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Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,
January 23, 2012,
7:00 pm
At the former L&N Depot
Madisonville, KY
Program and Refreshments
by
Ricky Bivins**

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**Is that Keith
Kittinger?** "Keith is
getting some practice
time for retiring by
watering the steamer on
the Black Hills Central
at Hill City, South
Dakota. The way Keith
drives, he has no
problem being back to
work for CSX on
Monday mornings."
Submitted by Bill Grady,
Louisville, KY.

Ricky's Replies

President, Ricky Bivins

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It is time for "out with the old and in with the....old?" Well that is not how the saying goes but as one would expect, I have a point to make. The November, 2011 meeting drew the year to a close with election of officers. There were no changes as a result of those elections. The month of December saw our annual Christmas Dinner at "The Station" or as many of us are still in the habit of saying, "The Center". The food from Ballard Catering was very tasty and the visit with those in attendance was great.

The next twelve months can be a banner year for our Chapter if we are so inclined to make it so. One year ago I made the statement that I would be a more aggressive President then the Chapter was used too. Rich Hane and Bob McCracken were Gentlemen as they lead our group. I promised to be a bit more demanding. As time passed I realized just how difficult it could be too balance the Chapter as far as functions and events go. Chapter participation is paramount yet difficult to achieve. Everyone has a life to tend to; our "club" is a small portion of that life. I cannot expect everyone to take time out for every event we participate in etc.

But, it would be nice to achieve a higher rate of member participation. That having been said, I have a question. What would the chapter like to achieve in 2012? I am sure there can be and will be many different answers to that very question. I plan for the Chapter to participate the City of Madison-

ville's Down Town Friday Night Live again this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach many people and have fun doing so. Last year we relied on Wally and his steam engines which was a good draw. But as Wally pointed out, we need something more to do with trains. If I knew I could count on some help, I would like to set up an outdoor railroad display using G-gauge or Gauge-one trains. This would require a bit of track, a few trains, a power supply and effort....a lot of effort.

We know we can count on our Hopkinsville KY members for the Crofton KY Picnic and the May meeting in Hopkinsville KY. The Clayton/Watts open house in November is a given as well. But what more can the Chapter do? We have access to the rear-most (South) room of the Station to store, sort and advance our achieve. A few members are in possession of Chapter owned items that could be place in this one location to be admired etc. We could build a portable model train layout there in to display at train shows, civic events or Friday Night Live. We could use the room to..... (Fill in the blank here)!

Now back to the question: What would the Chapter like to achieve in 2012? With that I need feedback. I need to hear from Chapter Members. I NEED TO BE TOLD WHAT THE CHAPTER IS GOING TO DO! The Western Kentucky Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is a member only group of like-minded rail fans. We have a responsibility to the National Organization to promote and foster an interest in Railway History.

I ask you Chapter Members, are we upholding that Responsibility?

Rick Bivins

You Tube Pick

From Chuck Hinrichs, Hopkinsville, KY. At least the UP recognized that the IC's whistle was the best one ever built. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyZD7fJ12WI>



Above Right: CSX's P921-5, a Southbound Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Train (Red Unit) sits in the cutoff at Mortons Gap, Ky as it waits on a northbound to pass before heading south on the Henderson Subdivision on December 5, 2011. The train had a total length of 5,332 ft and was headed up by CSX 7531 (a C40-8) with 5324 (ES44DC) as the second engine. (Photo by Jim Pearson)

Photo Section



Left: AMTRAKS Hoosier State is racing towards Indianapolis splits the semaphores. Nearly all of America's semaphore signals are gone. They had motors and mechanical moving parts, the bane of management. Newer models have LEDs and other gizmo's and are driven by computer chip technology. So capture those digital images soon folks. This line is the former MONON, officially named the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad, how dull. No wonder they used the Potawatomi Indian word meaning "tote" or "swift running." The Monon rails connected Chicago with Indianapolis, and Michigan

City and Louisville, forming a big "X." The City of Monon marks the "X." Indiana claimed the railroad as its own, calling it the *Hoosier Line*. Someone even coined a poem: **Up and Down the Monon, everything is fine, cause that root'n, toot'n Monon, she's a Hoosier Line!** What I miss about the semaphores is that as a railfan trekking around the country you could see the position of the semaphore from adjacent highways. The color indicator was not pertinent. If they were pointing toward the sky, tracks were clear. If one was horizontal there was traffic nearby, either coming or going. (Now maybe one of you can tell me why one semaphore is pointed, and the other squared ?? Really, I don't know.) The photo was captured by my friend and videographer Tim Lab of Owosso, Michigan. MONON rails have morphed via mergers into today's CSX Transportation.

