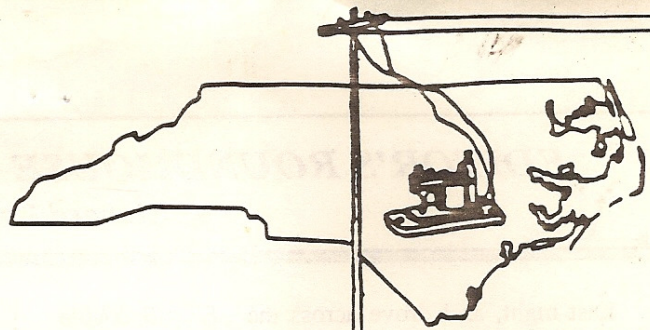


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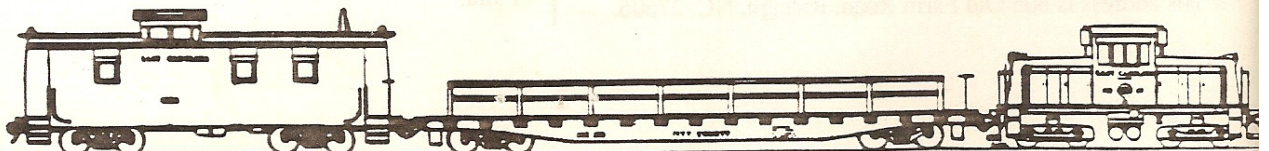
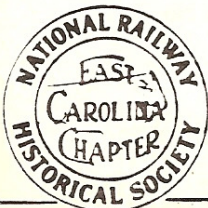
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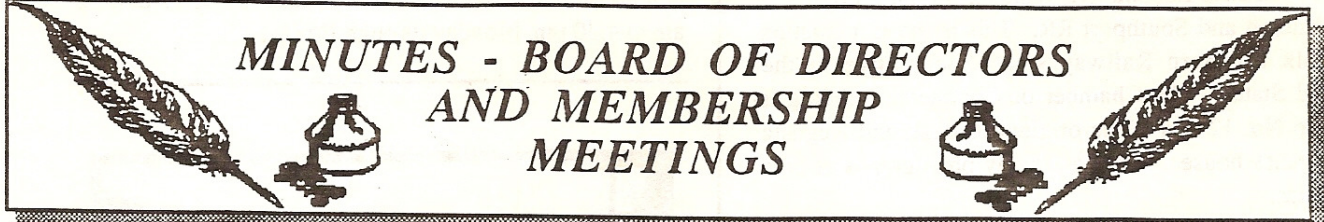
by Richard Lasater

Displayed above is the East Carolina Chapter's new logo. It was chosen by the Board of Directors from the designs submitted by chapter members to our recent Logo Design Competition.

The logo is based on the winning design, submitted by Jane Taylor, which features the Chapter's Seaboard Air Line Wooden Caboose No. 5228. Since this piece of

equipment was one of the first additions to our collection, it was felt to be a very appropriate symbol of the East Carolina Chapter, the New Hope Valley Railway and the N. C. Railroad Museum. The new logo will be used on hats, badges and T-shirts sold in the gift shop. It will not be painted on the rolling stock since, whenever possible, restored cars should carry the logos of original corporate owners.





**MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND MEMBERSHIP
MEETINGS**

Summaries of the Minutes of Board of Directors and Membership Meetings by Richard Lasater.

Board of Directors Meeting
January 17, 1990

1. Group train rides during 1990 may be run on Saturdays for groups which cannot come on the regular last Friday of each month group ride day. This policy change is in response to requests for trips from several Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.
2. Treasurer Ralph Northcutt will distribute an updated financial report for the period from October 1, 1988 to September 30, 1989 at the January 20th Membership Meeting.
3. Seventy seven members have renewed. National NRHS dues have been submitted.
4. An East Carolina Chapter logo for use on hats, shirts and badges was chosen. The rectangular shaped emblem contains the names East Carolina Chapter, NC Railroad Museum and New Hope Valley Railway and an outline of the State of North Carolina, with a lantern marking Bonsal. This and other East Carolina logos will be trademarked.

The new logo will not be painted on railroad equipment.

5. None of the Chapter's three diesel locomotives is operable at this time. The head gaskets are being replaced on GE No.67. A hole in one of Whitcomb No.70's exhaust manifold is being welded. Due to the amount of antifreeze required, the engine blocks on GE No.3 will not be filled with water until freezing weather is passed.
6. GE 80-ton centercab No.3 has been officially renumbered No.71.
7. Laying of new decking on Flatcar No.100 has been completed. The uprights and trusses have been ordered.

Special Board of Directors Meeting
January 20, 1990

1. The Board endorsed the following position statement regarding the suspension and subsequent lapsing of Tom Johnson's membership in the chapter:

Mr. Johnson's membership in the East Carolina Chapter, NRHS was suspended until such time that all Chapter properties were returned. He has returned a small set of files, and the Chapter has recovered most of the Bridges' Estate. The many file cabinets of Chapter files which he claimed to have in his possession at the Small Claims Court hearing have not been recovered. Mr. Johnson's membership has expired since his suspension. Until all Chapter files in his possession and the remainder of the Bridges' Estate are recovered, he will not be allowed to reapply for membership in the East Carolina Chapter.

