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## Chapter Chatter

Next Meeting Monday,  
October 21, 2013, 7:00 pm  
Former Louisville & Nashville  
Passenger Station, Madisonville, KY

## Program and Refreshments by Steve Miller

### 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
6. To support preservation of memorabilia and artifacts
7. To maintain and grow the organization

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# Time to Renew!

Please renew your NRHS membership as soon as possible. If you have not received your bill, please contact Wally Watts, 270-821-5136 or email [wallacewattsjr@att.net](mailto:wallacewattsjr@att.net)

## Ricky's Replies by President Ricky Bivins

Greetings Chapter Members, the pleasant month of October is in full swing and much is going on around us. Those in attendance last month were treated to Thomas and Jim Bryan's (mom and sis too) annual fish fry. Needless to say, no one left hungry. Thomas was also the program presenter and I, as did others, greatly enjoyed the video "Trouble on the SP". I had little to zero knowledge of the events covered in the film which was from as much as 60 years ago. Not only did I find the trains of interest but also the cars and buildings. Not to mention people. But of great interest to me were the many shots of vintage earth moving equipment. Bravo Thomas, a great choice.

As of this writing our Members have attended two Chapter functions. The annual Picnic at Crofton was a big success. I counted 24 members and guest present and no fewer than 13 trains including an empty rail train, at least four (or was it six) union Pacific locomotives, two meets and countless Amish Tractors. Not to mention a very large group of motorcycles! Those in attendance were treated to Wally's Steam Engines; along with Wally at the steam table was Chuck Henrichs

grandson, Hunter. The two of them kept the fires hot and the whistles blowing throughout the day. Matt Gentry had a few of his HO locomotives and cars on display, while Steve Miller kept us in the know with his Mobile Command Station. Truly a great time was had in the midst of great weather.

Several Members were on hand October 12th for the Chapter Fall Foliage train ride which departed Nashville TN and traveled east. I did not attend as I felt it more important to stay near my ailing mother. I will ask for a full report meeting night.

The Monday October 21 meeting night will of course begin our Officer Election process. I will call for nominations for officers three times each. Then in November I will again call for nominations for each office and then hold the election for each. Remember: one can nominate themselves! If any member wishes to hold an office, speak up!!!! You will be given the opportunity to be elected.

Steve Miller is signed up for both the October program and refreshments. Wallace Henderson should have a report for us as well.

Those planning to attend are reminded to bring a guest....the more the merrier.

## Mark Your Calendars December 13 2013 - Christmas Dinner



**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

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!

## Mystery Location



Steve Miller gets the cardboard cookie this month for his identifying the correct location of our mystery photo from Matt Gentry. Looking south from Indiana 66 toward the Alcoa Plant about 10 miles east of I-164, east of Evansville, IN.

The green GP38-2 road name is Squaw Creek Southern.

There were no submissions for the mystery location this month.

## Modeler's Corner

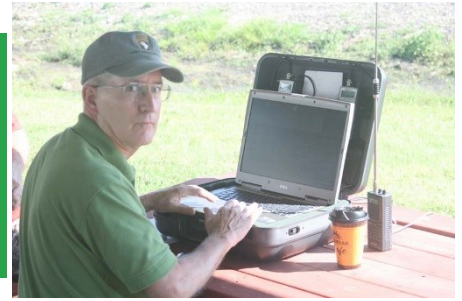
I found this email from Bill Heaton to one of his clients interesting: *"Have finished the M70 postal car for you. I spent a lot of time trying to figure out how to attach ladders to the postal doors as there was just no room with these large and bulky PRR trucks. I finally found the answer in my PRR Passenger Car Painting & Lettering book. On page 19 there is a photo of these exact trucks on a postal car. What I discovered was that they attached the major part of the ladder to the trucks themselves thus letting the truck swivel with the ladder attached. Maybe that's where Lionel got the idea for their F3's when they attached the ladders to the cab to the truck!"*



# Crofton Picnic Photos



# Crofton Coverage by Steve Miller



Crofton Picnic Saturday September 28, 2013

Well, another Crofton picnic has come and gone. Twenty four members and guests enjoyed the perfect weather and a fine Saturday gathering. CSX provided us with eleven trains spaced conveniently throughout the day.

