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Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,
July 25, 2011, 7:00 pm
At the former L&N Depot
Madisonville, KY**

July Program

**Thomas Bryan
Tells the Story of His
Experience at
Rail Camp 2011
Scranton, PA**



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A lash-up of EMD and GE locomotives wait for their next assignment on Keith Kittinger's HO scale layout.

Local train enthuseists enjoyed a night of train running last Thursday, July 14.

Ricky's Replies

President, Ricky Bivins

As we come to the end of July, the 7th month of the year perhaps it is time to reflect on a few things. The second Friday Night Live is history. Wally Watts, Thomas Bryan, Steve Miller and I had an enjoyable time entertaining passing guests during the event. Next month will be the last one for the year. Perhaps a few more members could attend and talk with people as they take a look at the display. Next month's Friday Night Live will be held on August 12th from 6:00PM to 10:00PM. The months of June/July were also months of hosting. Bill Thomas had us as guests at his home on June 16. This was covered in our last newsletter. Keith Kittinger hosted guests at his home on Thursday July 16. Keith has a nice start to his HO Scale model train layout in his work shop. With numerous coal trains and motive power his plans to operate trains prototypically will be very doable and enjoyable.

Our Chapter has taken the reins this year so to speak. We have been getting out and getting the word out about our Chapter. Results are slow but none the less, if we do nothing we can expect

nothing in return. Speaking of returns, I still believe our Photo Archive is a very strong attribute that we are not taking advantage of. Steve Miller is working on the photo disk(s) he has of the Archive. Once he has them up and running we can decide how to use and benefit from the many photo's stored, at this point in time, just out of reach. The Archive could be our "signature" contribution to maintaining rail related history.

With even more events coming up, the year is, and has been full of opportunities to promote our local rail history. The annual Crofton Picnic hosted by our Hopkinsville KY Members, The Clayton/Watts Open House, one more Friday Night Live and possibly other visits to members homes.

And of course, Christmas is less than six months away! That's right, we need to look ahead for our December meeting and start the decision process as to what we would like to do for the meeting, program and dinner.

To recap, the Photo Archive needs to be discussed, the final Friday Night Live event as well as the up coming events just mentioned. Jump in here people, this is a group effort. So make an effort to attend the meeting and events. One never knows just who will show up or what will be discussed.

Chapter Members Gather at Keith Kittinger's Layout



Photo Section



BNSF 6019 westbound empty coal train at Worden, Montana on the BNSF Forsyth Subdivision. Pacing at 62 mph on June 21st 2011. Photo by Bill Grady

Montana Rail Link westbound Laurel-Missoula Manifest descending Bozeman Pass just east of Bozeman, Montana on the MRL's 2nd subdivision on June 27th, 2011. Photo by Bill Grady



CSX ran an officers special up the Louisville and Indiana (LIRC) on July 7, 2011. It is seen here crossing the former Pennsylvania RR Bridge, taken from the Indiana side of the Ohio River. Train operated as P951-07 and went to Indianapolis this day. Word is that CSX is looking in upgrading the LIRC. Photo by Bill Grady

PHOTO SECTION 2

Right: A CSX freight crosses the Tennessee River in Knoxville, TN, in early July, 2011. My sister in Atlanta was on a riverboat cruise with her husband and made the photo from the boat. Nice to have your family trained too! Photo by Pam Clemmer.



Left: Jennifer Eason, friend of Jim Futrell, made this shot of a passing Amtrak train at Newbern, TN. Jennifer is new to photography and did a great job with this one.

Right: Ricky Bivins shot this north-bound CSX freight through the trees at his home in Mortons Gap, KY, on the Henderson Subdivision.



Korea Rail



Above: Local Motion

One of the regional, and yes slower, passenger trains departs Cheonan station on Korea Rail 11-Jul-2011. Photograph by Chris Dees.



Below: High Speed - The Korean Way. The 12:35 PM KTX express arrives at Cheonan station on Korea Rail's high speed network 11-Jul-2011. At speeds up to 300 km/hour, it's only a quick 20 minute ride to Seoul. Photograph by Chris Dees.

Pickin' the Points

I think it is great that Thomas Bryan was able to go to Rail Camp this year. I also think it's great that our Chapter helped with his expenses.



In a day and time when most kids are stuck to a video game of some sort, (my kids included) we still have a few who don't mind getting their hands dirty.

This is why it is important to be part of something bigger than our local group. There is no way we could have made an experience like Rail Camp a reality with our limited resources. But, when we pool our efforts with other chapters, we can accomplish great things.

Due to my son Joe having surgery next Monday, I will not be here Monday night to hear Thomas tell about his experiences at Rail Camp. I hope you will be unless providentially hindered. We should be happy that a young person has shown the interest.

Dolphins Relocate

NRHS members Harry and Linda Dolph have recently moved to Virginia for family reasons. We will miss the Dolph's and wish them all the best in this big move and hope that they can find a new chapter home in their new location which is in Northeast Virginia near Washington, DC.

