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Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,
April 23, 2012,
7:00 pm
At the former L&N Depot
Madisonville, KY**

**Our April Program
Will be Presented by Chapter Member
Tom Johnson
Viewer's DVD Choice
Illinois Central Steam Finale or
Illinois Railway Museum**

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Chapter member Keith Kittinger celebrated his 34th year with CSX and its associated railroad predecessors (L&N, Family Lines, and Seaboard System) on April 10, 2012. Bill Grady was in town for the festivities and got this shot of Keith with a service truck.

Ricky's Replies

President, Ricky Bivins

Hello Railfan friends. Here we are at the April meeting. If you missed the March meeting, a great time was had by those in attendance. The business portion was short, the refreshments were good and the program was GREAT. Our guest program presenter, Gary Ostlund or GOO as he is known on the internet, had some absolutely fabulous photos of Milwaukee Road electrics that he took while residing in the Pacific North West. While not a long program, Gary showed us images of the locomotives and general area as he explained each scene in detail. I was totally absorbed by it. If you missed it, well shame on you!

There is not a lot to discuss this month; the officer will meet again prior to meeting night to iron out any details of the meeting. I will be purchasing the banner for our table at the upcoming Friday Night Live events which will be held in Down Town Madisonville. Bill Thomas plans to have an Out Door style layout built on his trailer to deliver at the event to go along with a TV/DVD playing train videos. These activities should make for a good time. Now, one point to make here. We need to have

members present on the three nights. Our planned activities will be taxing for a couple of us to manage. Wally will have his steam engines going as well. So Members, please take time out for at least one of the event nights.

Bill needs material for the newsletter. He needs things such as photos, stories, historical notes and research etc. I am convinced our Chapter has an abundance of knowledge and history right on tap; one only has to let us know about. Remember, what seems to be a mundane story to you may be very interesting to the rest of us.

Looking ahead, we will have a very special program/tour of the Hopkinsville L&N RR Freight Depot for our May meeting. Make plans to attend.

Tom Johnson has refreshments and program this month. Tom plans to give us a choice of Illinois Central Steam Finale or Illinois Railway Museum DVD's. Either will be very entertaining I am sure.

SO...Members, come on out Monday April 23rd at 7:00 PM and join in the fun and camaraderie. After all, this is "Your" Chapter.



Bill Grady caught the R.J. Corman "UK Trophy Train" at Midway and Duckers, Kentucky on April 13, 2012, displaying the prized award following the Wildcats' NCAA Championship win over Kansas University.



Photo Section



Left: A northbound CSX freight begins its climb toward Barnsley (between Morton's Gap and Earlington on the Henderson Subdivision). The telephoto lens effect begs the caption: "The Little Engine that Could".

Photo by Rick Bivins.



Left: Friday the 13th, 8:30 AM, North bound stack train overtakes empty coal train with only one locomotive. Shot at North Nortonville Siding. Photo by Rick Bivins.

Second Photo Section

Right: Bill Heaton found CN 2113 in Paducah, KY, still in its “15-Year As a Publicly Traded Company” paint scheme. The C40-8 was built in 1991 for Chicago & North Western. One on-line source referred to it being specially equipped for mid-train helper service. **Right Center:** Bill Heaton also photographed this NS D-9 40CW paired up with a BNSF unit at Paducah.



Left: This Low-Boy 8-axle flat also caught the eye of Bill Heaton’s camera at Paducah. Reminds us much of the old Lionel flat with transformer load.

Rail Flicks

By Tommy Johnson



Title	Columbia River Gorge Part 1: Union Pacific's Portland Sub
Producer	7idea Productions
Format	Wide Screen
Playing Time	1 Hr 58 Min
Purchased From	TrainVideoDepot.com
Date Purchased	03/15/12
Price Paid	\$27.95

This is a very good DVD. As would be expected with a 7idea Productions video, the videography is excellent. The picture quality is extremely good and the camera work was done very professionally.

Starting from Portland, Oregon, we take a trip up the Oregon side of the Columbia River on the Union Pacific's Portland Sub in this video. We are treated to spectacular views of the Columbia River Gorge as we follow the UP route alongside the river, our tour ending at Hinkle, OR, where the Blue Mountain Sub begins. The video was shot between June of 2011 and February of 2012.

Along the way we see the Bonneville Dam, Multnomah Falls, The Dalles Dam, and the John Day Dam. Multnomah Falls is the second highest year-round water fall in the U.S. We also see some wind farms with their huge wind generators turning.

