply with your requests, but cannot guarantee they will be satisfied.

Attendees not complying with instructions from the staff of the operating railroad, other carriers or participating organizations are subject to removal from any train, bus, facility or event. No refund will be made in such cases.

Attendees may be required to present photographic identification at certain events. Attendees will be required to execute waivers of liability for injury or other results at certain events. By purchasing or accepting tickets, or accepting transportation of any sort whatsoever, attendees agree to legally execute such waivers. Participation in such events is conditional upon execution of these waivers and no refund will be made in the event that an attendee declines for any reason whatsoever to execute the requested waiver or to present identification.

The staff of Chattanooga Rails 2007 will make every effort to make your attendance at this year's convention a pleasant and enjoyable experience.

Conditions

Smoking is not permitted aboard the buses, on the trains or at any other convention event. Alcoholic beverages may not be brought on any train or bus, or to any convention event. All convention attendees must be able to board and alight from trains, walk moderate distances (including on uneven ground), and maneuver at events without assistance based on the events in which you elect to participate.

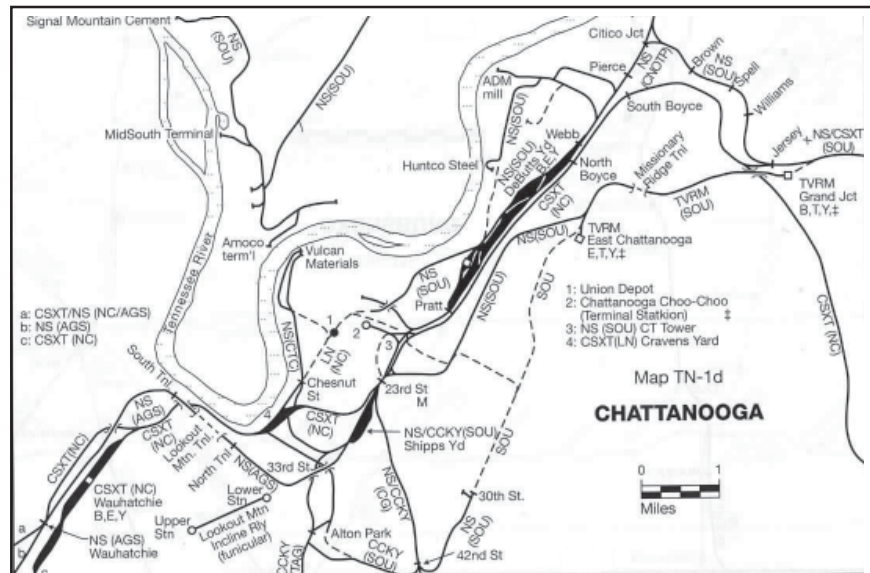
A \$35 fee will be assessed for checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

Information in this brochure was accurate as of press time. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to make any necessary changes. Updates will be provided upon check-in at the convention registration desk, or during the convention. Such changes are not just cause for a refund.



Photo courtesy of Dawn Holmberg
**TVRM #610 making a reverse
move**

Railroad Map of Chattanooga area



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Today Chattanooga is served by two Class 1 Railroads, Norfolk Southern (former Southern Railway lines) and CSX (former Louisville & Nashville— nee Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad). NS lines from Birmingham, Memphis, Knoxville and Atlanta enter from all directions. CSX lines from Nashville and Atlanta enter from the southwest and south. Other railroads which served Chattanooga included the Central of Georgia and the Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia railroads. Today, a local short line, Chattooga and Chickamauga Railroad (CCKY) operates the former Central of Georgia line to Summerville, Ga and the former Tennessee, Alabama & Georgia Railroad (TAG) to Hedge, Ga. The main CSX yard is Wauhatchie and the main NS yard is DeButts. Passenger trains of the L&N (N.C.& St.L) and TAG used Union Depot while the passenger trains of Southern Railway and Central of Georgia used Terminal Station. The last scheduled passenger train to serve Chattanooga was the L&N's *Georgian* which operated between St. Louis and Atlanta until the formation of Amtrak in May 1971.

Chattanooga's rail heritage

Boy, you can give me a shine.

I can afford to board a Chattanooga Choo-Choo

The NRHS Convention Committee would like to say “thank you” for deciding to attend this year’s National Railway Historical Society Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

You are going to enjoy a week long convention packed with rail excursions, seminars, movies, presentations and non-rail activities in a perfect setting, Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn, the former Terminal Station which served passenger trains for 60 years. There is a model train exhibit and a trolley line in the complex as well as former passenger cars now serving as static overnight accommodations. After the Civil War, industrial development made Chattanooga “The Dynamo of Dixie.” In the height of railroad activities in the

1920s, Chattanooga was served by nine railroads, one electric inter-urban line and a trolley line.

Chattanooga is a city with a fantastic railroad heritage. The first railroad into the Tennessee River Valley came from the south, the Western and Atlantic Railroad, built and owned by the State of Georgia. The first train arrived in Chattanooga on December 1, 1849 and regular service commenced the following year.

The first railroad station was built at the corner of Ninth and Market streets. Soon this facility

was outgrown and a Car Shed was built one block west at Ninth and Broad streets. The cost of this passenger station was shared by the Western and Atlantic, the Nashville and Chattanooga and Memphis and Charleston railroads. A fourth line, East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad, used it after a branch was built to the city. The Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad began operation between the two cities on November 11, 1854.



Photo courtesy David Hayes

Graves of James J. Andrews and seven other raiders who were hanged for their action during the Civil War and are buried around a monument in the National Cemetery in Chattanooga.

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In 1858, the N & C signed a contract with the Memphis and Charleston Railroad to connect at Stevenson, Alabama and operate into Chattanooga, an arrangement which still continues today between CSX and NS.

Chattanooga's strategic location with so many railroad lines made it a potential target for Union forces during the Civil War. The most notable was the Andrews Raid of April, 1862, when a Union spy, James Andrews, with a small Union force, stole the locomotive "General" at Big Shanty, Ga. Confederate forces on the locomotive "Texas" pursued along the Western & Atlantic line, and captured the thieves. This event has been immortalized and became known as the "Great Locomotive Chase" or "The General" in book and film versions.

In 1882, the Western and Atlantic Railroad was leased to the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway. This lease has been continued by its successor owners, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and CSX Transportation.

