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Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,
January 25, 2010**

**7:00 pm, The Center
Former L&N Depot
Near Arch and Main Streets
Madisonville, KY**

Program

L&N Photos
President's Choice
Rich Hane

**Bring a guest and something for
Show and Tell**

**We welcome Steve Miller
To the Officers List
As Vice President
of our Chapter**

Madisonville Head-quartered and Energized Railroad
Buffs (MH&E RRB)
Thursday, January 28, at 6:30pm
See Timetable for details

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Rich's Ramblings

President, Rich Hane

I hope that everyone had a nice Holiday season and are looking forward to a wonderful new year. Those of you that joined us at the Christmas Dinner were treated to great food and fellowship and a wonderful program of nostalgia photos of many of our long time members when we were all a bit younger put together by Dennis Carnal. It was great to see reminders of some of the activities that we have enjoyed together over the years and of the good times that we have spent together.

I noticed in the press that the brand new Pacific type locomotive that I talked about last year which was built in England for excursions, was used for revenue purposes when it was used to fill in for some diesels that developed engine problems. The commuters certainly were treated to quite a show when this beautiful steam engine res-

cued them and carried out the remainder of the scheduled runs.

Don't forget to send or give Wally your dues renewals as it is that time of year again.

There is a new walking and fitness trail in Madisonville just west of Trover Clinic that affords some great train viewing as it parallels the CSX mainline. This trail is a very scenic one half mile loop and includes benches, a pond, forest, and fitness stations. The view of the trains is excellent and is level to just below grade for a little variety. It is an impressive place to watch our trains pass through town at a nice speed.

I am hoping to see all of your smiling faces this month at the next meeting at 7pm on January 25th, at the Center in beautiful downtown Madisonville. I will be providing the show and the refreshments this month and will have some nice L&N photos.

Rich

If you know of chapter members with health issues, please let me know, bill@fbcmadisonville.com.

If you have not received your renewal notice, please notify Bill Thomas as soon as possible-270-825-4623 or 270-339-9482.

PENNYRAIL” is your publication. If you have photographs or other material of current or historical interest that you would like to share with Chapter members, your editor would appreciate hearing from you. Your material will receive the best of care while being readied for publication. Your help is appreciated.

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www.tcry.org/

Don't Forget Your NRHS Dues!

Updated member-renewal spread sheets for January 2010 have been sent to the national office. If you have not paid your renewal dues, please do so as soon as possible to simplify paper work for treasurer Wally Watts and electronic contact, Bill Thomas (me). The February sheets will be emailed around the 10th of February so Wally will need your dues in hand before then. Thanks!

NRHS Mission Statement

National Railway Historical Society, Inc. Mission Statement - The National Railway Historical Society promotes railway heritage preservation and educates its members and the public about rail transportation, its history and impact, with a focus on North America.

Objectives

1. To foster the experience of rail transportation
2. To develop and expand educational services and programs
3. To build and maintain archives, to encourage and to support archival activities, and to disseminate information in archives
 - A. To increase collaboration between existing archives
 - B. To develop listing of National and Chapter archives
4. To support preservation of memorabilia and
5. artifacts
6. To facilitate association and networking
7. To maintain and grow the organization

Downey Anticipates Next Book

A couple months ago I mentioned that I have a new book coming out entitled "Kentucky and the Illinois Central Railroad". It is a soft cover book from Arcadia Publishing and, well, is about the IC's trains and operations in the Bluegrass State. I had hoped that it would be out by the end of 2009, but that didn't happen.

However, I've now been advised that the book will be available March 29. Unlike another book publisher I worked with who announced publication dates that were repeatedly delayed, Arcadia does not announce a publication date unless they are rock solid certain that the book will actually be printed and in stores. So, the long wait is drawing to a close.

The book is not yet listed on Arcadia's website (arcadiapublishing.com). But if you go to amazon.com, booksamillion.com, or barnesandnoble.com, and type in "clifford downey", you can at least see the front cover. As publication draws nearer, then each site will include previews of inside pages.

As always, once the book is out I welcome all comments , good or bad. I certainly hope folks will consider buying this book, for I believe they will enjoy it. Cliff Downey

Sympathies to Gary Miller And Family



Gary's wife, Cindy, 53, passed away December 2, 2009 in Puyallup, WA. Funeral service was Wednesday, December 9, in Puyallup. We extend our sympathies to Gary and his family on the occasion of their loss.