2. A Litigation Committee consisting of those Board of Directors members not individually named in Chuck Moody's lawsuit against the East Carolina Chapter was formed to represent the Chapter. This was done at the recommendation of the Chapter's attorneys. Richard Lasater was named to chair the committee.

Membership Meeting
January 20, 1990

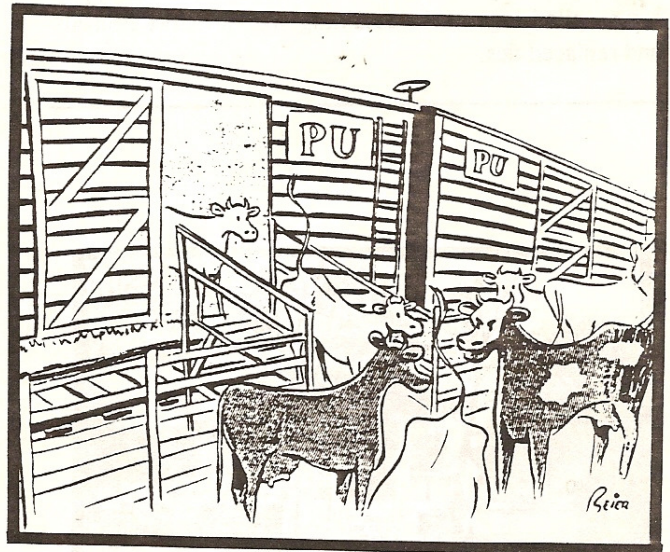
1. Corrected copies of the Treasurer's Report showing Chapter Expenditures from October 1, 1988 through September 30, 1989 were handed out by Treasurer Ralph Northcutt. (**Editor's Note:** This was published in the last issue of *Tarheel Telegrapher*.)
2. A local contractor will begin grading in Bonsal Yard for a new yard track.
3. The status of ongoing equipment restoration projects was discussed.

- a. Cleaning of the flues of Heisler steam locomotive No.7 is nearly complete.
 - b. Railway Post Office Car No.188 has been rewired for 120 volts. Three sets of windows have been replaced. The mail bins will be returned from the stripper on March 1.
 - c. Following receipt of a matching funds grant from the Wake County Department of Parks and Recreation, work has begun on the conversion of Flat Car No.100 into an open air passenger car. Replacement of the wooden deck and sanding and priming of the frame have been completed. Uprights and trusses have been ordered.
 - d. Former Becker Sand & Gravel 80-ton GE diesel locomotive No.3 has been renumbered No.71. Most of the sanding and priming has been completed. Both engines are now running. Minor brake system problems due to old gaskets are being repaired.
 - e. Brush and trees have been cleared from the right of way 25 to 30 feet back from the track for 1.3 miles. The resulting debris has been removed. A commercial chipper was used to convert most of the debris to mulch.
4. A new Chapter Logo has been approved for use on hats, badges and T-shirts.
 5. Copies of the revised Operating Rules Book are being reviewed by the Board of Directors.
 6. Status of the legal actions with Chuck Moody and Tom Johnson were discussed.

Board of Directors Meeting
February 21, 1990

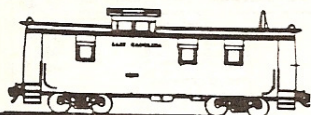
1. A grading contractor has been located that will donate grading in Bonsal Yard. Several 100 pound rail track panels will be assembled from materials on hand for installation.
2. Roof trusses have been delivered for installation on Flat Car No. 100.
3. Maintenance of Way Superintendent Jim Meade reports that 12-15 crossties have been replaced at Bonsal Yard and the New Hill south switch.

4. The logo adopted at the January 17,1990 BOD meeting has been withdrawn due to similarities discovered between the new logo and that of a local model railroad club. Two other designs will be considered at the March BOD meeting.
5. The new Operating Rules Book for the New Hope Valley Rwy. will supersede Rule Book No. 1 on May 1, 1990. Existing crew certifications will remain in effect until re-certification under the new rules.
6. Cleve Fogelman of Carrboro, NC, Shanon Williford of Fuquay-Varina, NC, and Jim Saunders of Asheboro, NC were accepted as East Carolina Chapter members.
7. Mary Barham requested and received permission to use the Chapter logos on cards and other items to be sold in the Gift Shop. David Younts requested and received permission to use NHV on shirts and hats to be sold only to ECC members.
8. Members of the Board sent flowers in memory of Jack Lancaster's father, who died in Parkton, NC on February 8th.



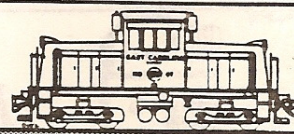
"We had to stand all the way from Kansas City."

-from *The Goldola Gazette*, C.P. Huntington
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BONSAL YEAR IN REVIEW

by Edna Snyder



Congratulations to those participating in and supporting the ongoing work at Bonsal. A summary of the major accomplishments for the last six months is shown below.

