

NHVRY IN SPOTLIGHT ON 4 OCTOBER

On Monday, 4 October 2010, Mr. W. Roscoe "Rocky" Bonsal, builder of the New Hope Valley Railroad in 1904, will be one of nine persons inducted into the NC Transportation Hall of Fame (NCTHF) at a ceremony and luncheon to be held at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary. The luncheon, starting at 11:30am, will be preceded by a time of registration and exhibits for the expected 350+ attendees. The 2010 event is the seventh annual induction and award ceremony, and the first one held in the Triangle. Prior ceremonies have been held in High Point, Spencer, and Charlotte.

Forty-seven individuals have already been inducted since the NCTHF was founded, including aviation pioneers Wilbur and Orville Wright, streetcar and bus manufacturer Perley A. Thomas, containerized shipping inventor Malcom P. McLean, and Piedmont Airlines founder Thomas H. Davis to name just a few.



WILLIAM ROSCOE "ROCKY" BONSALE

In addition to Mr. Bonsal, the 2010 inductees are Don Blackburn (former Raleigh transportation director), James E. Harrington (NCDOT Secretary, 1985-1990), Kate Herring Highsmith (NC Federation of Women's Club president 1945), Archie Honbarrier (founder, Central Transport, High Point), Barbara H. Mulkey (founder and chairman, Mulkey Engineers & Consultants), Jerry Orr (director, Charlotte Douglas International Airport), Carl J. Stewart, Jr. (chairman, NC State Ports Authority), and W. H. "Bill" Teague (executive director, NC League of Transportation & Logistics).

Ms. Kate Bonsal Tracy will accept her great-grandfather's induction plaque after being introduced by Mr. R.T. Crowley of the North Carolina Railroad Museum at Bonsal.

Tickets to the event are \$40 each, including admission to the exhibits, lunch and the ceremony. All Tarheel Telegrapher readers and New Hope Valley Railway supporters are encouraged to attend the entire event, expected to end by 2:15pm. For more information about the NC Transportation Hall of Fame and how to purchase event tickets, please go to WWW.NCTHF.ORG or email NCTHF CEO David Robinson at FAME@NCTHF.ORG.