This is a DVD that you will come back and watch again and again.

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and
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present



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1:00 PM to 10:00 PM
and
RAILROAD SHOW AND SALE
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in the Rotunda
Saturday, August 11, 2012
CINCINNATI UNION TERMINAL
1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio

May Meeting Date

As usual, our May Chapter meeting will be held in Hopkinsville and hosted by chapter meetings from that area. Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the meeting will be **Monday, May 21**, instead of the 4th Monday, May 28. Location is the Hopkinsville L&N Freight Depot, downtown Hopkinsville. 7pm.

CSX, Redbuds, and RJ Corman March 22 2012

Bill Grady's Spring Fling Along Frankfort Ave, Louisville, KY



Here is W850 with the 7312. It had 9 tank cars of refrigerant gas. Plus one auto rack. To be a dedicated train of that type of gas, someone's air conditioner must have been out! This shot was made alongside Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY.

Left Center: Same location with CSX S226.



Right: Here's a nice shot of RJ Corman's Z544 with the boxcars up front. When I was at Southern Seminary (near this spot) those signals in the background were the old target type. (Editor)



Minutes Summary and Financial Report

March 26 2012 Meeting Minutes

MINUTES: Approved of Feb. meeting.

TREASURES REPORT; Approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT; wallace had no report at this time. Will have in May.

OLD BUSINESS; Friday Night Live will be on June 8, July 6, Aug. 10. Time starts at 6:30pm. Idea of having the depot put on National register has been dropped.

NEW BUSINESS; Oct. 6 is set for Crofton picnic. Motion approved for getting a banner for chapter to use at Fri. nite live & other functions, Cost \$100. Wallace gave report on the freight depot in Hopkinsville and we will tour it as part of program for May meeting. William Turner will give a history of it. This Will be the 3rd. Monday in May due to Memorial Day Holiday. Rich & Chuck are working on trip to Paducah and Mayfield. Mayfield facilities available on Fridays. Thomas will work with them on upcoming activities. Wallace states he should have directors report in May.

NEXT MEETING: Monday April 23 at 7pm at the Center. Program and refreshments by Tom Johnson.

Due to My mis-placement of Wally's financial report, it will be emailed as a supplement soon.



Above Top: Chapter members fellowship before the March meeting. **Above Bottom:** Program Guest Gary Ostlund prepares for his slide presentation on the Milwaukee Road Electric Locomotives.

Modelers Corner

In the Spring of 1961, PRR hotshot NF-6 ("Non-Feed"), a livestock schedule from Chicago to Harsimus Cove, NJ, passes under the signal bridge at MP 127.7, just west of Orrville, OH on the Pittsburgh-Chicago main line. With cuts and consolidations in the railroad's still massive passenger network, the PRR has taken advantage of surplus passenger power to assign E-units to the train on this day, suiting the high-speed nature of the schedule. In the distance, a westbound loaded coal train ("mineral train" in PRR terms) heads for the Lake Erie docks at Sandusky, OH. Submitted by Fred Ripley - photos on his Pennsylvania Layout.



TIMETABLE #110
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- **West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting** - Monday, April 23, 2012, L&N Depot (The Center), Madisonville, KY, 7pm.
- **West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting** - Monday, May 21, 2012, L&N Freight Depot, Hopkinsville, KY, 7pm.
- **Day Out with Thomas** - Kentucky Railway Museum, June 2, 3, and 9, 10, 2012.
- **Illinois Central Historical Society Annual Meeting** - August 2-4, 2012, Greenwood MS.
<http://www.icrrhistorical.org/>
- **SummeRail at CUT** - August 11, 2012

As you might have heard already UP 844 developed flat spots on her drivers this week while traveling through Texas. The big engine was taken to the Georgetown RR shop in Georgetown, TX, for repairs. While at the shop facility, UP boxcar UPP 9336 (which carries the stairs so people can look in the cab, plus other support equipment) somehow collided with a gondola, causing extensive damage to 9336. The incident occurred Friday. A photo of the damaged car is below. Details of the incident are sketchy but apparently 844 was NOT involved in this incident, just the support car. Makes you wonder what impact this might have on UP's steam program. Back in the summer of 1994 the passenger cars for



NS's excursion consist were in a low speed collision in a freight yard, and a few months later the program was cancelled. Cliff Downey

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