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Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,
August 19, 2013, 7:00 pm
Former Louisville & Nashville
Passenger Station, Madisonville, KY**

**Program Host, David Hayes
Refreshments
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.

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 artifacts
5. To facilitate association and networking
7. To maintain and grow the organization

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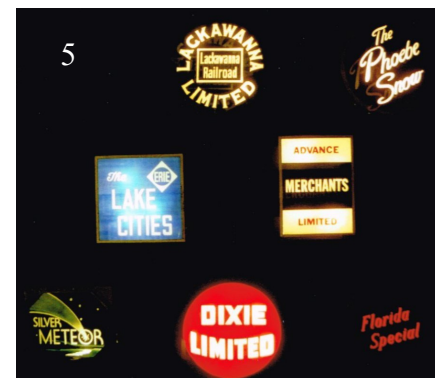
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See and hear about Wallace Henderson's trip to Minnesota, and the NRHS Board Conference.



Ricky's Replies

President, Ricky Bivins

Greetings NRHS Members. As we find ourselves in the month of August, 2013, much has happened and things have taken a change. Thursday August 8th found us at Keith Kittinger's House for an evening of friendship and trains. Keith is a gracious host with his Louisville & Nashville based HO Scale layout in operation. Keith has many custom built (by him) cars and locomotives running the mainline under a DCC control system. There is plenty of room to visit and sit/stand or lean! I for one really enjoy these sessions...as if some sort of "group therapy"!

Our last Friday Night Light Live in Downtown Madisonville was moved to the Glema Mahr Center due to heavy rains in the forecast. I elected to not involve our chapter due to possible confusion and low turnout. I understand the music portion was a success for the City of Madisonville but I doubt we could have done much to promote our Chapter there. Of course there is always next year and other events in which one can participate.

Member Bill Grady, his Wife Lisa and their children mourn the loss of Lisa Father. Keep them in Prayer and thought as applicable.

As of this writing, no contact has been made with the Parkway Plaza Mall concerning our proposed display there in. Nor have I been to the Nortonville KY City Museum to check on our display

there. My current work schedule is seven days per week and I simply do not have time during business hours to make those contacts.

Upcoming events: The much anticipated annual Fall Picnic will be September 28th In Crofton KY. Co-sponsored by our Hopkinsville KY Members. We will meet at the Veterans Park which is track side just off Hwy 41. Time is loosely from 9:00AM until the last one leaves. Food can be had locally or bring your own picnic basket.

The Chapter Fall Foliage trip on the Nashville & Eastern will be October 12th. I would suggest we discuss car-pool arrangements outside of Meeting time. This will be a fun day and greatly enjoyed I am sure.

David Hayes has the program for this month. David is a store house of knowledge of the Illinois Central Railroad. With the ICRR being a focus railroad of his and a local railroad to us, I am sure we can look forward to a great program.

Make it a point to attend the meeting Monday, August 19th 2013 at the former Louisville & Nashville Railroad Passenger Station on West Arch Street in Madisonville KY.

Bring a guest and a "Show-N-Tell" item.

Rick Bivins



Railroad Historical Society's Open House this weekend at 15808 Edgerton Road, New Haven will be able to tour the locomotive up close. Tickets will go on sale at 6:00PM EST on September 1st. Ticket prices will range from \$89 and \$99 for economy coach seating for children and adults and \$109 and \$119 for deluxe coach. Railroad historical society members are eligible for a 10% discount on all coach class tickets. Additional accommodations to be announced. Boarding and parking locations yet to be determined. Click here to read more or visit the 765 this weekend at the 2013 Open House!

All aboard Fort Wayne! On October 26th and 27th, restored steam locomotive no. 765 will operate a round-trip excursion between Fort Wayne and Lafayette, Indiana, retracing the route of the famous Wabash Cannonball passenger train. Sponsored by the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society in cooperation with Norfolk Southern Corp, the excursion will feature economy and coach class seating aboard vintage passenger cars. Passengers will enjoy a day long trip behind steam locomotive no. 765, lunch and layover in downtown Lafayette along the Wabash River, on-board entertainment, and more. Visitors to the Fort Wayne

Mystery Location

This location is obviously on the pre-merger L&N, but could be any of its divisions. Hint - one of our relatively new chapter members worked this wreck in 1971 or 1972.

