

PENNYRAIL

September 2015

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Next Meeting

Monday September 21, 2015 @ 7:00pm
Former L&N Depot
38 W. Arch St. Madisonville, KY

Program and Refreshments by:
Thomas & Jim Bryan

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

Well, now that school has started, everything in Western Kentucky seems to be getting back to an even grind. I hope most of you had a good, enjoyable summer, I know we did at the Farrell, Terry house hold.

I would like to thank Tom Johnson for pulling double duty last month on the program and the refreshments. The post of President is easy when you have a membership that will step up to bat and help out. The remainder of our year is down hill now with the club picnic on October 3rd in Crofton, Ky., the Fall Photo Contest on October 17th to the 24th, election of officers on November 16 and our annual Christmas party on December 8th at Brothers BBQ. I have contacted the Crofton City Hall, and have the pavilion for the club picnic. We still have the modular layout to work on but the weather needs to be cooler. I plan on picking a Saturday, and those who can work on the module will come to Hopkinsville and assemble the project.

Blair Terry and I plan on hosting a Railfanning event on **Saturday, September 19th in Hopkinsville at the former L&N Depot**. We plan on having everything set up by 9:00 am for those who want to attend. Just bring your lawn chair, a camera and enjoy the CSX next to a vintage railroad station. We plan on having a cooler of drinks and maybe a little food, so come one come all.

A reminder to the membership, we have promised

Brothers BBQ that we would have twenty five members to attend the Christmas party this year. This means bring the family so we can have the numbers we promised. Brothers have forgone the usual \$100.00 fee for the use of their meeting room. So it is important to have the numbers in attendance for the party that night. Brothers has excellent food and more choices then just BBQ. Almost forgot, December 8, 2015, we are also going to have an operating layout at the party.

If any member has railroad pictures or artwork they would like to display in the Depot in Madisonville, please bring it to our next meeting. We have several pieces on display at the present time but, we can use more. Look around and see what you might have in storage. I might add anything you bring should be framed, ready to display.

We will start to issue Western Kentucky Chapter club cards in January 2016. This month program and refreshment will be hosted by Thomas and Jim Bryan. Well this is just more than refreshments; it is the Bryan's Annual Fish Fry. This is one meeting you don't want to miss.

Bill Farrell, President
Western Kentucky Chapter/NRHS

Photos



Left - Game Day in T-Town
College football fans in Tuscaloosa aren't the only ones "Pulling For The Tide" during the Wisconsin-Alabama game on 05-Sep-2015. One of two GP35R units for WATCO's Alabama Southern in Tuscaloosa fly the colors while switching the former ICG yard.
- Chris Dees

Right - P&L NorthYard, Paducah with power off the just arrived L-513 from Fulton (the IC "FUPD") on 8/13. B&LE SD40-3 #910, rebuilt from SP SD45T-2R #6825 by DM&IR Proctor MN. shops in 2000. Have read that CN is beginning to repaint these B&LE units so was glad to photo one before that happens.
-Wallace Henderson



Upcoming Events

September 2015

Saturday September 19:

Chpt Railfan Event. Former Hopkinsville L&N Depot

Monday September 21:

September Meeting of West Kentucky Chpt NRHS

October 2015

Saturday October 3:

9:00 am Crofton Picnic & Fall Photo Contest

Saturday October 17:

WKNRHS Fall Photo Contest

Monday October 19:

October Meeting of West Kentucky Chpt NRHS

Saturday October 24:

Drop in at the Depot - Open House

November 2015

Saturday November 7:

Archaeology Saturday

Monday November 16:

November Meeting West Kentucky Chpt NRHS

December 2015

Tuesday December 8:

Christmas Dinner Party

@ Brothers BBQ; Madisonville

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

Minutes Summary of July 2015

- MINUTES: Approved of the June 2015 meeting.
- TREASURERS REPORT: Approved
- DIRECTORS REPORT: None
- ACTIVITIES REPORT: None
- OLD BUSINESS: Brief discussion made on the art work we donated to the station. Discussion on our liability insurance and any possible action tabled till next month. Discussion or possible action on by-laws tabled till next month also.
- NEW BUSINESS: Christmas dinner and party discussed and tentative date set as Saturday 7th Dec. Bill will contact Brothers Bar-B-Q for details.
- SHOW & TELL: None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- NEXT MEETING: Monday August 17th at 7PM
- Those present were:

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| 1. Wally Watts | 7. Rich Lane |
| 2. Steve Miller | 8. Chuck Hinrichs |
| 3. Tom Johnson | 9. Keith Kitzinger |
| 4. Jim Pearson | 10. Bob McCracken |
| 5. Blair Terry | 11. Thomas Bryan |
| 6. Bill Thomas | 12. Jim Kemp |

