

N R H S NEWSLETTER

West Ky. Chapter



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Minutes of Western Ky. Chapter N.R.H.S. October 28, 1996

Minutes : Approved of the September 23rd, Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: None ., As of this writing (Nov. 6th.) I have not received a report from Robert.

Director's Report: Chuck reports he has sent the dues increase notice for our Chapter only dues to National. Announced the upcoming board meeting November 8-10 in Huntington, W. Virginia...

MEETING NIGHT NOTICE.....

Please Note !!!!!..... The Madisonville N.R.H.S. meeting will be on Monday Evening November 25th .. 7 P.M. at the Badgett center. Program will be from Greg Utley, and Wally Watts will provide refreshments. The Chapter voted to cancel our December meeting, as in the past, due to the Christmas Holidays, and being replaced by our dinner on Dec. 9th.

Old Business : Ricky Bivins reported that Cody's Restaurant's new banquet facility won't be ready for our Christmas Dinner. The Chapter voted to have our dinner on Dec. 9th at 7.p.m. at Mr. Lee's Restaurant in Madison Square, where we have had satisfactory service in the past..

New Business: As Tony Clark reported in the current Newsletter, he will no longer be able to be our Editor after March of next year. Dennis reports he has spoken to two prospects who may be willing to take over as Editor.. The Chapter would like to thank Betty Smith for running copies of the Newsletter. Billy Byrd thanked the Chapter for the flowers sent for his wife's funeral. He gave some information on TVRM, and he will be there on Nov. 16th and 17th. Don gave information on the UP E-9 trip to Russelville, Ark, attended by several of our members: Don Clayton, David Cooper, Chris Dees, and Wally Watts. Chuck reported briefly on the L&N Historical Society. Bob Johnson, a visitor from the Paducah Chapter reported on their Museum, and invited all to visit. Dennis gave information on the Green frog tape being filmed on the Henderson Sub-Div..

Those present were:

Wally Watts	Ricky Bivins
D.A. Fraser	Keith Kittinger
Don Clayton	Ron Stubblefield
Billy Byrd	Harlan Best
Bruce Cox	Dennis Carnal
Jim Bergant	Harold Kniffen
Bob McCracken	Rich Hane
Chuck Hinrichs	Bob Moffet

Guests:

Bob Johnston
Bill Wood

Both from the Paducah Chapter.



Sightings..... Greetings from the Old Goat.....Happy Turkey Day, merry.Christmas and Happy New Year !!!!! Can you believe the holidays are here ? Where did 1996 go ? Time flies or so it seems. This past year was a good one for me. i hope 1996 was a good year for you and your families and friends. Maybe 1997 will be even better for us all !!! The Old Goat likes the holidays, but some people are getting started with the displays a little early. I saw an outside home display being setup on Nov. 2nd. The people looked so happy putting the stuff up this year !! I didn't have the heart, to go back and tell them it's too damn early for Christmas lights. but , tis the season !!! Wait...!!! I think I just saw the Easter Bunny hopping down the Bunny trail in row 12 at Wal-mart. No, my mistake. It was only a kid in a Bunny Suit returning home from trick or treating on Halloween. Hey kid, put away your Halloween stuff, and hangup your Christmas stocking ASAP. Because, Christmas time is a coming !!!! Hope everyone has a great holiday season!!!!!!

Now, with that stuff out of the way. let's get back to the reason for this Newsletter. Well, no news is good news, only when you aren't trying to write a Newsletter. This is one of those months. We have very little news or anything else for that matter to report. So here we go.....

Thanks to these people for their help..... First, thanks to newsletter Editor Tony Clark for putting together this Newsletter for over a year and a half. Tony will resign after the first of 1997. Its been nice working with Tony for this time. He has done a great job as Editor. Much thanks from the Old Goat and everyone in the Chapter. Now, thanks to Betty Smith of Hopkinsville for her help with making the copies of the Newsletter, where she worked, at no cost to the Chapter. the only cost was for the paper, that the Chapter purchased. Betty would then send the Newsletter to the Old Goat in Madisonville by her son.

who lived in Madisonville, so the Newsletter could be mailed. Sometimes, the Old Goat would pickup the Newsletter from her at work and sometimes, they would meet in Crofton. As you can see, getting a Newsletter sent to the Membership every month takes some time and effort. But thanks to members like Tony Clark and Betty Smith the Job gets done. Thanks once again to both of you for a job well done from the Old Goat and everyone in the Chapter.

Upcoming Dates and Stuff to remember..... The next regular Chapter meeting for the Madisonville Chapter is Monday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Badgett Center in Madisonville.....the Madisonville Chapter Christmas Dinner is Monday, december 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Mr Lee's Restaurant on Madison Square drive in Madisonville. Happy Hour will begin at 6:00 p.m.. The location was changed from Codys Restaurant as reported in the last Newsletter. (Postcards will be sent to remind the members of this dinner.) After dinner, we will go to the Badgett center for a program..... the Owensboro Chapter Christmas Dinner is Saturday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Shady rest Bar-BQ on Hwy 60 east. in Owensboro. A program will follow the dinner, For more information, call Eddie James at 683-4205.

No regular December Madisonville Chapter meeting, due to the Christmas holiday.

No Newsletter will be sent in December.

Remember to pay your 1997 Chapter dues, as soon as you can, the dues are due the first of the new year. Also, think about giving a Chapter donation, to help with the coast of the Newsletter.

