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## Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,  
September 24, 2012, 7:00 pm  
Former Louisville & Nashville  
Railroad Station, Madisonville, KY**

**Video Program Host, Bill Thomas  
Refreshments by Jim and Thomas Bryan**

# FISH FRY!

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**Left:** Taken by an unknown photographer, this shot shows eastbound CB&Q hotshot GI-68 on the triple-track main through the western Chicago suburbs at La Grange, IL, in January 1968. GI-67 and 68 were CB&Q/UP pool trains between Chicago and North Platte, NE, interchanged at Grand Island, NE (hence the "GI" symbol). As the lead RS-27 (PRR class AF-24) illustrates, this run-through operation also involved the PRR east of Chicago. The traffic from GI-68 will go east on PRR symbols AC-2/4 and AST-4, with the foreign power turning at either Conway or Enola, PA. Submitted by Fred Ripley.

## Ricky's Replies

President, Ricky Bivins

Hello Rail Friends. September is upon us and is a time to reflect. We lost Dennis Carnal one year ago this month, Our Nation lost even more eleven years ago this month, we somewhat celebrate summer's closure with the Labor Day Weekend and much more.

At this writing, September has been a good month for me. Several Chapter Members attended the Old Tyme Train Show in Evansville, IN on Saturday September 15th. Wally Watts, Jim & Thomas Bryan, were in attendance as were other members and friends. Steve Miller and I made the trip, visited with event goers and had a good time. And yes I bought something; a Lionel Die cast Girder Bridge.

Afterwards Steve and I headed further North to Princeton IN and the CSX/NS diamond located within the city. We saw several trains of both railroads and a few Union Pacific re-route's from/to New Orleans. Union Pacific has experienced several track issues among the Gulf States following the hurricane a few weeks ago. The Tropicana Juice train being one of the trains affected has been running CSX rails from New Orleans to Vincennes IN. From there it travels west via the old B&O RR to St. Louis and then to California on home rails. I have seen it several times....what a sight. Also sighted in Princeton and not normally seen in Morton's Gap KY. were solid auto rack trains. One such train on CSX was south bound with a load of Dodge Ram trucks...hummmm....do you think the trucks snubbed the Toyota plant at Princeton as the went past?

Our program presenter and guest for last month was David Hayes of Owensboro. David gave a delightful presentation on the Florida East Coast RR's Key West Extension. FEC is a survivor railroad, surviving merger mania, hurricanes and politics while serving a rather small region in only one state! Bravo David and many thanks.

Our trip to Mayfield and Paducah are still in the works....many I's must be dotted and T's crossed before we have a firm date. Kudos to Rich Hane and Chuck Henrichs for their hard word. Once a date and time are settled upon, I am sure we will not be disappointed.

After talking with the officers of our Chapter, we have concluded an active display in the Parkway Plaza Mall for the Christmas Season would stretch our volunteer resources too far. However, if a Mall Display Cabinet is still available, we may consider a static display. Along those same lines, The City of Guthrie KY. may have a transportation museum in the works or so we have heard. If so and should we be called upon, a museum is a great place to set up a display of some sort. We currently have one in Hopkinsville KY and Nortonville KY. I would welcome any input from the Chapter on this subject.

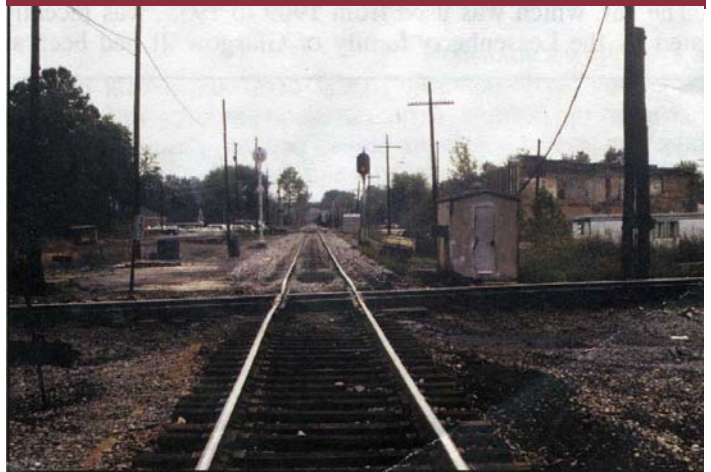
Coming up next month on October 6, 2012 will be the annual Crofton Picnic hosted by our Hopkinsville KY.