Right: Bill Heaton shot this switcher/geep combo at Atkinson Yard, Madisonville, in early December 2011. According to RailPictures.Net the rare EMD SW1001 was originally built for the Reading in 1973. Frank Orona should be credited with this information. You can find more shots of this locomotive on the above mentioned website.



Second Photo Section

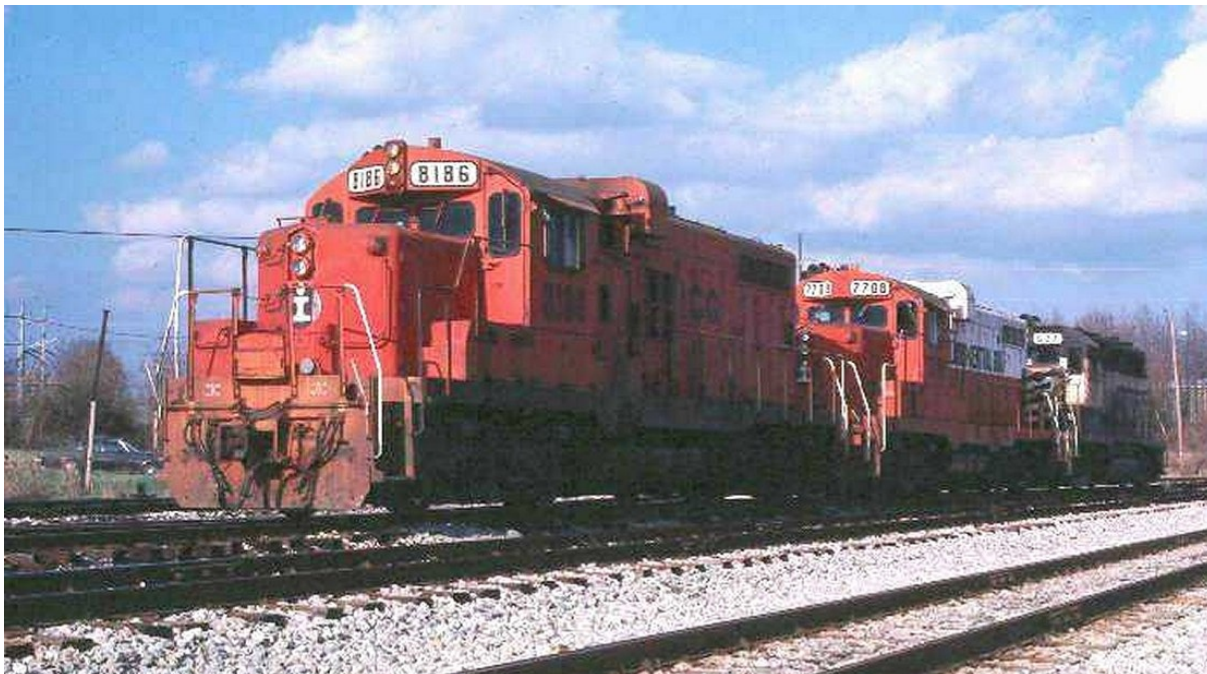
Right: The Magic Carpet of Railroading .

In the early 1950's, the Toledo Peoria & Western advertised itself as the "Magic Carpet of Railroading". Over the years, this classic mid-western line has rostered red-and-white GP38-2's, ran doublestack intermodal service, and served as the Santa Fe's only reach into the Hoosier state.

Now part of the Rail America family, the TP&W can still be considered a "magic carpet ride" among Hoosier railfans. On a balmy 60 degree day in early January 2012, TP&W

GP 20 #2048, a former Santa Fe unit, rests after a long week of work in Logansport, IN.

Submitted by Chris Dees.

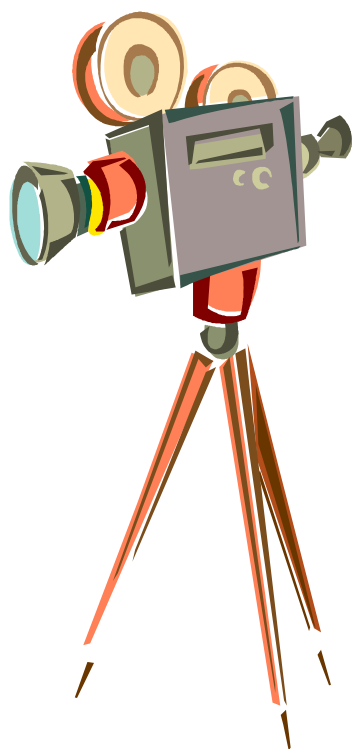


Above: Here are ICG engines (GP10, GP8 and a GP35) one in a solid orange paint scheme. Not many units got this treatment. The shot was taken at Central City back in 1982. Submitted by Chuck Hinrichs.

