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Chapter Chatter

Next Meeting

Monday,

October 27

7:00 pm

The Center

(Former L&N Depot)

Madisonville, KY

Program by Dennis Carnal

Refreshments by Steve Miller

Clayton/Watts Open House



**Saturday,
November 1, 2008**

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**Deadline for
November Issue
is Friday,
November 14,
2008**

**From from our President
Rich's Ramblings**

Last month's program was very interesting and was provided by Wally Watts to fill in for Tim Moore who had an unscheduled family matter come up. It was about the investigation of a train wreck on the Rio Grande in Colorado. The refreshments were provided by Jim and Thomas Bryan and were excellent. The fish from Lake Barkley probably thought otherwise.

On Saturday, Oct. 4 we had the annual picnic in Crofton and it came off very well. It was well attended and the CSX provided at least 5 nice trains for our enjoyment. Thanks to the Hopkinsville bunch for bringing the drinks and setting it up. Also, the displays set up by Steve Miller, Wally Watts, Wallace Henderson, and Steve Gentry were enjoyed by all. Thanks, fellows. The weather cooperated and was quite pleasant. The opportunity to relax and enjoy ourselves with each others company in the shade of the pavilion was great.

During the October meeting we will be accepting nominations for our officers. The election will be held during the November meeting. Let me take a moment to encourage anyone that would like to be an officer to consider it and realize that we are a very friendly chapter and all offices are to be considered open and no one will feel bad if someone runs for a position. It is a serious responsibility and an opportunity to take the Chapter in a different direction and perhaps accomplish other things that are not being covered now. We are always open to input and your opinions.

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West Kentucky Chapter Crofton, KY Picnic Report

On Saturday, October 4, 2008, between twenty five to thirty chapter members, family, and friends met at noon in the downtown Crofton Veterans Park. They were there for an afternoon of food, drinks, fellowship and to watch a few CSX trains pass by on the Henderson Subdivision.

Chapter members from three states, Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee, were on hand for the event. Steve Gentry from Lafayette, Indiana, won the award for the greatest distance traveled. Rex and Melanie Easterly drove from the Nashville area. Three members from the Evansville area made the trip; Birk Fischer, Matt Gentry, and David Millen.

Steve Gentry displayed a live steam model of a G gauge, 1/29th scale Nickel Plate Berkshire steam locomotive. Wally Watts had a display of his live steamers. Chuck Hinrichs had part two of his annual giveaways. Last year, Chuck had a large assortment of sweatshirts. This year, the give-away was caps. Let's hope next year, Chuck doesn't cleanout his underwear drawer!

Thanks from the Chapter to the Hopkinsville area members for providing the drinks and ice for the picnic. CSX operated six trains through Crofton between 12 noon and 4 pm that afternoon. One southbound manifest train, three northbound manifest trains and two northbound piggyback/stack trains: Q647, Q124, Q592, Q648, Q588, and Q120, in that order.

A total of fourteen CSX owned locomotives powered these six trains. Seven different locomotive models from two builders were seen. Four different models totaling eight locomotives: three SD40-2s, two SD50s, one SD60I, two SD70MACs from General Motors passed in review. Three different models from General Electric, three C40-8Ws, one AC44-CW, and two ES44-DCs rolled through Crofton as well.

Between trains, chapter members passed the time covering topics such as baseball, politics, railroading and the weather, plus, about any topic known to man. To say some of the conversations were lively would be an understatement! Man, those Chicago Cubs fans are a testy bunch. This writer would like to give Cubs fans everywhere my heartfelt condolences for enduring another bitter end to another season filled with so much hope for a World Series title. Talk about fan loyalty, Cubs fans must be the most loyal fans on Earth. In 2009, it will be 101 years since the loser Cubs have won a World Series title. Will the Cubs ever win another title? Ha!!!!

Here's something to think about during the coming cold months: Why not support a winning team next Spring... The St. Louis Cardinals? That's a winner! The St Louis Cardinals Flying High in 2009!!!

See you at Spring Training 2009!!! Play ball!

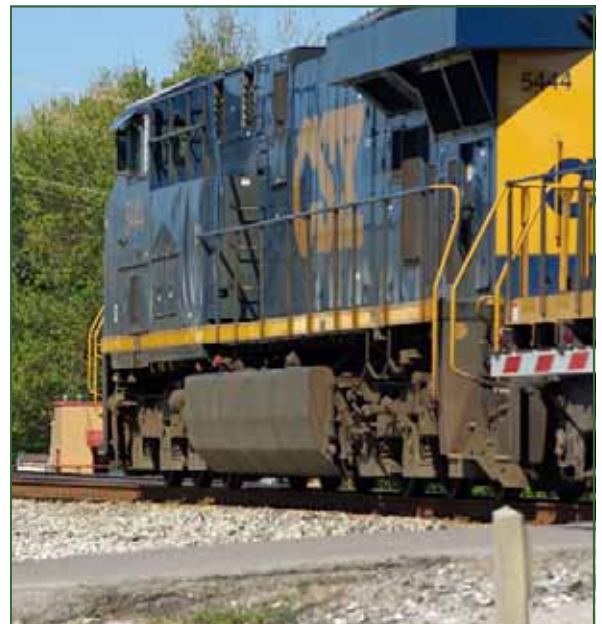
Dennis "Lefty" Carnal

Rich's Ramblings Continued

Keep Saturday, November 1st open for the annual open house to be held at Don Clayton's house and hosted by Don and Wally Watts. This is another chance to enjoy the friendships and interests that we have developed over the years and to see a first class model railroad in action.

