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## Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,  
July 23, 2012, 7:00 pm  
Former Louisville & Nashville  
Railroad Station,  
Madisonville, KY**

**The July Program  
By  
Wallace Henderson**

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

See pictures of our team and  
display at the July 6th, Friday  
Night Live - We had a blast!  
Come out and join us August  
10, old Courthouse lawn!

## Ricky's Replies

President, Ricky Bivins

It is train time again everyone. The June 2012 meeting was one to remember. The business portion was short, the refreshments were tasty and a surprise was in store for all in attendance. As noted in the minutes, our very Thomas Bryan turned 19 on meeting night last month. He and everyone else were surprised with Cake and Ice Cream and the traditional Happy Birthday chorus. The cake and Ice cream was the best part though! As for the program, Steve Miller, whom also provided refreshments in addition to the unexpected birthday eats, provided the program. At first, Steve was to show the "Work'n on the Railroad" video, however, there were some protests to that so Steve decided to show a 60's era video of trains in the mid-west area. Steve pre-staged the movie but when we tried to make a show of it, the movie went south and refused to play! So...Steve went back to work...on the railroad. The "Work'n on the Railroad" video was a good too as it turned out.

Friday Night Live, July 6th, 2012 was HOT, and I mean HOT. But, several members were on hand to man the event and all had a great time. Wally Watts and guests were entertaining fair goers from the start. Bill and Joe Thomas (Angela came by a bit latter), were hard at work on the Mobil Garden Railroad. Bill went above and beyond this time. The Two tier layout (one track ABOVE the other...bad pun), was a big, big hit with kids and adults. Oddly,

the un-sceniced area of the layout was the kid's favorite as it was under the top section. I guess kids like to look into the unknown. In this case the unknown was when will the train be back? We have one more night this year, August 10th. It would be great if many more members were to make the final call for Friday Night Live.

Wallace Henderson should have a presentation for us this month. Changes are ongoing in the National Organization. Most will not affect members but the officers will be changing how things are done in accordance with new rules and bylaws. Please take time to listen to what Wallace has to say. He has invested his time and money on our behalf. The very least we can do is "listen"!

Rich Hane will update us on the trip to Mayfield and Paducah. Thomas may have additional trips or information on the proposed trip to Evansville IN.

Is there something YOU, NRHS Member want to do? Make the arrangements and we will go!

As reported elsewhere herein, Keith Kittinger is recovering from surgery and is doing well. Jackie McCracken is recovering from her recent heart issue and is out and about. If you know of others in need of thoughts or prayer...let us know.

OK members, try to make the meeting. We need attendance numbers to rise.

