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Chapter Chatter

**Chapter Picnic at
Crofton, KY
Saturday
September 25**

**Next Meeting Monday,
September 27, 2010**

7:00 pm

**L&N Depot
Madisonville, KY**

**September Program
Ron Stubblefield Memorail
And**

**25th
Anniversary
Dinner**

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Ron Stubblefield



Rich's Ramblings

President, Rich Hane

September is promising to be a busy month. We went to the Kentucky Railway Museum last week and had a great time riding behind L&N #152 the 105 year old Pacific type steam engine. She ran and looked fine and the track work going north from New Haven is open and as pretty as ever. There was an ex-US Air Force Alco diesel switcher running around, too. The model layouts are closed for a time due to the severe floods in May but the museum itself is open and the trains will be running every weekend. Try to plan a visit and have a good time and don't forget to make a donation to a fine museum and bunch of volunteers that are keeping railroading alive.

Rex Easterly and myself will be trying to help Kay Stubblefield dispose of some of Ron's trains. Let me know if you are interested in being put on an informal mailing list to buy some of these trains and other memorabilia that we might find. There are trains of many gauges that we have found including Z, N, HO, S gauge American Flyer, O gauge, G gauge, Marx, Kusan, and probably others beside a few lanterns, posters, pictures, signs, etc. Items range in quality from good to poor.

I hope to see many of your smiling faces at the annual Crofton, KY picnic that many of us have enjoyed in the past on Saturday, Sept. 25. Also, don't forget the Sept. meeting on Monday, Sept. 27th and help us celebrate our 25th birthday. Call Wally to reserve a catered meal as soon as possible. The meeting will be at the Center in beautiful downtown Madisonville at 7pm.



Beginning January, 2011, we will discontinue the paper printing of our monthly newsletter, The PennyRail. The publication will be available in Portable Document Format (pdf, Adobe Reader) via email and on the chapter's website (as presently available there). Adobe Reader is available as a free download to any computer. The chapter is striving to be a good steward of our resources thus the decision made in the July meeting.

As editor of this work, I do not wish this to be a hardship on any of our members who do not have internet/email access. If you do not have access to the internet or email, we will make arrangements for you to receive a paper copy in black and white print. Just let us know. All we ask is that members not take advantage of this offer and use the electronic medium if possible. If you do not have a computer, many free public libraries offer computers with internet access as part of their services.

I will need all chapter members to update your email addresses with me so that you receive your email with the newsletter pdf file attached. You may also want to check with your internet service provider (ISP) to make sure attachments are not filtered and you are set up to receive emails sent out in distribution lists.

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For those of you who do not have a computer at home, let me encourage you to secure one if possible. You may have a relative or friend with a gently used machine that could be used for internet browsing, email, and light word processing. There are many rail-related sites with information, videos, discussion groups, and sale items right at your finger tips.

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Clayton/Watts Open House

Come share in the fellowship, food, beverages, and model trains at the annual Clayton/Watts Open House, Saturday, November 13, at the home of Don Clayton, 750 Wilson Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431.



Moving World's Largest Railcar



Canadian National moved the world's largest railcar, CEBX800. Hooper Welding, Oakville, ON, made this vessel to produce sulfur gasoline. This is departing the place where it was loaded on the rail car August 21, 2010. Notice the swing in has started on the tightest curve of the trip. According to Andrew Futrell (Son of Jim Futrell), it was handed off to BNSF at Chicago for movement to El Dorado, KS. There are 18 axles on either end of the car. The load itself is about 254 feet long and required tree removal and relocation of two power poles.

PHOTO SECTION



Left, below, and below left: EJ&E pumpkin, left-over war bonnets, and BNSF units move into Fulton, just acquired by CN. Photos by James Futrell.



Below: Metra FP40 , at Fulton, KY, released by Progress Rail, Mayfield, KY. Jim Futrell, photo.



From the Silver Screen!

These are from Jack Fannon, a co-worker at TRW who lives near Rogersville, Tennessee. Submitted by Chris Dees.



Quote from Chris's friend on pictures above: "I forgot to send you a picture of my Dad's depot and caboose that he has in the corner of his yard. He has a lot of railroad stuff in the depot on display. The depot is made from the prop used in the movie Coal Miner's Daughter. When you get back down here I will take you over to see it."

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Which is the Hot Rail?



