

PENNYRAIL

January 2020

VOLUME 24 NUMBER 1

Please send your digital photos and story material to billtrainthomas@gmail.com or mail to **Bill Thomas**, First Christian Church 1030 College Dr. Madisonville, KY 42431.



Chapter Chatter

In this issue...

- ♦ Photo Galleries
- ♦ President's Pics
- ♦ Chapter Interchange Track
- ♦ Minutes & Financial Report
- ♦ Photo contest dates in Time Table, p. 6

**Next Meeting
Monday
January 20
7:00 pm**

**Innovation Station
(Former L&N Depot)
Main Line & Arch St**

**Program by
Ricky Bivins**

Refreshments Served

Western Kentucky
Chapter, NRHS, Inc.

* * * * *

President
Ricky Bivins

Vice President
Steve Miller

Secretary-Treasurer
Bill Farrell

National Director
Will Kling

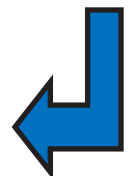
Director at Large
Keith Kittinger

"PENNYRAIL" is the official publication of the Western Kentucky Chapter, NRHS. Send news notes, historical notes and other rail information to:

Editor
Bill Thomas

1025 Lakewood Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431
(270) 339-9482 Cell
e-mail:
billtrainthomas@gmail.com

**Two IC Lanterns For Sale
See Details in the Chapter
Interchange on page 6**



Ricky's Pics From Breakfast with Santa

Looks like a good time was had at the chapter's breakfast with Santa and Polar Express Conductor!



Photo Gallery

New train buffs Harper and Hayden Young run their Christmas presents on my (Ricky Bivins') Valley Steel Lines layout.



Sunrise on the Madisonville, Harford & Eastern at Hwy 85, Anton KY, December 22, 2018.
Photo by Ricky Bivins

Above: Needing storage space, I (Ricky Bivins) purchased a well worn highway trailer. by adding an official railroad sign from my collection, I now have an almost true to life piece of railroad equipment!

Photo Gallery Continued



Left: Gary Ostlund sent this in as a Christmas greeting back in December.

Below Right: Fairbanks-Morse Erie-built diesels lead the Milwaukee Road's Olympian Hiawatha at Beverly, Wash., on Feb 11, 1949. The train is running as an extra because snow slides in the Cascade Range have put it about 20 hours late.

Operating rules state that any timetable-scheduled train, more than 12 hours late on the posted schedule, loses both right and class and can no longer proceed and further movement must be as "Extra," or unscheduled train, authorized by Train Orders. Hence the white flags displayed high near windshield.

The train has just descended the 2.2 % grade down the Saddle Mountains, and the rear of this train is still over the Columbia River. Those mountains in the background are part of the Army's Yakima Firing Range. No trains pass through Beverly, or cross the river today. The track is gone and the right-of-way is part of the Iron Horse State Park and the John Wayne Trail



system. The bridge itself, the vital missing link in the cross-state trail system, has been closed to the public for safety concerns. Plans are being formulated to deck the surface and open for non-motorized use.

These shiny new FM units are opposed-piston diesel powered, an engine developed for marine use, mostly submarines. They produced tremendous horsepower proportion to their size, however, not considered wildly successful in rail use. They had a bad habit of cracked cylinder casings, and when that occurred you could see them coming for miles, just like a steam engine.

The late Wade Stevenson, a 35-year Milwaukee Road employee, worked in the Othello, Washington roundhouse most of those years. An avid photographer, he used public transportation and his rail-pass traveling the country recording history. He never married, never owned a car.

credits: Pix by Wade Stevenson, text assist by D. T. Sprau



Photography Contest News

All members are invited to submit no more than two entries each to webmaster@westkentuckynrhs.org. You must be a paid member of the chapter to participate in these contests. The Membership will judge the photos at the meeting following each contest and select 1st through 3rd place. The winners will be published in the PennyRail and on the chapter website. At least the 1st place winners will be used to produce a chapter calendar for the next year.

See photo contest dates in The Time Table on page 6!



Minutes from November 2019

President Ricky Bivins called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, November 18, 2019. There was a total of 12 members present for the meeting. The minutes from the October 16, 2019 meeting were approved as printed in the club bulletin (PennyRail). The treasurers report was given by Bill Farrell, of 1,942.53. Two checks had been written one for 710.65 to Central Screen Printing for the cost of the jackets and the other to Ky, Farm Bureau for insurance. The treasurers report was approved.

