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**Next Meeting Monday,  
Monday July 16  
7:00 pm**

**Innovation Station  
(Former L&N Station)  
Arch Street  
and CSX Main**

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### ***Chapter Photo Contest June Deadline Approaching!***

***This Sunday, June 15, is the last day for the June photo contest. Photos must be submitted to Jim Pearson by July 22.***



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# Welcome New Member

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## 2018 convention to be headquartered in Cumberland, Md.

The 2018 NRHS convention will be held Tuesday-Sunday, Aug. 7-12, with headquarters in Cumberland, Md. The tentative schedule includes scenic rail trips through the countryside of West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, plus the annual meetings of the Society. The registration room for the convention will open in mid-afternoon on Tuesday, Aug. 7. The board meeting for the NRHS Fund Inc., will be held that evening.

The first trip is scheduled for Wednesday with an all-day outing to Cass, W.Va. to ride the Cass Scenic Railroad up to Spruce, W.Va. At that point, there will be a “cross platform transfer” from the Cass steam train to the Salamander diesel train to Elkins, W.Va. Lunch will be served on the Salamander. Once in Elkins, NRHS members will re-board the buses for the return trip to the hotel in Cumberland.

The tentative schedule for Thursday includes a charter train ride on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad from the depot on Cumberland (three blocks from the hotel) to Frostburg, Md., behind the newly rebuilt steam engine No. 1309. Photo run-bys are scheduled for this trip. Cab rides will be offered in both directions with proceeds benefitting the NRHS.

To read more from the NRHS News, go to [https://admin.nrhs.com/NRHSNews/NRHS\\_News\\_October\\_2017.pdf](https://admin.nrhs.com/NRHSNews/NRHS_News_October_2017.pdf).

## 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

L&N RR passenger car #3200.

This car was in service with P&LE as a commuter train out of Pittsburgh PA to College PA. That service ended in 1984.

This car also saw service on the Central City Limited in 1992 behind Nickel Plate #765. Several members of the Chapter rode the train.

The car is currently preserved at the LM&M Railroad in the Milwaukee Road colors.

The following is from the LM&M website. The 3200 at Cincinnati Union Terminal bringing up the markers on *The Humming Bird*



The 3200 was built by the American Car and Foundry Company (ACF) for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The L&N used the car on its Humming Bird passenger train between Cincinnati, OH and New Orleans, LA.

After retirement from the L&N in the 1960s the car was sold to the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad. The P&LE purchased the coach for commuter train service in the Pittsburgh area.

After its brief stint in commuter service, the 3200 was sold to the Ft Wayne Railroad Historical Society for excursion service. The car would later be owned by the Friends of the 261, Lake Central Rail Tours, and the Cincinnati Dinner Train before coming to Lebanon for use on the LM&M Railroad.

The 3200 is currently painted to honor the Chicago, Milwaukee, St Paul, and Pacific Railroad, also known as the Milwaukee Road. The car is named the Montgomery to honor both the L&N and the CL&N. The L&N stopped in Montgomery, AL. The CL&N stopped in Montgomery.

The Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad (LM&M Railroad) offers historic train rides in Warren County Ohio departing from downtown Lebanon. This is your chance to ride in vintage passenger cars hauled behind a historic diesel locomotive. The LM&M Railroad offers the only family friendly train ride experiences in southwest Ohio. We offer themed events year-round for passengers of all ages. The LM&M Railroad is operated by Cincinnati Scenic Railway, a nonprofit organization.



# My Railroad Memories

I grew up in Franklin Park, Illinois which is a small Chicago suburb on the Milwaukee Road west line going toward Elgin, Illinois. We had a nice little wooden station that I could ride my bike to and hang out watching the trains. There were many trains to see from the benches since there were 4 main tracks. Freight and passenger trains were frequent. A few steam engines were still running and were unforgettable. I even rode my bike to the Bensenville yards to see the action and especially liked the diesel shops which were fascinating to a boy that loved all the complex machinery, tools, and engines that occasionally had hoods or doors off or open allowing a view of the innards.

