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Chapter Chatter

Next Meeting Monday, August 27, 2012, 7:00 pm Former Louisville & Nashville Railroad Station, Madisonville, KY

August Program By

David Hayes

Refreshments by Tom Johnson

Western Kentucky Chapter, NRHS, Inc.

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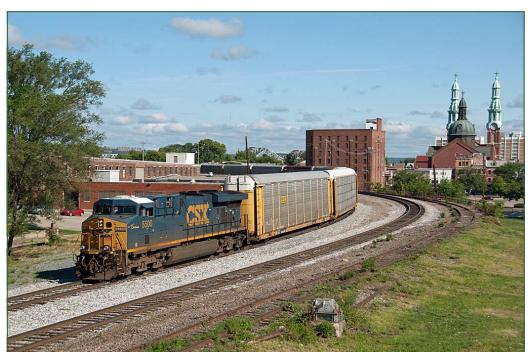
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Left: This was shot in Covington (KY) from a former overpass that is now a small park. The train is Louisville bound Q207 with the CSX 5500 as the "one unit wonder" 5500 is known as the "Spirit of Cincinnati". A nice catch for being in Cincinnati on a weekend full of rail-fan photographers. Bill Grady

Ricky's Replies

President, Ricky Bivins

Hello again NRHS Members, August thus far has yet to follow up July's heat record. For me that is a good thing. But none the less, August has been a good month for the Western Kentucky Chapter. Madisonville held the last Friday Night Live street fair for the 2012 season and it was a roaring success. Cool temps, clear skies and people combined for a great evening. Dr. Bill Thomas outdid himself again with the Mobil Garden Railroad. Bill stepped up to the plate with a three tier Gauge One layout! Yes, three levels of trains were running all night much to the delight of children and adults as well. Thomas the Tank Engine is instantly recognized by everyone, The Egg Liner was a curiosity and the "old steam train" as I heard more than once was a hit. I was surprised to hear a little boy about 8 years old tell a parent about the "old steam train" and how he liked it best. Perhaps our hobby has a future after all!

As for old business, the trip to Progress Rail in Mayfield KY. is on hold pending a set date. Rich Hane will have a full report this month. The trip to Paducah and the NRHS Chapter Museum will coincide with the Mayfield trip. I will have more information concerning a possible display at the Parkway Plaza Mall during the Christmas Season. Wallace Henderson will update

us on changes and effects of change as pertains to the National Organization. A National dues increase is on the horizon. Argh! But, it takes money to run a business or charity or a special interest group.

Kudos to Thomas Bryan. Thomas presented a program follow up to his presentation from last year's visit to Rail Camp. We were treated to several photos and interesting insight to a rail scene few will ever have the privilege to see. Thomas held the audience for the better part of an hour with his photos and commentary. Several members were able to chime in and give info about various equipment in the shop area photos. It is easy to imagine the sights and sounds Steam Town has to offer not to mention the glory years when the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad ran their steam power through those very shops.

Gary Ostland....do you remember Gary? GOO as he is known on the internet is planning to show slides as my guest in November of this year. The date is not set. I will open the City Airport to rail fans for a slide show Gary says will be vintage shots from the Pacific Northwest. If you recall, Gary gave us a grand show of Milwaukee Road from the 1960's earlier this year.

OK Members, get up and out on meeting night and attend. Bring a guest.

New Feature - Mystery Location - Where Are We?

Where Are We?

Santa Fe and intermodal traffic has always been synonymous with one another. Here we observe two "blue bonnets" pulling in with a long string of tables for loading at this intermodal "lift" facility which served an "outback" location on the ATSF system in the 1980s. Today the yard exists to unload windmill components for one of the largest wind-farms in the country and is served by a member of one of the large shortline conglomerates. Sub. by Chris Dees



If you think you know the location (city and state) of our mystery photo, send your answer to me via email: bill@fbcmadisonville.com, or mail to Bill Thomas, 1025 Lakewood Dr., Madisonville, KY 42431. Correct responses will be placed in a pool drawing in December for a small but meaningful prize. Notoriety will also be included.

Friday Night Live (August) Photo Section



Second Photo Section



Ricky Bivins caught this over-size load on a south bound CSX freight in front of his home in Mortons Gap, KY, August 5, 2012. Note the GP30 Slug unit in back of the power consist.



Jim Pearson always does nice telephoto work. Here he photographs Paducah and Louisville Railroad Maintenance of Way workers upgrading the tracks on August 1, 2012 at West Yards in Madisonville.

