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Chapter Chatter

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Next Meeting Monday, August 21, 2017, 7:00 pm Hopkins County Government Center Madisonville, KY

Program by Bill Ferrall

Refreshments Served

I'm looking for funny, historical, and/or fictional train stories from the membership.

Bill Thomas, editor

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Greetings fellow NRHS members. My what a busy summer. I'm sure yours has been as busy as mine. If you have one blade of grass there's another million and all of them need to be cut!

Our meeting last month at the Hopkins County Government Center was very productive. We had visitors from Nashville Steam on hand with an excellent program and "questions and answers" session. After which we reconvene and voted to donate $500 to their effort from the Chapter treasury. An additional $200 was donated from members. I look forward to seeing and hearing the Yellow Jacket in operation.

National has a full set of articles covering the convention in Nashville Tennessee. There was a lot of enjoyable trip's and everything was well patronized. In those articles lies some information pertaining to the National organization. You can go to the NRHS national website and access them via the administrative tab on the lower area of the homepage for the National Organization. Along with those articles are serval additional subjects and many photographs. All very good reading and very good quality.

Our August meeting I'm sure we'll have a few stories of the upcoming eclipse which would have been over a few hours by meeting time. Additionally, we will review the program Bill Ferrall was going to present two months ago. Due to technical difficulties we were unable to view his program at that time.

We will also confirm the date and time for the annual Chapter picnic at the veterans grounds in Crofton Kentucky. This is always an enjoyable event.

Additionally, we will be discussing the Christmas dinner at the home of Steve and Marilyn Miller a top Billy Goat Hill Road in Hopkinsville Kentucky. This was the most enjoyable venue last year for those that attended. And speaking of Christmas, Bill Ferrall and Jim Kemp will have a precursor to our Christmas show this year. The show last year was very well received and this year promises to have even more impact.

We will touch base with Jim Pearson on the upcoming photo contest and ideas for the Chapter calendar as well.

Please make an effort to attend the meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017 at the Hopkins County Justice Center on North Main St., Madisonville, KY.. Bring a friend, a show and tell item and a raffle item as well. I hope to see you there.

Ricky Bivins, President

Mystery Photo

Southern Railway number 4501 on the original Independence Limited trip on what I think to be the old P&WV Monongahela River bridge near Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. July 7, 1973. Photographer unknown. Now for the mystery, where have you seen this photo before?

Be at the August meeting for the answers!

Left: Somewhere between Chicago and Galesburg, IL, Don Clayton rides aboard Amtrak's California Zephyr, Train No. 5. See more from Don's trip on the following pages.

Pickin' the Points

Opinions and Stories by Bill Thomas, Editor

Here today, gone tomorrow! We've all heard this saying at some point. There are so many railroad related things I wish I had taken pictures of when I was carrying around my 35mm Yashica FR camera in the late 70s and early 80s. I was fortunate to get a couple of photos of the Family Lines/L&N GP40 I claim as my first cab ride. But, oh, the things I missed within 100 miles of me; two train stations in Chattanooga, my native city. The yard at Elizabeth (Marietta) GA, where the Hook & Eye line diverged from the main Atlanta/Chattanooga/ Knoxville line. Etowah, TN, former division point and offices. Atlanta and its variety of railroads - Family Lines, Southern, Central of Georgia, West Point Route - back when you could run around the yards without being chased out.

My "point" is, take as many photos as you can of current railroad things. Those SD40-2s have only so many years although they seem immortal. Have you noticed how many RR crossing lights and gates now have electronic bells instead of the "gas station" bells we've heard for so long? Remember journal boxes? Cabooses, section flags, wig wags, roof walks, stock cars, not to mention steam locomotives? Looking at Don's picture, above left, I wonder how much longer we can ride public passenger trains. At one time these were items that we took for granted. In a day of nearly unlimited photo storage and easy access to digital cameras, we should have plenty of visual records. So get out there and shoot!