- 10:30 - Q029 SB intermodal (348 axles, 7535' [CSXT 154, CSXT ???])
- 10:50 - Q028 NB intermodal (364 axles, 8015' [CSXT 453, CSXT 5118])
- 11:35 - G256 NB grain empty (354 axles, 5315' [CSXT 5288])
- 12:10 - Q192 NB intermodal (176 axles, 4009' [UP 4298, UP 4555])
- 12:20 - K324 NB empty coke (448 axles, 5625' [UP 6750, CSXT 4034, CSXT 8635, CSXT 7613])
- 12:25 - W010 SB empty rail (148, 1700' [CSXT 2333, CSXT 6428]) waited in the siding for Q192 and K324
- 13:25 - N172 SB coal loads (454 axles, 5994' [CSXT 7773, CSXT 599, CSXT 734])
- 13:50 - Q588 NB manifest (220 axles, 3250' [CSXT 3123, UP 3982]) stopped in the siding for Q124 to go around
- 14:00 - Q124 NB intermodal (392 axles, 9079' [CSXT 5231, CSXT 7546])
- 15:00 - Q025 SB intermodal (322 axles, 7076' [CSXT 5246, CSXT 5446, CSXT 693])
- 15:20 - Q026 NB intermodal (374 axles, 8506' [CSXT 72, CSXT 7726, CSXT 574])



# *Rail Flicks*

By Tommy Johnson



Title	Over Sherman Hill Union Pacific's Laramie Sub
Producer	7idea Productions
Format	Wide Screen DVD
Playing Time	1 hr 45 min
Purchased From	TrainVideoDepot.com
Date Purchased	09/13/13
Price Paid	\$27.95

This video meets the lofty standard set by 7idea Productions for high quality wide screen image and professional presentation of the subject matter. Unfortunately, though, the subject matter in this case is a little on the boring side as we travel the Laramie Sub of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Something that was not boring was our stop at the town of Buford, Wyoming, zip code 82052. It consists of a convenience store, gas pumps, and a pre-manufactured home on ten acres of ground at 8000 feet elevation. The population of Buford is ONE! It is the smallest town in the United States and is the nearest town to the highest point on the first transcontinental railroad, Sherman Hill Summit.

Sherman Hill Summit is at 8015 feet elevation. Despite this high elevation, the topography is almost flat with the only visible snow capped mountains being seen in the distance. Trains climb a steady 1.5% grade as they travel east to west from Cheyenne to Sherman Sum-

mit before dropping down the west side to Laramie.

One point of interest is the Ames Monument, a pyramid of rocks that stands sixty feet tall at Sherman Summit. It was built in 1882 to commemorate the contributions of Oakes and Oliver Ames toward the construction of the railroad.

The Hermosa Tunnel is another point of interest but it is not particularly impressive.

The narrator tells us that during his stay in the area while shooting this video in June of 2013 one train that traveled over this sub had 241 cars and was over two miles long at 14,458 feet! That train passed through at night and was not captured in the video.

There is not too much about this video that generates excitement but there is historical significance to this location as the highest point on the first transcontinental railroad, so I give it a C+.



**Left:** Hard to believe this is the site of Casey Jones' famous location where he plowed his train into another making up time. This current shot of Vaughn, MS, was sent by a friend of Fred Ripley. Obviously, CN (and Amtrak) are using the other IC north-south route in MS. Submitted by Fred Ripley.

## Minutes Summary of September Meeting 2013

- ◆ MINUES OF WESTERN KY CHAPTER FOR SEP. 2013
- ◆ MINUTES: Approved for Aug. meeting.
- ◆ TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved.
- ◆ DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Wallace reports National will send dues notices by early October.
- ◆ OLD BUSINESS: Hopkins county Historical Soc. wants us to have a permanent display in the museum. Apparently we will have a choice of space. Wally has contacted Bob Atkins and he will get with Wally later to view space and check out details, Don will donate for display an old L & N typewriter that was apparently used in our depot. Ricky has confirmed date for chapter Xmas party at his home on Dec.13.
- ◆ NEW BUSINESS: No new business as such. Bob McCracken announced he is disbanding his garden RR and apparently items will be for sale. See Bob for details! Meeting dismissed for One of the year's highlights-Thomas and Jim Bryan's fish fry! And interesting video by Thomas on hard times on the SP.
- ◆ NEXT MEETING: Monday Oct, 21 7PM, at the Center. Program and refreshments by Steve Miller.
- ◆ THOSE PRESENT WERE:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1.Wally Watts       | 9.Jim Bryan        |
| 2.Rick Bivins       | 10.Tom Johnson     |
| 3.Don Clayton       | 11.Rich Hane       |
| 4.Wallace Henderson | 12.David Millen    |
| 5.Donny Knight      | 13.Blair Terry     |
| 6.Steve MILLER      | 14.Bob McCracken   |
| 7.Thomas Bryan      | GUEST:Alicia Terry |
| 8.Jim Pearson       |                    |

## September 2013 Financial Report

WESTERN KENTUCKY CHAPTER  
NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
*16 Sep. 2013*

BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$ <u>1241.23</u>
INCOME:		
National Dues Received	\$ _____	
Chapter Dues Received	_____	
Donations	_____	
Other: <u>NO INCOME</u>	_____	
TOTAL		<u>0.00</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>45</u>
National Members Added	_____
National Members Deleted	_____
Chapter Only Members Added	_____
Chapter Only Members Deleted	_____
Ending Membership	<u>45</u>

*Wally Watts*  
Chapter Treasurer



Larry Levin submitted this nice shot of his O scale layout in Hopkinsville, KY. He simply titled the shot "Let 'em roll."