Rail Flicks

By Tommy Johnson





Title Rotaries, Avalanche on the Mountain

Producer **BA Productions** Format Wide Screen DVD

Playing Time 1 hr 3 min

Purchased From TrainVideoDepot.com

Date Purchased 11/2/2011 Price Paid \$27.89

Fellow Railfans, this one is a must for your collection of RR videos! If the contents of this DVD do not excite you, then you had better check for a pulse.

The location is Donner Pass, where the Union Pacific RR crosses the summit of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. and the time is late March of 2011. There has been record snowfall and more snow is coming down. The battle to keep the rails cleared of snow so that trains can get through is being lost.

At Donner Pass the order of battle is to first deploy the flangers, which are rail cars with belly blades to plow the snow. The flangers cannot push the snow very far and become ineffective when the snow gets very deep.

When the flangers cannot get the job done, the Jordan spreaders are then deployed. These machines have enclosed cabs and sport huge front-mounted blades that can be adjusted to throw the snow to either side. They also have retractable wings that work in conjunction with the blades to push the snow even further from the tracks. The spreaders are pushed along by trailing locomotives. For the vast majority of winters, the Jordan speaders are able to keep the rails cleared.

Last to be deployed in the order of battle are the rotary snow plows. Very rarely a winter will come along in which the snow depth exceeds the capability of the spreaders, and then it is time to call out the rotary snow plows. In this video we see the rotaries put into service for the first time since 1998, the first time in thirteen years! What a rare treat!

The rotaries are nothing short of amazing in their ability to remove snow and watching them in operation as they throw snow high into the air is a joy to behold. We see them in this video clearing snow that appears to be all the way up to the cab.

We are taken inside the cab to ride along with the crew and we are also shown spectacular scenes from outside the rotary as it eats its way through the deep snow. There are some great night scenes.

You simply cannot go wrong by adding this one to your collection. This is probably going to be the video that I share with you guys the next time I am scheduled for entertainment but don't wait for that; get one ordered for yourself. I promise you, you will watch it over and over again.



Left: CSX Q502 with a fairly new #3026 on the point by MP 6 in St. Matthews, KY. This morning, August 21st. Bill Grady

Easterly Family Hosts Garden RR Society

Rex and Melanie Easterly hosted the Ozark Garden Railway Society's July meeting at their new home in Springfield, MO. Below are some photos taken which appeared in their monthly newsletter.

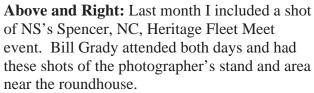














Minutes Summary and Financial Report

MINUTES OF WEST KY. CHAP. NRHS-July 23,2012 Min & treas. report approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Rich reported tentative date is 2Nd Friday in September for the Mayfield trip.

Brief discussion on the mall display which will substitute for our Xmas dinner. Nothing specific decided.

NEW BUSINESS: Bowling Green may start a new chapternothing definite so far. Just in discussion stage. We would probably approve if asked.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: Nothing new to report other than tentative Mayfield-Paducah trip.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Bart Jennings did excellent job at convention-arranging trips, etc. Wallace new title is now National Rep. and no longer director. Members were asked to pay in advance for rides on excursions. Trips were on the Chinese 2-8-2. RVP's are no more. Reported on trip on lowa Interstate. Alaska scene of 2013 convention. Kansas City in 2014.

Keith reports he is doing much better and thanks all for their prayers and concerns.

NEXT MEETING: Monday Aug. 27 at 7PM at the Center with David Hayes doing program and Tom Johnson refreshments.

GUESTS:

1.Bruce Spencer

Those present were:

- 1. Wallace Henderson
- 2.D.A. Fraser
- 3.Tom Johnson.
- 4. David Millen
- 5. Thomas Bryan
- 6.Keith Kittinger
- 7. Steve Miller
- 8. Chuck Hinrichs
- 9.Jim Bryan
- 10. Wally Watts

Write this down!

New Mailing Address for Chris Dees: PO Box 244 Jasper, IN 47547

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I mistakenly published the May financial report in July's PennyRail. Below is the June report from our treasurer Wally Watts. Bill Thomas, editor.

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TIMETABLE #110 FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting Monday, August 27, 2012, former L&N Depot, Madisonville, 7pm.
- West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting Monday, September 24, 2012.
- Chapter Crofton Picnic Saturday, October 6, 2012, at the Crofton City Pavilion, Crofton, KY. 11 am to?

If you know of regional events we can put on the Timetable, please forward those to me, bill@fbcmadisonville.com.



I will be sending out a reminder email on September 6 about this feature. 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.

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