I will be looking forward to seeing your smiling faces at the next meeting on Monday, Oct. 27, at 7pm at The Center in beautiful downtown Madisonville.

Crofton Picnic Candids November 4, 2008



In Memorial

Mrs. Nelma "Shine" Jean Kittinger, aunt of chapter member Keith Kittinger, passed away Saturday, October 11, 2008. Keith served as a pallbearer at the funeral held at Barnett-Strother, Thursday, October 16.

Ralph H. Jackson, charter member of the Owensboro Chapter NRHS, and cousin to West Kentucky Chapter member Charles Jackson of Hopkinsville, died Monday, October 20, at Owensboro Medical Health System. *Ralph's father worked for the L&N as a freight agent in Earlington, KY. Charles was an L&N freight agent in Guthrie, KY. * addition to obituary by Dennis Carnal

Note: both entries taken from newspaper obituaries.

Time to Renew!

Yes! Difficult to believe another year has flown by! You should be receiving your 2009 dues renewal notices from NRHS soon if not already. Please send your dues to Wally Watts, 111 Reed Place, Madisonville, KY 42431.

If you know of address or other information changes, please forward them to me, Bill Thomas, electronic information contact for our chapter, 1025 Lakewood Drive, Madisonville, KY, or drop by First Baptist Church, 246 North Main Street, Madisonville.

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6. To maintain and grow the organization

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www.nrhs.com

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www.rypn.org/

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Indiana Railway Museum and French Lick Scenic Railway

www.indianarailwaymuseum.org

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www.tcry.org/

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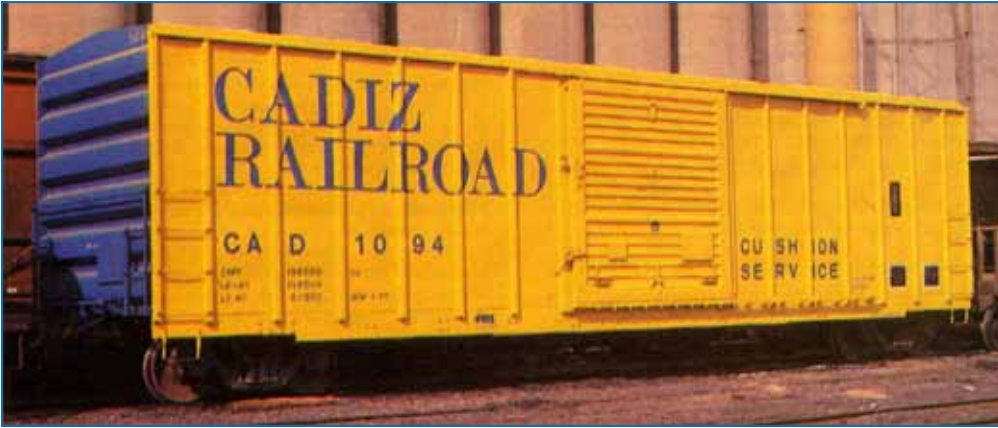
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Photo Section



Left: Cadiz Railroad's bright toy-like paint scheme really jumps out in this photo graph which appeared in *Trains*, September 1978. Photo by Jack Fravert.

-submitted by Denis Carnal



Left: This photo appeared in the same issue of *Trains*, but under a "Gone But Not Forgotten" section. These are GP-7s, approaching Crossville, TN, on ex-Tennessee Central in 1976.

-submitted by Denis Carnal



Above: As the caption in the January 1968 *Trains* issue reads... "Freight-Only Tennessee Central stepped out of character on September 10, 1967, to operate an employee-picnic passenger excursion between Monterey and Nashville, Tenn, with Alco RS-3 258 in new blue-gray livery and a pair of ex-Reading coaches.

-submitted by Denis Carnal

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May Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance \$1,879.49
Income

Nat. Dues	\$00.00
Ch. Dues	\$00.00
Donations	\$00.00
Raffle	\$18.00
Video	\$00.00
Other	\$00.30 (bank error)
TOTAL	\$00.30

Adjusted Balance \$1,879.79

Expenses

Nat. Dues	\$00.00
Postage	\$29.40
Printing	\$57.56
Video	\$00.00
Supplies	\$00.00
Other	\$00.00
TOTAL	\$80.96

Ending Balance \$1,798.83

MEMBERSHIP Total - 63

DIRECTORS REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Rich mentioned we need to be looking for location and dates for the Christmas dinner, and suggested he and Wally, and any others, bring some input, or check out places. There could be a possible change of date. Generally, we have done this on the st Monday in December. Input requested.

