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Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,
May 21, 2012, 7:00 pm**

**Former Louisville & Nashville
Railroad Passenger Station,
Hopkinsville, KY**

**Our May Program
A Tour of the Hopkinsville
L&N Freight Depot
Meeting Hosted by Chapter Members
From Hopkinsville**

**Join Us June 8
at Friday Night
Live-Madisonville
6-10pm**

We will display stationary live-steam engines, railroad videos, and a portable large-scale garden railroad with Thomas the Tank Engine!

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Ricky's Replies

President, Ricky Bivins

Hello fellow Western Kentucky Chapter, NRHS Members.

Here we are in the merry month of May. May, for our Chapter of course means we will be meeting in Hopkinsville KY. Our Hop'town friends and members annually host's the Chapter's monthly business meeting and always has a great meeting planned. This year is no different.

We will be gathering at the Former Hopkinsville KY Louisville & Nashville Railroad Passenger station in downtown Hopkinsville along Route 68/80. Take exit #9, turn to the West and proceed to the traffic Islands, then make a right. The meeting place is just ahead about two blocks. The station will be on the left at the railroad crossing. Our program will be split into two parts. Everyone needs to be in attendance at the hour of 7:00 PM. We will promptly proceed across the street and track to the former L&N RR Freight House for a tour of the facility. So as to make the best use of day light we must be "on the advertised" of 7:00 PM. Then we will return to the Passenger Station for a short business meeting, refreshment and the second half of the program. This is sure to be a not to be missed event.

If you missed last month's meeting, well, you missed a fine program from Tom Johnson on Illinois Central steam as well as the 1992 Steam trip over the ICRR KY. Division behind NKP #765. Several members were on hand and/or on the train that memorable day in September. Many of the Steam era scenes of ICRR action were readily recognized by members. After all, the Illinois Central is or was, a "Home Road". Tom also brought the refreshments last month!

Bill Thomas wishes to revive the "for sale" portion of the newsletter. I feel this is a good idea. Check with Bill as he has the "rules" for posting any items you wish to sell or search out to purchase. Our program organizer, Thomas Bryan has come to me with "a plan" for trips etc. I have instructed Thomas to set dates, make plans and move forward. We cannot accommodate everyone when making plans so get with Thomas and put your "two cents worth" in on trip planning. Our proposed trip to Paducah and/or Mayfield hinges

on the completion of the 68/80 bridge in Trigg County.

And that leads me to this! The first Friday Night Live is next month! We have made a commitment to the City of Madisonville to attend. We have plans for: Wally to set up his steam engines; to have a TV/DVD playing some sort of train video and to have a Gauge One train running on Bill Thomas' trailer. Bill is stepping up (AGAIN) to the plate here people and putting forth a large effort. We need volunteers to help build, set up, run trains and converse with attendee's at the three events. I humbly ask our members to "suck it up" and help out. No one has said "don't do this" when the events were discussed at meeting time, so everyone should be a part of at least one of the events.

I will close with this: Have you presented a program or brought refreshments to a meeting? Would you?

Rick Bivins

CINCINNATI RAILROAD CLUB and MIAMI VALLEY RAILFANS present



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and

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Photo Section - KCS Spotted in Madisonville!



Left Above and Below: These Kansas City Southern SD units were photographed at CSX's Atkinson Yard, May 7, 2012, by Chapter member Bill Heaton.



Norfolk Southern Heritage Units Submitted by Dr. Fred Ripley

Through a friendship with a former NS dispatcher,
Dr. Ripley has obtained these photos of four Norfolk Southern Heritage Units.

Interstate



Conrail



Southern

Nickel Plate



Rail Flicks

By Tommy Johnson



Title	Workin' on the Railroad
Producer	Pentrex
Format	Full Screen
Playing Time	1 hr 35 min
Purchased From	TrainVideoDepot.com
Date Purchased	6/13/2011
Price Paid	\$24.95

This DVD was interesting, informative, and entertaining; it was well worth the purchase price. The action takes place between 1995 and 1998.

We watch Norfolk Southern's "Timber and Surface Gang 1" as they use tie cranes, spike pullers, spike loaders, anchor spreaders, tie pulling machines, tie insertion machines, tie plate machines, spike driving machines, anchor machines, ballast regulators, and a tamper machine. It is a fascinating process to watch.

We get to see an undercutting machine in operation a little later in the DVD. This machine pulls the ballast out from under the rails and uses a vibrating machine to separate and remove the dirt and debris. The good ballast is redistributed and the dirt is piled alongside the tracks.

Things get even more interesting when we see the P-811 concrete tie laying machine in operation. This machine, the flat cars hauling new concrete ties, and the flat cars used for collecting and hauling the old wooden ties that have been removed make up a work train.

The DVD gives us a break from maintenance of way action and takes us to the NS car re-body shop in Roanoke, VA, where gondola cars are stripped down to the center beam and the trucks and are given completely new bodies.

We also visit the NS Pochahantas Division Dispatch Center in Bluefield, WV. The Chief Dispatcher is a guy by the name of Tommy Johnson. With a name like that, you know he just has to be one very cool dude, right?

This DVD will make a great addition to your collection. I think it will be one that you will watch several times over the years.



Truck vs. Train - Train Wins

PEMBROKE (KY) — The driver of a tractor-trailer hauling farm equipment thought he had enough time to get across the train tracks to avoid being hit by the (CSX) train Thursday evening, but the trailer was struck in the rear, spinning the cab of the truck around and causing damage at the railroad crossing on Main Street in Pembroke. Excerpt by David Snow, Eagle Post.

