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## Chapter Chatter

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**Next Meeting Monday,  
Monday August 20  
7:00 pm**

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

## *The West Tennessee Railroad*

By Chris Dees

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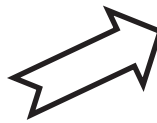
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***UP COMING PHOTO  
CONTEST  
September 15-30, 2018***

***Submission Deadline  
October 7, 2018***

***Get out there!  
Never know what you'll find on the rails!***



# Welcome New Member

Darrell Grisham  
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## Holy Train Night at Steve's August 14, 2018



## 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



## Ricky's Replies

Greetings fellow rail fans. Welcome to the hot summer nights addition of our newsletter. August is turning out to be busy as usual. For me as well as others I'm sure.

Last months meeting brought about a few surprises. We had to meet in the basement of Innovation Station as opposed to upstairs. The venue worked out well. We did have a glitch with the audiovisual system. We were able to resource YouTube for a very enjoyable program in place of one that was planned. Steve was instructed to purchase the audiovisual equipment we would need to remedy the problem. We will see what he came up with this month.

As posted on the chapter webpage, here are the next photo dates. Make a note and take some pics! Remember, the winning photos are selected by the membership and will be used in the calendar for 2019.

September 15-30, 2018, Submission Deadline:  
October 7, 2018.

Bill Farrell will have a report on the Veterans Park in Crofton Kentucky regarding our picnic in September. A drive-by inspection shows that much work is still ongoing. We may have to pick an alternate location at this months meeting.

Chris Dees will be presenting the program this month. A much-researched coverage of West Tennessee railroads. Please make plans to attend and partake of this program. And as usual we will have refreshments. I hope to see you there August 20, 2018.

Rick Bivins, WKNRHS President

Some of Ricky's pictures are below.



Above and below: The last CSX box car is "shredded" by two track hoes following the July 10, 2018 derailment in Mortons Gap KY.



Above: Northbound Amtrak Saluki at Pesotum IL with a Siemens "Charger" locomotive in control. July 23, 2018.



# Railroad Stories



Working on the railroad has always been dangerous work. In years past few conventional insurance underwriters would consider policies for railroaders. Whether switchmen in the yards dodging rolling equipment, or brakemen jumping from boxcar to boxcar tying down hand brakes, many a railroader never came home at the end of the day, leaving a trail of mourning widows.

A sobering example of the dangers of railroading is this B&O SD40 with a cabful of lumber. On June 15, 1979, at Bremen, Ind., a load of lumber on a westbound train shifted and slid into the cab of No. 7598, running backward as the trailing unit on an eastbound. A brakeman riding the diesel's cab sustained minor injuries --- and no doubt paid special attention the next time he passed another train.

Many safety improvements have occurred over the years, with the invention the Westinghouse air brake and the Janney coupler being prime examples. In the years before and

since the accident above, lumber transport by rail too has changed. In the very early days boxcars were used for transport of lumber products, a manual and cumbersome process. Today the modern center-beam cars have replaced open flat cars for lumber and other shipments such as dry-wall and plywood.

Credits: Photo by the Bremen Inquirer as seen in Classic Trains Winter 2010, story line in part from Kalmbach's "Working on the Railroad," 2011. Submitted by Gary O. Ostlund.

## 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 each 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 or the membership 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 photographers credit and any other relevant information.

January 15-30, 2019  
Submission Deadline: February 7, 2019  
March 15-30, 2019  
Submission Deadline: April 7, 2019  
May 15-30, 2019  
Submission Deadline: June 7, 2019  
July 15-30, 2019  
Submission Deadline: August 7, 2019

September 15-30, 2018  
Submission Deadline: October 7, 2018  
November 15-30, 2018  
Submission Deadline: December 7, 2018



July 2018 Winners  
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It is twilight time in Madisonville as the WWII M4 Sherman tank is catching the last rays of the sun. The L&N freight has dropped off the most recent gold nugget for Don Clayton next to the station and the whole world is at peace.

Rich Hane

## Minutes from July 16, 2018

President Ricky Bivins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, July 16th, 2018. There was a total of 12 members present. The minutes were approved from the June 16th, 2018 meeting. The treasurers report was given by William Farrell, of 1,923.47, approved.

**Old Business** - A report by Keith was given on a road trip to visit old railroad cabooses in Western Kentucky. Keith said he has not set a date for the tour as of yet. President Bivins took a report from Bill Farrell on the club picnic in Crofton set for September 29th. Bill reported there is still a covered area on the North side of the fire station which could be used for the club picnic. It was noted by Steve Miller that the remodeling of Veterans Park should be finished by the club picnic date.

Bill Farrell and Blair Terry will be hosting a Railfanning event on October 13th in Hopkinsville at the L&N Depot on 9th Street, everyone was encouraged to attend. There was some discussion about the date being changed because of the photo contest deadline. It was decided to leave the date on the 13th because of other conflicts.

Jim Pearson reported that we were just finishing up the July photo contest and the deadline to enter these pictures would be July 22nd. Jim also said the contest would start on September 15th and finish on the 30th with a deadline of October 8th. Jim also reported we wanted to have the chapter 2019 calendars ready in December for our members to purchase.

Ricky Bivins reported that next month program would be presented by Chris Dees and the topic would be, "West Tennessee Railroads".

**New Business** - Steve Miller made a motion that our club purchase a DVD player for 50.00 or less, that would be compatible with the monitors in the Innovation Station for future programs. The motion was seconded by Bill Farrell. Motion carried. Steve volunteered to research what was available on the market and make the purchase for the chapter. Bill Thomas made a motion that we adjourn the business portion of the meeting and it was seconded Jim Kemp. Business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, William Farrell

## Current Financial Report

4/1/2018	Beginning Balance			1,923.47
4/10/2018	Deposit	Dues 2018	20	1,943.47
4/10/2018	Deposit	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	Deposit	Dues 2018	10	1,863.47
6/1/2018	Beginning Balance			1,863.47
7/1/2018	Beginning Balance			1,863.47
7/17/2018	Deposit	Dues 2018	5	1,868.47
7/19/2018	Deposit	Dues 2018	5	1,873.47
8/3/2018	Deposit	Calendars	55	1,928.47
8/3/2018	Deposit	Calendars	12	1,940.47
8/3/2018	Deposit	Drawing	7	1,947.47
		Steve Miller, DVD		
7/18/2018	Check # 1228	Player	49 67	1,897.80
8/1/2018	Beginning Balance			1,897.80



## July Photo Contest Winners



1st Place, West Kentucky Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society photo contest. Union Pacific 4722 leads a train northbound at the diamonds in Mount Vernon IL on July 14, 2018. iPhone photo by - Rick Bivins

2nd Place, West Kentucky Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society photo contest. CSXT 5287 on the lead with 377 trailing, crosses the Ohio River from Henderson, KY to Evansville, IN as it makes its way north on the Henderson Subdivision. - Photo by Bill Farrell



3rd Place, West Kentucky Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society photo contest. On July 5, 2018, the crew of Indiana & Ohio Railway's 2102, Local begins the day by switching cars in the small Konrad Yard at Washington Court House, Ohio, before heading out to switch customers at the industrial park south of town. - Photo by Chris Dees

# 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>

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## 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).

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### Illinois Railway Museum

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### Tennessee Central

### Railway Museum

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