### CINCINNATI RAILROAD CLUB and MIAMI VALLEY RAILFANS



**SUMMERAIL AT C.U.T.**

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

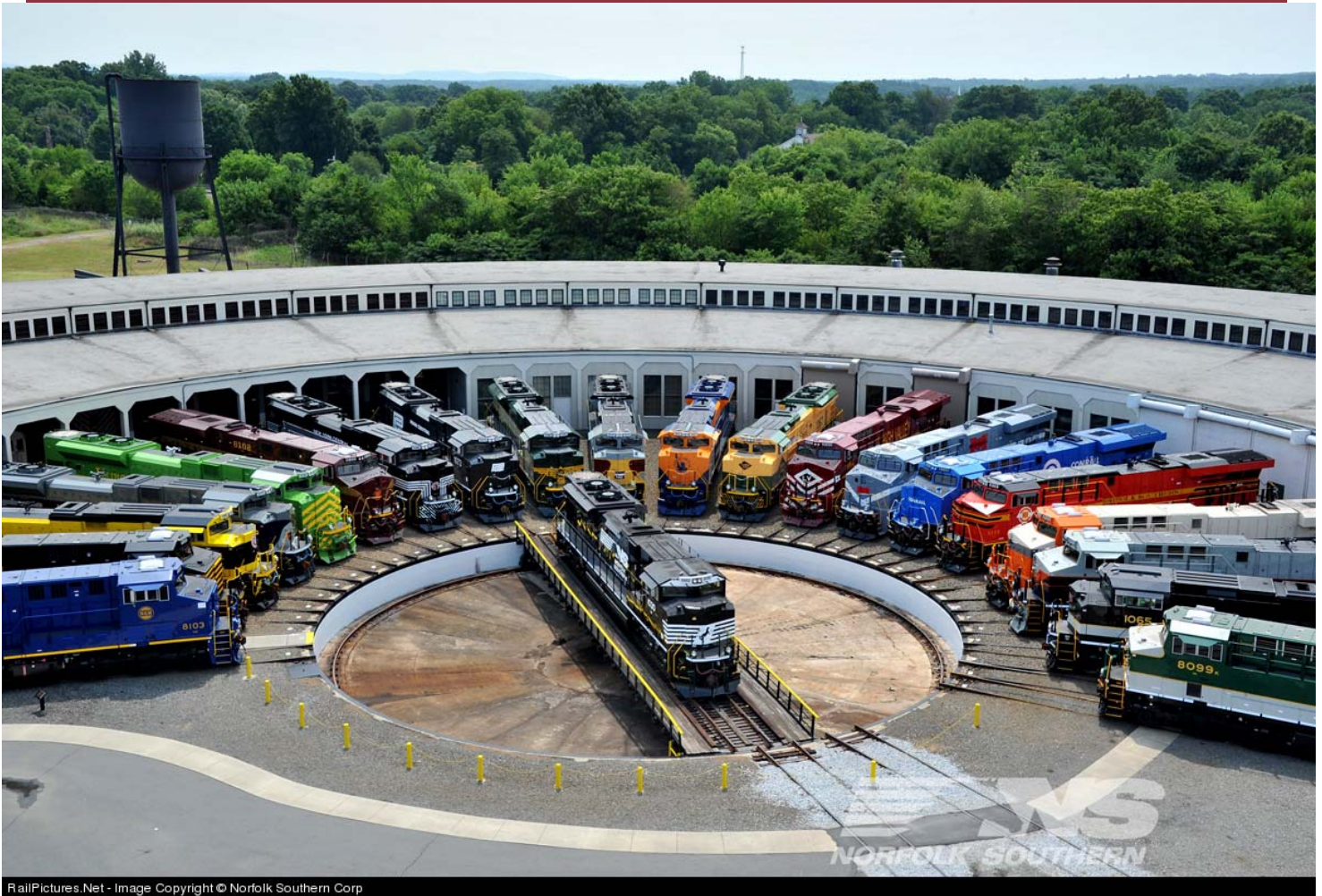
## NRHS Mission Statement

National Railway Historical Society, Inc.  
Mission Statement - The National Railway Historical Society promotes railway heritage preservation and educates its members and the public about rail transportation, its history and impact, with a focus on North America.

### 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

# Photo Section



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**Beginning top left moving clockwise:** The big news this month was the gathering of Norfolk-Southern's Heritage Fleet of locomotives at North Carolina Transportation Museum, Spencer, NC, just prior to July 4, 2012. This almost-unbelievable shot was taken by NS's photography team. Even my wife thought it "photo-shopped" when she first saw it.



**Above:** On June 25, 2012 Jim Pearson videotaped a CP Ethanol train as it headed south through the curve approaching Romney at Nortonville, Ky on CSX's Henderson Subdivision. This image is a still frame from his video clip which can be viewed on the Chapter's website at: <http://www.westkentuckynrhs.org/archives/2184> - Photo by Jim Pearson



**Above:** Thanks to Ricky Bivins phone call I was able to catch Stewart Southern Railway's #1503 Genset in a northbound CSX freight consist at Hanson, Ky on CSX's Henderson Subdivision July 5, 2012. Opened in August 2010, the Stewart Southern Short Line Inc. runs 132 kilometres from Stoughton, SK Canada northwest along highway #33 up to Richardson, SK, just south of Regina. The route has stops at He-ward, Creelman, Fillmore, Osage, Tyvan, Francis, Sedley and Lajord and Kronau. Companies and elevators as well as producers can take advantage of the access this line provides. It also creates incentive for new business starts in communities along the line.- Photo by Jim Pearson

# CSX Transportation Historical Society

Submitted by Chuck Hinrichs

In 1986 the Seaboard System Railroad changed its name to CSX Transportation. Last summer a CSX Transportation Historical Society was formed. The society is just getting started and now is a good time to be in on the ground floor of this group. The society has membership information on its web site located at: <http://www.trainweb.org/csxths/> The society has a yahoo group: <http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/CSXTHS/> and a Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/CSXTransportationHistoricalSociety> The society is having its first convention and rail fanning weekend in Covington KY August 3-5. Here is some information on the convention. Please take a look at the society and consider joining.

