

PENNYRAIL

June 2015

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Next Meeting

Monday June 15, 2015 @ 7:00pm
Former L&N Depot
38 W. Arch St. Madisonville, KY

Program by: Blair Terry

Refreshments by: Steve Miller

**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

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The Spill with President Bill

President Bill Farrell

The May meeting in Hopkinsville went well and I hope all the members who attended had a good time. Our meeting was attended by Jennifer Brown one of the writers for the Kentucky New Era. Jennifer enjoyed the cookout and then covered the meeting and program by Wallace Henderson. I have some copies of the article from the newspaper for you to look at in our next meeting.

Wallace Henderson did a great job with the May program.

Maybe some day in the fall

we can make a road trip to the site in Nashville and have Wallace point out the highlights of the accident. Mrs. Brown seemed to be very impressed with the program. Thank you Wallace, you did an excellent job with your presentation.

Under new business in the May meeting I said I would have a rough copy of our proposed club membership card. This is something we can print out at home on any printer. I will give the membership an explanation on how it will work at this month's meeting.

Jim Pearson did an excellent job chairing our first photo contest. We had a total of six entries and it was suggested that the club sponsor another contest this fall, when the leaves are turning colors. I think it would be a good idea if we take the pictures from the photo contest and print a, "2016 Western Kentucky Chapter" calendar. We can discuss the calendar in more detail as we get closer to October.

If any chapter members are in the Parkway Plaza Mall in the future, stop by the white display cases across from Godfathers Pizza and look at our display. The mall has allowed us to use another case for display. We have the artifacts from

Archeology Saturday on display in the second case along with pictures taken on the day of the event. The mall arranged it so both cases are side by side so it makes it easier on the eye.

Ricky Bivins has obtained a copy of our National Bylaws for review by the membership. The officers had a meeting on June 4th to discuss upcoming events and the bylaws. Wally had a copy of our chapter bylaws at the meeting for review. We decided to do a survey of the membership after National concludes their meeting in June. We may want to set up a committee in the future, for review of both National and local bylaws. We will cross that bridge when we come to it.

The June meeting will have refreshments by Steve Miller and the program will be presented by Blair Terry. We will also have a representative from an insurance company to tell us about needed liability insurance to cover the officers and chapter members. Hope to see you at the June 15th meeting and most important bring a prospect for membership.

Bill Farrell



Jim Pearson watches a train go by the Hopkinsville Depot during the May meeting on May 18
-Jennifer Brown; Kentucky New Era



As a northbound train rolls north through Hopkinsville, Thomas Bryan observes outside the former L&N Depot.
-Jennifer Brown; Kentucky New Era

Upcoming Events

June 2015

June 14 - June 20:

NRHS Convention - Rutland Vermont

Monday June 15. 7:00PM:

June Meeting of West Kentucky Chpt NRHS

July 2015

Monday July 20:

July Meeting of West Kentucky Chpt NRHS

August 2015

Monday August 17:

August Meeting of West Kentucky Chpt NRHS

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



UP SD60M #2251 "Triclops" leads a manifest freight east out of Los Angeles on May 9, 2015.
- Matt Gentry

Minutes Summary of May 2015

- MINUTES: Approved of the April 2015 meeting.
- TREASURERS REPORT: Approved
- DIRECTORS REPORT: None
- ACTIVITIES REPORT: None
- OLD BUSINESS: Photo contest was reported by Jim Pearson and there were 6 entries. Bill is working on the membership cards and they may be ready by June meeting.
- NEW BUSINESS: The six entries for the photo contest may be put on a calendar for next year-being considered. Keith announced a meeting at his place to run HO trains on Thursday night next week (May28). Ricky has our web- site on National. Gave info on this and if changes may be coming from National. Wally will bring older by-laws to a brief meeting at Don's in \ 1-2 weeks to discuss by-laws and direction our chapter is going or any possible changes we may want to make. No other business discussed. Wallace Henderson gave an interesting program. Thanks to Bill Ferrell for delightful cook-out and refreshments. And to the Hoptown group for their usual warm hospitality in hosting the annual May meetings.
- SHOW & TELL: None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- NEXT MEETING: Monday June 15th at 7PM
- Those present were:

1. Bob McCracken	7. Tom Steiner	14. Donny Knight
2. Wally Watts	8. Al Fraser	15. Betty Knight
3. Bill Farrell	9. Chuck Hinrich	16. Steve Miller
4. Blair Terry	10. Rich Hanes	17. Keith Kittenger
5. Jim Kemp	11. Bob Moffett	18. Thomas Bryan
6. Greg Utlej	12. Jim Pearson	19. Rick Bivins
	13. Wallace Henderson	

Guests:

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| 1. Alicia Terry | 2. Ann Farrell | 3. Jennifer Brown |
| 4. John Fraser | 5. Payton Black | |

