

N R H S NEWSLETTER

West Ky. Chapter



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Minutes of Western Ky. Chapter N.R.H.S July 24, 1995

Meeting was called to order, by our V.P. Wallace Henderson at 7:35 p.m., in the absence of Bob McCracken. **Minutes:** Approved as read, of the June 26 meeting.

Treasurer: No Treasurer's report was available, Robert did not call in.

Director's Report: Bob Vittitow reported briefly on some information from National. There are at present 20,403 members. The National Convention in 1997 will be in Salt Lake City, Utah., The year 1998 is open., And 1999 will be in Sacramento, Calif... Board meeting will be the 2nd Sunday in November., The dates are the 11th and 12 th of that month. There was no old business. There was no new business. **The Following announcements, and sightings** were given; Eddie James reported on several upcoming Railroad Shows. Chuck Hendrichs gave a report on the Princeton Railroad Club. Wallace Henderson read from Railfan Magazine, a story of several Railroad Accidents, and Disasters, including boiler explosions. Dennis gave a report on the upcoming U.P. trip on Aug 5, on which several members plan to attend.... Reports on the 765

trip from Paducah to Central City, indicate that the trip is off, for this year. Maybe next????? Reports on the P&L indicate that they are planning two detour trips a day through Madisonville. Rex Easterly is moving to Franklin, Ky., and no longer will be our Editor, much to the regret of the membership. , He still plans to attend meetings., Dennis put forth plans to continue the Newsletter, with Tony's help, and discussions ensued as to details. More discussions will take place at next month's meeting. Wally made the motion to table further discussions at this meeting, Motion passed. Condolences: To Joe & Shirley Wirth in the death of her mother. **Next Meeting; Will be Monday Night, August 28, At the Badgett Center at 7:30 P.M.** Program by Wallace Henderson, a video from his collection, and refreshments by Ron Stubblefield. Present were: Tom Buemel Greg Utlely Don Clayton Dan Emmick Harlan Best Wallace Henderson Tony Clark . Bob Vititow . Chuck Hendrichs . Dennis Carnal Chuch Smith Rex Easterly . Eddie James Terry Bunner . Keith Kittinger Wally Watts Guest: Marion Elliott Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Late Breaking

Events:.....
From the August 23, 1995 edition of

the Owensboro Messenger Inquirer.... A Kentucky teen-ager who fell asleep in a boxcar, survived a week, locked in the car for a week, with out food or water. Mike Wright jumped a train near his home in Western Kentucky on Aug. 14, intending to ride a mile or two into the small town of Crofton for some candy and soda. But the Train did not stop until it reached Evansville, where the 17- year old switched trains, believing he had got on one headed back South to Crofton, He then went to sleep. When Wright awoke from his nap, he discovered that someone had closed, and locked the door of his refrigerated car. John Bromley, a Union Pacific Railroad spokesman in Omaha Neb., said the refrigeration unit on the car was turned off on account it being empty. { The insulation of this car, may be what kept this boy alive] The insulation kept the car cool enough during the trip. "We get a number of cases where this ends in death", Bromley said. He estimated the train traveled more than 2,000 miles, through Chicago, Ill., Fremont, Neb., Cheyenne, Wyo., and Pocatello, Idaho, and on to Oregon. Wright finally was rescued in Oregon, when a pair of Railroad Employees at the Hinkle Rail Yard near Hermiston in Northeastern Oregon heard his cries for help. One of his rescuers, said the teen looked terrible, but except for being dehydrated and hungry, he

was fine. "He's very lucky". said Les Stuplich, the Switchman who, along with crew hauler Jackie Dunlap, Discovered Wright about 1 a.m. Monday [Aug. 21.]

Demo Train..... AmTrack is now planning a passenger train from Chicago to Atlanta, with the possibility of it continuing on to Jacksonville Fla. For 20 Days during the Olympics in Atlanta Ga. next year. This means folks we will have a regular passenger train through Madisonville, how-ever it may not be stopping here, scheduled stops along the route are:, Danville, Terre Haute, Vincennes, and Evansville. Amtrack, Indiana, Georgia, and Florida are funding this venture, but all that is needed now is permission from C.S.X. to begin. *Thanks to Dennis for this Info.*



Due to the fact that the NewsLetter has under gone changes, We might have to ask in the future, that the news letter be sent to members only, as with this new set-up in printing ,additional costs will be incurred, And we may also have to have an increase in dues to cover the cost, at now this is tentative, and will be worked out in the future.

Railfan 1942:.... Tennessee Central Train #4 left Nashville behind Engine 553, a Mountain type. After rolling 162 miles on a hot passenger schedule to Harriman, The Engine was returned two miles to Emory Gap, Tn. Where upon hostlers were bug-eyed to find a driver tire missing from one driving wheelPieces of the tire were picked up at Mill Creek, four miles out of Nashville.....evidently the tire had fragmented, the pieces had come off with-out striking anything, and the Engine had traveled 164 miles !!!!!!!
