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Chapter Chatter

**Next Meeting Monday,
June 19, 2017, 7:00 pm
Hopkins County
Government Center
Madisonville, KY**

**Program by
Bill Farrell**

**Refreshments Served
By Rich Hane**

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Ricky's Replies!

My oh my how time flies. Here it is time for the June NRHS Western Kentucky Chapter meeting and it seems only a few days ago we were in Hopkinsville KY for the May meeting! And speaking of the May meeting, it was a grand time. With the venue being the former L&N RR Passenger Station in historic downtown Hopkinsville, Bill Farrell grilling burgers and dogs, CSX (and BNSF) providing trains and Wallace Henderson giving a detailed talk with photos and newspapers clippings covering train derailments in and around Hopkinsville.... WHEW...we did all of that in one evening. THANK YOU HOPKINSVILLE MEMBERS.

If you have taken time to go track side in our area, I am sure you have noticed a lot of trains are running. CSX and P&L both provide ample opportunities for viewing. On CSX, I have seen locomotives from many class 1 railroads and short lines too. There have been several Chicago Metra F40 rebuilds making their way up and down the line. The new paint scheme is bright and colorful. I spotted one locomotive from the Kiamichi Railway on April 15 of this year! CSX is home to EMD's only MP-15-T locomotives which make their way by on occasion. And train patterns seem to be changing with the change of power in Jacksonville as well. The modern railroad is interesting to say the least. I still enjoy seeing rail cars from "fallen flag" railroads. It is surprising how many fallen flag railroads are represented in a train! So go out and watch trains. Have a good time and stay off the right-of-way.

The NRHS National Convention is being held in Nashville TN this month. I plan to go Friday the 23rd and represent the Chapter at the business meeting pending my work schedule does not intervene. Having talked with several members I feel the Chapter as a whole has little or no interest in the event. This is fine, not everyone is "on board" with the business aspect of our organization. If I do indeed make it to the meeting, I will have a full report in July.

We need to revisit our display at Parkway Plaza Mall, we have discussed this and taken no action.

We need to (my opinion) have a few more Chapter related functions. Track side days are always well attended and enjoyed. All one needs to do is pony up and sponsor one. Pick a day and location that suits you and we will get the word out. That being said, it is not too early to talk about the Annual Chapter Pic-Nic in Crofton KY. We need to discuss a date.

The Christmas Show Committee will be start planning for this years event. Be thinking of joining in the effort. Last year was a fun time with the kids and adults alike enjoying the show. Bring new ideas to the table for 2017. This should be our signature event with the public.

The meeting will be held Monday evening, June 19th at the Hopkins County Government Centre on North Main Street, Madisonville KY. We will meet at 7:00 PM with Rich Hane providing refreshments and Bill Farrell providing the program. Join in and bring a guest.

Ricky Bivins, President

This mystery photo was submitted by Ricky Bivins. If you think you know the answer, be ready to submit it at the June meeting in Madisonville, Monday, June 19.



Update on High Iron Trips

From Don Clayton...

Due to some conflicting schedules with the 611 excursions, we are revising our Kanawha River trip schedule. This update is shown in the attached. The BNSF trip has been removed for rescheduling. Information on ticketing for the Piedmont & Northern trips will be available shortly. Sorry for any confusion!

September 14-22, 2017: AAPRCO Convention in Burlington, VT

The Special Train will start in Albany/Rensselaer, NY on a route not yet finalized but including major portions of the Vermont Rail System. The actual convention dates are **September 19-22**. We will be participating with the Caritas and Cimarron River.