Report on the Last Chapter Meeting in Madisonville.... 18 people attended the October meeting in Madisonville. The Chapter had 2 guests from the Paducah Chapter, Paducah Chapter President

Bob Johnson and Paducah Chapter Treasurer Bill Wood. It was nice to have both of you as guests and hope that you can attend our meetings in the future. Several people were out of town or working or just forgot, right Greg ? This was the reason, that our attendance was somewhat down from past meetings. Not much Railroad action to report during the meeting, but more than the September meeting, when no trains were sighted during the meeting. The first train on Oct 28th was Northbound CSX manifest train (Q556) on the Earlington main at 7:50 p.m.. Power was two CSX C40-8Ws and one B23-7, still in Family Lines Paint. The next train and the last train for that matter was Northbound manifest train (Q648) on the Earlington main at 8:30 p.m.. Power for this train was one SD50 and one CSX C30-7 #7022. The reason I noted the number on this C30-7 follows. The program was a video being shown by the Old Goat. The video was about the CSX lines around the Corbin, Ky. area in Eastern Ky. As soon as the train passed the station, the members started watching the video again. This video. this video was shot last October. The first scene in the video after the Northbound train, with the C30-7 #7022, was a shot in the Corbin Locomotive shop of C30-7 #7022. The locomotive was in the shop for a 90 day inspection. A year later, it's still running up more miles on CSX in Western Ky. Strange, the way things happen sometimes. nothing else to report from the October meeting, but thanks to Kaye Stubblefield for making the great Chocolate Cake for refreshments. Ron told us, the cake was best you had ever baked. We had to take his word for this, because he ate all three of them, before he or the cakes got to the meeting !!! he said, "I had a good time !!!". Just Kidding !!! the cakes made it to the meeting, and everyone enjoyed them. Anytime you feel like baking, we will feel like eating, right guys ?? Thanks Again !!

Bits and Pieces of Stuff from the Membership..... Several members have reported seeing lots of leased locomotives on CSX the past few weeks. Units from GE Leasing, EMD Leasing, Helm Leasing, Livingston Rebuild Center Leasing, Montana rail Link, GATX Leasing, MPI Leasing, plus others have been noted in the area. These locomotives make Railfanning a lot more interesting, than the almost standard two CSX widecabs seen on most trains,...CSX has added a pair of new Piggyback (Tote) trains through Madisonville on the Henderson Subdivision. They are Northbound (R128) and Southbound (R129). The Northbound train runs in the early morning around 3:00 a.m.. the Southbound runs in the early afternoon around 1:00 p.m.. These trains started running the first of October. The Southbound train has been running with one locomotive, most of the time a SD40-2 or SD50. The trains have between 10 to 20 cars, sometimes U.P.S. Doublestacks. These trains run between Chicago, and Nashville, plus points further South on CSX. The addition of these two new tote trains makes a total of 8 daily tote trains on the Henderson Subdivision. Around 30 trains per day are now running through Madisonville on the Mainline, and the two Branch lines. 18 of these trains are daily manifest and tote trains. The rest are grain trains, somedays as many as 8 to 12 per day., plus coal, Coke, Ore, Phosphate, Potash, Molten Sulphur, plus others. With the heavy traffic levels, leased locomotives and increased track speeds railfanning on the CSX Henderson Subdivision couldn't get much better. get outside and see for yourself. You may be surprised !!!!.

Wallace Henderson was in Paducah on Sep. 29th, and noted this unit at VMV. It was a SD35 ex-Norfolk Western de-turbocharged to 2000 hp. for C.V.G. Minera Oronoco C.A. in Venezuela, Nice catch !, not very many of these units. then on Oct 24th., Wallace noted Northbound BNSF Paducah to Galesburg train #448 with this lashup

One BN SD40-2., One conrail B36-7, and two Santa fe GP60Ms., One with hood painted in primer, no lettering leaving Paducah. Maybe still another BNSF paint Scheme?? Thanks for the report....

Well, that's about all for this edition of "Sightings". As I said at the beginning, not much news to report this month. Next month, that's the January Edition, look for reports from the Old Goat on Railfanning the Illinois Central passenger special on the Edgewood Cutoff near Fulton, in late October.. I will report on railfanning on the Union Pacific Chester Sub., and chasing the U.P. steam locomotive #844 with Ron Stubblefield & friends. Plus, reporting on the filming of the Neff video, not Green frog video on the CSX Henderson Sub. between Nashville to Evansville. The Old Goat, Chuck Hinrichs, plus Keith Kittinger helped with the shooting of this video in October. Plus, we hope to report on a lot more stuff from the membership in the coming months. With Winter here, I hope more members will take the time to write a story for the Newsletter. Come on People, it's not that hard, give it a try..!!!!

Remember to pay your Chapter dues, plus chapter donaations as soon as you can. Hope everyone rejoins the Chapter for 1997. The Chapter officer elections are being held during the regular November Chapter meeting. if you want to take a more active part in the Chapter, nows your chance, Run for office. let's have a large turnout for the meeting, hope to see you there. Send your stories or Railroad news to me at either of the following addresses. We need and want your imput each and every month. thanks for your past and I hope future support. I hope to see many of you trackside during the upcoming year..

Later dudes !!! HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE OLD GOAT.

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