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Chapter Chatter

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**Next Meeting Monday,
Monday November 19
7:00 pm**

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

***Program
And
Refreshments***

Election 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

Greetings fellow National Railway Historical Society, Western Kentucky Chapter members and welcome to November! It would seem winter came on without a fall. As did summer without a spring. Personally, I like the cooler weather. I have more time for things other than mowing, work etc.!

As you know, November brings about election time. Not on a national level mind you, but rather on our Chapter level! The November meeting will showcase the election process for the 2019 officers of our Chapter. No new nominations were made in October, however, we will call for nominations from the floor during the November meeting. If you know of someone whom you would like as an officer, nominate them. One can even nominate them self if so desired. So show up and be heard, and be counted.

Last month's meeting was quite informative as one can see from the minutes. Refreshments were spot on and Bill Farrell's program was excellent. I enjoy when a member presents a program of personal interest and with a personal touch. I especially enjoyed the model of the train station that still stands in Matawan, New Jersey. Ironically, I was searching the web a few days after the program for more information on the station when I ran across photographs of the model itself while still in the hands of the builder before being sent to Bill! A great program indeed Bill.

Don't forget the Christmas party on December 1 which is a Saturday and will be held at Steve Miller's house in Hopkinsville. Meet time is 3 PM, eat time is 4 PM with trains in the basement following. Also, the Christmas show officially begins the day after on the second as a set up and trial run day. Bill Farrell will have more information and remind us of the schedule. And let's not forget breakfast with Santa! Again Bill will have more information meeting night.

A little FYI for the members, I now have an official Innovation Station badge! Meaning, I can open the building without having to have the locks programmed by the administration. Of course this is not something we will abuse. Any events at Innovation Station other than our monthly meetings will have to be cleared with management team prior to scheduling. With this knowledge, be advised, we will have to enter through the basement door. The upstairs doors will not remain unlocked during our meeting. Likewise, should any unforeseen event prevent me from arriving on meeting night, we will not have access to the building! Hopefully this will not happen.

Once again meeting night will also be election night. Make this your Chapter by casting a vote. Bring a friend and come prepared to be amazed! Well, at least entertained with like-minded individuals. See you there. Ricky

Reminder: No Newsletter in December!

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



Left and below: Holy Train Night. November 6, 2018. Wally, Jim and Rich contemplate the next move on Rick's Valley Steel Lines O Gauge train layout. Several trains can be seen.

Below: Mother and slug (GP-40/GP-30) at Guthrie KY. November 3, 2018. Photo by Ricky Bivins.



Right: Blair Terry - sitting in the engineer's seat of the NC&StL locomotive 576. This was Nashville Steam Preservation Society's annual fall open house on October 27, 2018, in Centennial Park. Nashville Steam Preservation Society has reached their goal of half a million dollars and will be moving the locomotive from Centennial Park to the Tennessee Central Railroad Museum facilities for the final restoration process.



Rail Photo Gallery



Left and below: Steve Miller and Keith Kittinger enjoy lunch aboard a Tennessee Central diner in Nashville, TN.

Below: C&O GP7 5704 prepares to depart Lima, OH for Springfield, OH with the southbound leg of The Lima Limited excursion train hosted by Ohio Rail Experience, Cincinnati Railway Company, and Indiana & Ohio Railway on October 13, 2018. 5704, recently restored to her original livery, is the oldest operating example of EMD's iconic diesel locomotive. Chris Dees





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 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



Today we all begin "Standard Time." Actually, it started early this morning at 2AM when we were all supposed get up and move the clock back one-hour, gaining an extra hour of sleep. To my knowledge, no one got up at 2AM.

Railroads have always functioned by the clock. All operating personnel, enginemen, conductors, brakemen, dispatchers, maintenance of way folks, and others all need to function precisely, on the same time. Over the years railroads spent a fortune assuring every pocket watch worn by a railroader was accurate, to the second. Watch repairmen were under contract to provide this service. Rail management despised Daylight Savings Time as it meant changing their passenger schedules, among other things. (Only farmers were less happy with DST)

Railroaders timepieces, timetable, and special instructions kept trains from running into each other. This was in the days prior to the computer screen now in view of the engineer and conductor as they glide along their way. They can now communicate in real time with the dispatcher, coordinating meets, and change strategies in order to expedite their cargo.