Their new phone number is 540-373-2694 and their new address is:

Harry & Linda Dolph
29 Twin Lake Court
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Help for Princeton

Chuck Hinrichs passed this note from a friend on to me for publishing:

I was recently visiting the Railroad Museum in Princeton when the gentleman working there told me that they are in dire need of individuals to help keep the museum going. It appears that many of the guys who helped create it have passed on. They have a very nice little collection but are in desperate need for volunteers to help work there. If any of you are in or near the Princeton area, please consider working with them to keep the place alive. Otherwise I fear we'll eventually see it shuttered and the collection will simply disappear into garages and basements.



SUMMERAIL AT C.U.T.

Saturday, August 13, 2011

**1:00 pm to 10:00 pm
and**

**Railroad Show and Sale
in the Rotunda**

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**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 multimedia digital and dual-projector slide presentations, all set to music. The programs will run from 1:00 - 10:00 pm, with a break for dinner (on your own) approximately from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Admission is \$20.

More info on the web at <http://cincinnatiirclub.org/Summerail/index.shtml>

Flooding in Minot North Dakota

Submitted by Fred Ripley



Minutes Summary and Financial Report

June Meeting on 27th, 2011

Minutes of May meeting approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Director's Report: Wallace had no report but plans to have one for the chapter next month.

Old Business: Steve Miller reports he is working out details of our archive photographs. No other old business.

New Business: Our next Friday Night Live is on for July 8. The last one on June 10 was a success, with Ricky, Wally, and Thomas attending and providing activities. The new brochures were distributed. No date yet for the Crofton Picnic and the Clayton Watts open house.

Show and Tell: Thomas brought a 1907 Hamilton Railroad watch which he received for his 18th birthday on the 25th of June. Made five years before the Titanic, it still runs and keeps good time. Ricky brought in an interesting brass O scale boiler from a locomotive kit, possibly All Nation or Max Gray. Interesting glasses and other items were also presented.

Announcements: Keith announced details of the L&N Historical Society meeting this Summer. Thomas Bryan will be attending Rail Camp in Scranton, PA, July 10-15. He plans to have the July program to report on the activities.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 25, at The Center (former L&N depot). Thomas Bryan will present the program and Keith Kittinger will provide refreshments.

Members Present: Wally Watts, Steve Miller, D. A. Fraser, David Millen, Tom Johnson, Danny Koeber, Bob Moffet, Wallace Henderson, Keith Kittinger, Rich Hane, Jim Bryan, Thomas Bryan, Rick Bivins, Tim Moore, Dennis Carnal, and

Chuck Hinrichs.

Guests: Phil Randall, David Hayes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report Date: June 27, 2011 by Wally Watts.

Beginning Balance 817.09

Income:

National Dues Received 00.00

Chapter Dues Received 7.00

Donations/Raffle 10.00

Other (Royalty-Neff Video) 0.00

Total: 17.00

Adjusted Balance 834.09

Expenditures:

National Dues Paid. 0.00

Supplies 0.00

Printing (brochures) 48.37

Other (Annual Corporation filing) 15.00

Total: 63.37

Ending Balance: 770.72

Membership Statistics

Beginning Membership 48

National Members Added 0

National Members Dropped 0

Chapter Members Added 1

Chapter Members Dropped 0

Ending Membership 49

Regional Rail Notes

Your next Bud is moving by truck...

ST. LOUIS -- There won't be a shortage of Buds, but the train moving the beer from Anheuser-Busch's brewery here to near-by connections with major railroads will be no more after 124 years of operation. Budweiser beer henceforth will be moving to market via truck. Clydesdales are not an option.

For UTU members employed by the 14-mile Anheuser-Busch-owned shortline Manufacturers Railway, it is no laughing matter.

Anheuser-Busch said it is losing \$700,000 annually operating the railroad after a brick salvage company and a box maker took their freight from the railroad.

Incoming grain and other ingredients will still be delivered to the brewery via rail, but by the larger railroads serving St. Louis and operating over the Anheuser-Busch-owned tracks. April 6, 2011

From the Henderson, KY Gleaner, the train was G274 southbound: A total of 18 CSX train cars derailed about five miles south of Henderson off of Anthoston-Frog Island Road Tuesday afternoon, spilling loads of grain, sources said.

CSX spokesman Bob Sullivan said the train had three locomotives and 81 freight cars. He said it was traveling from Effingham, Ill., to Waycross, Ga., when the derailment occurred around 3:51 p.m.

Robbie Williams, who farms that land for his cousin, Steve Reed, said he and fellow farmer Scott Keach flew up in an airplane above the derailment once they heard about the spill. "We wanted to see how bad a mess we had," Williams said. The derailment is about a half-mile into farm land north of Anthoston-Frog Island Road.

CSX is handling the clean-up of the spill, the cause of which is under investigation.

TIMETABLE #110

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY



- **West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting** - July 25, Madisonville L&N Depot (The Center), 7pm.
- Nickel Plate 765 Excursions, several dates this summer, <http://www.hoosiervalley.org/visit/schedules/steam-excursions/>
- Summerail at CUT, August 13. See page 6 for details.

This weekend, Kay Stubblefield, Ron's wife will be a married lady again. She is marrying Larry Bragdon, a fellow that she has known since high school and even dated him a few times before big Ron came into the picture. Larry lost his long time wife in February. He is a retired high school principal and they both seem very happy. They will be married on Saturday, July 23. They will be making Marion their new home. Our congratulations and best wishes forever to the new couple. They have both had rough time lately.

Submitted by Rich Hane

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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