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Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,
November 26, 2012, 7:00 pm
Former Louisville & Nashville
Railroad Station, Madisonville, KY**

Election of Officers for 2013

**Program Host, Thomas Bryan
ICG KY Division 1985
(Dennis Carnal's Narration)
Refreshments by David Millen**

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.

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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 artifacts
5. To facilitate association and networking
6. To support preservation of memorabilia and artifacts
7. To maintain and grow the organization

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Time to Renew!

It is time again to renew our dues to The National Railway Historical Society. You should receive a notice by mail. Please send your updated paperwork and check to our treasurer Wally Watts as soon as possible.



**Christmas Party
December 21
Details on Page 2**

Ricky's Replies

President, Ricky Bivins

Hello Friends, here we are in the Month of November, 2012 nearing the end of what seems to have been a whirlwind year of activity. As we look back over the year we see several highlights. Our monthly programs have been of considerable interest, meeting content has been very good, club activity has been better and each month we relish the fact that we can gather, share in the camaraderie of trains and eat!

Our trip to Mayfield and Paducah is still in limbo (to quote Wally Watts) due to a number of factors. Foremost being that, our contact person at Progress Rail is not a Chapter member, yet he has tried diligently to keep us informed. His contact at Progress Rail has left the company or moved to a new location as the case may be. Now we have to reestablish contact with Progress Rail which may take time. So, do not give up, this will be a great trip when it does come about. Additionally, we have a standing invitation to the NRHS Chapter in Paducah and to tour their museum. Thomas Bryan has information on the Evansville IN museum which would be a nice trip. To this end I again say: "Someone step up to the plate and make the arrangements". Several will get on board if told the particulars.

As noted in the Minutes of the last Meeting, our meeting time stays at 7:00 PM. As simple as this idea was (to change meeting time) I was pleased at how the Chapter handled the discussion and selection process. We were focused and performed, so to speak. I would like to see more business handled this way at our meetings. I feel we would grow as a result.

November brings us to elections. At this point following the October meeting, no one has challenged the current officers. However, I will open the floor again for nominations for officers. Speak up, be heard, nominate someone if you would like. And remember, one can even nominate themselves.

Kudos goes out again to Tom, Wally and Bill for updating the membership roster. Speak up for a copy if you do not have one.

Matt Gentry is working on our calling card file; I gave him the "basics" of what I felt we need to say. Matt will have a report soon I am sure.

Bill and Angela Thomas have graciously volunteered to host our Christmas Dinner at their home in Madisonville. The date is December 21, 2012 at 6:00 PM. Details will be forthcoming Monday November 26, 2012 during the Chapter Meeting. Please make plans to attend both and feel free to bring a guest. Their address is 1025 Lakewood Drive, Madisonville.



Chapter Christmas Party

Friday, December 21
6 pm

**Home of Bill & Angela
Thomas**

**1025 Lakewood Drive
Madisonville, Ky**

270-825-4623

270-339-9482

Please RSVP to

bill@fbcmadisonville.com

by Monday, December 17

Tom Johnson/Bill Thomas will supply meat dishes. If you can bring a pot-luck side please email me with that information.

Easy Directions:

From Hwy 41 take KY 70 (McLaughlin/Princeton Rd.) west. Travel about 1.5 miles. Turn right on Lakewood Dr (just past Elks Lodge). Take left fork remaining on Lakewood through right elbow, driveway on right. Please park on street edge as grass areas may be very soft.

Mystery Location - Where Are We?



Where Are We?

This mid-western depot once saw several daily passenger trains connecting the “Gateway to the New South” with its trunk line just a few miles to the west.

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.

There were no correct responses to last month’s Mystery Location submitted by Matt Gentry. The location was Tehachapi, California.



Chapter member Rich Hane took this photo of the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge in Crawford Co. Indiana, from his canoe on the Blue River in late Oct. 2012.

Renew Your NRHS Dues Soon

Photo Section



Above Left: This photo (c 1982) shows the variety of color found on ICG consists. The solid orange was found on only a few GP8s and 10s before the orange and black scheme was adopted. Submitted by chapter member Chuck Hinrichs.