Bill Thomas, editor

Update on High Iron Trips

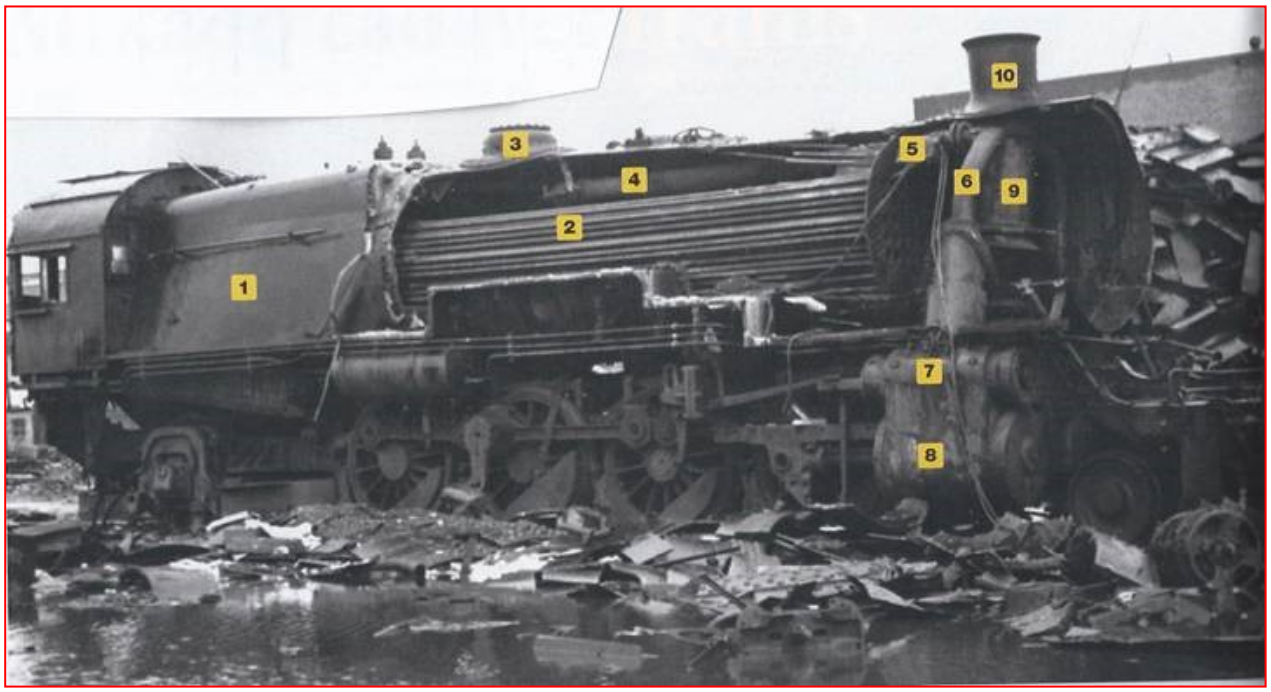
From Don Clayton…
Due to some conflicting schedules with the 611 excursions, we are revising our Kanawha River trip schedule. This update is shown in the attached. The BNSF trip has been removed for rescheduling. Information on ticketing for the Piedmont & Northern trips will be available shortly. Sorry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

September 14-22, 2017: AAPRCO Convention in Burlington, VT
The Special Train will start in Albany/Renssalaer, 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

Amtrack California Zypher/Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

Don's trip on the Zypher included a stop at the Boone & Scenic Railroad in Boone, Iowa. Visit their website at www.bsvrr.com.

Steam Engine 101



A scene such as this is bound to bring tears to the eyes of any lover of steam locomotives. Scrapping of the steam fleet provided steady employment for many years in the 50s and 60s.

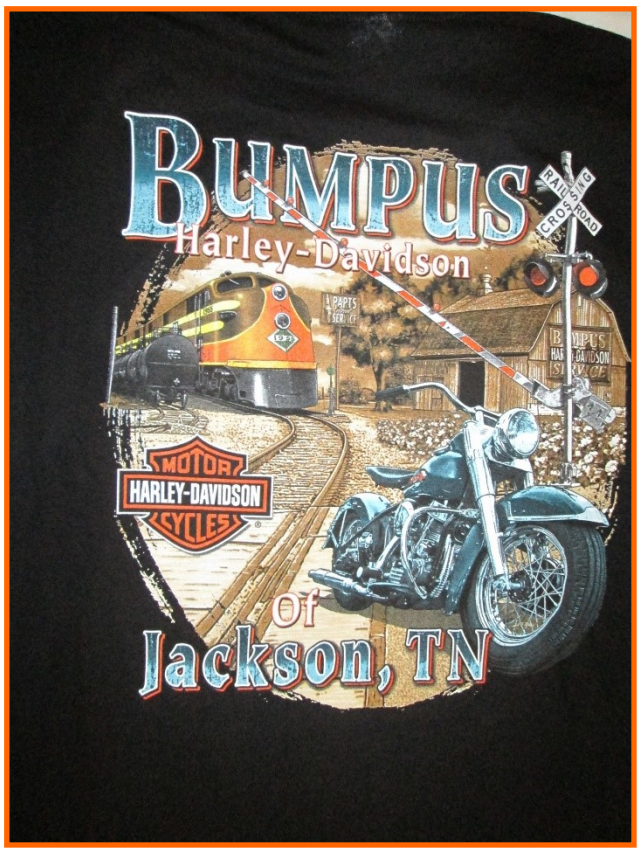
This picture provides a rare view to their inner workings. Pennsylvania Railroad L1s 2-8-2 No. 8280 is being scrapped at Port Newark, N.J. in 1958. With part of its boiler shell cut away, several major internal components are visible, permitting an unintended lesson in the workings of a steam locomotive.

The burning of coal in the firebox (1) produces hot gases. The gases pass through dozens of tubes and flues (2), which are surrounded by water in the boiler. The heat from the gases is transferred to the water, which turned to steam and is collected in the steam dome (3). The throttle valve in the dome regulates the flow of steam to the dry pipe (4), which feeds steam to the superheater (5).

