

PENNYRAIL

April 2015

Volume 19 Number 4



Next Meeting

Monday April 20, 2015 @ 7:00pm
Former L&N Depot
38 W. Arch St. Madisonville, KY

Program by: Thomas Bryan

Refreshments by: Bill Thomas

**Don't forget to bring something
for Show & Tell!**

NRHS 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 maintain and grow the organization

In this issue...

- **The Spill with President Bill**
- **Tom Johnson's Rail Flicks**
- **Photos!**

Western Kentucky
Chapter, NRHS, Inc.

111 Reed Pl.
Madisonville, KY 42431

* * * * *

President
Bill Farrell

Vice President
Steve Miller

Secretary Treasurer
Wally Watts

National Director
Rick Bivins

Director at Large
Thomas Bryan

"PENNYRAIL" is the
official publication of
the Western Kentucky
Chapter NRHS.
Send news notes,
historical notes and
other rail information to:

Editor
Matt Gentry

email:
info@westkentuckynrhs.org

Time to Renew!

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

Please send your digital photos and stories to info@westkentuckynrhs.org

The Spill with President Bill

President Bill Farrell

I think we have had a great time in the last 30 days. Our trip to the National Transportation Museum was wonderful. It was well attended by the membership and we got to meet long time members Rex and Melanie Easterly on the grounds. They now live in Springfield, Missouri and saw the opportunity to meet with some of their old friends, for me it was great just meeting them for the first time. Those members who were not able to make the trip missed a good time.

The second event our chapter held was, "Archeology Saturday", last weekend. We met at the former site of the Nebo Train Depot at 9:00 am. I can tell you there was a lot of railroad junk stored around the outside of the depot. We found a little bit of everything which will be on display at our next meeting. The foundation revealed several things, station doorways, a loading ramp and a red brick side walk that was about six inches under the soil. The side walk ran parallel to Hwy. 502 and must have come from down town Nebo, about 300 yards away. We also

found remnants of a home track and were told of a siding that once existed on the site.

The artifacts that were found will be cleaned up and placed on display in the Parkway Plaza Mall for everyone to enjoy. We have some pictures that will accompany the display. We plan on having the display available for the membership to view before we place them in the mall. I need to add, two people came along and "Kidnapped" Wally. Well, about 30 minutes later they brought him back and gave us money to keep him. Wally will have a full report on his kidnapping experience at the April meeting.

We need to keep in mind that our "Spring Photo Contest" is Saturday, May 9th. Jim Pearson will have more details for us at the April meeting. Keep in mind for the next meeting "Show & Tell" and raffle items.

Bill Farrell



Top: Left to right: Jim, Melanie, Rich, James, Al, Rex, Wally, Bill, Thomas, Ricky, Blair, Alicia, Alex, and Brien pose in front of UP Big Boy #4006 while at the St. Louis Museum of Transportation.

-Rick Bivins

Bottom: A 20 minute late Southwest Chief, train #4, races through Norwalk, CA on April 4, 2015. Unusually long, this evening #4 has 3 P42's on point with a car ahead of baggage headed for Beach Grove for repair along with 3 private cars bringing up the rear of the train.

-Matt Gentry

Top Right: April 4, 2015 - CSX Loaded coal train T087 heads through the cut approaching Adams, Tennessee after crossing the Red River Trestle as it moves it's load south on the Henderson Subdivision

-Jim Pearson

Right: Thomas Bryan and Alex Terry digging for artifacts at the depot site on Saturday, April 11.

-Bill Farrell

Upcoming Events

April 2015

Monday April 20. 7:00PM:

April Meeting of West Kentucky Chpt NRHS

May 2015

Saturday May 9:

Photo Contest Day - Location: Western KY
And Southern California!!

Monday May 18. 7:00PM:

May Meeting of West Kentucky Chpt NRHS
in Hopkinsville, KY

June 2015

Friday June 12:

Friday Night Live - Downtown Madisonville

June 14 - June 20:

NRHS Convention - Rutland Vermont

Friday June 12:

Friday Night Live - Downtown Madisonville

Monday June 22. 7:00PM:

June Meeting of West Kentucky Chpt NRHS

Please note: All dates subject to change (with exception of meeting nights) until approved by the membership.