**Friday, August 3** - 12:30 - Meet at Holiday Inn; 1pm - Drive perimeter of Queensgate Yard; 2pm - Visit Greater Cincinnati Railroad Museum; 3:30pm - Tour Progressive Rail Car shop at DeCoursey Yard; 5pm - Drive to various CSX sites in Northern KY; 7pm - Dinner on your own at Frisch's Big Boy, under CSX Ohio River Bridge.

**Saturday, August 4** - 8am - Drive along CSX (ex-L&N) to Paris, KY; 10am - Tour TransKentucky Transportation Inc. (TTI) Yard at Paris (TTI is owned by CSX); 11:30am - Drive along TTI track to Maysville, KY; 1pm - Lunch at Maysville next to Amtrak Station; 2pm - Visit TTI coal loadout at Maysville; 3pm - Follow CSX track (ex-C&O) to Covington, KY; 5pm - Tower at Cincinnati Union Terminal (Pizza).

**Sunday, August 5** - 8am - Drive to Worthville, KY, to visit CSX Yard and Carrollton Railroad Yard. (CR is owned by CSX); 11am - follow CSX track back to Covington; Convention ends upon arrival at Covington at 1pm.

## Second Photo Section



It's not too often these days you see a caboose running down the rails at the end of a train. On June 24, 2012 in the afternoon an ex-Conrail Caboose CR 24012 sporting a brand new paint job rolled past the old L&N Railroad Station at Madisonville, Ky as it headed North toward Evansville on CSX's Henderson Subdivision. - Photo on left by Jim Pearson. Right photo by Chuck Hinrichs, at Caskey, KY.



Friday Night Live



# *Rail Flicks*

By Tommy Johnson



Title	Tehachapi, Union Pacific's Mojave Sub
Producer	7idea Productions
Format	Wide Screen DVD
Playing Time	2 hr 25 min
Purchased From	TrainVideoDepot.com
Date Purchased	7/10/2012
Price Paid	\$27.95

This DVD is the latest addition to my collection and it turned out to be one of my very best railroad videos.

When 7idea Productions puts out a video on a subject, you need to buy a copy, no matter how many videos you might have on the same subject by other producers. When you watch the 7idea Production video you will feel that you are really seeing the subject for the first time. That's how much better the 7idea Productions videos are compared to the others.

We watch in wide screen splendor as we travel timetable south from Bakersfield, CA, to Mojave, CA, following the Union Pacific's route through the Tehachapi Mountains. The Tehachapi's lie between the San Joaquin Valley to the north and the Mojave Desert to the south. The view of the railroad action is virtually unobstructed since these mountains are covered by grass and shrubs with no large trees.

BNSF has trackage rights on this sub and we actu-

ally see more BNSF action than UP action.

The grade is 2.2% for much of the climb to the summit of Tehachapi Pass near the town of Tehachapi. The word "Tehachapi" means "hard climb" in some native American language. We encounter two very interesting sections of track on our way to this summit, Caliente Horseshoe and Tehachapi Loop.

The Caliente Horseshoe is a place with some good RR action as trains climb out of Caliente Canyon. We can see portions of the same train going in opposite directions at this location .

The time spent at Tehachapi Loop makes this video worth the price of admission. It is absolutely fascinating to see trains looping over themselves. The head end of the train passes 77 feet above the trailing cars as they go through the tunnel.

This video comes with my highest recommendation. I think any rail fan would enjoy this one.

