

PENNYRAIL

July 2015

Volume 19 Number 7



Next Meeting

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

Program by: Jim Pearson

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

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The Spill with President Bill

President Bill Farrell

Where has the time gone? I would guess it goes fast when you are having fun. It seems like we were at the Christmas Party in Madisonville just last month. Talking about the Christmas Party it is already time to talk about that is our next meeting. We need to talk about where and when to hold the party this year. Last year we were close to Christmas and some members could not attend, I would like to suggest the first week of December this year. Then we have to decide where to hold the party, at a restaurant or a member's home. We can talk about this in the July meeting.

Other business that needs to be covered is liability insurance for the chapter membership. It looks like if we decide to purchase coverage it will cost the chapter about two hundred fifty dollars per year. This might be a small price to pay for peace of mind. The other business is NRHS member numbers. Ricky is working on this and as soon as the national convention is over we hope to get a list of numbers and membership numbers from NRHS. All our members have received a membership card for this year from NRHS; on that card is your number. If you bring the card to the next meeting, you can give the member number to Wally or Ricky. Once we have the membership numbers we can start printing membership cards.

In the June meeting we talked about covering the walls

of the depot with train art. If you look around at the walls of our meeting room they are bare. Ricky made contact with someone from the city and we have permission to hang picture related to railroading on the walls. If you have a nice picture (framed) which we can hang, on loan, bring it to the next meeting. At the present time we have pictures from Betty Knight, James Kemp, and Bill Farrell. Remember all the pictures, will be on loan to our chapter and you can take yours home as desired. Betty Knight has agreed to be our curator and she will select the location for the pictures to hang. I will have stickers for the backs of the pictures denoting who the picture is on loan from. Blair Terry will bring the stickers and some pictures with him to the next meeting.

Steve Miller will run the July meeting in my absence. I will be out of the state for several days. Steve, as Vice President will conduct our business meeting and what ever needs to be done. Jim Pearson will have the program and Bill Thomas will bring the refreshments. Bill, do you hear me? You have the refreshments for July. LOL.

Bill Farrell, President
Western Kentucky Chapter/NRHS

Photos



Above - CSXV255 is Northbound at North Sebree, KY. This One Unit Wonder is pulling an Empty Grain train back to Indiana.
June 13, 2015
-Bill Grady



Right - Bill Grady accepts his 3rd place trophy for the first official WKNRHS Photo Contest that took place on Saturday May 9, 2015.
-Rick Bivins

Upcoming Events

July 2015

Monday July 20:

July Meeting of West Kentucky Chpt NRHS

August 2015

Monday August 17:

August Meeting of West Kentucky Chpt NRHS

August 2015

Monday August 21:

July 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 June 2015

- MINUTES: Approved of the May 2015 meeting.
- TREASURERS REPORT: Approved
- DIRECTORS REPORT: None
- ACTIVITIES REPORT: None
- OLD BUSINESS: Alan Rudd of Rudd Insurance agency discussed details of liability insurance which we might consider having. Gave info on details of coverage which could possibly cover up to \$1 million liability. Rates would be about \$225 per year, possibly \$255 including tax. Bill discussed our membership cards and possible business cards. Further discussion next month. No action taken on cards or insurance. Wallace gave brief report on last month's meeting. Ricky will have a National Rep. report next month
- NEW BUSINESS: Wally read letter from KRM thanking us for our donation. Bill kept letter for our files. Discussion on a possible caboose donation in future. No action taken. Possible location for caboose discussed. Steve reported on a possible future trip to French Lick RR as to fees, trip accommodations etc. Early Aug. could be possibility..
- SHOW & TELL: None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- NEXT MEETING: Monday July 20th at 7PM
- Those present were:

1. Thomas Bryan	7. Al Fraser	14. Tom Steiner
2. Blair Terry	8. Tom Johnson	15. Rich Hane
3. Steve Miller	9. Betty Knight	16. Keith Kittenger
4. Wally Watts	10. Donnie Knight	17. Jim Kemp
5. Ann Farrell	11. Bob Moffett	18. Bill Thomas
6. Bill Farrell	12. Rick Bivins	19. Joe Thomas
	13. Wallace Henderson	
- 1. Alicia Terry 2. Brian Terry 3. Alex Terry
- 4. Mary Amundson 5. Alan Rudd

Financial Statement of June 2015

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

Norfolk Souther Heritage Fleet: Volume 2

Producer: C. Vision Productions

Purchased From : TrainVideoDepot.com

Format: DVD Widescreen

Date Purchased: 6/1/15

Playing Time: 2 Hrs

List Price: \$27.95

In 2012, to commemorate their 30th anniversary, Norfolk Southern painted twenty new GE ES44AC and EMD SD70ACe locomotives in the colors of the predecessor railroads that became part of their system. Ten of these units were shown in Volume 1 and this video shows the ten units that were not shown in Volume 1. It is presented in wide screen format and the videography is excellent.