PHOTO SECTION

The wife and I were in Paducah Saturday (12/5) for some shopping and a bit of train chasing. There were three UP coal trains in the area as well as an Oakway powered coal train outbound for Grand Rivers. The P&L local was returning to North Yard and there was the usual weekend gaggle of power at the office/shop area. The hit of the day, however, was the Oakway coal train approaching the new bridge over the Tennessee River just below Kentucky Dam. The road and railroad that used to cross the dam now cross the river on a pair of new bridges. - Chuck Hinrichs



On Monday (January 11, 2010) I was returning home from the Mall in Hopkinsville and caught an infrequent Fort Campbell Rail movement – a long string of empty flats southbound to the Fort. I caught the pair of Army Geeps below the new Lovers Lane overpass.

- Chuck Hinrichs

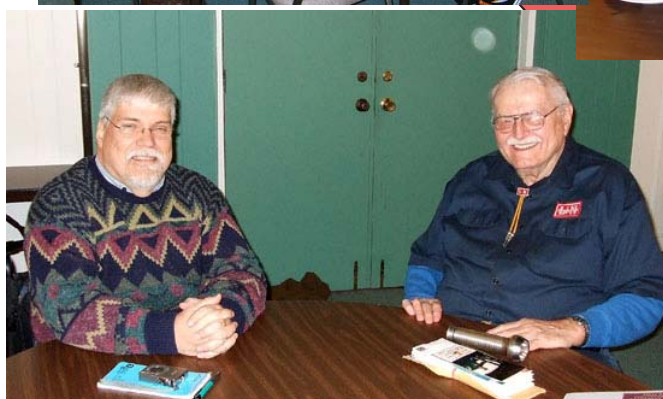
Christmas Party Photos



Far Left: Fred Ripley
Left: President Rich Hane, Ron Stubblefield, and Wally Watts.

Below left: Betty and Donnie Knight.

Below: Linda Dolph, Shirley Hinrichs, Kay Stubblefield, Marilyn and Steve Miller.



Above Left: The crowd!

Left: Tim Moore and Dave Millen

Above Right: Deena and Jim Bryan

Regional Rail Notes...

Submitted by Chuck Hinrichs

From Channel 18's (Lexington KY) web site:

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) - Paducah & Louisville Railway is looking for incentives to build a new headquarters in downtown Paducah rather than move to one of the other cities where it does business.

Railroad President Tony Reck told The Paducah Sun that the company is hoping to stay in western Kentucky, but isn't close to making a commitment to any place. P&L, a 265-mile regional railroad, has grown steadily in recent years by acquiring rail lines in West Virginia, Indiana and Illinois. Reck said the company has newer contracts with CSX to build and operate intermodal facilities in West Baltimore, Ohio, and Winter Haven, Fla.

Paducah Mayor Bill Paxton says the city is trying to keep the railroad, despite heavy recruiting from places like Louisville and Florida.

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DINNER TRAIN
MARCH 14, 2:00 P.M.
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REQUIRED

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for more information.

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CENTER WILL BE CLOSED
FOR RENOVATION BEGINNING DECEMBER
21, 2009 THRU MARCH 10, 2010.

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FYI



Midwest High Speed Rail Association

Advocating for the development of fast, frequent and dependable passenger trains linking the entire Midwest

The best way to see how bullet trains transform economies is to ride them and see the cities they serve. To ride a bullet train you have to travel overseas. A year ago, members of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association traveled to Spain to see how that country is using high-speed trains to unify the country. This year, we hope to visit France, which pioneered European high-speed rail in 1982. We hope to include the following elements on this trip:

- A TGV duplex ride on France's first high-speed line
- A ride at 205 mph on a German-built ICE-3
- A presentation on SNCF's proposal for a bullet train network in the Midwest
- A tour of a modern light rail line
- A visit to Antwerp Central, rated one the world's most beautiful railroad stations. It also has a new four track bypass similar to Chicago's proposed West Loop Transportation Center.

Before we move forward planning the details of trip, we need to gauge interest. We are considering either June 13 - 19 or September 12 - 18. The trip will go when we have received ten refundable deposits for one of the possible weeks. We will book the trip through the Society of International Railway Travelers which has given excellent support on past trips. A potential agenda can be found at: <http://www.midwesthsr.org/events/>. Please respond to this email and answer the following questions if you are interested in going: (If this email got forwarded to you, send the email to: mark@midwesthsr.org)

- 1) Do you prefer June or September?
- 2) Are you willing to spend up to \$2,500, \$3,500 or \$4,000 plus airfare?
- 3) Would you be interested in an extra three days that would have a focused agenda on trains and facilities?
- 4) Would you rather go to China?