## **Yard Work!**

Chicago Division - Leithton Subdivision - Joliet Yard Derailment - At 1530-04 the BNSF crew, MGALNCNI-04 was yarding their train in Joliet Yard. The crew had shoved the first cut into track JM-08. The crew was instructed to set out the balance of their train into track JM-07, the conductor instead lined the cut into track JM-09 and there was a standing cut of 41 cars tied down in track JM-09. When the cars hit the standing cut of cars they derailed 6 cars. ALAB 9209 on its side, NOKL 827272 upright, UTLX 64952 empty residue upright, ECLX 16288 empty residue upright, PROX 30212 empty residue upright and UTLX 955435 empty residue upright. CN police, Chemtrec and DGO notified. The derailment has the north end of Joliet Yard shut down. Main 1, Main 2 and the run-through track in Joliet are still available to use. The BNSF crew was not protecting the point. The costs are still to be determined. No release of product and no injuries. Submitted by Andrew Futrell, via Jim Futrell.



# The Steamy Northwest

Story and Photographs by Chris Dees

The Great Northwest!!! Pine forests, mountain grades of four and five percent, logging railroads... that's a reason for any railfan to pack for the weekend with the cameras, scanners, and favorite overalls. And if the trip would feature one of those fantastic Shay locomotives tackling steep grades – that would make this trip even better. Well, the weekend before Fourth of July was just such an event for myself – and it was a LOT closer than Oregon, Idaho, or even Washington. How about a 90-minute drive just north of Lafayette?

Whoa!!! What's this regarding mountain grades and logging locomotives? Everyone knows that northern Indiana is nothing but flat fields of corn. Well the Hesston Steam Museum in Hesston, Indiana, allows even the hardest core steam fan to get his or her fix of that familiar smell of coal smoke. And with short (but steep) grades, the full-size and scale-size trains give passengers a way to experience mountain steam railroading in the Northwest Indiana county of Laporte.

The desire of a few local steam buffs to perpetuate the use of steam power necessitated the purchase of suitable land for an annual reunion in 1956. Twenty two acres was purchased and hundreds of thorn apple trees cleared. A dam was built in Mud Creek to form Duck

Lake as a source of water for the engines. The group, then called La Porte County Threshermen, held their first show and reunion in 1957. Traction engines were the main feature and provided most of the power. A sawmill was added in 1959, the electric plant in 1961, and the Browning crane in 1962.

At the suggestion of Bruce Achor, a couple of members purchased a steam locomotive from Elliott Donnelley of Lake Forest, IL in 1964. With Donnelley's generous financial assistance during 1965-1968, the remainder of the 155 acre site was purchased, and a unique dual gauge (24"/36") railroad was constructed. The La Porte County Historical Steam Society was chartered as a not-for-profit organization on December 16, 1968, and the original La Porte County Threshermen club was absorbed and dissolved. In 1969, IRS granted recognition as a 501(c)-3 not-for-profit corporation.

Hesston keeps the memory of narrow gauge steam railroads alive. If you're a steam fan or long to relive your days of youth at your favorite amusement park, you'll love the sights, sounds and smells as you ride over hills, past lakes, and through farm fields on a two and a half mile journey back in time. You'll love it!



**Above:** Mecklenburg Pommersche Schmall Spurbahn Railroad 0-4-0 provides the normal weekend power for the two-foot gauge steam operations at Hesston Steam Museum. Seen here on June 30, 2012, the little steamer is ready to pull passengers on the two mile loop around the museum grounds.



**Above:** Who's your "chief" ? This guy is. One of the Hesston Steam Museum volunteers operates a matched Santa Fe A-B pair of F7's on the museum's 1/8 scale railroad, hauling kids and kids-at-heart on a mile long loop of track.

**Right:** A beautiful 1/8 scale 4-4-0 American type gets a little attention during a station stop at Hesston Junction before departing with the next scheduled "advertised". Although the full-scale Shay was in the shop on this day, this little 15-horsepower steam locomotive puts on quite a show for the crowd at the Hesston Steam Museum.



## Minutes Summary and Financial Report

MINUTES: Approved of the May meeting.  
TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Rick reported the Mayfield & Paducah trip is possible in Aug. probably on a Friday. Friday night live was a success and a crowd pleaser with record setting crowds downtown. According to local radio news reports it was largest crowd in 12 year history of the event. Cooler weather helped. Chapter had good representation with member Matt Gentry and his buddy Trent from Evansville helping out with his steam engines along with Wally's neighbor Adam Shuck and the usual members.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made & Approved to spend \$10 on printing of cards to be passed out. Clayton printing will be checked for price approval as they seem to be cheapest in town. Discussion made on a possible display at the mall in lieu of a Xmas dinner. Possibly a modular layout. Further discussion tabled till next month. Rick will check on space at mall. Chapter approved purchase of another banner to replace one that was lost.