North bound L&N, mix freight, Derailed in Sebree, KY. I (Bill Farrell) believe it was in July of 1970. The derailment took place about 6:00 am. At first it looked like a Tennessee beauty pageant. (not sure what Bill meant about the pageant! - ed.)



Unless I missed it somehow, there were no correct answers to the mystery location above. If you emailed me at my former address, I did not receive it. We will have a fresh location next month.

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 given special notoriety.

R.J. Corman to launch long-delayed Lexington Dinner Train

By Cheryl Truman — ctruman@herald-leader.com

The R.J. Corman Railroad Co. said Monday that it will launch its Lexington Dinner Train on Aug. 14, a key move in a dispute between the company and Lexington Center Corp. that spawned a lawsuit.

The train's first run, which boards at the company's Lexington Station, 150 Oliver Lewis Way, near Rupp Arena, is to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the original My Old Kentucky Dinner Train in Bardstown.

The Nicholasville-based company said in a news release that the Lexington Dinner Train will run along a 15-mile track from Lexington to Versailles, passing through the Ashview and Calumet horse farms, Keeneland Race Course and the Woodford County village of Pisgah before returning to Lexington.

The trip begins and ends on a rail spur where the company first pledged to start a dinner train in 2010. The spur extends east from Corman's Lexington yard, running beneath a bridge on Oliver Lewis Way and onto the parking lot owned by Lexington Center Corp., Rupp Arena's parent company. The spur leads to a glass-walled structure with red Churchill Downs-like spires that Corman built last year to house "Old Smoky," a steam locomotive that once chugged through China.

Corman said in a federal lawsuit filed in May that Lexington Center Corp. wanted to shut down the spur. The launch of the dinner train apparently doesn't mean that the legal dispute between Corman and Lexington Center has been settled.

"As this continues to be a matter of litigation, we have no comment," said Bill Owen, chief executive of Lexington Center.

"We're not going to comment about the lawsuit," said Noel Rush, vice president of finance and administration for the R.J. Corman Railroad Group, "We are ... trying to reach the public through the media about this Lexington dinner train."

In late June, Lexington Center Corp. asked the court to determine a date by which the excursion train must begin and resolve other disputes regarding the 2010 lease.

In addition to its regular run, the train will cater groups and events. Tickets are sold online at Kydinnertrain.com and at 1-866-801-3463.

The train will begin service at 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Lunch is \$69.95 for adults and \$44.95 for children. Dinner is \$84.95 and \$54.95. Special adult and children's murder mystery trains will be \$109.95 and \$69.95, respectively.

The menu includes a "golden spike" salad with local goat cheese, and a "chocolate choo-choo" dessert: a chocolate engine filled with Chantilly cream and dark chocolate mousse on a chocolate-raspberry track.

Photos

Below: Ricky Bivins - A photo from my bud Chuck Cason in Gorham IL. Two Ferromex SD70ACes locomotives on a North bound train taken from his front porch.



Train Night at Keith Kittinger's



Rail Flicks

By Tommy Johnson



Title	Across the Utah Desert Union Pacific's Green River Sub
Producer	7idea Productions
Format	Wide Screen DVD
Playing Time	1 hr. 58 min.
Purchased From	Trainvideodepot.com
Date Purchased	07/15/13
Price Paid	\$25.95

This DVD was extremely enjoyable to watch. It is another gem from 7idea Productions and definitely lives up to the high standard of excellence for which 7idea Productions is known. The format is wide screen, the image quality is superb, the camera work is professional, the RR action is good, the scenery is beautiful, the narration is informative, and a nice 3-D map is used early in the video to show us not only the route we will take but the topography of the terrain as well. It would have been nice if the map had been referred to from time to time as we progressed westward but it was only used at the beginning.

