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## Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,  
May 24, 2010  
7:00 pm**

**L&N Depot  
Hopkinsville, KY**

## May Program

**Presented by  
Ed Whitfield**

**or**

**Michael Pape**

**or**

**Wallace Henderson**

**and**

**William Turner**

**Refreshments by  
Hopkinsville Chapter Members**

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Dr. Fred Ripley prepares slides for his April program on Western lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

## Rich's Ramblings

President, Rich Hane

We had a very interesting slide presentation by Dr. Fred Ripley that covered some interesting portions of the Pennsylvania Railroad last month. Fred is an accomplished photographer and had some great morning and twilight time photos to show us.

It looks as if The Center will be turned over to the City of Madisonville on July 1st of this year. They could not find a buyer for the old train depot and the City has agreed to take it over for possibly several kinds of future uses. I have met twice with our Mayor and he is agreeable to our continued use of the facilities so we should be in good shape for at least the near future. This is an excellent facility for us and I was able to joke with him about how the train noise does not bother us in the least. I am not sure about the status of the audio/visual equipment so we are trying to put together programs that can be shown without the fancy equipment that we have become used to. Hopefully, we will know more about this in a month or two but for now the June and following meetings will be held as usual.

Remember that the May meeting will be held in Hopkinsville as usual but this year it will be at the old L&N train depot downtown where we have had meetings in the past. Also, because the 4th Monday of May is not Memorial Day this year we will be meeting on this day which is May 24th. So, I am hoping to see all of your smiling faces in beautiful downtown Hopkinsville at 7pm on May 24th.



**Ron Stubblefield's future layout is in progress!**

## Thoughts and Prayers

For Chapter Members experiencing health challenges

Continue to remember Ron Stubblefield and Jim Finley in your prayers. I received word from Tom Johnson that his wife, Georgeann has been diagnosed with uterine cancer, and it is a rare type that is very aggressive. She has been referred to a Dr. Metzinger in Louisville, and will go for the initial appointment Monday, May 17th.

If you know of members who are or have been recently hospitalized, please forward the information to me, [bill@fbcmadisonville.com](mailto:bill@fbcmadisonville.com)



Bob and Jackie McCracken receive their 25 Year pins from current chapter president Rich Hane, and Chapter National Director Wallace Henderson of Hopkinsville, KY. Full story page 3.



# West Kentucky Chapter Celebrates 25 Years

Charter members gathered for a group photo (right) during the April meeting of the West Kentucky Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society in Madisonville, KY. These members formed the consist of the chapter's beginnings in 1985, after several had been active in the Owensboro chapter.

Each Charter member was awarded a 25 Year commemorative shirt and pin. Unfortunately, the cake was devoured before photos could be taken. It was delicious!

The February 25, 1985 charter members were: Don Clayton (president), James Walker (Vice President), John W. Norris Jr, Secretary/Treasurer, Duncan Metcalf, National Director, Spencer Brewer, Rex Easterly, Wally Watts, James K Ramsey\*, Dean Cochran, Tom Wortham,



Charter members present at the April meeting are left to right: Wally Watts, Rich Hane, Bob and Jackie McCracken, Keith Kittinger, Rick Bivins, and Denis Carnal.

Billy Byrd\*, Rich Hane, Allen Brown, Keith Kittinger, Robert Metcalf Jr., and Chuck Reed.

**Below:** April 23rd saw P&L GP40 2119 and slug 2112 leading freshly rebuilt Metra FP40 "Village of Orland Park" #116 and Indiana Railroad's SD90 #9009 out of Progress Rail and toward Paducah where they would spend the weekend. Monday afternoon both units made their way to Fulton where they departed Tuesday headed north. Progress has stayed busy with the FP40s as many units have made their way in and out of Mayfield. The SD90s are being re-engined with V-12 replacing the ill fated V-16s of the original units. They will be used almost exclusively in coal service. - submitted by James Futrell