Center Left: Chapter president Ricky Bivins shot this southbound CSX freight coming off the Madisonville Cut-Off and joining the Earlington main at Morton's Gap, KY, November 3, 2012.

Below Right: Rich and Karen Hane took this photo from the SOO Caboose on the Kentucky Railway Museum's former L&N Lebanon Branch in October of 2012. I believe this is the trestle over the Rolling Fork of the Salt River - ed. See more about their KRM experience on page 6.



Rail Flicks

By Tommy Johnson



Title	Utah's Incredible Soldier Summit
Producer	Railway Productions
Format	Wide Screen DVD
Playing Time	1 hr 30 minutes
Purchased From	RailFanDepot.com
Date Purchased	10/15/12
Price Paid	\$24.95

This DVD gives us a good look at Union Pacific's main line between the Utah cities of Helper and Provo. Soldier Summit is where the line crosses the crest of the Wasatch Mountains and grades of up to 2.5% must be overcome as westbound loaded coal trains climb up and over the top. This is accomplished with the assistance of mid train and rear end helper locomotives. We follow the route from Helper (elev 5840 ft) westward and over Soldier Summit (elev 7477 ft) to Provo. As one might guess, the town of Helper is named after helper locomotives and is the base of operations for them.

This line was once part of the Denver & Rio Grande Western's main line from Denver to Salt Lake City but the D&RGW bought the Southern Pacific and took on the SP name in 1988. Then in 1996 the Union Pacific bought the SP and this track has been Union Pacific

trackage since that time. The BNSF has trackage rights along this route and we see some of their traffic during the video. The Utah Railway also runs coal trains on this route, both on their own trackage and on UP trackage. The Amtrak California Zephyr runs this route just as did the original California Zephyr.

Features encountered along the way from Helper to Provo include a rock formation known as "Castle Gate," the twin Nolan Tunnels, another pair of tunnels at Kyune, Soldier Summit itself, Gilully Loop, and still another pair of tunnels at Thistle.

This video gives us a nice wide screen view of the Price River Canyon where US Hwy 6, the Price River, and the Union Pacific RR run parallel to one another. The scenery and the railroad action are enough to make this video worth the price.



Left: Ricky Bivins was out doing some Fall photography and caught northbound CSX freight ducking under the US Hwy 41 overpass at Morton's Gap, KY, October 26, 2012.

Down Memory Lane

By Wallace Henderson



In November of 1992, our RVP Wes Ross and the Kentucky Central Chapter hosted the NRHS fall board meeting in Lexington. Dr. Ross asked the Kentucky chapters to send representatives to the weekend meeting and several of our members attended. Back then the Kentucky Central Chapter had a tourist train powered by a 2-6-2 locomotive which had come from Arkansas' Reader Railroad and which they ran on the TTI (Trans-Kentucky Transportation) line out of Paris, KY., the former L&N Maysville branch.

The activity for the meeting was a Saturday morning trip on this train from Paris to Ewing, where we had a bar-b-que lunch in the local fire hall. It was a frigid day! But before lunch, we were treated to a photo run. This was on November 7, 1992.



**Reminder:
There Will Be
No December
Issue**

Rich and Karen on the KRM

On Saturday, Oct. 20th my wife and I made our annual pilgrimage to the Kentucky Railway Museum to enjoy our free train trip which is part of the benefits of our family membership. It was a beautiful fall day and we spent some time inside the museum and got to see the 3 new model train layouts on display. I believe these are a temporary exhibit while they decide what is going to happen to the building which housed the model trains before the flood damage of 2010. The layouts are very well done and can be operated by the visitor and consist of a Lionel O scale layout, an American Flyer S scale layout, and an HO scale layout.

We made an extra donation to the museum this year since they have been experiencing tight financial times and were surprised to be invited to ride in the Soo Line caboose which was being coupled to the rear of the passenger train. This caboose was built in the later years of caboose use in the 1970s and belongs to a group who lets the museum use it in return for storage. It had old seats from a bus installed which were quite comfortable; or maybe we were just excited to be riding in a real caboose. The caboose was added to give a ride to about a dozen of the fellows that faithfully volunteer their services all year long and we were allowed to ride in the cupola. Besides the nice ride, we had a chance to visit with the volunteers and even got some rare mileage in as we were shuffled around the yard behind the GE 44 ton center cab switcher. These little guys have twin 380 HP diesel engines and are very functional.