Clark Johnson Today, 9:07 AM

Treasurer's Report

Post Date	Description		Debits	Credits	Balance
12/1/2016	Beginning Balance				1,780.50
12/15/2016	Check # 1009	Insurance	355.9		1,424.60
12/29/2016	Check #1010	Reimbursement Jim Pearson	260.9		1,163.74
12/30/2016	Check # 1011	ABC Hobby	315		848.74
12/30/2016	Deposit	Raffle		655	1,503.74
12/30/2016	Deposit	Conductor Pictures		63	1,566.74
12/30/2017	Deposit	Miscellaneous Money		30.07	1,596.81
1/1/2017	Beginning Balance				1,596.81
1/11/2017	Deposit	Calendar		180	1,776.81
1/11/2017	Deposit	Dues		90	1,866.81
1/17/2017	Deposit	Dues		5	1,871.81
1/23/2017	Deposit	Dues		20	1,891.81
1/23/2017	Deposit	Drawing money from 2016		41	1,932.81
1/23/2017	Deposit	Calendar		37	1,969.81
2/1/2017	Beginning Balance				1,969.81
2/2/2017	Deposit	Dues		5	1,974.81
2/21/2017	Deposit	Calendar		10	1,984.81
2/21/2017	Deposit	Drawing		6	1,990.81
2/21/2017	Deposit	Dues		10	2,000.81
3/1/2017	Beginning Balance				2,000.81
3/8/2017	Deposit	Dues		10	2,010.81
3/11/2017	Harland Clarke Check Order		20.24		1,990.57
4/1/2017	Beginning Balance				1,990.57
4/3/2017	Check #1200	Rail Camp Donation	100		1,890.57
4/25/2017	Deposit	Dues		15	1,905.57
4/25/2017	Deposit	Donations		25	1,930.57
4/30/2017	Deposit	Dues		5	1,935.57
5/1/2017	Beginning Balance				1,935.57
5/9/2017	Deposit	Dues		5	1,940.57
6/1/2017	Beginning Balance				1,940.57
6/9/2017	Deposit	Drawing		6	1,946.57

Winners of the May 2017 Photography Contest

Congratulations to the winners of our May 2017 Chapter photo contest! Out of a field of 14 entries I have selected the top four and they are: 1st Place, Bill Ferrell, 2nd Place, Bill Grady, 3rd Place, Blair Terry and 4th Place went to Chris Dees. We want to thank everyone for their participation and look forward to seeing your entries for our next chapter contest which will run the Week of July 31 – Aug 6, 2017.

You can see all the entries on our chapter's website at: <http://www.westkentuckynrhs.org/>

Jim Pearson, Chapter Photo Contest



**West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Photo Contest
First Place May 2017 - Bill Ferrell**

Northbound CSX mixed freight departs from the siding at the south end of Kelly, Ky as it heads south on the Henderson Subdivision.



**West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Photo Contest
Second Place May 2017 - Bill Grady**

NS #708, a loaded Coal Train bound for the South is testing the pulling power of brand-new GE built ET44AC's #3673 and #3669 along with a CitiRail Unit. They are just getting started Eastbound through the swags coming out of Huntingburg, Indiana on National Train Day, May 6, 2017.

Photography Contest Continued



**West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Photo Contest
Third Place May 2017 - Blair Terry**

Locomotive 585 on the lead crossing the Red River headed south on CSX's Henderson Subdivision at Adams TN on May 5th 2017



**West Kentucky NRHS Chapter Photo Contest
Fourth Place May 2017 - Chris Dees**

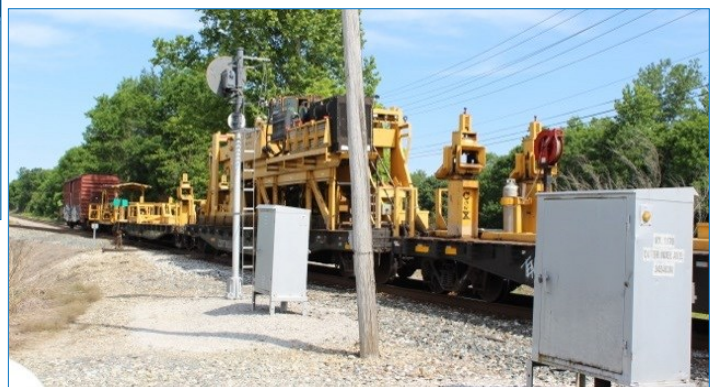
An eastbound Toledo Peoria & Western road freight awaits the call of duty on May 07, 2017, in Remington, Indiana. One aboard, the crew will proceed east to Reynolds and then south to Lafayette on the former Monon Railroad route to interchange with CSX. Today's power includes two former Iowa Chicago & Eastern SD40-2s #3441 and 3442, along with GP50 #5015. TP&W is a Genesee & Wyoming subsidiary.

Photo Section 1



A SB loaded coal train makes its way past members of the West Kentucky Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society meeting at the depot in Hopkinsville, KY on CSX's Henderson Subdivision.