# Progress Rail



# Staying

# Busy!



# PHOTO SECTION - Track Work!



Photo by Bill Thomas

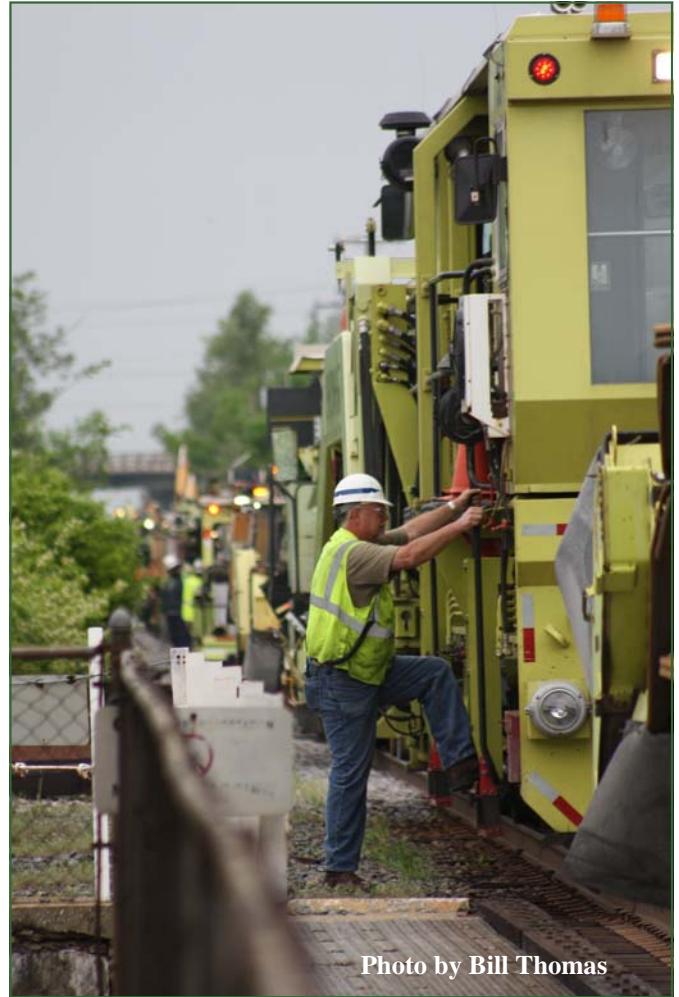


Photo by Bill Thomas

Above - Madisonville, KY - CSX track crews depart to points south in a parade of equipment on Monday morning, April 26

Crew members came from various locations on the CSX system. The gentleman above from Dothan, Alabama, struck up a friendly conversation with the photographer. He only laughed when I told him the city wants to remove the tracks through town.

Below - A CSX MOW crew works on repaving the crossing at West Broadway Street, Madisonville, Ky on Wednesday, May 5th, 2010 during the current right-of-way upgrades on the Henderson Subdivision.

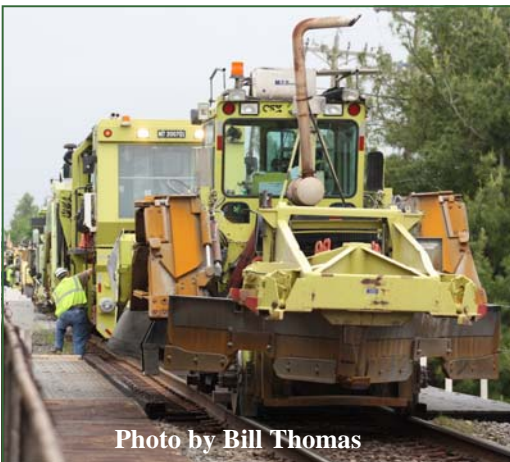


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# SummeRail at Cincinnati Union Terminal (C.U.T.)

**CINCINNATI RAILROAD CLUB  
and  
MIAMI VALLEY RAILFANS  
Present**



**SUMMERAIL AT C.U.T.**  
**1:00 PM to 10:00 PM**  
**and**  
**RAILROAD SHOW AND SALE**  
**10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in the**  
**Rotunda**  
**Saturday, August 14, 2010**  
**CINCINNATI UNION TERMINAL**  
**1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio**

Join us at this historic art deco railroad terminal to escape the summer heat and enjoy a day of high quality railroad photography. There will be twelve 222 multimedia digital and dual-projector slide presentations, all set to music. The programs will run from 1:00 - 10:00 p.m., with a break for dinner (on your own) from approximately 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. **Admission is \$15.**

A railroad show and sale will be set up in the terminal rotunda from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Admission is free.** **Friday August 13** in CUT Auditorium will be some traditional "talkie" programs from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. **Admission is free.** **Thursday August 12** in Tower A will be the Cincinnati Railroad Club's monthly business meeting at 8:00 p.m. **Admission is free.**

## More MOW Photos By Jim Pearson



A CSX spreader smooths out the ballast through, Madisonville, Ky as it approaches the overpass on North Main Street, Wednesday, May 5th, 2010 during the current right-of-way upgrades on the Henderson Subdivision. (Photo by Jim Pearson)



A CSX MOW crew works on repaving the crossing at West Broadway Street, Madisonville, Ky on Wednesday, May 5th, 2010 during the current right-of-way upgrades on the Henderson Subdivision. (Photo by Jim Pearson)

**Regional Rail Notes...**

**BRUSH CREEK, Tenn.** - A group of train enthusiasts were among the many people stranded by flood waters on Saturday. Five-hundred fifty passengers were on a train ride from the Middle Tennessee Central Railway Museum. They were trying to make it to Crossville when the train tracks were washed out by floods. Wilson County school buses worked through the evening to take the passengers back to Nashville.

Last week the UP began delivering 35 retired C40-8's to the CN at Memphis. UP 9065-9099 were built in July-September 1991 as C&NW 8543-8577 (although not in that order), and are now CN 9100-9134, although not all of them are in the correct numerical order. They are still in UP paint. Mike Palmieri - Ft. Worth, Texas

**Cliff Downey's new book, "Kentucky and the Illinois Central,"** is now on sale at the Paducah Railroad Museum Gift Shop. The price is \$ 23.25, including tax. This is a great book with many rare pictures. The museum is open on Friday 1:00 to 4:00 and Saturday 10:00-4:00. or by appointment by calling 270 559-5253. You do not have to tour the museum to buy the book, but we hope you will want to. Bob Johnston. - submitted by Chuck Hinrichs.

