

N.C. Transportation Museum

Press Notice

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NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM TO HOST NORFOLK SOUTHERN HERITAGE CELEBRATION JULY 15, 2006

The North Carolina Transportation Museum, based in Spencer, NC will host a special event celebrating the 175 year history of Norfolk Southern Corporation. The origins of this railroad date back to 1830, when the South Carolina and Canal Company began operating the Best Friend of Charleston locomotive.

Planned activities for the day include three different train rides – a Norfolk & Western passenger train, Southern Railway passenger train and a caboose train. The NS Lawmen Band are scheduled to appear, and tents will be set up for NS employees to reminisce about the original Spencer Shops, once Southern Railway's largest steam repair facility.

Mr. Wick Moorman, current Chairman of NS Corporation, will attend the event and help re-dedicate the Southern Railway FP-7 6133. This locomotive has recently received a complete mechanical overhaul and new paint, restored back into Southern's 1940s era appearance.

This event is free for all current and retired Norfolk Southern employees and their families.

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The North Carolina Transportation Museum, located in historic Spencer Shops, the former Southern Railway repair facility for steam locomotives, is part of the Division of State Historic Sites, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources. The museum offers free admission and is conveniently located just a few minutes off I-85 in Spencer, N.C., and about an hour from Charlotte, Greensboro or Winston-Salem.

The Department of Cultural Resources is a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina's arts, history and culture. For more information about the Department of Cultural Resources go to www.ncdcr.gov.