During the railroad building boom era from 1836 to 1860, other railroads were built into the southeastern Tennessee region. These new lines would make Chattanooga a junction point and thus a target by Northern forces. The East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad was chartered in July of 1836 to build a line from Knoxville to connect with the Western and Atlantic Railroad in Georgia. The line bypassed Chattanooga on purpose as the company officials felt Chattanooga would never be more than a river town. In 1859 a branch was completed from Cleveland to Chattanooga. The East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad merged with the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad

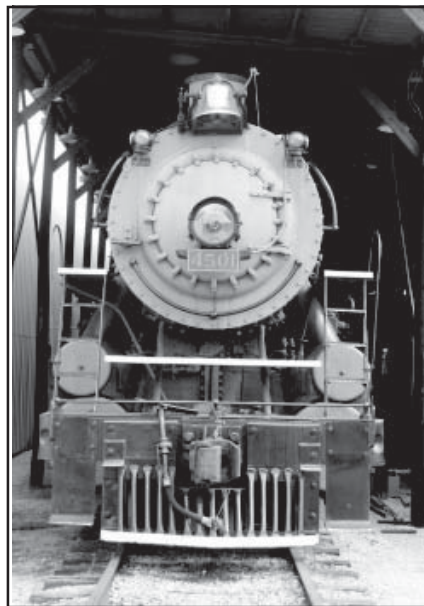


Photo courtesy David Hayes
Southern Railway's #4501, a Mikado, was used in freight service and then the steam powered excursions on Southern and Norfolk Southern railroads. It is now stored at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum in Chattanooga.

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creating the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad (ETV&G). This line acquired the lease of the Memphis and Charleston.

In 1881, the Memphis and Charleston was absorbed by the ETV&G. This resulted in the construction of a second downtown railroad station because of traffic flow. The Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad's freight depot on Market Street was renovated and opened in 1888 as Central Passenger Depot. It was used by those two railroads and the Cincinnati Southern.

The Cincinnati Southern Railway, whose right-of-way is owned by the Ohio city, was completed between Cincinnati and Chattanooga in 1880 over a 336 mile route which featured 27 tunnels, and 105 bridges. The next year it was leased to the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway Company (CNO&TP). Combined with the Alabama Great Southern Railway (AGS), it became known as the Queen and Crescent Route linking Cincinnati and New Orleans. Both railroads were eventually taken over by the Southern Railway System.

The Central of Georgia line from Griffin, Georgia, reached Chattanooga in 1888. It was acquired by Southern Railway in 1969. Portions of the line were abandoned to eliminate duplicate routes with the AGS and TAG. Today the line between Chattanooga and Summersville, Georgia is operated by the Chattooga and Chickamauga Railroad and hosts excursions by the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum.

The last railroad in the area was built from Chattanooga, instead of to Chattanooga. In an effort to become the steel center of the South, a rail line was needed to access the iron ore deposits near Gadsden, Alabama. Construction on the Chattanooga Southern was begun in 1887 and completed in 1891. In 1911, the line was reorganized and named the Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia Railroad (TAG). This 91 mile line was purchased by Southern Railway in 1972 and the mid portion was abandoned around 1980. A portion of it from Chattanooga to Hedge, Ga. is still in existence.

Chattanooga Attractions

What to see and do while in the Chattanooga Area

For more information contact Chattanooga Area Convention & Visitors bureau: 800-322-3344 or www.chattanoogaofun.com

The National Railway Historical Society does not specifically endorse any attraction herein, and is not responsible in any way for their conduct and offerings.

Chattanooga, Tennessee today has a population of 155,000 and began in 1815 as a trading post on the Tennessee River near what is now Ross's Landing. What was described as one of the dirtiest cities in America, Chattanooga has had a complete change. The riverfront area has been revitalized to include 129 acres of footpaths, pedestrian bridges and a 160-foot lighted pier extending into the river. There are new shopping areas which have developed in former warehouse areas.

Tennessee Aquarium, One Broad St 1-800-262-0695 www.tennesseeaquarium.com. This is the world's largest freshwater aquarium. Contains IMAX® 3D theatre Open daily 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The English Rose Authentic British Tea Room & Shop, 1401 Market St, across from the Choo-Choo, 423-265-5900 Ranked as one of the county's top teahouses. Open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Rock City Gardens, 5 miles SW. on Lookout Mountain, take Tenn. SR 58 and GA SR 157. 706-820-2531 www.seerockcity.com A "city" of natural rock formations. Open daily at 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ruby Falls, 3 mi. S. on Lookout Mountain Scenic Hwy (SR 148). 423-821-2544 www.rubyfalls.com A cave filled with stalactites, stalagmites, columns and flowstone. Highlight is a 145 ft underground waterfall. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lookout Mountain Incline Railway, St. Elmo Ave about 3 mi. S. near SR 58 S. 423-821-4224 One of the steepest railways in the world, its gradient reaches 72.7 percent. Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Chattanooga Regional History Museum, 400 Chestnut St. 423-265-3247 A large collection of photographs and changing exhibits. Open Mon-Fri. 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sat-Sun 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Raccoon Mountain Caverns, 319 W. Hills Dr., 800-823-2267, www.raccoonmountain.com. Noted for an incredible array of natural formations. Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park—straddles the Georgia-Tennessee border, contains 9,000 acres. Commemorates the 1863 battles. Chickamauga Visitor Center is on U.S. 27 near the N. end of the park and is open daily 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Visitor Center is free. Multimedia presentation \$3; over age 62 (with Golden Age Passport, Golden Access Passport or National Parks Pass) and ages 6-16 \$1.50

Point Park -located on Lookout Mountain, 110 Point Park Rd. (Same entrance fee as Chickamauga). Park open daily 9:00 a.m. to dusk.

Battles for Chattanooga Electric map & Museum, 1110 East Brow Road, Lookout Mountain, walk down the street from the Incline Railway Station across from Point Park. 423-821-2812 www.battlesforchattanooga.com
Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Chattanooga Nature Center—is 4.5 mi. E. on US41/SR11 S. of old Wauhatchie Rd., then S. to 400 Garden Rd. 423-821-1160. The center displays the area's flora and fauna and educates the public about the environment. Open Mon.-Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Creative Discovery Museum—is .1 mi E. of US27 exit 1C at 321 Chestnut St. 423-756-2738. Hands-on exhibits are geared for children under age 13. Open daily 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A.C. Kalmbach Memorial Library National Model Railroad Association—4121 Cromwell Rd., adjacent to the TVRM's Grand Jct. Station. 423-894-8144 www.nmra.org/library. Contains display, model train layout, library. Open Mon.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sat. noon-4:00 p.m.

Chattanooga African American /Bessie Smith Hall, 200 E. Martin Luther King Blvd., 423-266-8658 www.caamhistory.com Boasts a rare collection of African artifacts, original sculpture, paintings and musical recordings. Open Mon.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sat. noon-4:00 p.m.