Minutes Summary of March 2015

- MINUTES: Approved of the February 2015 meeting.
- TREASURERS REPORT: Approved
- DIRECTORS REPORT: Ricky reports changes going on. Bullitin is still in limbo and most future publications will probably be digital. There is a need for volunteers for Rail camp and other programs.
- ACTIVITIES REPORT: None
- OLD BUSINESS: "Archeology Saturday" date set for April 11. Location will be the site of the Nebo depot of which concrete foundation and platform still remains. This is on the Morganfield branch which is still an active coal line into Madisonville. Tom Johnson is the video librarian and reports we have 26 videos so far. Wally with see if he can contribute some VHS Tapes to the library. Chapter trip is on for 28 March to the St. Louis Railroad Museum.
- NEW BUSINESS: Wallace gave report on KRM and reports they need donations. Motion made and approved we donate \$500 to the Museum. A Photo contest is set for May 9. On March 30, Ricky, Wally and Bill Ferrell will be on Radio station WTTL for their "Coal Field Comments" program at 8AM.
- SHOW & TELL: Chuck had an IC switch stand lamp. Also a buiders plate from EMD #8460. Ricky had Milwaukee RR print.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- NEXT MEETING: Monday April 20th at 7PM
- Those present were:

1. Steve Miller	7. Keith Kittenger	14. Bill Thomas
2. Chuck Hinrich	8. Jim Bryan	15. Liam Thomas
3. Rich Hane	9. Al Fraser	16. Wally Watts
4. Jim Pearson	10. David Millen	17. Thomas Bryan
5. Donny Knight	11. Rick Bivins	
6. Betty Knight	12. Blair Terry	
	13. Wallace Henderson	

Guests:

- | | | |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Eddie James | 2. Carl Davis | 3. Charles Lentz |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|

Financial Statement of March 2015

Beginning Balance	\$2364.73
Income:	
Nat. Dues Rec.	0.00
Chpt. dues Rec.	20.00
Donations	0.00
Other/Raffle	0.00
Total Income	\$20.00
Expenditures	
Nat. Dues Paid	0.00
Postage	0.00
Supplies - Bus. Card Dispenser	4.02
Other	0.00
Total Expenditures	\$4.02
	\$2364.73
	+\$15.98
Ending Balance	\$2380.71
Membership Stats:	
Beginning Membership	40
National Members Added	0
National Members Deleted	0
Chapter Only Members Added	0
Chapter Only Members Deleted	0
Ending Membership	40

Presented by Wally Watts, Treasurer

Tom Johnson Presents: RAIL FLICKS

Windy City Rails Volume 6

Producer: C. Vision Productions

Purchased From : TrainVideoDepot.com

Format: Fullscreen DVD

Date Purchased: 8/31/12

Playing Time: 1 Hr. 49 Min.

List Price: \$27.89

This video gives us a look at some short line and regional railroads in the Chicago area. Specifically, we see action on the following railroads:

Elgin, Joliet, & Eastern (“the J”)
Chicago Rail Link
Chicago Central & Pacific
Chicago Terminal
Indiana Rail Road.

This video could have been so much better if it had included maps. We visit locations all around the outskirts of Chicago but we don’t get a feel for where we really are in relation to the heart of the city or in relation to the other locations that are visited in this video. It could have all been

made very clear by quick references to maps as the locations changed.

Almost half of the viewing time of this video is devoted to the Elgin Joliet & Eastern and then we spend several minutes watching Chicago Rail Link action. Less time is spent with Chicago Central & Pacific and Indiana Rail Road.

Some of the best of this video is saved for last when we visit Chicago Terminal. We get to see some street running as cars are dropped off and picked up at industries on Chicago’s north side. The trains have to wait as cars and trucks are moved out of the way.

Overall this is a pretty good video if the viewer has an interest in railroading in the Chicago area.

Photos



Above: March 18, 2015 – Norfolk Southern’s NDN1 heads up the SIGECO lead at Mt. Vernon, Indiana with a load of coal for the “Sitran Dock,” a subsidiary of M-Class mining that also owns Savtrans (the 12 miles of rail between McCleansboro and Sugar Camp mine). Once unloaded at the dock the coal is transferred by conveyor to their state-of-the-art barge loading facility nearby.
-Jim Pearson



Above Right: CSX SD40-3 #4001 leads its train along railroad street, destined for Chicago’s BRC Yard.
-Wallace Henderson



Right: Q515 passes Madisonville Depot bound for Nashville on the afternoon of March 16.
-Wallace Henderson



A southbound, led by CSX 8724 (a former Conrail unit noted by the red class lights in the nose), runs through the S-Curve as it approaches Walton, KY. on February 12, 2015.

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.

Matt Gentry, editor

As railfans we are often at trackside and in position to observe emergency conditions that could affect railroad safety or security. Keep these numbers handy to report incidents.

BNSF	800-832-5452
CN/IC	800-465-9239
CSX	800-232-0144
NS	800-453-2530
UP	888-877-7267
Amtrak	800-331-0008

National Railway Historical Society

www.nrhs.com

Railway Preservation News

www.rypn.org/

Kentucky Railway Museum

www.kyrail.org/

Indiana Railway Museum and French Lick Scenic Railway

www.indianarailwaymuseum.org

Illinois Rr Historical Society

<http://icrrhistorical.org/>

Illinois Railway Museum

www.irm.org/

Tennessee Central

Railway Museum

www.tcry.org/

<http://www.westkentuckynrhs.org/>

PENNYRAIL

Matt Gentry; editor