First shown is the Heritage Unit that was the first one created in the series, the 8098 Conrail ES44AC unit. The 8098 is shown as the lead unit on NS trains in Michigan, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, and Virginia.

Next up is the 8103, an ES44AC painted in the blue and yellow colors of the Norfolk & Western. The first looks at this locomotive were at locations in Illinois that are outside of the NS System. We see the 8103 beginning its pull in a yard at Butler, WI, just after a crew change. Finally, we see the 8103 in Virginia and Tennessee. The 8103 is lashed-up with a Pennsylvania RR Heritage Unit in one of the scenes in Virginia.

This brings us to the bright red Lehigh Valley ES44AC number 8104. We see the 8104 in several Indiana locations and finally in New Jersey.

We next see the Erie RR Heritage Unit 1068, an EMD SD70ACe. This locomotive is dark green with a light green band down the middle bordered in gold. We see this unit leading a unit steel coil train in Michigan and then we see it in Georgia and Tennessee. We get a nice close-up view of 1068 pulling out of a siding at Apison, TN. Our last look at the Erie RR Heritage Unit 1068 is from Virginia.

Up next is the Central of New Jersey 1071, an SD70ACe. The colors are blue and orange. We are given a couple interesting facts about the CNJ's history: they were the first American RR to require that their employees wear uniforms and one of their locomotives set a world speed record in 1892 of 105 MPH. The 1071 is shown in scenes from Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Minnesota, and Michigan.

We move on to the ES44AC Central of Georgia Heritage Unit 8101. We see the 8101 crossing the

Mississippi River at Little Falls, MN, pulling a unit oil train of empty cars to the Bakken Oil Fields in North Dakota.

After several locations in MN, we then move on to Chicago, IL.

We are next presented with ES44AC 8102, a Pennsylvania RR Heritage Unit. This locomotive is shown in scenes from Indiana, South Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, Georgia, and Pennsylvania.

The Heritage Unit commemorating the Illinois Terminal RR is the next one we see in the video. This is an EMD SD70ACe, number 1072, with its bright green paint job with yellow trim. We see this locomotive in action in Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. In the Indiana and Ohio scenes the 1072 is lashed-up with the Conrail Heritage Unit 8098.

Up next is the Penn Central Heritage Unit 1073, an SD70ACe. The 1073 is shown teamed up with the Illinois Terminal 1072 and operating as foreign power on BNSF trackage in Chicago on a unit crude oil train. This pair of locomotives is also seen in Minnesota and Wisconsin pulling unit crude oil trains. We see the 1073 doing some street running in Warsaw, IN, and then the last scenes with this locomotive were shot back in Illinois on a unit crude oil train with the NYC Heritage Unit at the rear of the train serving as a DPU.

This served as a good lead-in for our final Heritage Unit, the SD70ACe 1066 New York Central Heritage Unit. We are shown this unit in scenes from various locations in Indiana and then we see it leading unit crude oil trains in Illinois and Minnesota.

We are shown some vintage F7 A and B units as a bonus at the end of this video.

This is a very enjoyable video and it should be in your collection. The wide screen format, high quality image, good narration, and interesting subject matter make this video a "keeper."

Photos Continued!



Left - CSX intermodal Q029, with engine 842 in the lead, prepares to pass loaded coal train N308 at the north end of Romney Siding in Nortonville, Ky as it heads south on the Henderson Subdivision.

-Jim Pearson

Below - Thomas Bryan, Keith Kittenger, Steve Miller and Jim Pearson talk with a CSX employee at the new Casky Inspection Yard.

-Rick Bivins

Middle - Don Clayton was on Mileage collector Trip when High Iron Train passed through Springfield, MO. I was able to meet him and tour the train.

-Rex Easterly



Above - Heritage units have a tendency to sneak up on the best of us. Heads up Jim!

-Rick Bivins



Right - Two BNSF GP60M's work the La Mirada Yard in La Mirada, CA on June 6, 0215. A little irony in the graffiti in that the photo was taken digitally on my iPhone.

-Matt Gentry





CSX Q029 has his train in the wind at 50 mph at South Breton, KY on "WKNRHS Train Day". June 13, 2015.
-Bill Grady

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
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