No Director's report.

ACTIVITY REPORT: Thomas suggested a trip to Evansville this summer to see the LST along with the museum visit.

THOMAS' BIRTHDAY: Member Thomas Bryan was 19 on meeting night and was treated to a "Happy Birthday" song-barber shop style (and quite well done too!) along with a surprise visit from his mom and sister with ice cream and cake and a gift. Happy birthday buddy and many more, you've been an asset to the chapter!!

NEXT MEETING: Monday evening July 23 at 7pm at the Center with Thomas doing program. Refreshments open, Anyone?

### THOSE ATTENDING WERE:

1. Steve Miller
2. Rick Bivins
3. Bill Thomas
4. Keith Kittinger
5. Tom Johnson
6. Wally Watts
7. Donny Knight
8. David Millen
9. Bob McCracken
10. Rich Hane
11. Thomas Bryan
12. Jim Bryan

### GUESTS

1. Bruce Spencer
2. Joe Thomas
3. Dena Bryan
4. Emma Bryan

## Video Pick

View a nice video by the Indiana Live Steamers at  
<http://www.indianalivesteamers.org/webpages/video/visit.php>.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Report Date: May 21, 2012 by Wally Watts.

Beginning Balance 845.02

### Income:

National Dues Received 43.00

Chapter Dues Received 00.00

Donations 00.00

Other: Royalty Neff Video 53.00

Total: **16.00**

**Adjusted Balance 898.02**

### Expenditures:

National Dues Paid. 36.00

Supplies 00.00

Printing (brochures) 00.00

Other (Banner-American Prt) 109.18

Total: 145.18

Ending Balance: 752.84

### Membership Statistics

Beginning Membership 41

National Members Added 1 National

Members Dropped 0

Chapter Members Added 0

Chapter Members Dropped 0

Ending Membership 42

## Regional Rail Notes

### Big MAC Attack by Chris Dees

CTC Board magazine has reported that CSX Transportation has transferred ownership of ten (10) locomotives to subsidiary Four Rivers Transportaton, the parent company of the Paducah & Louisville, Evansville Western, and Appalachian & Ohio Railroads. This transfer consists of five (5) each of SD70MAC and SD80MAC models. CSX SD 70MACs 4501, 4506, 4508, 4513, and 4516 CSX SD 80MACs 4592, 4596, 4598, 4599, and 4602.

Although they will likely be painted in the Four Rivers standard green and black scheme, it is unknown whether they will be lettered for P&L, EVWR, or A&O. Also unknown is where specifically they will be assigned. Regardless, these will be the first wide-cab locomotives owned by Four Rivers... a far cry from the first black and green locomotive in 1986, a former GM&O GP35 numbered 2534 riding on trade-in Alco trucks. Perhaps they will take notice of the popular "heritage scheme" fever and paint one in the original P&L scheme.

### Chicago terminal area RR joke...

There is a control tower in the Chicago area and the tower operator hears a train crew ask over the radio, "what time is it?" The operator not knowing what railroad's train crew asked the question responds: If this is the Norfolk Southern, then it is 3:10pm; If this is the Canadian National, it is 1510; If this is CSX, the big hand is on the 2 and the little hand is on the 3; If this is Amtrak, it is Tuesday!

-submitted by Chuck Hinrichs

# Buy-Sell-Swap

## TIMETABLE #110 FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- **West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting** - Monday, July 23, 2012, former L&N Depot, Madisonville, 7pm.
- **West Kentucky NRHS Chapter at Madisonville Friday Night Live** - Friday, August 10, 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

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 if possible, to [bill@fbcmadisonville.com](mailto: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.**

*Bill Thomas, editor*

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### Kentucky Railway Museum

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### Indiana Railway Museum and French

### Lick Scenic Railway

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### Illinois RR Historical Society

<http://icrrhistorical.org/>

### Illinois Railway Museum

[www.irm.org/](http://www.irm.org/)

### Tennessee Central

### Railway Museum

[www.tcry.org/](http://www.tcry.org/)

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