Members. This is always a great time and CSX provides one source of entertainment. Come if you can and I ask that we do not park on the grass. There is or was a sign near the pavilion requesting just that. Crofton has a very nice Veteran's Park that is well maintained and has (for us) the perfect location! Please show some respect and abide by their rules.

As Wally notes in the minutes, Jim & Thomas Bryan will provide refreshments in the form of their annual fish fry. Jim & Thomas are avid anglers and we certainly profit from their efforts. Dr. Bill Thomas will have the program which at last contact with Bill may be a guest but that is still in the works.

SO...Members...make your way to Madisonville KY. Monday September 24, 2012 for what promises to be an enjoyable night of food and railroad camaraderie. And bring a guest.

## Mystery Location - Where Are We?



### Where Are We?

We will make this one easy since we are just beginning this series. This location is well-known to locals living in the area of the two competing lines which both served the area with brisk passenger trains and many coal drags. Unfortunately one of these tracks was torn up partially due to duplication of the route in the early 20th century. Fred Ripley was the first to guess correctly in last month's mystery spot. **Remington, IN**, on the former TP&W. The lift facility was built in the early 80s in hopes of expanding intermodal traffic but that never developed. The AT&SF absorbed then sold it off.

If you think you know the location (city and state) of our mystery photo, send your answer to me via email: [bill@fbcmadisonville.com](mailto: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.



# Photo Section



**Left:** Wallace Henderson got this photo of Progress Rail's "SD59Mx-2" rebuild of UP SD60Ms now 3000 HP in P&L's Paducah Yard.



**Above Right:** Chapter member Bill Grady: "Here is a shot from yesterday (Sept 17) of our fairly new intermodal train, Q133 going by the MD signal at the North End of Osborn Yard (Louisville). This is shot from a brand-new overpass just built to allow for more airport expansion."



**Left:** Chapter member Chuck Hinrichs framed this CSX Q515 at Crofton, July 23, 2012.



## Second Photo Section Gale Woodrome's Trip to The Midland RR



Chapter member Gale Woodrome lives within three miles of the tourist line The Midland RR, in Baldwin City, Kansas. He made these photographs during three separate trips to the line, one with his grandson as pictured. Visit their website: <http://kansastravel.org/midlandrailway.htm>.





# *Rail Flicks*

By Tommy Johnson



Title	B&O Odyssey Volume 1 and B&O Odyssey Volume 2 (bought as set)
Producer	Pentrex
Format	DVD Full Screen
Playing Time	1 hr each
Purchased From	Train Video Depot
Date Purchased	1/10/2011
Price Paid	\$35.95

B&O Odyssey Volumes 1 and 2 can be purchased separately but I bought them as a set. Volume 1 covers the time period from 1954 to 1964 and Volume 2 covers 1965 to 1968. The picture quality is amazingly good considering the scenes were shot in the 1950s and 1960s. There has obviously been some digital enhancing and it was done well.

The Baltimore & Ohio is one of the oldest railroads in the U.S. and it is our nation's first common carrier railroad.

Early scenes include action from May 1954 in Youngstown, Ohio, and a September 1954 visit to the ore docks at Lorain, Ohio, where we see an ore boat being unloaded by a Hulett unloading machine. The Hulett unloads the taconite directly onto gondola cars from the compartments in the hold of the ore boat. These machines made unloading an ore boat a five to ten hour job whereas it previously could have taken days. You might enjoy doing a little research on these machines. Here is a link to a YouTube video of a Hulett in operation. [http://](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RJfnk2S330)

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At Toledo we see some 2-10-2's called "Big Sixes" because they were numbered in the 6000 series and we also see some 0-8-0 switchers in Rossburg Yard.

The last steam locos are seen at about twenty minutes into Volume 1. Near the end of Volume 1 the merger of the B&O with the C&O occurs.

Volume 2 is OK but it is not as interesting as Volume 1 with the good steam action. My advice would be to get Volume 1 and if you find the content toward the end to be interesting, then you might consider getting Volume 2.

## Memorial

We wish to express our sympathy to the family of Chris Dees on the passing of his father John Dees, September 2, 2012, of Calvert City, KY.

Chapter members Ricky Bivins and Steve Miller enjoy and afternoon in Princeton, IN. CSX also made an appearance.