International Towing and Recovery Hall of Fame and Museum—3315 Broad St. 423-267-3132. The museum displays restored antique tow trucks, industry-related collectible toys, tools, equipment and pictorial histories of manufacturers. Open Mon. - Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 11:00 am. to 5:00 p.m.

Chattanooga Choo-Choo *Convention hotel*



Photo courtesy David Hayes

History of Terminal Station

An interesting bit of history surrounds the architectural drawings and specifications chosen for Terminal Station. In the year 1900, the greatest school of art, Beaux Arts Institute, was located in Paris, France. The students themselves offered a prize that year, open to all individuals in the architectural department, for the best plans which could be drawn up for a railroad station suitable for the needs of a large city. A flood of plans were drawn up by interested students and soon railroad stations of every shape and size, big, little, round and square, were presented. The winner was an American, Don Barber, of New York City.

In 1904, when the president of the Southern Railway System decided to build a new passenger terminal in Chattanooga, one architect who offered an entry was none other than this same Mr. Barber. When the Southern Railway president saw Mr. Barber's design, he was much impressed and summoned the gentleman to his office. He said he felt the exterior plans were perfect but asked Barber if he could possibly alter the interior design to conform with the interior of the then fashionable National Park Bank of New York City. This young man agreed; and Chattanooga's Terminal Station became a combination of the plans which won Barber the first prize at the Paris Beaux Arts Institute and of the famous New York bank, which had been admired by visitors from all over the world.

Chattanooga Choo-Choo

The property changed hands in 1905, when Southern Railway acquired it for \$71,500. The railway leveled the neglected old hotel, the Stanton House, in 1906 to make way for a new passenger station. The Terminal Station was erected in 1908, with its centerpiece - a magnificent dome that



Photo courtesy David Hayes
Lobby of the Choo Choo

rose majestically over the concourse. Built of steel and concrete and buttressed by huge brick arches, the dome rested on four steel supports 75 feet apart. Suspended from the ceiling were four brass chandeliers, each with 40 lights circling an 18-inch opal globe. From an architectural standpoint, this dome over the entire 68 x 82 foot general waiting room was the most attractive design feature of its time.

It was on the underside of this dome, the part in view above the waiting room, that the only attempt to decorate in colors was made — artistic plaster embellishments of heraldic emblems, which are now fully restored. The dome was truly lavish and beautiful in its different prismatic colors, especially when lighted at night.

On the bitterly cold winter morning of December 1, 1909, a crowd of several hundred gathered in the 1400 block of Market Street for the dedication of Chattanooga's "Gateway" - Terminal Station, and the first train pulled into the station that day. The depot grew to serve nearly 50 passenger trains a day. Over the years, the bustling terminal greeted Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Franklin Roosevelt.

Passenger train traffic slowed to a near halt in the 1960's with the dominance of auto and air travel. Railway activity was replaced by these faster modes of transportation.

Almost 61 years after the opening, the grand old building was closed to the public when the last train, #18 the *Birmingham Special*, left the station on August 11, 1970. Doors and windows were boarded up, and Southern Railway vacated the entire building.

Chattanooga Choo-Choo

The Terminal Station seemed destined for the similar fate of Union Station (parts of which were built before the Civil War) at the center of town, which was demolished in 1973. But Terminal Station was saved from the wrecking ball by a group of local businessmen who were inspired by the theme of the “Chattanooga Choo Choo.” They invested \$4 million before its new grand opening on April 11, 1973, and the beautiful Terminal Station once again opened its doors to welcome visitors to Chattanooga - this time as a unique



Photo courtesy David Hayes

vacation complex. With its listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, the Chattanooga Choo Choo is considered one of the city’s first historic preservation projects.

The terminal’s dome room was converted into a huge dining hall. The area that once housed the baggage room became the “Station House,” a restaurant with singing waiters and waitresses. A trolley car traveled the tracks behind the station, and retail shops opened

along formal gardens in the former rail concourse. Authentic rail cars, once a refuge for wealthy travelers, were lavishly furnished as unique sleeping quarters. A hotel and convention center completed the complex.

In 1989, a group of Chattanooga investors, known as Choo Choo Partners, Ltd., brought new management and invested another \$4 million plus dollars in renovations to the complex. The hotel was welcomed into the Holiday Inn family, assuring Choo Choo guests of superior, affordable accommodations. The Chattanooga Choo Choo, famous in history and song, is now a magnificently restored structure for all to enjoy. Today there is again the bustle that was so familiar in the railroad days.

Amenities

The rooms in our three hotel buildings offer spacious accommodations to suit the corporate traveler or the vacationing family. All hotel room provide wireless high speed internet, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, and a voice mail system.

Chattanooga Choo-Choo

Non-smoking rooms are available upon request. You can choose a room with a king size bed or a room with two double beds for the family. Some rooms adjoin, so ask the reservations agent for availability.

Sleep aboard an authentic train car! Traveling across the nation by private railroad car was the height of luxury in the early 1900's. The railroading excitement of a bygone era is still present onboard one of the 48 Victorian train cars at the Chattanooga Choo Choo complex. Where else can you overnight in a beautifully restored Victorian train car? Only the very rich could afford a private car in 1900, but today the train cars are tastefully decorated and available for many of the guests. Although you may be reminded of a past era while staying aboard the rail cars,

you will have all of today's conveniences. □ All train cars offer DSL internet access. Due to the metal construction of the traincars, the wireless signal is unable to transmit. □ Each car includes a queen size bed, and some cars also have a daybed with a pull out trundle bed. The only thing missing from your night in a Victorian Train Car is the "clickety-clack" of the rails!

The luxurious suites invite a gathering of friends, families, or business associates. A typical suite in hotel building three has a king size bed, a table with four chairs, a sofa and loveseat, a wet bar, and a refrigerator. The deluxe bathroom contains a jacuzzi, a separate shower, and an over-sized vanity with two sinks. The hospitality suites offer a spacious sitting area, conference table, wet bar, and a refrigerator along with the same deluxe bathroom. Step outside your suite to enjoy a beautiful view of the pool, hot tub, and gardens. In Hotel Building One you can be a host in the Glenn Miller Suite. This hospitality suite is unique to the Choo Choo property and perfect for a social gathering. All suites have adjoining bedrooms available.

Chattanooga Southern

Built by the members of the Chattanooga Area Model Railroad Club, this is a working display that consists of Chattanooga's Terminal and Union Stations.