We travel westward over the length of Union Pacific's Green River Sub from Grand Junction in western Colorado to Helper, Utah. Construction of this stretch of track was finished by the Denver & Rio Grande RR in 1884 and it completed the link between Denver and Salt Lake City. It was originally narrow gauge but was converted to standard gauge in 1990. Grand Junction is the division point between the Glenwood Springs Sub to the east and the Green River Sub to

the west. While in Grand Junction we see the arrival and departure of Amtrak Train #6, the eastbound California Zephyr.

After leaving Grand Junction we follow the Colorado River into Ruby Canyon where we cross into Utah. I can still remember seeing the state boundary marked in paint on the canyon wall during my trip on the California Zephyr in 1960 when I was just eleven years old. That same boundary mark is shown in this video

The most spectacular scenery is encountered on the 37.4 mile long Cane Creek branch line. This branch line descends 1000 feet in elevation to a potash mine in the Colorado River Canyon. Beautiful red rock cliffs line the right of way and there is a scene where a train is viewed through the opening of a natural arch known as the Corona Arch. The trip down this branch line and back is worth the price of the video by itself.

If you like western scenery and good train action, then this video is one you won't want to miss.

New Feature!

I heard it through the scanner...

By Thomas Bryan



Progress is painful. – CSX SA Dispatcher:
CSX SA Dispatcher answering over (Pause) Q647 wait for a signal and we'll go South and play with the other trains (Pause) y'all play nice now (Pause) Did you say always, alright here we go, SA out. –CSX SA Dispatcher
Southbound train-Is it rainin down there (Pause) Northbound train-Whew I'm soaked from head to toe (Pause) Southbound train-Aw, I forgot my rain gear. –South and North bound trains during a meet.

Minutes Summary of July Meeting 2013

- MINUTES: Approved of June meeting.
- TREASURER REPORT: Approved
- OLD BUSINESS: One more Friday night live for Aug.9. There's one more open ticket left for our N & E trip. See steve for details
- Our mall proposed display is still on hold.
- NEW BUSINESS: Steve and Bill are cooperating on Newsletter info and Steve will access to all things that Bill does.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Wallace was at board meeting in Bloomington, MN. Good meeting. Next year's convention will be in Alaska in June 2014. Nov. board meeting in Delaware Winter board meeting in Jan in St. Louis while fall 2014 meeting will be in Morristown, NJ. Mentioned fund raising was discussed. 2014 dues in October will be \$50. Some grants have been awarded. Project has been started to digitally restore 8mm films. Suggested E-mail addresses could be sent to National.2012 convention cost \$50,000!
- NEXT MEETING: Monday evening at the Center at 7PM Aug 19. Program by David Hayes and refreshments by David Millen.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Wally Watts 2.David Millen 3.Tom Johnson 4.Jim Pearson 5.Rick Bivins 6;Matt Gentry 7.Birk Fischer 8.Thomas Herron 9.Blair Terry 10.Steve Miller | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.Donny Knight 12.Berry Knight 13.Thomas Bryan 14.Jim Bryan 15.Rich Hane 16.Wallace Henderson <p>GUESTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Alicia Terry 2.Vickie Rolley |
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July 2013 Financial Report

WESTERN KENTUCKY CHAPTER
NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

15 July 2013

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$ <u>1179.23</u>
INCOME:	
National Dues Received	\$ <u>46.00</u>
Chapter Dues Received	_____
Donations	_____
Other: <u>RAFFLE FOR JUNE</u>	<u>16.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>62.00</u>
ADJ. BAL.	<u>1241.23</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
National Dues Paid	\$ _____
Postage	_____
Printing	_____
Flowers	_____
Supplies	_____
Other: <u>NO EXPENDITURES</u>	_____
TOTAL	<u>0.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$ <u>1241.23</u>

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:

Beginning Membership	<u>44</u>
National Members Added	<u>1</u>
National Members Deleted	_____
Chapter Only Members Added	_____
Chapter Only Members Deleted	_____
Ending Membership	<u>45</u>

Wally Watts
Chapter Treasurer

Mr. Henderson Goes to Minnesota
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When I arrived in the Twin Cities before noon on June 27th, I looked for a good photo location, and found one at Fordson Jct. along the Mississippi River in St. Paul. (photo #1) Here the Milwaukee Road mainline, now Canadian Pacific, descends from the bluffs above to join the former Omaha Road (C&NW) now UP, to head east to St. Paul Union Station. Soon a Twin Cities & Western transfer run came down this line behind a Red River & Western GP15CAT and a TC&W GP20CAT.

