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# Press Release

**2018 Carter Railroad Museum's Heritage DaySeason on  
January 27 with Northeastern Trains**  
*ETSU museum to feature East Coast railroads for its 2018 inaugural event*



PHOTO – Seen on the George L. Carter Railroad Museum's HO-scale layout, the New York Central's colorful "lightning stripes" paint scheme was among the popular designs from the northeast in the past.

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The first of this year's popular Heritage Days program at the George L Carter Railroad Museum will highlight the rail lines of the Northeast on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Located in the Campus Center Building of East Tennessee State University, this one-day event will showcase the history of the many lines that ran from Maine south to Maryland and west toward the Ohio River Valley and the Great Lakes.

This group is among the most popular even today, though nearly all have been conglomerated into today modern operations. Exclusive Pullman trains such as the Pennsylvania's Broadway Limited, B&O Capital, and the New York Central 20<sup>th</sup> Century Limited raced between New York and Chicago. Meanwhile, rapid handling of perishables and goods from points west and south into the populous northeast made long freight trains a frequent occurrence as well. Today, the hugely diverse mix of traffic that continues on today's Norfolk Southern, CSX and Amtrak operations. 'Corridors' were the multi-track infrastructure each line built and maintained.

"Even here in Tennessee, railfans and enthusiasts enjoy these particular operations from the past; they are that popular," says Geoff Stunkard, the coordinator of the museum's Heritage Days program. "They were filled with innovative equipment, beautiful colors, and excellent models exist of many examples from the past. This includes streamliners, locomotives, and special equipment, so there should be a lot for our visitors to see this month."

As always, volunteers from the Mountain Empire Model Railroaders club are heading up the effort for this day; joining them will be members from the George L. Carter Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. Models of these trains will run on the museum's 24x44 foot HO scale operation, while display cases will showcase the remainder of the exhibit.

The Carter Railroad Museum is open on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and includes model railroad layouts, a special child's activity room, and ongoing programs. There is no admission fee but donations are welcome for its upkeep. The museum is also seeking artifacts for display, including the newest addition dedicated to the long-defunct, but well-remembered 'Tweetsie' line, the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad; this room, still under construction, again will be open for guided tours during event days.

In addition to the displays, there is also a growing research library, and an oral history archive being established as part of the museum's programs. Info can be found online at '<http://etsu.edu/railroad/>' or '<http://johnsonsdepot.com/>' or '<http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/glcarter/cartermuseum.htm>'

Members of the George L. Carter Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society and the Mountain Empire Model Railroaders (MEMRR) club coordinate the exhibits. Visit '[www.memrr.org](http://www.memrr.org)' to learn more about MEMRR, or visit '<http://glcarternrhs.com/>' to learn more about Carter Chapter, which helps demonstrate and maintain the model layouts, museum exhibits and other projects.

Membership opportunities are available to adults, and include special benefits and model railroading enjoyment.

The museum can be identified by a flashing railroad crossing signal at the back entrance to the Campus Center Building. Visitors should enter ETSU's campus from State of Franklin Road (at green light) onto Jack Vest Drive and continue east to North Dossett Drive (then left) to John Roberts Bell Drive at end, then right then left on Ross Drive (176) to end, adjacent to the flashing RR crossing sign.

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