Vital Statistics

- The total number of passengers carried last year was 5,672.
- The total amount received last year was \$29,756.
- The total amount spent for all operations last year was \$29,223.
- A Tupperware fund raiser brought in \$97.50.

Site and Equipment Improvements

- The curved bridge over Old US 1 has been decked and fenced as a walkway.
- Ditches at the 3.2 and 2.5 mile posts have been cleared.
- Banks at the 0.5 and 2.5 mile posts have been terraced.
- Right-of-way from 0.9 to 1.2 mile posts has been cleared 25-30 feet on both sides.
- A commercial chipper was used to chip the trees cut along the line.
- At least 32 crossties have been replaced since January.
- The engine on the tamper has been repaired.
- The RPO car's west side windows have been replaced.
- Cleaning of the flues on the Heisler has begun in preparation for a hydrostatic test.

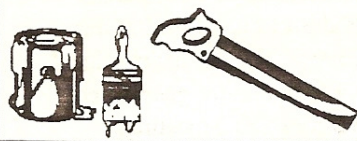
- Locomotive #71 is running and the brakes have been repaired.
- Car 100 has been redecked as the first step in its conversion to a covered open passenger car like Car 101. This project is being financed by a matching funds grant of \$9,000.00 from the Wake County Department of Parks and Recreation.
- The donated guard shack from Darryl's on Hillsborough Street in Raleigh was moved to Bonsal in November. The foundation of this structure must be rebuilt, after which we hope to use the building for parking or for ticket distribution.

Administrative Changes

- New train operation procedures were developed and approved.
- Development of a new rule book was begun.
- An Administrative Structure was established for the chapter which defines the various functions of the chapter and delegates responsibility among chapter members. This structure will help with the budgeting of funds for work and maintenance projects.

There are many projects that continue year round at Bonsal. Each member's assistance is greatly appreciated and the results really look good. Your donations of time, materials, ideas, and money all help to further the progress of the N.C. Railroad Museum and New Hope Railway.

Information on how you can help with work projects, fund raisers, donations, or museum functions can be obtained by writing a letter to the chapter in care of Edna Snyder or by leaving a message for her on the Bonsal answerphone (919-362-5416). She will put you in contact with the person in charge of any area you are interested in helping with. Donations are accepted year round and may be specific to any project. The chapter's mailing address is: P.O. Box 83, New Hill, NC 27562-0083.



WORK SESSIONS AT BONSAI



We have taken advantage of the unseasonably warm weather in January and February to begin the annual spring replacement of cross-ties. To date approximately 20 ties have been installed. Brush clearing and debris mulching using a borrowed commercial chipper continues.

Melvin Best reports much progress has been made on the Tamper restoration project. He has the engine running now and is has begun cleaning the vibrator heads. We should have full use of this unit for track work shortly.

Work has begun on the installation of the roof and side framing for Flat Car No.100. Project Leader Jack Lancaster states that, although we're slightly behind the schedule set last year for the first Flat Car conversion, completion is expected in time for the first Train Ride Day in May.

A special Track Work Day held on February 7th attracted nearly twenty Chapter volunteers, some from as far away as Goldsboro and Hamlet. We cut and chipped brush, piled logs in the retaining wall at "Fort Bonsai" and replaced ties.

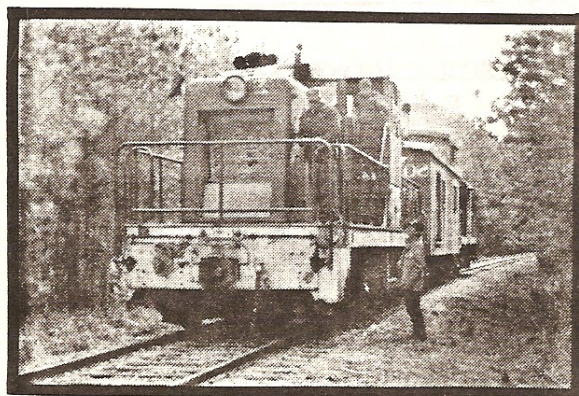
Famished gandy dancers returned to Bonsai to find a picnic lunch feast spread out in Caboose No.308. Mary Barham and Peggy Lackey brought Buffalo wings, baked beans, sandwiches and all the trimmings. Ann Brooks brought fried chicken and a birthday cake for son Billy complete with a toy train on top. Peggy had decorated the table (caboose berth) with a checkered tablecloth and a railroad lantern. As always the meal was delicious and was "attacked" as if by a swarm of locusts, but even twenty of us couldn't make much of a dent in all that food! The picnic was a great idea and a real treat.

Ongoing projects for upcoming Saturdays include completion of Flat Car No.100, sanding and painting of Diesel No.71, and continued brush cutting and tie replacement. New projects planned before the May Train Ride Day include setup and restoration of the Darryl's guard shack, further restoration of the RPO, and tamping of ballast.

Come and help. Donate \$6.00 for your very own tie and have the fun of installing it yourself! It's your railroad.



The Darryl's Guard Shack before removal to Bonsai.
- photo by R. T. Lasater



Bonsai's new locomotive No. 71 on its maiden voyage.
- photo by R. C. Middour