Photo courtesy David Hayes
Terminal Station in the HO gauge Chattanooga Southern layout at the Choo Choo

Chattanooga Choo-Choo

It is one of the world's largest working "HO" gauge model railroads. Enter a miniature world portraying, in FACT and FANCY, Chattanooga and the Cumberland Mountain Country. Over 33,000 man-hours have been spent to make the layout what it is today, with a value of over \$500,000.00. It is 174' long and 33' at its widest point, with 320 structures, over 3000 feet of track, 150 switches, 120 locomotives of all types, 1000 freight cars, 80 passenger cars, 3 major yards, 2 small yards, and 4 passenger stations... this model ranks as one of, if not the largest, model railroad exhibit in the world open to the public. Those attending the convention will receive a reduced \$1 admission fee by wearing your convention badge.



Photo courtesy David Hayes

A historic trolley operates at the Choo-Choo

Directions.....

I-75 South to I-24 West.

Stay right on Hwy. 27 and immediately take Exit 178 (Market Street).

The Choo Choo is 6 blocks ahead on the right.

From Atlanta

I-75 North to I-24 West.

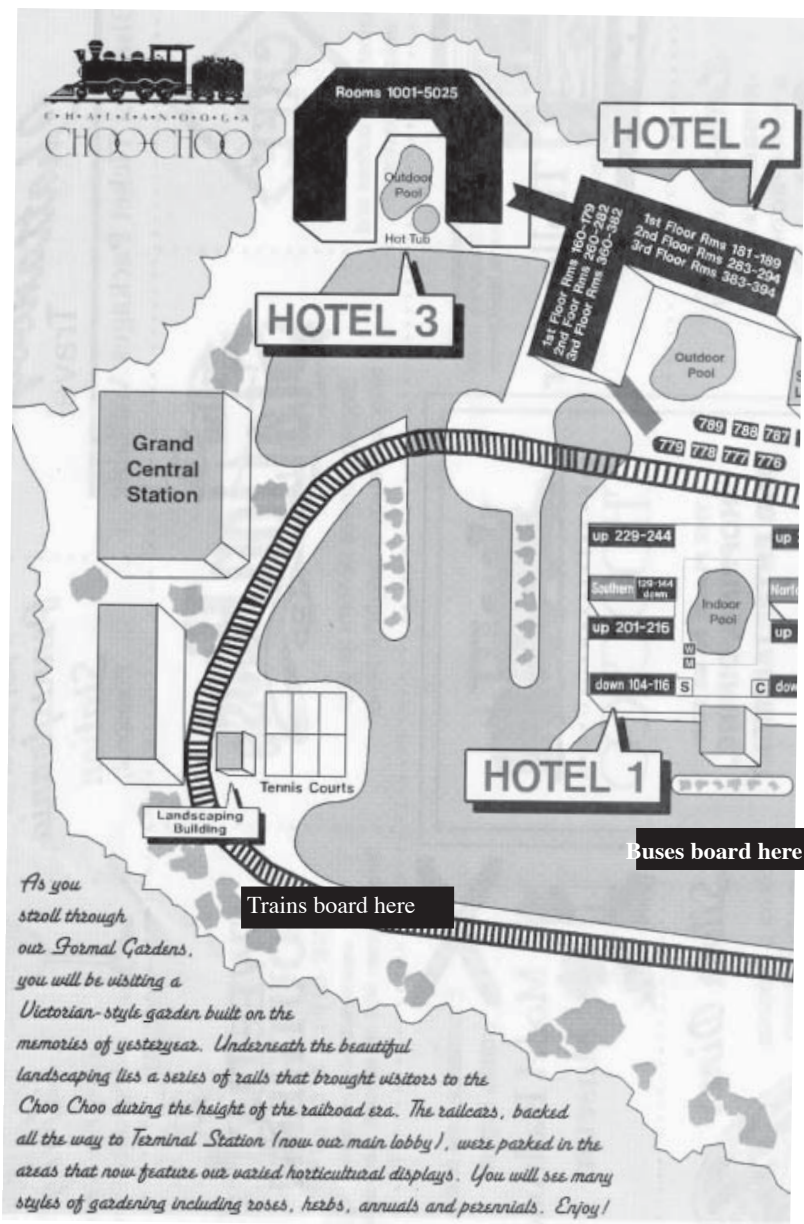
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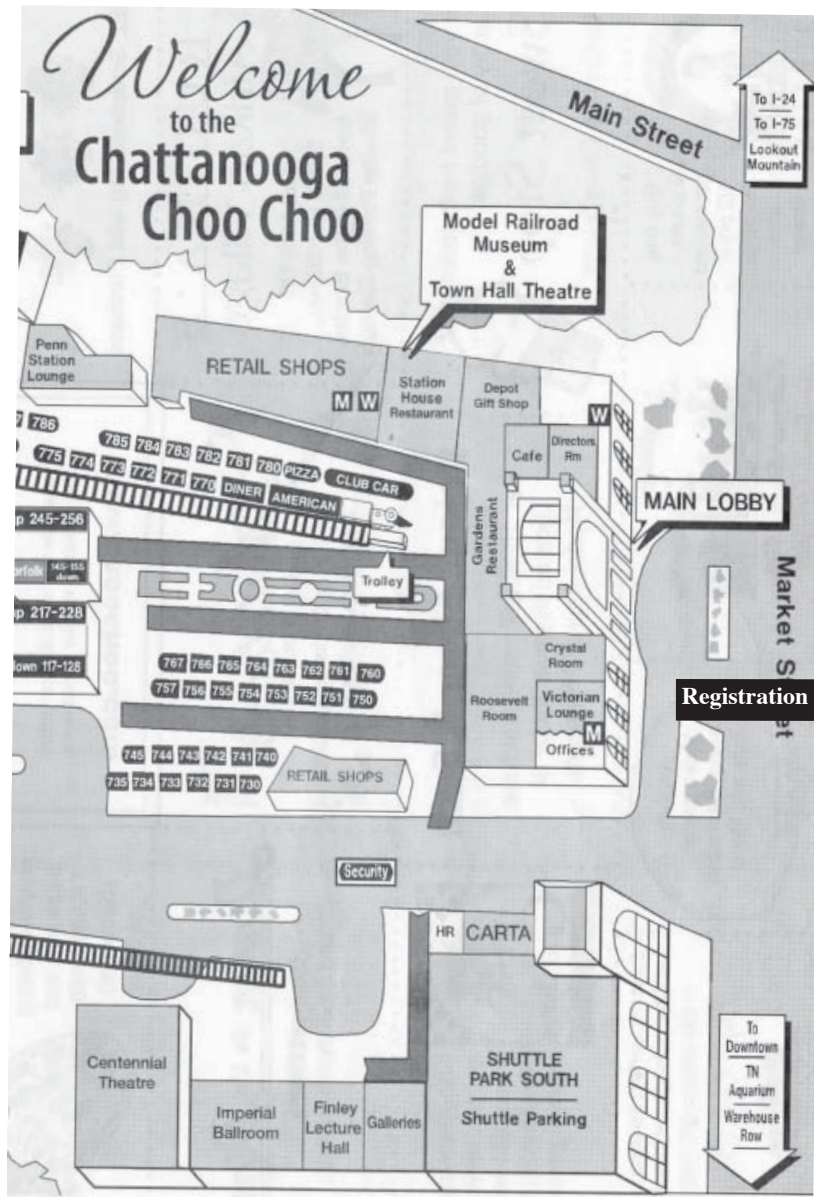
The Choo Choo is 6 blocks ahead on the right.