Norfolk Southern Attitude Adjustment

Submitted by Chuck Hinrichs

NORFOLK, VA. – Norfolk Southern is making it easier for communities, businesses, and informed observers such as rail fans to report issues relating to public safety and security to the railroad’s police force. The NS announcement is a significant expansion of the community-based rail security initiative started by BNSF Railway.

Everyone with a stake in rail operations is invited to join Norfolk Southern’s new “Protect the Line” reporting program, an online resource that directly connects you with NS Police. By becoming a Protect the Line member at the new www.protecttheline.com (<http://www.protecttheline.com/>) website, observers can report immediately to NS Police any suspicious activity relating to equipment maintenance, track obstructions, trespassing, vandalism, suspicious items and vehicles, and terrorism.

NS’ Protect the Line and BNSF’s Citizens for Rail Security are part of an industry-wide initiative that works to include everyone with an interest in railroads. “Community awareness and participation are critical to keeping the railroad line safe and secure,” said David Julian, NS vice president safety and environmental.

“Through Protect the Line and Citizens for Rail Security, the public can work directly with us to prevent and mitigate situations that jeopardize the railroad line and those whom we serve.”

Mark Sinquefield, NS director of police, said, “Protect the Line members will be doing their part to safeguard America’s critical commerce network by serving as responsible additional eyes and ears for railroads and our employees.”

“More than 10,000 citizens have joined the Citizens for Rail Security effort and are making the rail network a safer place by reporting potential trespassers, stolen equipment, and suspicious behavior near the tracks,” said Duwayne Pennington, BNSF’s assistance vice president of Resource Protection.

Interested people can access the Protect the Line website a number of different ways: directly at www.protecttheline.com (<http://www.protecttheline.com/>), through the Norfolk Southern website at www.nscorp.com, (<http://www.nscorp.com/>), and through BNSF’s Citizens for Rail Security website at

www.citizensforrailsecurity.com (<http://www.citizensforrailsecurity.com/>).

Visitors are encouraged to register by clicking Protect the Line and providing contact information. The Protect the Line website explains more about the program, including a link to BNSF’s site.

Citizen reports can be made to the NS Police at 800-453-2530 and nspolice@nscorp.com (<mailto:nspolice@nscorp.com>) and to BNSF Police at 800-832-5452 and www.citizensforrailsecurity.com (<http://www.citizensforrailsecurity.com/>), either directly or through the website. Stay tuned. NS is developing an update to its smartphone app, NS Corp, that will include access to Protect the Line, with enhanced communications capabilities.

The NS and BNSF police forces are charged with safeguarding people and freight shipments over the systems. They work closely with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to protect railroads and communities.

Norfolk Southern Corporation (<http://phx.corporate-ir.net/Tearsheet.ashx?c=69040>) (NYSE: NSC) is one of the nation’s premier

transportation companies. Its Norfolk Southern Railway subsidiary operates approximately 20,000 route miles (<http://www.nscorp.com/nscportal/nscorp/map.html>) in 22 states and the District of Columbia, serves every major container port in the eastern United States, and provides efficient connections to other rail carriers. Norfolk Southern operates the most extensive intermodal network in the East and is a major transporter of coal and industrial products.

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Minutes Summary and Financial Report

Minutes: Approved of March meeting.

Treasurer's report: Approved.

OLD BUSINESS: The banner has been ordered which was approved by chapter at March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The Christmas dinner plans discussed. Considering changing caterer or going out to eat. No decision made. Discussed advertising for chapter & cost. No decision. Keith announced Dennis Carnal headstone is up. Possible upcoming chapter trips discussed. Thomas checked with the Evansville Museum & they would welcome any number. Cost is \$2.00. Decision on Paducah shops & Mayfield on hold till bridge is repaired.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Wallace was out of town-no report.

SHOW & TELL: David Millen gave report & showed painting of the Evansville station.

NEXT MEETING: Monday May 21 the 3rd Monday due to Memorial Day Holiday at old depot in Hopkinsville. Program will be tour of the L & N freight depot and presentation about it by Hopkinsville group. **Refreshments by them.**

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

1. Wally Watts, Greg Utley, Tom Johnson, David Millen, Bill Heaton, Ricky Bivins, Bill Thomas, Steve Miller, Keith Kittinger, Thomas Bryan, Jim Bryan, Rich Hane. There were no guests.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report Date: 23, April, 2012 by Wally Watts.

Beginning Balance 829.02

Income:

National Dues Received 00.00

Chapter Dues Received 00.00

Donations 00.00

Other: Raffle/Dinner 16.00

Total: **16.00**

Adjusted Balance 845.02

Expenditures:

National Dues Paid. 00.00

Supplies 00.00

Printing (brochures) 00.00

Other 00.00

Total: 905.25

Ending Balance: 845.02

Membership Statistics

Beginning Membership 41

National Members Added 0 National

Members Dropped 0

Chapter Members Added 0

Chapter Members Dropped 0

Ending Membership 41



Fallen Flag

Bill Heaton caught this "modern" diesel in Paducah, KY. Still hard to believe SP is history.



TIMETABLE #110
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- **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.
- **West Kentucky NRHS Chapter at Madisonville Friday Night Live** - Friday, June 8, Courthouse Square, 6pm. Live stationary steam engines, videos, and portable garden railroad.
- **Illinois Central Historical Society Annual Meeting** - August 2-4, 2012, Greenwood MS. <http://www.icrrhistorical.org/>
- **SummeRail at CUT** - August 11, 2012

Buy-Sell-Swap

I would like to revive our Buy/Sell/Swap feature in the PennyRail. If you have railroad-related items for sale or are looking for such, please email a description, and pictures of possible, to bill@fbcmadisonville.com.

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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