Old Business; President Bivins called on the Don Clayton slide committee for a report. Steve Miller reported that the committee was almost finished with sorting the slides. Bill Farrell gave a report on a club jacket. The club jackets had arrived and Bill started distributing them to the members who ordered them. Those members who purchased jackets will be invoiced with their club dues in December. It was noted that the Christmas party would be at Catfish Harbor on December 7 at 6:00 pm. Jim Pearson reported on the November Photo Contest. The winners were Copper Smith first place and Bill Grady second place. Jim reported that our next photo contest would start on January 1st and run to the 15th, with a one week dead line to get the photos into Jim. The "Breakfast with Santa" committee reported that the event was well under way. Keith said he had several volunteers will be helping with the fund raiser this year. It will take place on December 7th from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Bill Farrell reported that the Lionel Train Raffle was under way and all the chapter members will receive four raffle tickets to sell or buy. The raffle will take place on December 21, in the Parkway Plaza Mall, at 6:00 pm.

New Business: Club calendars for 2020 will go to press this week. Jim reported he hopes to have them ready for at the Christmas Party, December 7th. He will use the first and second place winners from each of the six contests held this year. The price of each calendar will be 14.00. The Chapter will take orders for hats with our logo embroidered on the front. The cost of a hat will be 10.75. The membership vote to use gray hats. The membership discussed the cost of the annual local dues for 2020. It was decided to leave the dues at 5.00 per member for the upcoming year. Motion was made by Steve Miller to leave the dues at 5.00 for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded by Will Kling. Bill Farrell will invoice the membership in December. President Bivins made a suggestion to donate money to the City of Crofton to be used for their Memorial Park. Bob Moffet made a motion to donate 250.00 dollars. This motion died for the lack of a second. Will Kling suggested 50.00 dollars. Keith Kittinger made a motion to donate 200.00 dollars. Seconded by Steve Miller, motion passed. Bill Farrell will take a check for 200.00 dollars to the Crofton City Hall. Steve Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Keith Kittinger, motion carried. Business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully; William Farrell

Current Financial Report

12/1/2019	Beginning Balance		1,871.14
12/2/2019	Check # 1240 Ky Farm Bureau Mship	51	1,820.14
12/2/2019	Check # 1241 William Farrell, Reimb.	87.17	1,732.97
12/5/2019	Check # 1242 Jim Pearson, Reimb. Cal.	106.15	1,626.82
12/14/2019	Check # 1243 William Farrell, Reimb. Hats	307.51	1,319.31
12/14/2019	Check # 1244 Steve Miller, Reimb. Slides	194.04	1,125.27
1/1/2020	Beginning Balance		1,125.27
1/6/2020	Catfish Harbor		116 1,241.27
1/6/2020	Photo's Breakfast with Santa		45 1,286.27
1/6/2020	Lionel Train Raffle	Paid 100.00 cash to winner	270 1,556.27
1/6/2020	Check # 1245 P.O. Box Rental	92	1,464.27
1/6/2020	Check # 1246 Keith Kittinger, Fly/Santa	100	1,364.27

The Bumper

Chapter Interchange Track

- ◆ **Illinois Central Lanterns For Sale - Asking \$100 each.**
Contact David Bratcher at 270-836-4973 (pictures on front page)

If you have items for sale or looking for a particular item or items, Email me at billtrainthomas@gmail.com with the information and I will list it here.



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.

Bill Thomas, editor
billtrainthomas@gmail.com

AS RAILFANS WE ARE OFTEN AT TRACKSIDE AND IN POSITION TO OBSERVE EMERGENCY CONDITIONS THAT COULD AFFECT RAILROAD SAFETY OR SECURITY. KEEP THESE NUMBERS HANDY TO REPORT INCIDENTS.

BNSF	800-832-5452
CN/IC	800-465-9239
CSX	800-232-0144
NS	800-453-2530
UP	888-877-7267
Amtrak	800-331-0008

TIMETABLE #110

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- January 20, 7PM - WKNRHS Meetin
- Photo contest Jan 15-30, deadline Feb 7
- February 17 - WKNRHS Meeting
- March 16 - WKNRHS Meeting
- Photo contest March 15-30, deadline Apr 7
- April 20 - WKNRHS Meeting
- May 18 - WKNRHS Meeting
- Photo contest May 15-30, deadline June 7
- June 15 - WKNRHS Meeting (At Bill Thomas's)

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

National Railway Historical Society

www.nrhs.com

Railway Preservation News

www.rypn.org/

Kentucky Railway Museum

www.kyrail.org/

Indiana Railway Museum and French Lick Scenic Railway

www.indianarailwaymuseum.org

Illinois RR Historical Society

<http://icrrhistorical.org/>

Illinois Railway Museum

www.irm.org/

Tennessee Central Railway Museum

www.tcry.org/

VISIT THE CHAPTER WEB SITE: <http://www.westkentuckynrhs.org>

PENNYRAIL

% Bill Thomas, Editor
1025 Lakewood Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431