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| 1. Alicia Terry | 2. Don Locke |
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Financial Statement of July 2015

Beginning Balance	\$1910.71
Income:	
Nat. Dues Rec.	0.00
Chpt. dues Rec.	0.00
Donations	0.00
Chapter 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

Cascade Snow Fighters

Producer: 7 Idea Productions

Purchased From : TrainVideoDepot.com

Format: DVD

Date Purchased: 8/17/15

Playing Time: 1 Hr 5 Min

List Price: \$26.95

We get the usual high quality videography that 7 Idea Productions is known for in this DVD. The video was shot in widescreen format which makes the scenery even more impressive as we watch snow removal activities on the Union Pacific's Cascade Sub in Oregon. Some of the scenes go back as far as 2004 and some are as recent as this 2013.

We see Nordco M7 snow fighters, flangers, and Jordan spreaders in operation. The Nordco M7 has a blade on one end and a snow blower on the opposite end. It is powered by a supercharged Cummins six cylinder diesel engine. There are 16.5 feet blades on either side to push the snow away from the tracks.

Flangers, of course, are similar to cabooses with

belly blades to remove the snow from between the rails. There are some nice scenes from a nighttime cab ride in a locomotive pulling a flanger.

Jordan spreaders are the last line of defense on the Cascade Sub and are put to use when the snow is too deep for the M7s or the flangers. There is some very good spreader action and we even get a cab ride.

The excellent snow removal action, the beautiful scenery, and the high quality widescreen image make this video a keeper.

Photos Continued!



*Left - A southbound loaded coal train is led by General Electric's Tier IV Demonstrator locomotive #2035 on a late summer afternoon.
-Wallace Henderson*

*Right - Some of the members of the West Kentucky Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society wave as a CSX southbound freight train passes the old L&N Depot as it heads south on the Henderson Subdivision at Hopkinsville, Ky. The chapter was having a cookout and meeting at the historic old depot
- Jim Pearson*



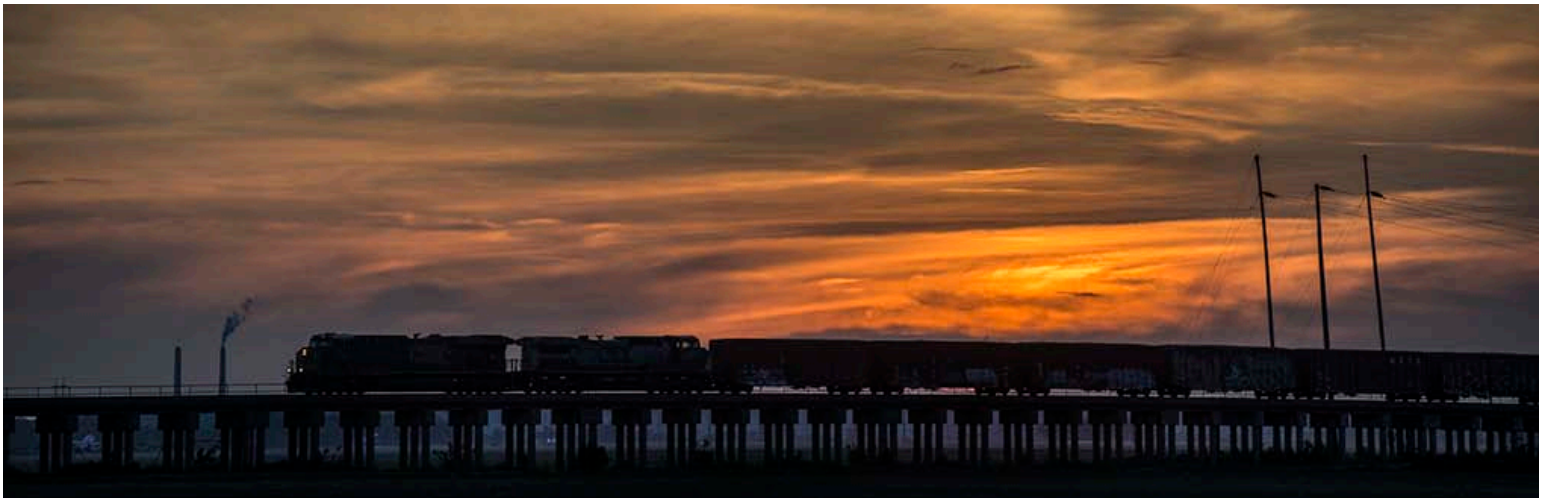
CSX AC4400 #452 leads Q247-13 Eastbound just West of Lewisport, KY. Sunday, September 15, was about as good as it gets weather-wise.
- Bill Grady