U. S. Railroads did the country a great service in 1883 when, on their own, no governmental involvement, established our four time-zones. Fifty-Six standards of time were folded into the four zones we set time by today. Only minor tweaking has altered the original map, mostly to enhance economic zones. Photo by the late Richard Steinheimer.



Minutes from October, 2018

Western Kentucky Chapter/NRHS Minutes, October 15, 2018

President Ricky Bivins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, October 15, 2018. There was a total of 15 members and 1 guest present for the meeting. The minutes were approved as printed in the PennyRail, from the September 16, 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 hoisting 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. It was noted that 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. Next date for the November photo contest will be from the 1st to the 15th with a deadline of November 18th. Jim reported we would try to have the photo's from the contest ready for the calendar's by Christmas.

New Business: Nominations were taken for Western Kentucky Chapter officers for the 2019 year. The slate of officers will remain the same for 2019 as they were in 2018. Ricky Bivins, President, Steve Miller, VP, Bill Farrell, Secretary/Treasurer, Keith Kittinger, Director at Large, and Will Kling, National Representative to NRHS. There were no new nominees for any of the club officers. The election for the 2019 club officers will take place in the November meeting. Bill Farrell gave a report on the chapters Christmas projects. Keith Kittinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Will Kling, motion carried.

Business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully;
William Farrell

Current Financial Report

10/1/2018	Beginning Balance		1,902.80
11/1/2018	Beginning Balance		1,902.80
11/14/2018	Office Max, cards	9.53	1,893.27
11/16/2018	Kentucky Farm Bureau	309.1	1,584.20

Items of Interest



The shiny new Budd-built commuter cars are being loaded aboard a ship destined to Brazil. Brazilian railroads have both broad-gauge and standard-gauge. These cars appear to be standard, meaning 4 foot - 8-1/2 inches between the rails. In 1957 Brazil had the eighth-longest rail transport network in the world.

The Budd Company produced a wide variety of passenger equipment including the popular dome cars that AMTRAK retired. Personally, I liked to be able to see forward, over the top of the train as it careened across the country, even after dark.

Why the arrow, you ask.? The arrow is pointing to the rear mast. Large ships of the 20th Century were built with the pilot house and creature comforts, amidships. Most had two masts forward and a single astern. Notice the upper portion of the single mast astern is blackened. This was typical, as was the forward masts and bow of ocean-going ships painted white with a large band from the most forward point back to the first step along the gunwales, (the top edge of the side of a boat).

The reason for the blackened rear mast and the bright white forward was to provide a vivid image from afar during daylight hours. It's a big ocean out there, and your eyes can play tricks on you. It's extremely important for the helmsman to know precisely the attitude of any nearby traffic. From the bridge of your ship when you could see the white bow and super-structure, you knew the far-off ship was facing you. In hours of darkness red, green navigation lights provide the visual.

Large ships built today usually place the pilot house and all amenities positioned at the stern. Some of the reasons: from the stern the Captain has a better feel of control, particularly when docking, and the propulsion source is near the propeller, eliminating a lengthy drive shaft and housing that could affect the lading capacity. Photographer unknown

Gary O. Ostlund



October 13, 2018 - From Today's railfan event at Hopkinsville. We had I'd say between 10-15 people show up. Only saw 2 trains as the flooding down south has things backed up. Jim Pearson

Left: Keith Kittenger and his grandson Tanner wait for a train trackside at Hopkinsville, Ky during the chapters railfan outing.

The Bumper



**Chapter Christmas Party at Steve and Marilyn Miller's home - December 1.
Sign up for covered dish at the meeting
November 19, 2018.**

TIMETABLE #110 FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- 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
- **NO NEWSLETTER IN DECEMBER!**

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

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www.indianarailwaymuseum.org

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