Financial Statement of May 2015

Beginning Balance	\$1900.71
Income:	
Nat. Dues Rec.	0.00
Chpt. dues Rec.	10.00
Donations	0.00
Other/Raffle	0.00
Total Income	\$10.00
Expenditures	
Nat. Dues Paid	0.00
Postage	0.00
Supplies - Bus. Card Dispenser	0.00
Other	0.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
	\$1900.71
	+\$10.00
Ending Balance	\$1910.71
Membership Stats:	
Beginning Membership	32
National Members Added	2
National Members Deleted	0
Chapter Only Members Added	0
Chapter Only Members Deleted	0
Ending Membership	34

Presented by Wally Watts, Treasurer

Tom Johnson Presents: RAIL FLICKS

Indiana Harbor Belt and Belt Railway of Chicago and Blue Island, IL Hot Spot

Producer: Machines of Iron

Purchased From : TrainVideoDepot.com

Format: DVD

Date Purchased: 5/14/13

Playing Time: 1 Hr.

List Price: \$23.95

The IHB is the largest beltline railroad in the United States. It stretches forty miles from the NW suburbs of Chicago, IL, to Gary, IN, and has three major yards: the Michigan Avenue yard in East Chicago, IN, serving the steel industry; the Gibson Yard in Hammond, IN, switching auto racks exclusively; and the heart of the IHB, the Blue Island Hump Yard in Riverdale, IL, with 44 tracks where 1700 cars per day are humped.

Sixty percent of the IHB's business consists of service to local customers in NW Indiana and Chicago, with half of that being steel-related. The other 40% is serving to connect other railroads.

The first 50 minutes of this video is dedicated to the IHB, leaving very little time for the Belt Railway of Chicago.

Since the IHB is the largest beltline railway in the U.S., it is appropriate that so much of this video involved the telling of their story.

This is a very good video for anyone interested in the operation of a beltline railway. Yours truly will never understand why so many RR videos are produced without maps, and this one falls into that category. It would have been nice to see where we were at any given time in relation to Downtown Chicago and in relation to other locations covered in this video.

In summary, this is a very good in-depth look at the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad that could have been even better with the use of maps.

Photos



Above: No More Tears...

Photographed on Memorial Day Weekend 2015, this GP40-2 has served CN, Grand Trunk, and started life as DT&I 409. Nowadays, this "HOG" serves the Heart of Georgia Railroad, and was parked at Vidalia, GA - the onion capitol of the world.
- Chris Dees

Right: BNSF #6750 leads its stack train west towards Los Angeles through Fullerton CA as Santa Fe 3751 simmers in the background as it awaits permission to back out onto main #1 to head back towards Los Angeles after being on display at Fullerton Railroad Days.
- Matt Gentry



The First Photo Contest of the West Kentucky NRHS

Saturday May 9, 2015 brought about the first photo contest of the West Kentucky NRHS. The only rules set forth by our judge, Jim Pearson, were that you have to be a member of the WKNHRS and that the photo had to be taken on May 9th, which also happened to be National Train Day, so there was a happy coincidence.

The winners were as follows: 1st - Jim Kemp. 2nd - there was a 2 way tie for 2nd between Rick Bivins and Matt Gentry. 3rd - Bill Grady. Honorable Mention belongs to Blair Terry.

1st Place

Jim Kemp



Location: Near Lakeville, New York (Livonia, Avon, & Lakeville mainline, former Erie). View from the brakeman's seat aboard LA&L Alco C425

2nd Place

Rick Bivins



NB at Mortons Gap just south of Cross Street.

Matt Gentry



In the late morning of May 9, 2015 Metrolink train #662 crosses over the Los Angeles River as it makes its way east and ultimately south towards Oceanside, CA. Lying in the background is the skyline of downtown Los Angeles in a less than common cloudy overcast day. The rail line in the foreground is the BNSF line that leaves Hobart Yard and turns south. This line turns into the Alameda Corridor.

3rd Place

Bill Grady



CSX Q029 is digging in on Elmwood Curve at M.P. 290 on the CSX Henderson Subdivision.

Honorable Mention

Blair Terry



Atkinson Yard Power, Madisonville, Ky

Thomas Bryan



Slaughter, Ky. CSX Q688 leaves Slaughter after meeting Q595

Bill Farrell



Atkinson Yard Overpass, Madisonville, Ky



June 2, 2015 - Thanks to a heads up post by fellow railfan and great photographer Tom Barrows of Evansville, IN, I was able to catch my second Norfolk Southern Heritage Unit today! — Jim Pearson
 When I arrived at the overlook to the Sitran Coal Dock and Abengoa ethanol plant at West Franklin, IN, the weather was overcast and it looked like it was going to be fairly bad, but the sun finally came out just as the train was leaving with Illinois Terminal Heritage Unit 1072 in the lead.
 The Illinois Terminal railroad along with many others was bought up by Norfolk Southern years ago and NS has repainted about 20 of their engines in the paint schemes of many of those roads.

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

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

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www.indianarailwaymuseum.org

Illinois Rr Historical Society

<http://icrrhistorical.org/>

Illinois Railway Museum

www.irm.org/

Tennessee Central Railway Museum

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