Photo by Jim Pearson



Bill Thomas spotted this rail train in early June 2017, behind Baptist Health one morning on the way to physical therapy. It was on its way toward Providence on the Morganfield branch when he caught it at the intersection of 41A and Rose Creek Rd, Madisonville. The locomotive is in pushing mode with a flagman riding the modified box car. This might make an interesting model with the makeshift door cut in on the end. I believe there were only 2 pieces of rail on the train. Jim Pearson caught it later in Providence.

Photo Section 2



Former Cadiz Railroad Alco S-2 sitting in the former Illinois Central Railroad, Princeton KY. yard around 1986.
Photos by Rick Bivins.



Minutes from May Meeting

Just a heads up, our meeting this month as usual is in Hopkinsville Kentucky. Our friends and members from Hop-town always put on a fine show and the venue is excellent. And I believe we will have some tasty vittles as well.

By the time you read this, our second photo contest for the year will have come and gone. I certainly hope you were able to get out and take a few shots and turn them into Jim Pearson. Remember, these photos will be in our next Chapter calendar. The winners and possibly some honorable mentions, depending on how many total entry's we received over the year. So, get out there and take some shots when the time comes for number three.

In old business from April, we will decide on our level of involvement with the convention in Nashville. We will be checking with Bowling Green and New Haven to see if we can assist in anyway. The consensus from the members I have talk to is a low-key approach. We have trouble committing to in-house events, committing to something outside of our area might be a bit of a stretch. I would not want to commit to something and then not follow through with it and give us a bad reputation!

We also decided in April, to update and purged the Chapter email list. Steve should have a report on this in May.

During the May meeting I will confirm the mailing address for the Chapter, for some reason I have two mailing addresses on file. Once this is done I will give Matt the go-ahead on printing new biz cards for the Chapter.

Jim Pearson, by the way, lost a brother since our April meeting. David worked for the city in Madisonville and was a very interesting individual. Our condolences to Jim and family. That having been said, Jim may have a report on the Chapter Facebook page, YouTube page and a possible Vimeo page. But if not we certainly understand.

I will have a couple of additional items of old business and possibly some new business to bring before the Chapter this month. Meanwhile, rummage through some of that stuff in the attic and bring for show-n-tell or a raffle item. And remember, with the mystery photo submission the first correct answer drawn for the mystery photo gets first pick of the raffle items!

I look forward to seeing you Monday, May 15, 2017 in Hopkinsville KY. 7:00 PM at the former Louisville and Nashville Rail Road passenger station right downtown.

Message From Matt...

For the last few months I have started going through and editing photos I have taken here and there and posting them to my online Flickr account. (For those that don't know, Flickr is simply an online photo album of sorts.)

What I have failed to do is share this with people who do not have a Facebook account, or I am not friends with on Facebook. I periodically share a link or two there to show latest uploads to the page.

So, consider this an invite to browse the photos I have decided to edit and post. The photos can be viewed at this link: [maximaguy97](https://www.flickr.com/photos/maximaguy97/)

And no, you do not need your own Flickr account to access the photos.

What I like to do, is at the top left corner, of the top left photo, is a drop down menu that you can chose between "Date Uploaded" and "Date Taken." I have been posting from oldest to newest, so selecting "Date Taken" actually shows a progression of my photography skills too...kinda neat. However, Flickr starts showing with the latest uploaded photo, or most recent date, depending upon your sort view, so the oldest photo is on the last page - which you can select at the very bottom of the page.

If you would like more info on a pic, or a better detail pic, feel free to ask.

Also, feel free to share the link with anyone else who may be interested. Admittedly, it's 100% train photos at this point, but other neat images may show up in the future...once I get through the backlog of train photos!

Thanks!
Matt G.

TIMETABLE #110
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- June 19 - Monthly Meeting at Hopkins County Government Center, Madisonville
- June 20-24 - NRHS National Convention - Nashville, TN
- July 17 - Monthly Meeting at Hopkins County Government Center, Madisonville
- August 21 - Monthly Meeting at home of Bill Thomas - Cookout at Garden RR. 1025 Lakewood Dr, Madisonville

If you know of regional events we can put on the Timetable, please forward those to me, bill@fbcmadisonville.com.

Photo Contest Schedule for 2017

Week of July 31 – Aug 6, 2017
Submission Deadline: Aug 10, 2017
Week of Oct 30 – Nov 5, 2017
Submission Deadline: Nov 9, 2017

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At
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