The main line run was powered by a newly arrived GP7 diesel which started life as a Reading unit and was later sold to Weyerhaeuser Timber Corporation and came to the museum from an equipment dealer as a trade for some old equipment. It seemed to run quite well and did not smoke excessively.



We always enjoy our trips to the Kentucky Railway Museum and appreciate all that they do to keep railroading history available to everyone. They always are grateful for memberships, donations, or visits so please keep them in your thoughts. They can be reached at the Kentucky Railway Museum, 136 South Main St., PO Box 240, New Haven, KY 40051, 502.549.5470, 800.272.0152, info@kyrail.org.



Minutes Summary of October Meeting 2012

- MINUTES-Approved of Sept.Meeting.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved.
- OLD BUSINESS: The Paducah-Mayfield trip is still in limbo. It is felt that this late in year it would be advisable to wait till spring. Chapter voted to keep meeting time at 7PM. Updated roster is completed and copies passed out. Well Done Tom-Thanks! Bill Thomas will host A Christmas gathering with light meal on Dec. 20Th at 6PM. Bill will cook but bring your own drinks and some pot-luck items-more details at Nov. meeting. Matt will look into designing our calling cards.
- NEW BUSINESS: Nominations held for officers for 2013 and those nominated were:
 1. Director at large-Thomas Bryan
 2. NATIONAL DIRECTOR: Wallace Henderson.
 3. SECY. TREAS: Wally Watts.
 4. VICE PRES: Steve Miller:
 5. PRESIDENT: Rick Bivins.
- ACTIVITIES: None planned for balance of year. Maybe trip on T. C. Next year.
- NEXT MEETING: Monday Nov. 26 at The Center at 7PM. Program by Thomas Bryan and refreshments by David Millen.

Those present were:

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| 1. Wally Watts | 8. D. A. Fraser |
| 2. Birk Fischer | 9. David Millen |
| 3. Matt Gentry | 10. Tom Johnson |
| 4. Chuck Hinrichs | 11. Wm. Corum |
| 5. Steve Miller | 12. Rich Hane |
| 6. Rick Bivins | 13. Thomas Bryan |
| 7. Donny Knight | 14. Bill Thomas |



Don't FORGET!

NRHS 2013 ARE DUE IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A BILL FROM NATIONAL, PLEASE CONTACT ME, BILL THOMAS, ELECTRONIC

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October 2012 Financial Report

WESTERN KENTUCKY CHAPTER
NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
22 October 2012

BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$ <u>649.26</u>
INCOME:		
National Dues Received	\$ _____	
Chapter Dues Received	_____ <u>7.00</u>	
Donations	_____	
Other: <u>RAFFLE</u>	_____ <u>7.00</u>	
TOTAL		<u>14.00</u>
		<u>BAL. ADJ. 4658.26</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
National Dues Paid	\$ _____	
Postage	_____	
Printing	_____	
Flowers	_____	
Supplies	_____	
Other: _____	_____	
TOTAL		<u>0.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE		\$ <u>658.26</u>

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:

Beginning Membership	_____	<u>42</u>
National Members Added	_____	
National Members Deleted	_____	
Chapter Only Members Added	_____	
Chapter Only Members Deleted	_____	
Ending Membership.	_____	<u>42</u>

Wally Watts
Chapter Treasurer

Although it is not my policy to advertise for companies, I thought it worthy to include this announcement from InterMountain since there will be much interest in our area for these rare locomotives.

P. O. Box 839, Longmont, CO 80502, Phone (800) 472-2530 www.intermountain-railway.com

TIMETABLE #110
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- **West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting** - Monday, November 26, 7pm, The Center (former L&N depot), Madisonville, KY
- **Chapter Christmas Party** - Friday, December 21, at the home of Bill and Angela Thomas, 1025 Lakewood Drive, Madisonville. Call 270-339-9482 or email bill@fbcmadisonville.com to RSVP.
- **sHOW Train Show** - Bowling Green Rail Park, January 12, 2013.

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

Buy-Sell-Swap

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.

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.

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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