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Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,
January 24, 2011
7:00 pm, L&N Depot
Madisonville, KY**

Program by
**President Ricky Bivins
And Fred Ripley**
Refreshments Provided

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Ricky's Replies

President, Ricky Bivins

First, let me say Thank You. Thank You for your vote of confidence. As I stated at the October 2010 meeting, after being nominated, "Remember, I can be out spoken sometimes"! I often am and I will be. But please understand that my outspoken nature comes from a desire to move forward or to improve something. I do not think that I speak out against something but rather speak out in favor of something. Perhaps too harshly at times. If I speak out and someone does not agree or like it...TELL ME!

Second. I title this as Rick's Reply's because; I searched the definition of President: One who presides, sits in leadership... How can one lead or preside over something that has zero input. How can I lead a group of rail enthusiast if I do not listen to them or have some idea of their likes, dislikes and objectives? The way I see it, I can not "lead" if I do not "reply" to You, NRHS Members!

Rich Hane led our group for, I believe Five Years. His easy going, kind nature gave our Chapter a "gentlemanly" feel. Even when disrupted, he held his composure, dealing with our objections as he did our combined positive ness. As the gentleman he is.

Rich followed Bob McCracken whom led us in much the same manor for many years.

I am afraid the Chapter will find me to be a bit different. I would like to see our Chapter set and achieve a few goals, to retain the "gentlemanly" nature, but with a forward moving posture. I will put ideas and goals "on the table" so to speak, but the membership will ultimately decide our Chapter's direction.

One of my customers at the Airport told me that our U. S. President can not make or change law in this Country. He is the face of a nation, he "SETS THE TONE" of this country. That is true as research shows. This customer is a native of The Netherlands, a legal U.S. Citizen.

As Chapter President, I hope to set a tone, a positive tone. I hope we can combine our knowledge and energy's to accomplish something, to move forward. Whether one is laying floor tile for the first time or making a photo archive available to several people, positive movement is needed. Even if we make a mistake, moving is always much better than standing still and looking at something.

I look forward to seeing you and hearing from you as we attend the first meeting of 2011 on January 24th at The L&N RR Station, Down town Madisonville at 7:00PM.

Again, Thank You.

Rick Bivins



This is Indiana Railroad's 25th anniversary SD-90 which was released by the Paducah Shops late last week. It was in Fulton on Wednesday (24th) awaiting shipment north via CN. According to The Trains magazine news article, the unit features the standard red cab with silver and metallic gray carbody and a large logo to denote the 25th anniversary of the line. From the side you can see the Santa Fe warbonnet styling. According to the story, this pays homage to the ex SF CF-7s with which the railroad started. And, speaking of SD-90s, two ex UP SD-90s were seen coming through Mayfield on their way to Progress Rail. Hopefully, Progress Rail can make them the units that EMD originally envisioned. - submitted by Jim Futrell

Wanted: Info on the Cadiz RR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Local Historians Gathering Photographs and Information for a History of the Cadiz Railroad - Cadiz, Kentucky – December 27, 2010 – Although both William Turner and Thomas Harper are currently busy promoting their respective books, Edgar Cayce's Hometown and Images of America: Trigg County, they have made time to begin research for their next project; a history of the Cadiz Railroad.

March 9, 2011, marks the 110th anniversary of the founding of the Cadiz Railroad, the 10.33 mile short-line that connected Cadiz and Trigg County to the world by way of nearby Gracey. Upon arrival in Gracey, Trigg Countians made their way to cities near and far aboard the Louisville & Nashville and the Illinois Central Railroads. In addition to passenger transportation, the Cadiz Railroad also carried livestock, tobacco, timber and other merchandise out of the county while delivering nearly every imaginable item to the merchants of Trigg County, and from 1902 to 1941, even the mail arrived aboard a Cadiz Railroad steam powered locomotive.

According to H. S. "Stan" White, Jr., several articles have been published over the years about the Cadiz Railroad, but they have often been riddled with errors or inflated by the authors for the purpose of "a good story". White is working closely with Turner and Harper, contributing his personal archive of Cadiz Railroad business documents and photographs and through personal interviews; White is also writing the foreword to the upcoming book. Turner states that Stan White's contribution to this publication is invaluable. "As President of the Cadiz Railroad from 1966 until his retirement in 1985, he [White] brings a one-of-a-kind perspective to the process of documenting the history of the railroad."