Make sure to include your full contact information if you want to keep informed. Rick Harnish, Executive Director Midwest High Speed Rail Association 4765 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60625, 773-334-6758. Join us at midwestHSR.org.

November 2009 Minutes Summary

Minutes approved for the October meeting with one exception: Dennis Carnal and Ricky Bivins will work on the chapter shirts with logo rather than Chuck Hinrichs.

Treasurer's Report approved.

Director's Report: Activities Report: Wallace plans to attend the Board meeting in early January in Charleston, SC. The board plans to review the Society's overall governing body, and possibly reduce the board, or make other modifications. This is not expected to affect the National convention.

Old business: Ricky has the logo in electronic format, but is at present unable to access it on his computer. He will look into it and continue to work on it. Elections were held with all the previous slate on the ballot, with the exception of the proposed VP nominee, Tom Steiner, who asked he be remove due to family concerns. Steve Miller volunteered and was place on the ballot. All officers were then elected by unanimous acclamation. The 2010 officers are listed on page 1 of this publication. The Christmas dinner will be held at The Center on Monday December 14, 6pm and will be catered by Ballard's Catering. Cost is \$8.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: Monday, January 25, 2010, at The Center. Program by President Rich Hane who will also provide refreshments. There will be no meeting in December other than the Christmas Banquet.

Members Present at November Meeting:

Wallace Henderson, Tom Johnson, Tim Moore, Rick Bivins, Steve Miller, Chuck Hinrichs, Dennis Carnal, Thomas Bryan, Bob Moffet, David Millen, Jim Bryan, Donny and Betty Knight, Rich Hane, Fred Ripley, Wally Watts, Bill Thomas, **Guests:** Birk Bischoff, Ed Graveman



November 28, 2009 Financial Report

Report Date: November 23, 2009, by Wally Watts.

Beginning Balance 1857.95

Income:

National Dues Received	848.00
Chapter Dues Received	12.00
Royalty from Neff Video	00.00
Other (Raffle)	16.00

Total: **876.00**

Adjusted Balance 2733.95

Expenditures:

National Dues Paid	00.00
Postage	22.00
Printing	57.56
Flowers	00.00
Supplies	00.00

Total: 73.56

Ending Balance: 2660.39

Membership Statistics

Beginning Membership	69
National Members Dropped	1
Chapter Members Added	0
Ending Membership	68



Each year during the Christmas season, my friend Jim Burton of Madisonville, assembles this elaborate Lionel layout with a host of operating accessories. The boys love it. More on next page.

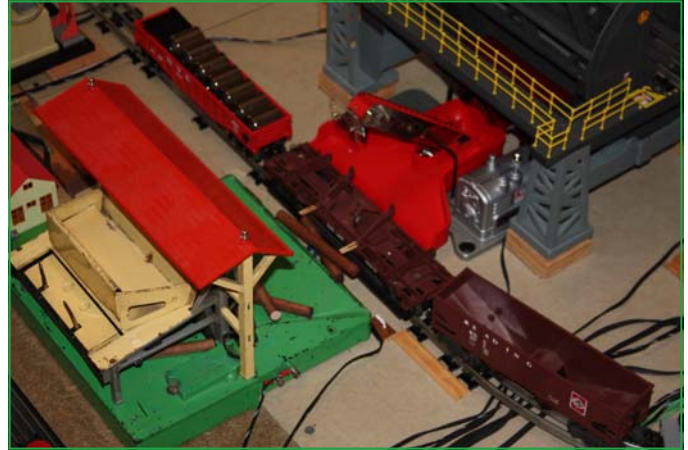
TIMETABLE #110

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- **Madisonville Head-quartered and Energized Railroad Buffs (MH&E RRB)** - Thursday, January 28, at 6pm, at the (unfinished) home of Ricky Bivins, on North Railroad Street, Mortons Gap, KY. Bring your own drinks and snacks. All are welcome! Port-a-potty next door. Torpedo heater provided by Ricky!
- **Great Midwest Train Show - February 14, 2010.** DuPage County Fairgrounds County Farm Road and Manchester, Wheaton, Illinois Show Hours 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Train Show Inc., 120 Easy Street #4 Carol Stream IL 60188. Phone: 630-290-1962 Fax : 2 4 0 - 5 9 7 - 4 4 8 2 , staff@GreatMidwestTrainShow.com.
- **sHOW Modular Model RR Club Train Show** - Saturday February 20, 2010, 10am to 3pm, at the L&N Depot on Kentucky Street, Bowling Green, KY. Admission is \$2. Table rental for vendors is \$15. Contact Kevin, kcomer300@yahoo.com.



Christmas Lionel



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