From Birmingham

I-59 North to I-24 East.

Take Exit 178 (South Broad Street), left on W. 25th Street, Left on Market Street.





Map courtesy Chattanooga Choo Choo

Chattanooga Choo-Choo

From Nashville

I-24 East.

Take Exit 178 (South Broad Street), left on W. 25th Street, Left on Market Street.

The Choo Choo is 7 blocks ahead on the right

Shops in the Choo Choo Complex

The Cafe Espresso is open daily and is the perfect spot for a special treat.
7:30 a.m.- 5:00p.m.: Sunday- Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.: Wednesday-Saturday

The Dinner in the Diner is open for dinner only on Friday and Saturday nights, and reservations are suggested. Call 423- 308- 2481 for reservations.
6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m., Fri.& Sat./ Closed Sun.- Thurs.

Gardens Restaurant serves Breakfast: 6:30 a.m- 11:00 a.m.,☐ Daily Lunch: 11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.☐, Daily Dinner: 5:00 p.m.- 9:00p.m.,☐ SunThurs. 5:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.,☐ Fri. & Sat. (Check daily information sheet, the restaurant may open at 6:00 a.m.)

Pennsylvania Station is open in the afternoon until late at night during the summer months. This unique lounge is also a great gathering spot for small groups or parties throughout the year.☐

Sweet Stop Ice Cream & Candy Shoppe is open 11:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.,☐ Sun.- Thurs./ 11:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.,☐ Fri. & Sat.

Silver Diner is open . 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., Sun.- Fri./, 12 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.☐ Sat.

The Station House –Reservations are suggested but not required.☐ Call 423-308- 2481 for reservations. 6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.,☐Tues.- Thurs./ 6:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.,☐ Fr& Sat./ Closed Sunday & Monday

Victorian Lounge is open 4:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.☐ Sun.Thurs., 4:00 p.m.- 12 a.m. Fri., 12 p.m.- 12 a.m. Sat.

Trolley Rides

While you're strolling through the gardens, you will probably hear a conductor shouting "All Aboard!" So...step on board the Choo Choo's authentic New Orleans trolley for an enjoyable trip around the Choo Choo complex. This particular trolley was built in 1920 for usage on Canal Street in New Orleans, but in 1960, it was withdrawn from service. In 1964, the trolley found its way to the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, which later sold it to theChoo

Chattanooga Choo-Choo

Choo. The unique walkover seats, which the conductor reverses at the end of the line, fascinate children and adults alike. So hop aboard the trolley for a short ride around the Choo Choo...you're sure to enjoy the clickety-clack of the rails! Those attending the convention will receive a reduced ticket price of \$1 by wearing your convention badge.

Downtown Shuttle

From the Choo Choo to the Tennessee Aquarium, the CARTA shuttle will take care of all your downtown transportation needs. Electric shuttles run every ten minutes and include stops for downtown shopping and sightseeing. You can catch this free shuttle service just across the way from the hotel lobby.

Other Services offered:

Airport Shuttle; Horse and Carriage Rides; Fitness Room; Tennis Courts; Business Center; Dry Cleaning Service; Internet Access

Hotel Information *Chattanooga* *Choo Choo*



**The Convention Hotel is the Chattanooga Choo Choo
Holiday Inn**

1400 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Call 423-266-5000 or 800-872-2529 www.choochoo.com

Room Rates

King or Double in hotels **\$89 per night plus tax**

Rail Car **\$109 per night plus tax**

Call the hotel directly for room reservations and mention you are attending the Chattanooga Rails 2007 for the above mentioned room rate. If you need handicap accommodations, please indicate that to the hotel when making your reservations.

**Connecting Bus from Atlanta, GA
Amtrak Station to Chattanooga Choo Choo**
Monday, August 20



Photo courtesy David Hayes

**Pre-Convention bus from Atlanta, Ga. Amtrak Station
to Chattanooga Choo Choo**

Event 2001 In bound bus (meets Amtrak #19) \$54

Vintage railroad films shown

Monday, August 20

Robert Soule III, the son of the founder of the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, will show 16 mm movies taken by his father in the 1950s of steam trains on the Gainesville Midland and Norfolk & Western railroad companies. This is a free event but please wear your convention name badge for admission. The movies will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Centennial Theatre.

Hiwassee Loop – *Tuesday, August 21*

ETOWAH –Today's trip will take passengers around the famous "eye" of



Photo courtesy William Martin
Locomotive approaches the overhead bridge on the Hiwassee Loop.

the Hiwassee Loop around Bald Mountain. The trip will begin near Etowah, Tennessee and proceed 47 miles SOUTH to Blue Ridge, Ga. on the Georgia Northeastern Railroad. This route is on the old line of the Louisville & Nashville which served the Copper Basin of southeast Tennessee. The trip will parallel the scenic Hiwassee River. At Appalachia, the train will begin the grade up Bald Mountain and the upgrade trip will rise 426 feet in less than six miles by making almost two complete circles around the mountain. The loop is some 8,000 feet in length and has a maximum grade of 1.55 percent. At the summit, the line

crosses over itself on a three-deck wooden trestle that is 62 feet high and 195 feet in length. Shortly after circling Bald Mountain, the Appalachia Dam and Reservoir in North Carolina can be seen on the left. The train will pass near Ducktown then on to Copperhill where the world's largest sulfuric acid plant was located, a by-product of the copper smelting process. This was all part of the huge Tennessee Copper Company's operation. The firm had its own 20 mile railroad and motive power. After the train arrives at Blue Ridge, passengers will be transported back to the Chattanooga Choo-Choo by bus. A box lunch will be provided to all passengers. The boarding area is not handicap accessible.

Hiwassee Loop Trip, Tuesday, August 21

Gee Creek, TN to Blue Ridge, GA

All Buses leave Choo Choo by 7:45 a.m.