For a couple of summers before I could drive, my friend Jack and I took the train to Itasca, Illinois to caddy at a golf course. The train fair was 31 cents each way and we might earn, if we were lucky enough to get a golf round, \$3 for a single bag and \$6 for two bags for 18 holes. And if we got two rounds in a day we felt like Rockefeller. This was for carrying the bags on our backs, no carts. This was pretty good money for the day even after figuring in the train fair. Of course it was always a thrill to ride in an old heavyweight passenger car. The 3 or 4 spittoons in the men's smoking room were just an added attraction, I sometimes wonder where all the country's spittoons went to. Gosh, they were truly disgusting. The acceleration of the Milwaukee's EMD F units were exciting as were the rumble and guttural sounds emanating from the huge and beautiful diesels.

I was also lucky enough to occasionally see and feel the New York Central EMD E units in LaSalle Street Station in downtown Chicago when my aunt from Vermont would come to visit. These trains were true classics compared to the old Milwaukee trains that I rode to various jobs. Several times I was able to walk through the NYC cars before my aunt would leave for home and I could experience the elegance, comfort, and style of a world class train before I had to get off and re-enter the real world of a train shed that seemed a mile long and hear the wonderful sounds of many prime movers in the E7 or 8s. Each engine having at least 2000 or more Horsepower compared to my Dad's Plymouth of about a hundred.

In high school I worked a few summers loading 40 and 50 foot boxcars on the Milwaukee Road with televisions, stereo consoles, and radios for Zenith Radio and Television. If you have never loaded a boxcar, you can never imagine just how incredibly huge they are. I mean HUGE.

So these are a few remembrances of my early connections to trains and the mighty railroads that did so much to build this great country.

Rich Hane

## Next Month's Program

*The West Tennessee Railroad*

By Chris Dees

August 20, 2018



## Photography Contest News

Below are the dates for upcoming chapter photo contests. During the months listed all members are invited to shoot pictures and submit no more than two entries to [webmaster@westkentuckynrhs.org](mailto:webmaster@westkentuckynrhs.org) by the deadline listed next to each contest. You must be a paid member of the chapter to participate in these contests.

Jim Pearson will judge the photos and select 1st through 3rd place and the winners will be presented in the PennyRail and on the chapter website. We'll also view them at the meeting following each contest.

At least the 1st place winners will be used to produce a chapter calendar for the next year. All submissions must have a caption that lists at least the railroad, location and date with photographer's credit and any other relevant information.



July 1-31, 2018

Submission Deadline: August 7, 2018

September 1-30, 2018

Submission Deadline: October 7, 2018

November 1-30, 2018

Submission Deadline: December 7, 2018



Left and below: On or about July 10, 2018, CSX suffered a derailment at the cut-off switch in Mortons Gap, KY. Jim Pearson got a few pictures of the reasonably uneventful slip.



## Minutes from May 2018

The National Railway Historical Society, Western Kentucky Chapter met for their regularly scheduled meeting Monday, June 18, 2018. The venue for this meeting was the backyard of the home of Bill and Angela Thomas. Complete with landscaping, flowers, fish pond and a gauge one operating layout! Chapter president Ricky Bivins called the business meeting to order at 7:01 PM. President Ricky Bivins entertain a motion from the floor to suspend with the reading of the minutes and treasures report, motion made, seconded and passed.

The minutes and treasurer's report for May. 2018 was approved.

Keith Kittinger gave a brief report of the upcoming caboose and station visit tour. A date for same is forthcoming.

It was mentioned that the NRHS publications include as many as 42 pages of color photos and stories along with information members may find interesting.

A short discussion was held regarding the Crofton KY Veterans Park being re conditioned and how this may affect the Chapter's annual Crofton Picnic. President Rick Bivins will ask Bill Farrell to investigate.

A Mystery Photo was passed around in the form of an image on a cell phone. The location was guessed as the Central City KY. L&N/IC RR over and under "junction".

With no additional business coming before the Chapter, President Ricky Bivins called for adjournment. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn which was approved by the membership.