# Photos From the Tennessee Central Nashville-Monterey Excursion



Motive power for the day: 2 B40-8Ws, 2 FB7s, and E8. More pictures next month.



# Buy Sell Trade Special Pages

The following items are being offered for sale by Bob McCracken. He may be reached at 270-584-3340.



Aristocraft 0-4-0 steam switcher locomotive. Pennsy markings. ART-21301. Aristocraft couplers. In box. Fair condition. \$25.00.



Aristocraft bobber caboose ART-42201. PRR. Plastic wheels, Aristo couplers, In box, excellent condition. 15.00



Aristocraft long steel caboose, ART-42113, Union Pacific, steel wheels, detailed interior, Aristo couplers, good condition, \$30.



USA Trains Refrigerator car, Northern Reefer Car Co., #R16302, steel wheels, USA couplers, new, never been on the tracks, \$40.00



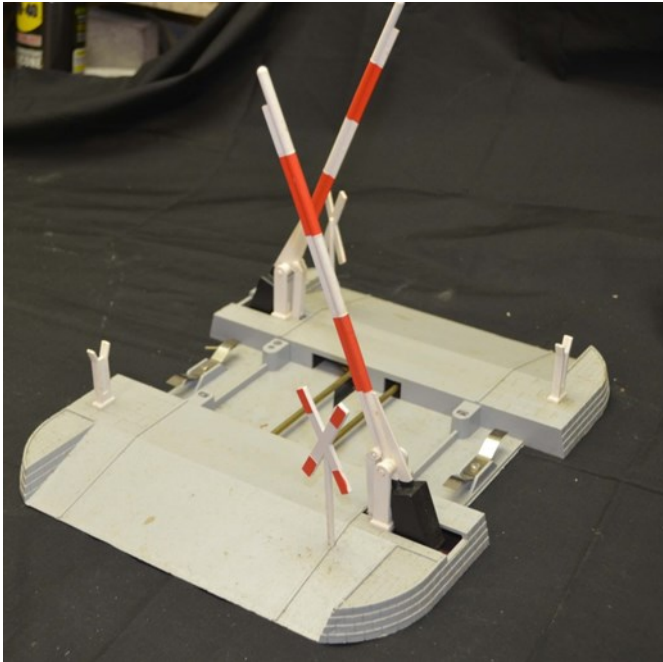
Two (2) Bachman Jackson-Sharp coaches #89091, steel wheels, Bachman couplers, good condition, \$10.00 each



Bachman South Pacific Coast observation car, steel wheels, Bachman couplers, good condition, \$10.00



Bobbie's Garage Pola, #388 of limited run. Fair condition, used outdoors. Chimney guy wires and eyes are missing due to storm damage. Signage also missing due to weather exposure. Smoke generator for forge needs repair. Gas pumps are in poor condition with missing parts. All accessories in photos are included. Also includes a Pola welding set. \$100.00



Crossing gates, LGB 5065,  
operating, Excellent  
condition, \$40.00



Cherry Hill Station,  
Pola, good  
condition, \$15.00



## G Track (#1 gauge, 45mm)

All track is LGB brass except for an Aristocraft reailer.

- 1 box (12 pieces) full circle 4' diameter excellent condition, \$45.00
- 38 pieces #1600 curved track (8' diameter) rail is in good condition, but many ties are rough. Most have had the spring clips removed to accommodate Split-Jaw clamps. \$5.00 /pc.
- 17 pieces 300 mm straight track. Rail is in good condition, but ties are rough. Spring clips have been removed. \$3.00 / pc
- 4 LGB right hand switches (1600), electrically operated. Fair condition. \$20.00/pc
- 3 LGB left hand switches (1600) electrically operated. Fair condition. \$20.00/pc.
- 1 Aristocraft reailer, good condition, \$10.00
- 180 (approx..) Split Jaw rail clamps, good condition, \$1.00/pc.
- LGB track bumper, illuminated, \$4.00  
Aristocraft track bumper, \$3.00.

# Buy Sell Trade

## TIMETABLE #110

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- **West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Meeting** - Monday, October 21, Madisonville, KY
- **Chapter Christmas Dinner** - December 13, at the Bivins home, Mortons Gap, KY

If you know of regional events we can put on the Timetable, please forward those to me, [bill@fbcmadisonville.com](mailto:bill@fbcmadisonville.com).

Don Clayton has several years of subscriptions to Private Varnish magazine. He would gladly give them away if someone wants them and will let him know. His email is [docmath@bellsouth.net](mailto:docmath@bellsouth.net).

**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.

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