I'm guessing by the flatness of the rail top that this is Atlas Flex Track and not Gargraves! Photos and caption by Bill Heaton at CSX's Atkinson Yard, Madisonville.

Thoughts and Prayers

For Chapter Members experiencing health challenges

Kay Stubblefield - passing of Ron.
Tim Moore continues to progress and recover from a foot amputation in July.

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

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



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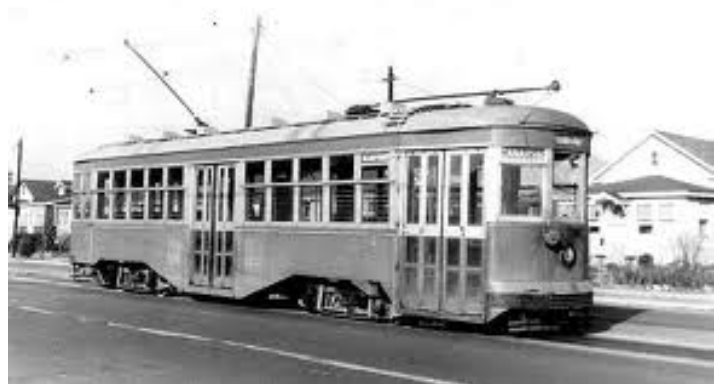
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Street Cars Again? 7/19/2010 Federal Funding

Cincinnati lands federal grant for streetcar project The city of Cincinnati recently received a \$25 million federal grant for a proposed streetcar project. Now, \$114.5 million has been committed to the project, more than 90 percent of the funds needed, Ohio Department of Transportation officials said in a prepared statement. The project would reconnect the city's two largest employment centers with electric streetcars. Submitted by Chuck Hinrichs.



Minutes Summary and Financial Report

July minutes and treasurer's report approved.

Directors Report: No Report.

Activities: The annual open house at Don Clayton's, hosted by Don and Wally, will be on Saturday, November 13, at 7pm. The C&W Railway will be running.

Old Business: Jim Pearson came by early before the meeting, and brought copies on DVDs of the chapter photo archives. Motion made and approved that after the first of 2011, the newsletter will no longer be available in paper copy, but available to all electronically. Motion also included a reduction to \$7 for our chapter dues to replace the \$13 present dues. Motion approved. It also stated that those few who do not have internet access could still receive a paper copy via special printing. The Crofton Picnic will be on Saturday, September 25. Our anniversary dinner will be Monday, September 27, during our regular monthly meeting. The chapter will cover the cost.

New Business: No new business.

Show and Tell: Rich brought a copy of the new book on the I.C. Railroad in Kentucky, recently published by Cliff Downey, a former member.

Announcements: Condolences to Kay Stubblefield in the passing of her husband Ron, a long time and most loved member of our chapter. He passed away on the 8th of August, 2010. It is planned to have some sort of a memorial program on the 27th during our anniversary dinner.

Members Present: Rick Bivins, Steve Miller, Wally Watts, Wallace Henderson, David Millen, Danny Koeber, Rich Hane, Dennis Carnal, Keith Kittinger, Thomas Bryan, Bill Thomas, Fred Ripley, and guest Joe Thomas.

Next Meeting: Monday September 27, 7pm, at The Center. Program by Dennis Carnal, memorial to Ron Stubblefield.



FINANCIAL REPORT	
Report Date: August 23, 2010, by Wally Watts.	
Beginning Balance	1605.58
Income:	
National Dues Received	00.00
Chapter Dues Received	00.00
Donations	00.00
Other (Raffle)	00.00
Total:	00.00
Adjusted Balance	1605.58
Expenditures:	
National Dues Paid	00.00
Postage	17.60
Printing	00.00
Other	0.00
Total:	17.60
Ending Balance:	1587.98
Membership Statistics	
Beginning Membership	51
National Members Added	1
National Members Dropped	0
Chapter Members Added	0
Chapter Members Dropped	0
Ending Membership	51
Submitted by Wally Watts, Treasurer	



Video of the ex-BNSF now CN C40-8Ws on train D-BARMEM-3, (Barstow, CA to Memphis, TN) headed east. See it on Youtube!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGUrEUpapJI>



Jim Futrell received these photos of old inspection cars from Jan Howard. Those were the days!

TIMETABLE #110

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Can anyone identify this photograph? It is in my inbox from me, but can't remember its origin. Thanks! Bill Thomas, editor.

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