The business meeting was followed by refreshments in the form of "dogs and burgers" from the grill by Grill Master Dr. Bill Thomas. That in turn was followed with homemade ice cream all of which was very well received.

Respectfully, Rick Bivins

## Current Financial Report

4/1/2018	Beginning Balance			1,923.47
4/10/2018	Deposite	Dues 2018	20	1,943.47
4/10/2018	Deposite	Neurirk 2018 Raffle	10	1,953.47
4/22/2018	Check # 1227	NRHS Fund RailCamp	100 00	1,853.47
5/1/2018	Beginning Balance			1,853.47
5/6/2018	Deposite	Dues 2018	10	1,863.47
6/1/2018	Beginning Balance			1,863.47
7/1/2018	Beginning Balance			1,863.47

## Photo Gallery



It's 7:00 AM on 06-Jul-2018 as the crew of IORY GP38-2 number 2102 begins its workday at Washington Court House, Ohio. They will spend the morning sorting cars from Columbus, Cincinnati, and Springfield before heading south to switch the local industrial park. Photo by Chris Dees

IORY GP38-2 number 2109 backs around the wye at Washington Court House, Ohio on the morning of 06-Jul-2018. Now on the former B&O Midland Subdivision, the crew will head northeast toward Columbus, pausing to switch the large Valero ethanol plant at Bloomingburg, OH. Photo by Chris Dees.



The former Baltimore & Ohio depot at Midland City, Ohio has seen better days, but continues to stand watch in July 2018 at the junction of Indiana & Ohio Railway's Midland and Greenfield subdivisions.

During a recent visit to Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati, this badge of honor was noted on the adjacent railroad overpass, now operated as the Indiana & Ohio Railway's Midland Subdivision. Photo by Chris Dees.



## Precious Memories On the Milwaukee Road



Above: I couldn't resist. We've had high nineties for what seems to be forever, and today only 90. So just to jog our memory of cooler climes, this January 1979 scene seemed like a nice idea. I feel cooler already.

The eastbound is exiting one of two wooden show sheds along Lake Keechelus. Interstate 90 occupies the shoreline across the lake. Snoqualmie Pass and the 11,789 foot tunnel are a few miles behind the train. The vertical milepost number 2112 indicates the miles to the bumping post at Union Station in Chicago.

Everything except the power poles in this scene are gone, track, sheds and all. Yours truly became the proud owner of the salvaged the milepost sign after the abandonment. The right-of-way is owned by the state parks system, and great for hiking and biking in the Summer, and cross-country skiing in Winter.

Credits: Picture by Jay Lentzner from the book "The Milwaukee Road," by Frederick W. Hyde. Submitted by Gary O. Ostlund, gary.ostlund@att.net, Pinehurst, NC

Right: I'm trying a little RR historical preservation in my back yard these days. This signal and lights came from West Broadway (Madisonville KY) a few years ago when CSX replaced it with gates. Hope to have a flasher unit from Paducah RR museum soon.  
Bill Thomas





# The Bumper

Here's a link where you can purchase copies  
of our 2018 Chapter Calendars

Small Calendar 8.5x11 -\$16.95 + shipping

<http://www.lulu.com/shop/jim-pearson/2018-west-ky-nrhs-small-calendar/calendar/product-23458388.html>

Large Wall Calendar 13x19 #14.95 + Shipping

<http://www.lulu.com/shop/jim-pearson/2018-west-kentucky-nrhs-large-calendar/calendar/product-23458434.html>

## TIMETABLE #110

- August 20 - Chapter Meeting at Innovation Station (former L&N depot)
- September 17 - Chapter Meeting at Innovation Station (former L&N depot)
- September 29 - Chapter Picnic Crofton

If you know of regional events we can put on the Timetable, please forward those to me, [bill@fbcmadisonville.com](mailto:bill@fbcmadisonville.com).

**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.

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### Railway Preservation News

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### Kentucky Railway Museum

[www.kyrail.org/](http://www.kyrail.org/)

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### Lick Scenic Railway

[www.indianarailwaymuseum.org](http://www.indianarailwaymuseum.org)

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### Illinois Railway Museum

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### Railway Museum

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