From the superheater, steam delivery pipes (6) lead to the valves (7), which control the admission of steam to the cylinders, it along with the combustion gases from the tubes and flues is exhausted through the petticoat pipe (9) in the smokebox and up the stack (10).

So I guess we could call this "steam locomotive 101." Thousands of locomotives met such fate as the railroads transitioned to the less labor-intensive diesel. A good many of those scrapped locos were only into the infancy of their working potential. Submitted by Gary O. Ostlund.

Credits: Pix & text in part verbatim from Classic Trains, Summer 2017, Photo by Paul Stephanus



Right: With storms and rain later this afternoon, I gave up chasing West Tennessee trains and visited the local Harley-Davidson dealership in Jackson, TN today.

Since I now work for Harley-Davidson, I've begun an "unofficial" tradition to visit at least one H-D dealership when I'm on business trips (or in the case on vacation).

I would say this is the coolest T-shirt you could EVER wear on a railfan trip!!! Chris Dees

Photo Section - Classics at Corinth

The calendar states it's the 4th of July 2017, but Norfolk Southern Sheffield, AL to Corinth, MS local is working the Kansas City Southern, West Tennessee Railroad, and Redmont Railroad interchanges at Corinth, MS. SD40-2s number 3492 and 3269 give us this classic look at the former Illinois Central yard in Corinth, MS. Photo by Chris Dees

Below: A Pioneering Paducahbuilt - Illinois Central's Paducah-built GP8s symbolize the classic power used on the entire system in the 1970s and 1980s. Today, it's a rare treat to still find these locomotives at work. What's even better, is when they are operating on former Illinois Central trackage. On 04-Jul-2017, former Illinois Central 7719, now Pioneer 805, awaits the call of duty at Corinth, MS for Pioneer Railcorp's Redmont Railroad. Redmont operates the former Birmingham route between Corinth, MS and Red Bay, AL. Photo by Chris Dees

Photo Section 2 - Classics at Corinth

Return of the Redbirds - Earlier this year, Union City, TN native Brent Lee realized his dream of returning home to manage and operate Tennessee's newest shortline railroad, the Union City Terminal. Operating on a small section of the former Gulf, Mobile & Ohio mainline between Union City and Rives, the UCT utilizes two HLCX GP38-2 locomotives in a paint scheme that is reminiscent of GM&O's red-and-white paint scheme from the 1960s and 1970s. Photographed on 03-Jul-2017 at Union City, TN by Chris Dees.

Southern Belles - Even GM&O President Isaac Tigrett would be pleased to see such classic EMD locomotives operating on his former rail lines in 2017. Seen at Corinth, MS on 04-Jul-2017, three Kansas City Southern GP units have come up from the Artesia, MS yard with the daily turn. Today's train is heavy with interchange traffic for West Tennessee Railroad, Norfolk Southern, and the Redmont Railroad, as well as for the former Corinth & Counce Railroad, which is now a part of the KCS system. Photo by Chris Dees

Year to Date 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 #1220	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
6/20/2017	Deposit	Dues		10	1,956.57
6/20/2017	Deposit	Donation		50	2,006.57
7/1/2017	Beginning Balance				2,006.57
7/17/2017	Check #1221	Nashville Steam		500	1,506.57
8/1/2017	Beginning Balance				1,506.57

Minute summary of July 21, 2017 meeting

Minutes:
Meeting was called to order by President Ricky Bivins.
Motion was made to suspend the business meeting for July due to the nature of the program being presented by the Nashville Steam Preservation Society.
After the program, the business meeting was called back into order by President Ricky Bivins.
Motion was made by Wallace Henderson to make a 500.00 donation to the Nashville Steam Preservation Society for the restoration of locomotive 576. Motion was seconded by Bill Thomas and passed unanimously.
Guest: Jeff & Dana Brisendine, Terry Coats, and Rev. Tony Barta and is wife Carol Barta.
Next meeting September 18th, 7:00 pm. Hopkins County Government Center
Meeting adjourned.

Left: June 24, 2017 - Boxes for the new CSX double track main being built between the south end of Romney and the north end of Nortonville have arrived at Nortonville, Ky. The locations will be. Romney MP 260.54, Nortonville "B" MP 263.75, Nortonville "A" MP 263.75, Oak Hill (new location) MP 266.10 and a box at MP 265.10, on the Henderson Subdivision.

Photo and caption by Jim Pearson

NRHS Mission Statement

National Railway Historical Society, Inc. 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

TIMETABLE #110
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- August 21 - Monthly Meeting
- September 18 - Monthly Meeting
- October 16 - Monthly Meeting
- November 4 - Clayton-Watts Open House
- November 20 - Monthly Meeting
- Christmas Party - TBA
- No regular meeting in December

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 Oct 30 – Nov 5, 2017
Submission Deadline: Nov 9. 2017

Visit our website At
Www.westkentuckynrhs.org

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