The next day was our activities day for the NRHS Board Conference, which began with a visit to the immense newly restored St. Paul Union Station, which Amtrak will begin using this fall. (photo #2) Next we visited the Minnesota Transportation Museum's ex-GN Jackson Street Roundhouse. Then we went to the 261 group's home at Minneapolis Junction where we ate lunch in some of the cars of 261's train and photographed the 261 in her shop building "home". (photo #3)

In the afternoon, we rode a double-headed Northstar commuter train north to Big Lake and back on the former NP/GN mainline also used by Amtrak (photo #4), returning to our hotel in the suburb of Bloomington on the light rail.

On Sunday morning, June 30th, I drove across to Green Bay, Wisconsin to visit the National Railroad Museum to see their huge collection of railroad dining car china and drumheads (photo #5, page 1). They also have a UP "Big Boy" and Pennsy GG1 inside (photo #6).

On the way home, I stopped in Paducah and found the EMD Caterpillar yellow SD70ACE demonstrator behind the power on the BNSF's outbound local. On the next track, just out of Progress Rail's shop in Mayfield were a pair of Canadian Pacific SD30C-ECO units #5014 & 5015. (photos #7 & 8).

Minnesota Photos

By Wallace Henderson



Below Right: CSX reroute train R132 passes North Robards on August 7th. Normally UP hands this South Texas originating train off to CSX at Salem, Illinois and runs to Detroit via Terre Haute, Indianapolis, and Toledo. But today CSX handled the train from the UP at Memphis and ran it through Nashville, up the Henderson and CE&D sub up to Terre Haute. This train and its counterpart Q131 handle auto parts between Detroit and auto assembly plants in South Texas and Mexico. Submitted and Photographed by Thomas Bryan

TIMETABLE #110
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting - Monday, August 19, Madisonville, KY
- Crofton Chapter Picnic - September 28

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



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Bonus Page

NS Excursion Schedule



from: <http://tvrail.com/pages/21st-Century-Steam>

September 7 & 8 ~ Chattanooga TN to Cleveland TN

Railfest - two round trips per day; 10am & 2pm - In conjunction with TVRM's "Railfest", round trip mainline excursion trains will operate from Chattanooga to Cleveland. Departing from TVRM's Grand Junction Station, the train will travel to Cleveland through Ooltewah, using NS's Knoxville route. The train will turn on the wye track in Cleveland. Passengers will remain on the train until it returns to Grand Junction. It is expected, as with past Railfest trips, excursions from Chattanooga to Cleveland will feature #630 without diesel assistance. Tickets are \$45 for the excursion, which includes Railfest admission.

September 14 & 15 (mornings) ~ Birmingham AL to Parrish AL. Steel City Rail Adventure - Approximate 4-1/2 hour, 82-mile round trip rail excursions depart at 8:00am and return around 12:30pm. These trips operate northwestwardly on the Norfolk Southern mainline toward Sheffield, and return. Passengers will remain on the train for the complete round trip, including the turn around point in Parrish. The boarding location will be the old Southern Railway Terminal Station property (now a vacant lot with parking) located at 2680 2nd Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

All times shown are Central Time. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$35 for children age 3-12. Children under age 3 not occupying a seat do not require a ticket.

September 14 & 15 (afternoons) ~ Birmingham AL to Wilton AL. Steel City Rail Adventure - Approximate 4-1/2 hour, 98-mile round trip rail excursions depart at 2:00pm and return around 6:00pm. These trips operate southwardly on the Norfolk Southern mainline toward Selma and Mobile. Passengers will remain on the train for the complete round trip, including the turn around point in Wilton. The boarding location will be the old Southern Railway Terminal Station property (now a vacant lot with parking) located at 2680 2nd Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

All times shown are Central Time. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$35 for children age 3-12. Children under age 3 not occupying a seat do not require a ticket.

Submitted by Don Clayton