New Feature!

Rail Flicks

By Tommy Johnson



Title	Illinois Central
Producer	Green Frog
Format	full screen
Playing Time	2 hrs and 20 minutes (2 DVD Set)
Purchased From	Green Frog
Date Purchased	10/02/09
Price Paid	\$23.97

This is a very good DVD covering the Illinois Central RR from the 1950s through the 1980s. It is a two-DVD set and the first DVD is almost entirely devoted to the last days of steam locomotives. At the end of the first DVD we see the transition to diesels.

The video quality is surprisingly good for the 1950s scenes and we get to see 4-8-2 mountain type locos, 2-8-4 Berkshires, 2-8-2 Mikados (mainstays on the I.C.), and even some 2-10-2's.

There are several train meets, lots of scenes with steam locos billowing huge clouds of black smoke, and some nice high speed pacing shots of steam locos.

Disc 2 shows trains with diesel locomotives from the 70s and 80s mostly shot in Illinois. There is a scene showing the City of Miami on its last run before Amtrak took over.

This DVD set is worth the purchase price in my opinion.



An ex-NS dispatcher sent Dr. Fred Riply this photo of the New River bridge (built by SOU 1962-63), which he took on his reconnoiter. The short line for which the old bridge was kept open for, for a few years anyway, was the Brimstone RR. All of this is the vicinity of Helenwood and Robbins, TN (between Oneida and Harri-man). Submitted by Fred Ripley.

Fourth Photo Section



Left: The Way Things Used to Be! Here is a shot showing things the way they were some 30 years ago. A southbound freight headed by an early GE Uboat in L&N gray and yellow paint is in the siding at South Latham while the northbound coal train sports an L&N caboose. Submitted by Chuck Hinrichs.

Regional Rail Notes

NC&StL Car: Although after-the-fact, this note from Bill Grady will be of interest (ed): The Kentucky Railway Museum is expected to sell the NC&StL passenger car Seabreeze that is in its collection. The buyer will have the prerogative to scrap the car. If any person or entity is immediately interested in the car, contact KRM at 1-800-272-0152. The price to match or beat would be the scrap value of the car, approximately \$12,000, as-is, where is. In any case, the purchase must be completed by December 28, 2011. The Seabreeze is in poor condition. Its wheel set, brakes, etc. would preclude movement of the car by rail. If purchased arrangements might be possible to keep it on KRM trackage for an extended period of time. - Bill Grady.

Ethanol Terminal for Birmingham, AL: Equity-Bites -- November 11, 2011 -- Ethanol producer Green Plains Renewable Energy Inc (Nasdaq:GPPE) said on Thursday that it will build, own and operate a new ethanol unit train terminal in Birmingham, Alabama.

This new terminal is being initiated by the company's wholly-owned subsidiary, BlendStar LLC.

The company added the new terminal will have 160,000 barrels of storage, will receive full 96-car unit trains of ethanol and will be served exclusively by the

BNSF Railway.

With completion expected in the Q3 of 2012, the company said the terminal will provide a fully -automated rail unloading system with the initial capacity to distribute approximately 385,000 barrels of ethanol per month with 24-hour truck loading service.

Additionally, BlendStar's current Birmingham terminal will be retrofitted to handle other bio-fuels and liquid products when construction of the new unit train terminal facility is completed BlendStar operates a Nashville, TN terminal. - Chuck Hinrichs.

Green Units for Indiana RR: This was posted on Indiana Railroads Bull Session: 3 unit order for ES44ACs guessing they'll run them 2x1 DP? Unit numbers are 1912, 1982, 1986. Colors are medium blue with white diagonal stripe behind the cab. Have no idea what the significance of the varied numbers is. Answer: Road numbers represent Penn State National Championships. Units were released from GE this week and will go into service at a southern Indiana power plant. This would be entirely over the Evansville Western Railway. Units that should remain in captive service between a southern Illinois coal mine and a Mount Vernon."

Minutes Summary and Financial Report

November 2011 Meeting

Minutes of October meeting approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

All standing officers were re-elected.