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| Event 2101 Hiwassee Loop Trip AC coach | \$149 |
| Event 2102 Hiwassee Loop Trip Open Air coach | \$149 |
| Event 2103 Hiwassee Loop Trip Premier class | \$249 |
| A box lunch for everyone is included | |

Vintage railroad films shown

Tuesday, August 21

Wes Ross and Mitch Dakelman will show Southern Lumber Roads movies by the late David Williams. This is a free event but please wear your convention name badge for admission. The movies will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Centennial Theatre



Photo courtesy David Hayes
Turntable at East Chattanooga

Night Photo Session, Tuesday, August 21

Conducted by Steve Barry

Identical to Event 2208 on Wednesday, August 22 Bus departs Choo Choo at 9:00 p.m.

Photo session will take place at TVRM's East Chattanooga facilities, return by bus. Limited number of tickets.

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| Event 2104 Night Photo Session | \$59 |
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Blue Ridge Scenic – Wednesday, August 22

BLUE RIDGE – Today's trip operated by the Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad



Photo Courtesy of Blue Ridge Scenic
A Georgia Northeastern GP-20 leads a Blue Ridge Scenic excursion.

between Blue Ridge and Tate will be a treat for **rare mileage** collectors as it will cover some trackage rarely offered to the public after passenger service was discontinued in 1949 except for a few special trains in the 1960s. This trip will fill a gap in mileage missed by those who attended the 1994 Atlanta convention and the 2000 Spring Directors meeting.

The one way trip will begin at Blue Ridge where our trip terminated on Tuesday, and will operate to Tate, a distance of 41 miles. This line was constructed by the Marietta and North Georgia Railroad in 1887 and completed to Murphy, NC two years later. The line was built because of the immense deposits of marble located along its route. It was planned to extend the line to Atlanta and Knoxville, neither of which happened. The gap connecting this line to an interchange with the Knoxville Southern Railroad at Copperhill was completed in 1890. Copperhill was known as McCays, and the Tennessee Copper Co. mined and smelted copper. This process, and cutting down of nearby forests, quickly gave the area a desolate, moonscape appearance. Blue Ridge is headquarters of the tourist line. The train will proceed through Ellijay, named for a Cherokee village, and around the "Hook" or the 15 degree double reverse curve between Whitestone and Talking Rock. This was straightened by the L&N several years ago. The train will continue through Jasper and will terminate at Tate, the center of a large scale marble mining operation. A box lunch is included. The boarding and debarking areas are not handicap accessible. Anticipated return to the Choo-Choo is 7:00 p.m.



Photo courtesy David Hayes

Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad ready to board at the Blue Ridge, Ga. station. The tourist line's regular run is between this point and McCaysville on the Tennessee and Georgia state line.

Blue Ridge Scenic Trip, Wednesday, August 22

Blue Ridge, GA to Tate, GA

All buses leave Choo Choo by 7:45 a.m

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| Event 2201 Blue Ridge Scenic Trip AC coach | \$149 |
| Event 2202 Blue Ridge Scenic Trip Open Air coach | \$149 |
| Event 2203 Blue Ridge Scenic Premier class | \$249 |
| A box lunch for everyone is included | |

Map of the Hiwassee Loop and Blue Ridge Scenic trips



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Author Mike Walker*

Tuesday's trip will begin near Etowah, Tennessee and end at Blue Ridge, Georgia. Wednesday's trip will begin at Blue Ridge and continue south to Tate, Georgia.

| KNOXVILLE AND ATLANTA VIA BLUE RIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
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| | f 8.18 | 9 | " Singleton | | " | f 3.26 | AM | | |
| | 8.26 | 12 | " Mentor | | " | 3.20 | 11.35 | | |
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| | f10.37 | 77 | " Hiwassee | | " | f 1.09 | | | |
| | f10.53 | 84 | " McFarland | | " | f12.52 | | | |
| | f11.06 | 90 | " Apalachia | | " | f12.41 | | | |
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| | 11.30 | 98 | " Turtletown | | " | 12.18 | | | |
| | f11.38 | 101 | " Harbuck | | " | f12.10 | | | |
| | 11.48 | 106 | " Ducktown | | " | 12.02 | | | |
| | 12.05 | 111 | " Copperhill, Tenn. (C.T.) (<i>Ocoee River</i>) | | " | 11.51 | | | |
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| | f 1.22 | 119 | " Curtis | | " | f12.29 | | | |
| | 1.39 | 125 | " Blue Ridge | | " | 12.15 | | | |
| | f 1.54 | 132 | " Cherry Log | | " | f11.55 | | | |
| | f 1.59 | 134 | " White Path | | " | f11.49 | | | |
| | 2.12 | 140 | " Ellijay (<i>Cartecay River</i>) | | " | 11.36 | | | |
| | 2.35 | 150 | " Whitestone | | " | 11.12 | | | |
| | 2.45 | 154 | " Talking Rock | | " | 11.02 | | | |
| | 3.01 | 161 | " Jasper | | " | 10.48 | | | |
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| | 3.28 | 172 | " Ball Ground | | " | 10.20 | | | |
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| | f 3.41 | 178 | " Keithsburg | | " | f10.06 | | | |
| | | | <i>Etowah River</i> | | | | | | |
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| | 4.07 | 189 | " Holly Springs | | " | 9.40 | | | |
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| | | | <i>Little River</i> | | | | | | |
| | 4.19 | 195 | " Woodstock | | " | 9.28 | | | |
| | f 4.29 | 200 | " Blackwells | | " | f 9.18 | | | |
| | f 4.36 | 203 | " Westoak | | " | f 9.11 | | | |
| | f 4.40 | 205 | " Elizabeth | | " | f 9.06 | | | |
| | 4.45 | 207 | Ar Marietta | | " | 9.03 | | | |
| | | | <i>Chattahoochee River</i> | | | | | | |
| | 5.30 | 227 | Ar Atlanta, Ga. | | Lv | 8.15 | AM | | |
| | PM | | Union Station—E.T. | | | | | | |

Courtesy of the collection of David Hayes

A 1941 L&N public timetable lists the daily passenger train on the old line between Knoxville and Atlanta. Passenger service was discontinued on the northern Georgia portion in 1949 and between Knoxville and Copperhill in 1951.

Non-Rail Activities – *Wednesday, August 22*

Aquatic Adventures

“Duck” Tour and the Tennessee Aquarium

This tour goes far off the beaten path, and even off the pavement!

We start by boarding “Ducks” - ex-military amphibious vehicles, originally made to land troops on beaches in WWII - which will take us on a guided tour from the Choo Choo, through the vibrant Chattanooga downtown, then out onto the Tennessee River! Chugging past the Tennessee Aquarium, we gain fine views of its two spectacular glass-peaked buildings, and of other riverfront attractions (the Cherokee-themed, commemorative “Passage”, where water cascades down flights of steps and knee-deep pools, is a fine place for families to splash about on hot summer days). You’ll even have a chance to steer the “Duck”, and learn how it feels to drive a floating tank!