William T. Turner has authored numerous books on various historical topics, including Images of America: Cerulean Springs and the Springs of Western Kentucky, with LaDonna Dixon Anderson. Turner opened his personal archives to Thomas Harper and provided guidance during the compilation of Harper's first book, Images of America: Trigg County, which is set for release on February 21, 2011.

Turner and Harper are seeking information, photographs and personal accounts about the Cadiz Railroad. For more information or to contribute materials, please call 270-498-1212, 270-839-6380 or email trigghistory@gmail.com.

Thoughts and Prayers

For Chapter Members experiencing
health challenges

We express our sympathy to Dennis and his family over the passing of his mother, Edith Carnal, December 15, 2010, at Brighton Cornerstone Healthcare in Madisonville. A memorial service was Sunday, December 19, 2pm, at First Christian Church, East Main Street, Earlington, KY. The family requests memorial gifts be made to the general fund of Earlington First Christian Church, PO Box 216, Earlington, KY 42410.

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

Rail Fan and Editor Passes

Railfan and Railroad magazine is reporting that Jim Boyd has passed away. Jim started with Carstens Publications working on Flying Models and later Railroad Model Craftsman. Jim served as editor of Railfan & Railroad from the magazine's inception in 1974 until 1998, and continued as Editor Emeritus and author of the popular Camera Bag column until his passing. We'll pass along details as they become available.

As a side note, I was able to meet Jim at Rochelle, IL during the MILW 261 Grand Excursion a couple years ago. He was a great guy and an ordinary average railfan. - Chris Dees

PHOTO SECTION



Left: CSX is putting new crossing signage at the non-signalized grade crossings. The new signs have reflective coating on all parts - the crossbuck, the 'yield' sign (new) and on both sides of the support post. Submitted by Chuck Hinrichs.

Right: From Railpictures.net - Hot Rail After a freak snow storm the day before, the bolts of a joint bar seen on the left have broken due to rail contraction from the cold weather. The next day, an alert track maintainer has found the broken bolts and goes about fixing the break by heating up the rail thus allowing it to expand back into place so that new bolts can then be installed. After a quick fix, this CSX mainline is open for track speed again. Submitted by Chris Dees.



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Blades Get the Torch



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Remember the phrase "I love the smell of napalm in the morning" from one of those old war movies? Well fellow Hoosier Railfan, spent the morning of December 14, 2010, in Crawfordsville, watching CSX crews take down the remaining semaphores on the Monon Subdivision. Here's his story from the North Central Indiana Railfan Yahoo Group.

Northbound J726 was the last train to physically pass through the "blades" although they were all out of service by the time he came through late morning; the last train to actually use the authority granted by the semaphores would have been the northbound Hoosier State, which went through Crawfordsville in darkness and miraculously got to Lafayette only four minutes late.

The salvage crew started at Ames and took the blade and southbound color light signal down, then moved north. They weren't too kind to the northbound semaphore at Main Street; it came down blade first, which wadded up the blade and shattered the red lens. After that, the boom operator was told to be a bit more gentle, which he most definitely was with the southbound signal.

Once the crews had the signals on the ground, the crews cut the mast just below the blade and motor and loaded it onto a truck; for a brief second, as the boom operator was lifting the blade/motor/final/cut mast up onto the truck it was eerily similar to all the grisly severed heads in "Apocalypse Now." Not pleasant.

After watching the "Nightmare at Main Street" I had enough and headed east toward Indianapolis, back to work and the "modern world". The salvage trucks were on their way to the north side of town as I left. But my last memory of "shorty," the short semaphore up at the north end of Crawfordsville, will forever be of J726 easing through with a friendly honk and wave from the hogger. I'm glad I decided to keep it that way.

Long Live The Monon, Eric Powell

NRHS Mission Statement

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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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Funnies

Back in the steam days north bounds sometimes had to double Mont Hill on the Springfield District (IC), coming up out of the Mississippi River. An engineer on one crew was noted for stopping at the bottom of the hill on every trip to double the hill, claiming he didn't have enough power to take the entire train up the hill. Of course, they also got paid extra for the double, but the trainmen got tired of it as they had to do all the work outside in the weather and wanted to get back home sooner. So one night they hatched a plan.

After making his regular stop on the bottom of the hill, and getting a highball from back in the train, he marched up the hill to the siding at the top and stowed the first part of the train, as usual. After drifting light back down the hill, he almost dropped his teeth, because waiting for the second trip up the hill was the conductor with only the caboose. He had taken the whole train, minus the hack, right up the grade. Thoroughly chastened, the Hogger never again doubled the hill unless it was for a good reason. Skip Luke



You Tube Pick

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03Nq632eV6I>

CSX freight derailment - Rail fan trip to Metairie LA. Who would of known our trip would have ended this way. What are the chances of catching something like this on video.