Announcement: Wallace Henderson reported seeing CSX new AC locomotives in EMD blue color scheme.

Director's Report: Wallace gave a brief details of the Iowa Convention. Most can be found on the internet. Tickets for trips may be ordered online. He reported that past Rail Camp was the best ever. In Tacoma, WA, new venues for next event will be sponsored by several different rail groups. A ballot will be needed for voting for new board members in June, at the board meeting. The securing of the NRHS staff member is on hold. 710 people attended the convention.

Old Business: The Christmas dinner is scheduled for Decemeber 5, 2011, at 6pm, The Center. Meal will be 10.00 per person.

New Business: Rick asked members to help keep the building clean. He reported that the rear portion of The Center could be used by us for storage.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2012, 7pm. Program by Ricky Bivins.

Members Present: Rick Bivins, D.A. Fraser, David Millen, Wallace Henderson, Thomas Bryan, Keith Kittinger, Jim Bryan, Danny Koeber, Wally Watts, Rich Hane, Steve Miller. Guests: Tony Clark, Nathan Deason.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report Date: November 28, 2011 by Wally Watts.

Beginning Balance 629.22

Income:

National Dues Received 640.00

Chapter Dues Received 00.00

Donations 6.00

Other:Raffle 7.00

Total: 9.00

Adjusted Balance 653.00

Expenditures:

National Dues Paid. 00.00

Supplies 00.00

Printing (brochures) 00.00

Other (Annual Corporation filing) 00.00

Total: 00.00

Ending Balance: 1282.22

Membership Statistics

Beginning Membership 48

National Members Added 0

National Members Dropped 0

Chapter Members Added 0

Chapter Members Dropped 0

Ending Membership 48

Dennis Remembered from Afar

I was catching up on my railfan surfing tonight and ran across a post on the P&L forum that indicated that Dennis Carnal had passed away. I quickly pulled up the West KY NRHS website and saw the information about his death in the newsletters.

I first met Dennis though my quest to complete my collection of L&N Employee magazines. He had posted that he had some for sale and I contacted him and found out that he had several that I needed and I had extras that he needed so we arranged a trade. Dennis and I arranged to meet at his house on one of my visits to Henderson and traded magazines, traded stories, and discussed the Cardinals vs the Reds.

My primary RR interest is in the tunnels [I'll spare you the long story why] and Dennis and I hooked up on a couple of different trips over the next couple of years to explore tunnels and sites. I had permission from the owner of the land where the original tunnel west of Dawson Springs is located to

hike in and check it out and Dennis went with me. On another trip, he hooked me up with one of his friends from Greenville who knew about the buried tunnel on the original O & N alignment near Cleaton. That day we also checked out the daylighted IC tunnel sites on the P&L at Echols, Rosine, Black Rock, and near Stephensburg-that was a fun day.

Enough rambling, I just thought I'd express my condolences to your group on his loss. He was very gracious to me and willing to share any information that he could. He also kept trying to get me to come to one of your meetings, but I was never down on a Monday that you were meeting.

Sincerely,

Butch Adkins, Lexington KY

TIMETABLE #110
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- **West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting** - Monday, January 23, 2012, L&N Depot (The Center), Madisonville, KY, 7pm.
- **Great Train Expo**, February 4th & 5th, 2012, Saint Charles Convention Center, Saturday - 10 to 5, Sunday - 10 to 4. More info - www.GreatTrainExpo.com
- **The Warrior Express** (Student Council & Dirks Trains), Saturday, February 11, 2012, 10 AM to 3 PM, Note the location - Fox High School, 751 Jeffco Blvd, Arnold, MO, Admission - \$3, 12 and under - free
- Boeing Employees Railroad Swap Meet, Greensfelder, Recreation Complex at Queeny Park, 550 Wiedman Rd, Ballwin, MO 63011 63011, Saturday, March 12, 2012, 10 AM to 3 PM, Admission - \$3, Children under 12 free

History of Evansville Henderson & Nashville - Hello, I thought that you might want to put a link up to this page <http://www.railroadkeys.com/history/EHNRR.html> If anyone has other items that they want to put pictures of on the page that would be great. I would love to get some photos of the early lines to add if anyone has one. Thanks, Michael Orange.

FYI: Website and Facebook page for Ozarks Model RR Association. Thanks to Greg Sullivan for Website update and photos for Open House. New Website is: omraspringfield.org Greg took the photos and created the FB page. Good work, Greg. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ozarks-Model-Railroad-Association/337691496249198?sk=wall>. Thanks to Greg for your good work. Rex Easterly.

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