We disembark at the Tennessee Aquarium, where after check-in, you’ll enjoy day-long admission, free to come and go as you please. Discover “River Journey”, the largest freshwater aquarium in the country, and “Ocean Journey”, the new saltwater complex (including a special penguin exhibition this summer), at your leisure. Allow at least 2 1/2 hours, and plenty of time and film/memory space! Lunch is up to you - nearby eateries offer everything from loaded cheeseburgers to sushi to upscale, regionally-based fine dining. When you finish, it’s a short walk to the stop for Chattanooga’s free electric shuttle bus, which will return you to the Choo Choo.

Those adding the Behind The Scenes option will get an unforgettable “Aquatic Shop Tour”, seeing the inner workings behind the building, care and maintenance of a world-class aquarium and research facility. The Tennessee Aquarium is knowledgeably ranked as one of the finest anywhere, and is home to over 12,000 creatures, which swim, fly and crawl through its aviaries, land habitats, and million-plus gallons of water. See the Aquarium from the viewpoint of those who make it run. Explore the labyrinth of pumps and pipes behind and below the tourist areas, see (and smell!) what’s prepared daily for all those hungry animals, feed a few fish, and learn how, in less than a decade, this cutting-edge facility remade Chattanooga’s derelict industrial waterfront

Non-Rail Activities – Wednesday, August 22

area into an urban gem of conservation, research and city re-development. The tour lasts about 1 1/4 hours, after which you can break for lunch. Or go directly on to enjoy the Aquarium from the public side, better appreciating the delight it inspires in well over a million people, of all ages and backgrounds, each year.



Photo courtesy of Tennessee Aquarium

The Tennessee Aquarium is located in downtown Chattanooga

Aquatic Adventures

Departs from the Choo Choo at 9:00 a.m.

Event 2204 Duck Tour and Tennessee Aquarium Adult \$35

Event 2205 Duck Tour and Tennessee Aquarium Child \$18

For this event you must have purchased Event 2204/2205

Event 2206 * Extra Behind the Scenes Tour Adult \$15

Event 2207 * Extra Behind the Scenes Tour Child \$12

* Child must be at least 10 years of age and accompanied by an adult on this tour.



Photo courtesy of Dawn Holmberg
The East Chattanooga yard of TVRM

Night Photo Session - Wednesday, August 22

Conducted by Steve Barry

Identical to Event 2104 on Tuesday, August 21. Bus departs Choo Choo at 9:00 p.m. Group will be transported to the TVRM facility at East Chattanooga for a photo session. Return to the Choo Choo by bus.

Event 2208 Night Photo Session

\$59

Meet the NRHS officers - Wednesday, August 22

Convention attendees will have an opportunity to meet the NRHS officers in a relaxed atmosphere. The event will take place in the rose garden area of the hotel complex between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. There will be cake, iced tea and soft drinks available and the best part of all, this event is free. In case of rain the event will be moved to the Roosevelt Room.

At-Large Members Meeting - Wednesday, August 22

The At-Large Members meeting will take place in Finley Lecture Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Vintage railroad films shown - Wednesday, August 22

Movies from the NRHS Collection by Mitch Dakelman. This is a free event but please wear your convention name badge for admission. The movies will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Centennial Theatre

Rare mileage on the TAG and TVRM train ride/tour – Thursday, August 23



Photo courtesy Dawn Holmberg
TVRM shops at East Chattanooga, TN.

This event is a full day activity, enjoying both an extensive tour of the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum and Shop, and a half day rare mileage trip on the former Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia (TAG) route into north Georgia. In order to accommodate everyone, attendees will be divided into two groups (A and B). One will ride the TAG route in the morning departing directly from the Holiday Inn by special train made up of RDC cars at 9 a.m. , while the other will leave by bus at 9 a.m. to visit the Museum at Grand Junction Station, then ride the connecting train between there and the TVRM Shop at East Chattanooga for a tour. Both will return to the Choo Choo around 12:00 p.m., lunch is on your own. During the afternoon, the groups will be reversed, and those on the Museum/Shop tour will ride the TAG while the other group who did the TAG trip in the morning will do the Museum/Shop tour in the afternoon. Departure will be at 1:30 p.m. from the Choo Choo for the afternoon segment. There is no handicap accessibility for loading at the Choo Choo.

TAG ride and TVRM ride/tour

Both events are identical

Train departs Choo Choo 9:00 a.m. Buses depart 1:30 p.m.

Group A Morning TAG train ride / afternoon TVRM ride/tour

Event 2301 RDC/TVRM Group A Adult \$89

Event 2302 RDC/TVRM Group A Child \$75

Bus departs Choo Choo at 9:00 a.m Train departs 1:30 p.m.

Group B Morning TVRM ride/tour/ afternoon TAG train ride

Event 2303 TVRM/RDC Group B Adult \$89

Event 2304 TVRM/RDC Group B Child \$75

Non-Rail Activities – Thursday, August 23

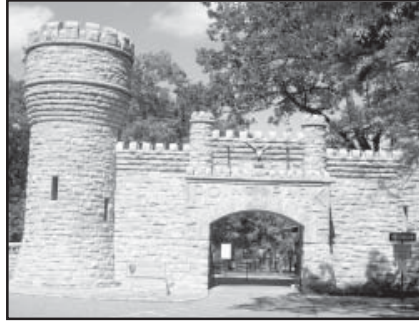


Photo courtesy David Hayes

Civil War

Battlefield Tour

In Fall of 1863, Northern and Southern forces clashed for the prize of Chattanooga, a key rail center and gateway to the Confederacy. In September, Confederate forces defeated Union Army attempts to cut road and rail lines from the south. But by late November, Union forces, led by Generals Joseph Hooker and William T. Sherman, took the high ground of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, leading to the capture of Chattanooga.

Our (mostly) non-rail tour starts with a bus ride to the lower station of Incline Railway, for a one-way ride up Lookout Mountain via the world's steepest passenger railway. At the top, we visit the site of "The Battle Above the Clouds," including Point Park Visitors Center and the Battles for Chattanooga Museum. From there we travel by bus to Georgia's Chickamauga National Military Park, where a box lunch will be provided before our guided tour of the Visitors Center and Park. We return to the hotel at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Civil War Battlefield Tour

Buses leave Choo Choo at 9:30 a.m.