# Wallace Henderson Convention Shots

Photos on this page were taken by Wallace Henderson during his attendance at the NRHS Convention based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



**Former Charles City Western interurban car at Boone, Iowa**



**Convention special on Iowa Northern at Shellsburg w/ex-Amtrak F40PH**



**Iowa Interstate convention special photo run at Newton, Iowa**



**Boone & Scenic Valley convention photo**



**Convention special w/Iowa Interstate ES44AC-H in Rock Island scheme**



**Minutes Summary of August Meeting 2012**

MINUTES OF WESTERN KY. CHAP.  
NRHS 27 Aug. 2012

- MINUTES OF JULY MEETING-Approved
- TREASURER'S REPORT- Approved
- OLD BUSINESS: Progress Rail trip Mayfield, and to Paducah on hold till October due to contact there being out of town. Crofton picnic on for Oct,6. Discussion on Mall display-officers need to get together to discuss details.
- NEW BUSINESS: We need to update chapter roster. Members present submitted addresses, phone # and E-mail address, those not present asked to submit.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS: Guthrie may have a transportation museum in the works in an old bldg. in their downtown. Sep 15 Darrel Cato's semi-annual train show & swap meet at Armstrong North of Evansville. L & N Historical Soc, meet will be in Nashville. Bowling Green has new NRHS chapter.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Wallace reports Convention ran in the red. Rides well patronized.
- SHOW AND TELL: Wallace brought some old rail prints which he plans to donate to the chapter's "back room".
- NEXT MEETING: Monday Sept. 24 at the Center 7PM Bill Thomas has program and Jim & Thomas will have their annual fish fry-Yum!

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

1. Wally Watts
2. Tom Johnson
3. Rick Bivins
4. Steve Miller
5. Thomas Bryan
6. Wallace Henderson
7. Keith Kittinger.
8. Bill Thomas

Guest: David Hayes, speaker

**Write this down!**

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

**August Financial Report**

WESTERN KENTUCKY CHAPTER  
NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
*27 Aug. 2012*

BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$ <u>639.26</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
National Dues Received	\$ _____	
Chapter Dues Received	_____	
Donations	_____	
Other: <i>Raffle</i>	_____	<u>5.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>5.00</u>
	<i>ADD BAL</i>	<u>644.26</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
National Dues Paid	\$ _____	
Postage	_____	
Printing	_____	
Flowers	_____	
Supplies	_____	
Other: _____	_____	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>0.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE		\$ <u>644.26</u>
<b>MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:</b>		
Beginning Membership		<u>42</u>
National Members Added	_____	
National Members Deleted	_____	
Chapter Only Members Added	_____	
Chapter Only Members Deleted	_____	
Ending Membership		<u>42</u>

*Chris Dees*  
Chapter Treasurer

**A Long Run for Train Orders...** submitted by Chuck Hinrichs

Can you believe it? Effective 12:03 AM, on Tues. Sept. 4, 2012, the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) ended the use of train orders, the flimsies of fact and fiction. Since the LIRR was the LAST US road to use them, this ends a long chapter in American railroading.

The first train order was written in the fall of 1851 on the New York & Erie at Turner's (now Harriman) NY. Charles Minot, NY&E's General Supt., was on an west-bound passenger train holding for an eastbound to clear the single-track from Goshen. When it became obvious the eastbound was late, Minot used the newly-installed telegraph line to wire Goshen and order that when the tardy eastbound train finally arrived it was to be held until Minot's westbound got there. Minot provided his conductor with written authorization to move against the timetable and the train order was born.

Now 161 years later that era ended as the last order was issued to LIRR Train 8743 for a speed restriction over Ocean Ave in Patchogue, NY. The LIRR has replaced the Form 19 flimsy with the Form L, a kind of combination flimsy and track warrant.

Ironically Patchogue is only about 100 air miles from Harriman where the FIRST order was written.

## Buy-Sell-Swap

### TIMETABLE #110

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- **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](mailto:bill@fbcmadisonville.com).



**For Sale: Missouri Pacific diesels** blue and silver paint scheme. 3 engines are brand new, box never opened, Proto 2000 Series, \$50 each. 1. GP7 Missouri Pacific cab #4121; 2. GP7 Missouri Pacific cab #4255 w/steam generator, air tanks on the roof; 3. BL2 Missouri Pacific cab # 4104. Contact Rich Hane (270) 836-6169.

**Free to Good Home: Pictured below left:** About six months old female Pit or mix. Spayed, rabies shot and a distemper/parvo shot. House broken and smart. Sweet personality and gets along with people and with other dogs. Contact Tommy Johnson [tsjay49@earthlink.net](mailto:tsjay49@earthlink.net).

**Sale Pending:** Various garden RR equipment, rolling stock, track, and structures. Will be ready to sell after inventory is complete. Contact Bob McCracken (270) 584-3340.

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*Bill Thomas, editor*

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#### Illinois Railway Museum

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#### Tennessee Central

#### Railway Museum

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