Minutes Summary and Financial Report

October minutes and treasurer's report approved.

Directors Report: Wallace reported on recent board meeting and displayed the new NRHS logo. The directors (now called the Conference) cannot be replaced by chapters, but can be by National. Next meeting is in January, Williamsburg, VA. Carl Jensen given a vote of censure and is no longer head of the convention committee. Two new chapters have come on, one in Oregon and one in East Tennessee. 872 people are registered for the national convention, June 22, with 44 states and 6 foreign countries represented.

Old Business: Election of 2011 officers: slate approved by acclimation.

New Business: As time has passed since Ron's passing, decision was made to not have a memorial service for him at this time. Wally read thank you cards from Wes Eaken of the Owensboro Chapter, thanking us for hosting the open house and expressing his and the chapter's enjoyment of it. We also received a note of thanks from the Kentucky Railway Museum for our \$100 donation. Ricky says we have a display case still at the museum in Nortonville. This was tabled until the January meeting.

Announcements: Wally announced the Clayton/Watts open house November 13, Saturday. Ballard Catering will cater our meal at our Christmas dinner on Monday, December 13, at The Center, 6pm. Dennis Carnal will present a Ron Stubblefield memorial program at this occasion. Fred Ripley will have one of his slide shows at the airport on Thursday evening, November 11, at 7pm. Rich Hane announced he will not be running for president this year. The following were nominated for offices for 2011: President, Rick Bivins, Vice President, Steve Miller, Secretary/Treasurer, Wally Watts, National Director, Wallace Henderson, and Director at Large, Danny Koeber.

Members Present: Wally Watts, Rich Hane, Birk Fischer, Steve Gentry, D.A. Fraser, Rick Bivins, Chuck Hinrichs, Thomas Bryan, Jim Kemp, Wallace Henderson, Steve Miller, Danny Koeber, Keith Kittinger, Tom Steiner, Dennis Carnal.

Next Meeting: No meeting in December, just Christmas Banquet on Monday, December 13, 6pm, at the Center. Cost is \$9 per person. January 24, 2011 meeting will be hosted by new president Ricky Bivins

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report Date: September 27, 2010, by Wally Watts.
Beginning Balance 1471.35

Income:

National Dues Received	311.00
Chapter Dues Received	00.00
Donations	00.00
Other (Raffle)	00.00

Total:	311.00
Adjusted Balance	1782.35
Expenditures:	
National Dues Paid.	00.00
Postage	17.60
Printing	46.89
Other (KRM donation)	100.00
Total:	164.49
Ending Balance:	1617.86
Membership Statistics	
Beginning Membership	51
National Members Added	0
National Members Dropped	0
Chapter Members Added	0
Chapter Members Dropped	0
Ending Membership	51

Submitted by Wally Watts, Treasurer

Searching for Amusement Park Info

Chris Dees is searching for information about the locomotives and passenger cars used at the Kaintuck Territory amusement park in Draffenville, Kentucky during the late 1960s and early 1970's. I've seen mention of the ones in the photo links below... just curious.

- <http://www.steamlocomotive.com/misc/images/showImage.php?image=palmersville1.jpg>
- <http://www.steamlocomotive.com/misc/images/showImage.php?image=palmersville3cz.jpg>
- <http://www.steamlocomotive.com/misc/images/showImage.php?image=palmersville2gm.jpg>

I'm also looking for a photo of the NC&StL depot in Benton, Kentucky. You can contact Chris Dees at chris.dees@trw.com, or phone: (765) 429-1788

New Address for the Easterlys

Rex and Melanie

*6004 East Farm Road 132
Springfield, MO 65802*

Rex's Cell: 417-719-2775

No Land Line

TIMETABLE #110

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- **West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting** - January 24, Madisonville, L&N Depot, 7pm.
- **Bowling Green Train sHOW** - Saturday, February 19, 2011, Historic Rail Park, Bowling Green, KY. 10 am to 3pm. For additional info, contact: Kevin Comer @ 270-792-3316; kcomer300@yahoo.com or Rick Williams @ 270-991-0715; rick.williams@insightbb.com

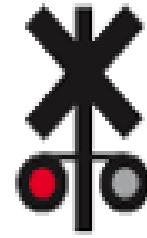
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