ACTIVITIES: Our Crofton Picnic scheduled for Saturday, October 4, is a go. Don and Wally's open house is set for Saturday evening, November 1, 7 pm, at the home of Don Clayton, Madisonville. The Nashville & Eastern /Tennessee Central Monterey Excursion is on for Saturday, October 11. Gary Miller, our member from the Spokane, WA, area is arriving by train on Friday, October 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rich reported Ron (Stubblefield) is recovering at Home, but slowly. Wally talked with Kay on the 3rd, and she said he still has pain and shortness of breath, and will not be able to go on the Monterey trip. Our next meeting is Monday, October 27, 7 pm, at The Center, with program presented by Jim Pearson. Steve Miller will have refreshments.

ATTENDANCE: Wally Watts, Thomas Bryan, Jim Bryan, Rich Hane, Wallace Henderson, Harry Dolph, John McGee, Steve Miller, Dennis Carnal, Jim Pearson, Chuck Hinrichs, Bill Thomas, Liam Thomas.

Photo Section Continued



Above is the most monstrous of PRR diesel classes, the "centipede". They began life as passenger units, but were quickly downgraded not only to freight units but w/"helper" designation (1st class BP60, 2nd class BH50 - lost some HP in regearing). Here are a pair clunking along on main line east of Altoona in 1959. They only last a couple more years. - submitted by Fred Ripley, Murray, KY



The Tennessee Central E-unit which headed the train from Nashville to Monterey, TN, sits ready to make the move up line to turn the train. This trip will be a feature in the November Pennyrail.

- photo by Chris Guenzler

California Collision Information

Here is a very enlightening presentation on what happened in the Chatsworth, CA, railroad collision.

<http://www.latimes.com/media/acrobat/2008-09/42434650.pdf>

...the tumbling tumbleweed!



On Monday morning, Nov 19, 2007 just 12 miles west of Amarillo, we were pulling up Rowley hill, going 15 Mph & the wind was blowing about 50 mph & we ran into thousand's of Tumbleweeds come to a dead stop in about 5 car length's, they blew under Our Drivers & we lost all our traction & were dead in the water. We had 3 Engines & got 2 more engines off another train & Still couldn't move. We were stuck there for 5hrs & 35 min. & finally Had to Back down the hill & let another crew take over because we ran out of Time To work, crazy huh?



Regional Rail-notes

A federal class-action lawsuit filed after a train derailment in Bullitt County in January 2007 has been settled for \$3 million, according to court records. The Courier-Journal in Louisville reports that of the 17,000 people eligible for claims, none can receive more than \$10,000.

The CSX train was carrying chemicals considered hazardous and some residents near the crash went to the hospital complaining of breathing problems. The fiery derailment sent a plume of smoke up over the site and CSX had to excavate contaminated soil from the site.

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Russell tentatively approved the settlement on Aug. 28. The newspaper reports that a Web site has been authorized by the court to detail the settlement.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs declined to comment on the settlement.

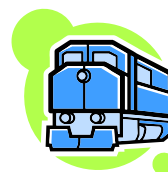
- Submitted by Chuck Hinrichs

Jacksonville, Fla. - October 3, 2008 - CSX Corporation (NYSE: CSX) today announced that it achieved the best score among Class One freight railroads in the Carbon Disclosure Project's (CDP) 2008 Report and third best in the overall Transports and Logistics category.

CDP is a not-for-profit organization representing the interests of 385 mostly-institutional investors with more than \$57 trillion in assets under management. CDP's role is to, "act as an intermediary between shareholders and corporations on all climate change related issues, providing primary climate change data from the world's largest corporations, to the global market place."

CSX's Climate Leadership Index score was compiled by aggregating its weighted answers in a CDP questionnaire split into four sections covering: risks and opportunities; emissions accounting; performance against targets; and governance.

"CSX is committed to providing a high level of transparency and disclosure to investors and other interested parties concerning the company's long-term environmental strategy and climate related risks," said Oscar Munoz, CSX Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. "CSX provides the most environmentally friendly way to meet the nation's demand for freight transportation and is committed to continuing to provide value for both our customers and shareholders while taking meaningful steps to address the important concerns of climate change."



Regional Rail Notes

BCRail #4649 was northbound Monday afternoon out of Fulton on the Cairo District with about forty cars in tow. Also, the local word is that the Fulton Yard is closed and will only be a crew change point. There are no switching units active in the yard and there are currently 30-40 new, or newly painted, cylindrical grain hoppers stored in the yard. A nice boxcar red with small white noodle lettering. Finally, CN will be trying distributive power with two lead units and two remote controlled units amidship in trains of up to 200 cars of general merchandise. I am told that the trains will be almost three miles long! I have not seen any of these monsters yet but around 7 AM should be a good time to railfan Fulton for them.



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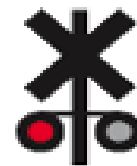
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- Stay tuned for the announcement about our Christmas Dinner!

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