A south bound tote train with reefer cars on the head end hits Morton Junction, Mortons Gap KY at 4:41 PM.
(08/24/15)
- Rick Bivins



Two Old Gray Mares & A Southern Belle
Kansas City Southern's Aberdeen Local has just arrived at the Artesia, MS yard and begun it's set out on 05-Sep-2015. This is the former GM&O yard that has seen owners Illinois Central Gulf and short-lived regional Gulf & Mississippi come and go before coming under the KCS umbrella in 1995.
- Chris Dees



Mixed freight CSX Q227, with 918 leading with 9013 trailing, head up the viaduct at Rahm, Indiana as they take their train south on the Henderson Subdivision against the glow of the setting sun. Tech Info: 1/320sec, f/5.6, ISO 160, 270mm with a Nikon D800.
- Jim Pearson

A Trip to the Pacific Northwest - part 1

Matt Gentry

As luck would have it, I was given the opportunity to attend the NMRA National Train Show, which was held in Portland Oregon this year. The actual show was held August 28, 29 & 30. But with a set-up day on Tuesday the 27th, that meant that a travel day was Wednesday the 26th. So my boss, Craig, and I decided to just take a few vacation days and travel around the Pacific Northwest, with some fellow railfan friends from Southern California, and left Saturday, August 22.

Not being one to watch the news, I had no idea the severity of the drought or wildfires in Oregon and Washington. I

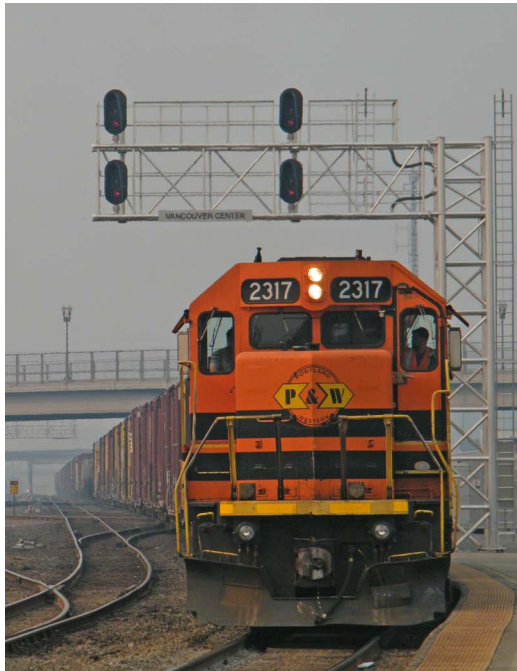


Above - Amtrak Cascades makes a stop at Portland Union Station on Saturday, August 22. If you look close, you can see the rear end of the 4 car Portland segment of Amtrak's Empire Builder. Once it departs, it will head for Spokane to be added to make up the full Empire Builder, along with the Seattle segment, and depart for Chicago. Did you notice the smoke in the sky?

was told that the drought is worse up north than it is in Southern California, and it shows. Most of Southern California is concrete so you can't see all the dead grass! But upon landing in Portland, the wildfires were evident as the atmosphere was smoky. Little did I know it would become much worse as we made our way towards Spokane Washington on Sunday, August 23.

For now, I will let my photos tell the tale of my travels. I have plenty to share, so look forward to more next month.

Far left - Portland & Western (a Genesee & Wyoming shortline) GP39-2 #2317 heads south at Vancouver Washington as it passes Amtrak's Vancouver Station. This train will cross the Columbia River and head south towards Eugene OR.



Above - A Seattle bound Amtrak Cascades makes its way past BNSF's Vancouver yard as chopped nose SD9 #1550 works a cut of cars in the yard.



Left - At the Oregon Rail Heritage Center, Southern Pacific GS-4 4449 gets a major overhaul. The big Lima-built 4-8-4 is getting its 15-year boiler inspection, and other needed maintenance is being done concurrently. The work was begun in February 2013 and should be completed in Fall of 2015, with the engine ready for use on the Holiday Express in December 2015. When photographed on August 22, 2015, all flues and tubes had been installed, rolling was done on both ends, welding was done on the flues and tube at the rear flue sheet, and firebox work (including installing new steel at the throat sheet and new circular tubes) was underway. A new superheater unit installation will begin shortly, after which there will be a full hydrostatic test of the boiler. It will be great to see this old Daylight engine operating again - and when it is done, then work begins on Spokane Portland & Seattle 4-8-4 700!

Right - BNSF #2959 & #2707 sit idle in BNSF's LakeYard in Portland OR.



Left - Oregon Pacific GMD1 departs the Oregon Rail Heritage Center, where notably SP #4449 and SP&S #700 reside, with a short excursion train in tow. Once at the end of the line a few miles away, this train will reverse back to the Heritage Center to pick up new passengers for another short trip.

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.

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