Event 2305 Civil War Battlefield Tour

\$ 59



Photo courtesy David Hayes

This tour has a one way trip up the Incline Railway

Non-Rail Activities – Thursday, August 23

Relaxing on the River Riverboat Dinner Cruise

Enjoy traditional Southern Hospitality, fine food, glorious scenery, and the company of fellow rail fans on a chartered riverboat dinner cruise on the beautiful Tennessee River. Dine on slow-cooked Prime Rib and Shrimp Creole, enjoy the toe tappin' music of the "Riverboat Ramblers", stroll the decks, and just watch the world glide by. We'll make a leisurely up- and down river circuit of about eight miles aboard the Southern Belle, passing such landmarks as the spectacular glass-peaked Tennessee Aquarium complex, the Hunter Art Museum crowning Chattanooga's bluffs and looming Lookout Mountain. A wonderful way to unwind, with no cinders!

Your dinner, served buffet-style, is well-accompanied by baby red potatoes, rice, green beans and Caesar salad. Iced tea, dessert, and coffee are included, as is tax and gratuity. A cash bar is available.

No outside food or drink, please! Children under 3 are free, but must have a reservation.



Photo courtesy of The Southern Belle Dinner Cruise

Southern Belle Riverboat Dinner Cruise

Buses leave Choo Choo
at 6:00 p.m.

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| Event 2306 | Adult | \$ 39 |
| Event 2307 (3-12) | Child | \$ 19 |
| Event 2308 (under 3) | | \$ 0 |

NRHS Film Presentation

by Mitch Dakelman

Movies from the NRHS movie library will be shown. This is a free event but please wear your convention name badge for admission. The movies will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Centennial Theatre

Seminars, Meetings and Banquet

Friday, August 24

Seminars

The following seminars will be offered; these events are free of charge. All seminars will be held in the Finley Lecture Hall.

First Seminar– 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. *“Chattanooga Railroads in the 1940’s”.* The presenter is Louis Newton

Second Seminar –9:15 a.m.to 10:15 a.m. *“Once I built a Railroad.”* The presenter is Robert Soule III

Third Seminar – 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. *Representatives from the firm Fernley & Fernley will discuss the new membership and dues collection system. It is imperative that the person in charge of collecting dues for memberships from each Chapter be present.*

Meetings

- NRHS Directors Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Finley Lecture Hall
- NRHS Membership Meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Finley Lecture Hall

Social Hour

This event will take place between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Hall. A cash bar will be available.

Banquet

The Convention Banquet will be held in the Imperial Ballroom beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Convention Banquet

Imperial Ballroom, 7:00 p.m.

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| Event 2401 Roast Sirloin of Beef | \$39 |
| Event 2402 Key West Tilapia | \$39 |
| Event 2403 Vegetarian Pasta with marinara sauce | \$39 |

Summerville Steam Trip - Saturday, August 25



Photo courtesy David Hayes
TVRM #610 rolls through Rossville, Ga.

A steam powered trip will cap a fun-filled week for conventioners as Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum's former U.S. Army S-160 2-8-0 #610 will pull an excursion train from the Choo Choo at 7:45 a.m. for a 94 mile southbound round trip to Summerville, Ga. on the former Central of Georgia. This trip will offer three levels of service-premier made up of office car Eden Isle and sleeper Clover Colony, open air coach, and

air conditioned coach. There is no handicap accessibility at the Choo Choo or Summerville. The route will skirt the Chickamauga National Battlefield, traveling through the former textile manufacturing area of northern Georgia. After arrival in Summerville, #610 will be turned on the turntable. It was constructed by the city of Summerville. There is ample space to photograph this activity. Passengers in both premier services will have lunch sittings in the dining car. Coach passengers will have the option of purchasing dining car lunch at additional cost (see ticket order form). Space in the diner will be limited. There will be restaurants available during the approximately two hour layover. A concession car will be in service during the entire trip.

The Central of Georgia Railroad was taken over by Southern Railway in 1969 and portions of this line were abandoned as duplication of nearby AGS trackage.

Summerville Steam Trip - Saturday, August 25



Photo courtesy David Hayes
**TVRM #610 passes the Andrew Monument
at the Chattanooga National Cemetery**

Passenger service on this line was discontinued in 1950.

This line has been owned by the Georgia Department of Transportation since 1998. Freight service is offered by the Chattooga and Chickamauga Railway (CCKY).

The Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum operates their excursions during the

year on this line. Photo runbys will take place during the trip. Sit back and enjoy today's scenic trip and you will say upon your return, "Nothing could be finer."

Summerville Steam Trip

Train leaves from the Choo Choo at 7:45 a.m.

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| Event 2501 Summerville Steam Trip AC coach | Adult \$99 |
| Event 2502 Summerville Steam Trip AC coach age 3-12 | Child \$89 |
| Event 2503 Summerville Steam Trip Open Air Coach | Adult \$99 |
| Event 2504 Summerville Steam Trip Open Air Coach | Child \$89 |
| Event 2505 Summerville Steam Trip Premier Clover Colony | \$199 |
| Event 2506 Summerville Steam Trip Premier Eden Isle | \$299 |
| Event 2507 Lunch in the Diner (for those in coach) | \$ 29 |

Map of the TAG and Summerville trips



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Connecting Bus from the Chattanooga Choo Choo to the Atlanta Amtrak Station

Sunday, August 26



Photo courtesy David Hayes

**Arrival and departure board at Atlanta's
Amtrak Station**

**Post-convention bus from Chattanooga Choo Choo to
Atlanta's Amtrak Station**

Bus leaves the Choo Choo at 1:00 p.m.

Event 2601 Out bound bus (meets Amtrak #20) \$54

Thank you for attending Chattanooga Rails 2007



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Souvenirs for sale

The 2007 Convention will offer Golf Shirts and Caps to all members of the Society. The shirts and caps **MUST** be pre-ordered on the Ticket Order Form. There will not be any extra Golf Shirts or Caps ordered or available at the Convention August 21-25 in Chattanooga. For those who pre-order shirts and caps, they will be available for pickup at the Convention. For those members who pre-order shirts or caps and who are not planning on attending this year's convention or who do not pick up the items while at the Convention, there will be an \$9.00 postage and handling fee added to the order. **All orders must be submitted by July 1, 2007.** Use the ticket order form for the convention.

The items offered for sale are as follows:

- Golf Shirt – Kelly Green with yellow embroidered convention logo on left front. Shirts are 100 percent cotton. Sizes S-3XL. The cost is Sizes S-XL \$35 Size XXL \$36 Size XXXL \$37
- Cap – Yellow gold with embroidered green convention logo and matching yellow gold braid. This cap is a perfect companion to the green golf shirt. One size fits most Cost \$12.00





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