Mark your calendars! The Annual Chapter Picnic will be held trackside in **Crofton** on Saturday, October 9, 2010. Noon til ???



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**Midwest High Speed Rail Association**  
Advocating for Fast, Frequent and Dependable Trains Linking the Entire Midwest

The Illinois Senate today voted 59-0 to create the Illinois and Midwest High Speed Rail Commission with the intent of issuing a roadmap for the creation of bullet train lines in Illinois and neighboring states. Under General Assembly rules, such a commission can be created by a vote in just one of the two legislative chambers. No further legislative action is required. The resolution creating the Commission, Senate Resolution 806, defines the group's mission as "recommending the best governmental structure for a public-private partnership to design, build, operate, maintain, and finance a high-speed rail system for Illinois and the Midwest." The Commission is to be composed of 19 members as follows:10 public members appointed by the Governor; 3 members of the Illinois House of Representatives, 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the House Minority Leader; 3 members of the Illinois Senate, 2 appointed by the Senate President and one appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; 3 ex-officio members as follows: the Illinois Secretary of Transportation; the Executive Director of the Illinois Commerce Commission; the Executive Director of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; Earlier this week,

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## April 2010 Minutes Summary

**March minutes** and treasurer's report approved.

**Directors Report:** Wallace attended the recent board meeting. Carl Jensen who was formerly in charge of Southern's steam program, and was in charge of the Convention Committee, was fired. He apparently told several national officers, to lie (details unknown). He is still an RVP. Wallace reports it was a good board meeting otherwise. Wallace described the excursion on the Hocking Valley RR.

**Activities:** Chuck reports the Crofton picnic this fall will be on Saturday, October 9, (12 noon, ed).

**Old Business:** Rich reports we are apparently secure for the foreseeable future in the Center for our meetings. The city was given the building cost free. Ricky was asked to remove our framed pictures from the building, for the time being, as most of the furniture therein will be sold. The city, however, will provide chairs and tables for our meetings, from the parks department. We can only speculate that the sound and projections system will remain.

**New Business:** Chuck reports our May meeting in Hopkinsville will be back in the old L&N Depot. The date will be normal 4th Monday, May 24. Several interested show and tell items were brought.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments by Donny and Betty Knight, then a program by Dr. Fred Ripley on the Pennsylvania RR's lines west.

**Members Present:** Fred Ripley, David Millen, Harry Dolph, Rich Hane, Rick Bivins, Wally Watts, Donny Knight, Betty Knight, Wallace Henderson, Chuck Hinrichs, Thomas Bryan, Tom Steiner, Keith

Kittinger, Danny Koeber, Bill Thomas, Bob Moffet, Steve Miller, Dennis Carnal, Bob McCracken, and Jackie McCracken.

## April 2010 Financial Report

Report Date: March 22, 2010, by Wally Watts.

Beginning Balance 2140.72

**Income:**

National Dues Received 00.00

Chapter Dues Received 00.00

Donations 2.00

Other (Raffle) 9.00

Total: **9.00**

**Adjusted Balance 2149.72**

**Expenditures:**

National Dues Paid 149.00

Postage 22.00

Printing 00.00

Chapter T-Shirts (for charter mems) 227.50

Website Fees 00.00

Total: 398.50

Ending Balance: 1751.22

**Membership Statistics**

Beginning Membership 65

National Members Added 0

National Members Dropped 10

Chapter Members Added 0

Chapter Members Dropped 6

Ending Membership 49

I was headed down to USI for my 1:30 class a couple weeks ago and as I was headed west on the Lloyd Expressway/SR62 I happened to noticed some thick black smoke rolling out of the city from what seemed to be the area around Franklin St. and Wabash Ave. I didn't think anything of it as there had been some fires in town recently and it is part of the industrial area of town. I kept heading west and noticed the smoke kept moving south. As I just crossed over Fulton Ave., I realized that the smoke was following the main line south into Howell yard! My next thought was "I gotta get a picture!" So I zoomed ahead and turned down St. Joe to cut back up Ohio St just in time to snap these few pics. As the locomotive was limping into the yards, I was honestly looking for a fire to start billowing out the exhaust port anytime, but it didn't. This locomotive had some serious problems though. The second unit was revved way up to compensate for the loss of power from this one, which sounded like it was only running on about 13 cylinders. Needless to say, an exciting few minutes. -Matt Gentry



# TIMETABLE #110

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- **WKNRHS** - June 28, Chapter Meeting in Madisonville, L&N Depot.
- **Chapter Fall Picnic at Crofton** - Saturday, October 9, 2010, noon until ?

## High Speed Rail Continued

mayors and county officials from across Illinois issued an open letter to fellow elected officials that said, "We urge you to work actively to secure approvals and funding for the planning and implementation of a Chicago-St. Louis 220-mph high speed rail line. This line would bring our business, research and government capitals within less than 1.5 hours of each other, and open vital new connections to O'Hare Airport."

**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.

*Bill Thomas, editor*

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### Illinois Railway Museum

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