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## Chapter Chatter

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**Next Meeting Monday,  
Monday October 15  
7:00 pm**

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

***Program  
And  
Refreshments***

***Nomination of Officers***

***UP COMING PHOTO  
CONTEST***

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

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# Ricky's Replies

Hello again National Railway Historical Society, Western Kentucky Chapter members, and welcome to October! The first week of October feels more like August. But rest assured, we will make up for it! Cool weather is on the way.

We will have many things to discuss this month relating to upcoming events. Our annual Christmas Show, Breakfast with Santa and of course our own Christmas dinner will be some of those topics. Also, we will make our first call for nominees for officers as our election will be held in November. Your attendance to these meetings and events is paramount. We need everyone's collective energy to make things work.

As for elections and first call for nominees, everyone is eligible to hold an office. We have the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chapter Representative. If you would like to hold an office, nominate yourself and don't be bashful.

Our annual fall picnic in Crofton was a good one. Several members enjoyed camaraderie and the passage of several trains. Bill Farrell along with Mrs. Farrell and others contributed to the food and much fun was had by those in attendance. This is one of our signature events and one enjoyed by many.

Jim Pearson should have a report on the recent photo contest. Hopefully Jim had more to choose from than everyone shot of the Union Pacific locomotive at Crofton!

Steve's program last month was a DVD from his collection featuring passenger trains of the 60s. A lot of good shots and action of an era long gone. Big thanks to Steve.

So members, if you can make it to the meeting, rest assured that you will be entertained. With new members coming on and cool weather, we always seem to enjoy our interests even more this time of year. I hope to see you there.

Ricky

## 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

# Crofton Picnic Photo Gallery



Wally has the right idea! Relax and enjoy!



Above: Bill Farrell cooks up some burgers and dogs at the annual Crofton Picnic in September.

Right and below: A great time was had it appears from Ricky's photographs.



# Rail Photo Gallery



**Left: Editor's pick** - September 11, 2018 - CSX empty coal train J806-10 slowly makes it's way along the PeeVee Spur off of CSX's Morganfield Branch at Madisonville, Ky as it makes its way to the Warrior Coal Load out to pickup a load of coal. Photo by Jim Pearson

**Right:** From Facebook:. Illinois Central Scrapbook. Dawson Springs KY. looking south. IC Steam excursion, 1963. Submitted by Ricky Bivins.



Dawson Springs, KY  
Oct. 2, 1960  
Tom Gildersleeve photo  
Cliff Downey coll.



## 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.

November 15-30, 2018

Submission Deadline: December 7, 2018

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



**Below:** Although it's not a railroad-related photograph, I thought it interesting. On an unusually foggy morning I arrived at the "bull pen" where several Hopkins County buses await their "engineers" to pull them out of their stalls for the morning run. I'm fortunate to be one of those engineers (my avocation) and function as a substitute almost every morning and one or two afternoons a week. If you know of anyone who might fit this part-time vocation well, please let me know. Bill Thomas, editor.



# Minutes from September, 2018

Western Kentucky Chapter/NRHS Minutes, September 17, 2018

President Ricky Bivins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, September 17, 2018. There was a total of 14 members present for the meeting. The minutes were approved as printed in the PennyRail, from the August 20, 2018 meeting. The treasurers report was given by William Farrell, of 1,902.80, approved.

Old Business; Steve Miller reported that the chapter will be hosting the Christmas Party at his home in Hopkinsville. The party will be on the first Saturday in December, meet at 3:00 pm and eat at 4:00 pm, training will follow after the meal.

Bill Farrell has confirmed the city of Crofton has approved the uses of the gazebo next to the firehouse for the club picnic. Members can start arriving anytime after 9:00 am for the outing.

Bill Farrell & Blair Terry will be holding a Railfanning event on October 13th in Hopkinsville at the L&N Depot on 9th Street, Hopkinsville. Members are encouraged to attend and the event will start any time after 9:00 am.

Jim Pearson encouraged all members to take part in the September photo contest which started on the 15th and will end on the 30th with a deadline to enter pictures one week later.

New Business: Treasurer Bill Farrell reported that the chapter dues structure might be a little unfair to new members. If they pay their chapter dues now they will be billed again in three months for an additional year. It was suggested by Bill that we make an allowance in time for the billing of dues for new members. Steve Miller motioned that our chapter give all new members who join after May 31st a variance on their dues for the next calendar year. Keith Kittinger seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the members present.

President Bivins reminded all members that were present that October is the month for officer nomination for the next year.

Bill Farrell gave a report on the chapters Christmas projects. President Bivins appointed Steve Miller and Bill Farrell to come up with a schedule with dates for the membership before the October meeting.

Will Kling made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Steve Miller, motion carried.

Business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully;  
William Farrell

## Current Financial Report

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
7/18/2018	Check # 1228	Steve Miller, DVD Player 49 67		1,897.80
8/1/2018	Beginning Balance			1,897.80
8/21/2018	Deposit	Dues 2018	5	1,902.80
9/1/2018	Beginning Balance			
10/1/2018	Beginning Balance			1,902.80

## Model RR Photo Gallery



NYC power on the C&W Railroad.

Rick Bivins photo.



IC power on Keith's HO layout. Ricky Bivins photo.



Crews at work on Keith's layout. Rick Bivins photo.

# The Bumper



**Don't cry, maybe you can get a picture or something interesting next month! Editor.**

## **TIMETABLE #110** FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- October 15 - Chapter Meeting at Innovation Station (former L&N depot)
- November 19 - Chapter Meeting at Innovation Station (former L&N depot)
- December 1 - Chapter Christmas Party at Steve and Marilyn Miller's - 3pm
- December 15 - Breakfast with Santa at Catfish Harbor - 8 AM

**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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