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Chapter Chatter

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No Meeting April 20 Due to Covid 19 Restrictions And Safety

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Reminder!

Hats are in and will be at the next meeting. The cost is 10.00 per hat and I (Bill Farrell) will take check or cash. Members may purchase as many hats as they would like, we bought extra. By the way the hats look very good in gray with the club logo on them.

David Fraser Passes

Chapter member and friend David Allen Fraser passed away April 7, 2020. David was a resident of Clay, Kentucky, at the time of his passing. Please remember his family in your prayers.

March Meeting Minutes and Financials

No Meeting in March so No Minutes!

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|-----------|-------------------------------|-----|------|----------|
| 2/1/2020 | Beginning Balance | | | 2,274.87 |
| 2/3/2020 | Check # 1248, City of Crofton | 200 | | 2,074.87 |
| 2/19/2020 | Members Jacket Steve Gentry | | 29 | 2,103.87 |
| 2/19/2020 | Members Dues Steve Gentry | | 5 | 2,108.87 |
| 2/19/2020 | Members Jacket, Ricky Bivins | | 29 | 2,137.87 |
| | Member s Jacket Ricky | | | |
| 2/19/2020 | Bivins rs Dues Ricky Bivins | | 5 | 2,142.87 |
| 2/19/2020 | Donation | | 6 | 2,148.87 |
| 2/19/2020 | Hats | | 210 | 2,358.87 |
| 2/19/2020 | Donation | | 0.13 | 2,359.00 |
| 3/1/2020 | Beginning Balance | | | 2,359.00 |
| 4/1/2020 | Beginning Balance | | | 2,359.00 |



Above: The Hook Line & Singer Garden RR got some needed track work after a long period of deferred maintenance due to budget cuts! Tie replacement was a priority for the short line.

The Larry Levin Collection from Caskey Yard

These shots of Larry's would also serve well to a modeler who may need ideas for railroad details other than trains. Thanks Larry!



Photo Gallery



Left and below:
I caught this
CSX unit coal
train at Warrior
Coal's loading
facility west of
Madisonville,
February 3,
2020. I was
coming off a
school bus route
(empty) on the
west side of the
county. Thus
the limited angle
and distance
from the train.
Get coal train
pictures while
you can!



Don't Let Your Lights Shine!

Submitted by Gary Ostlund



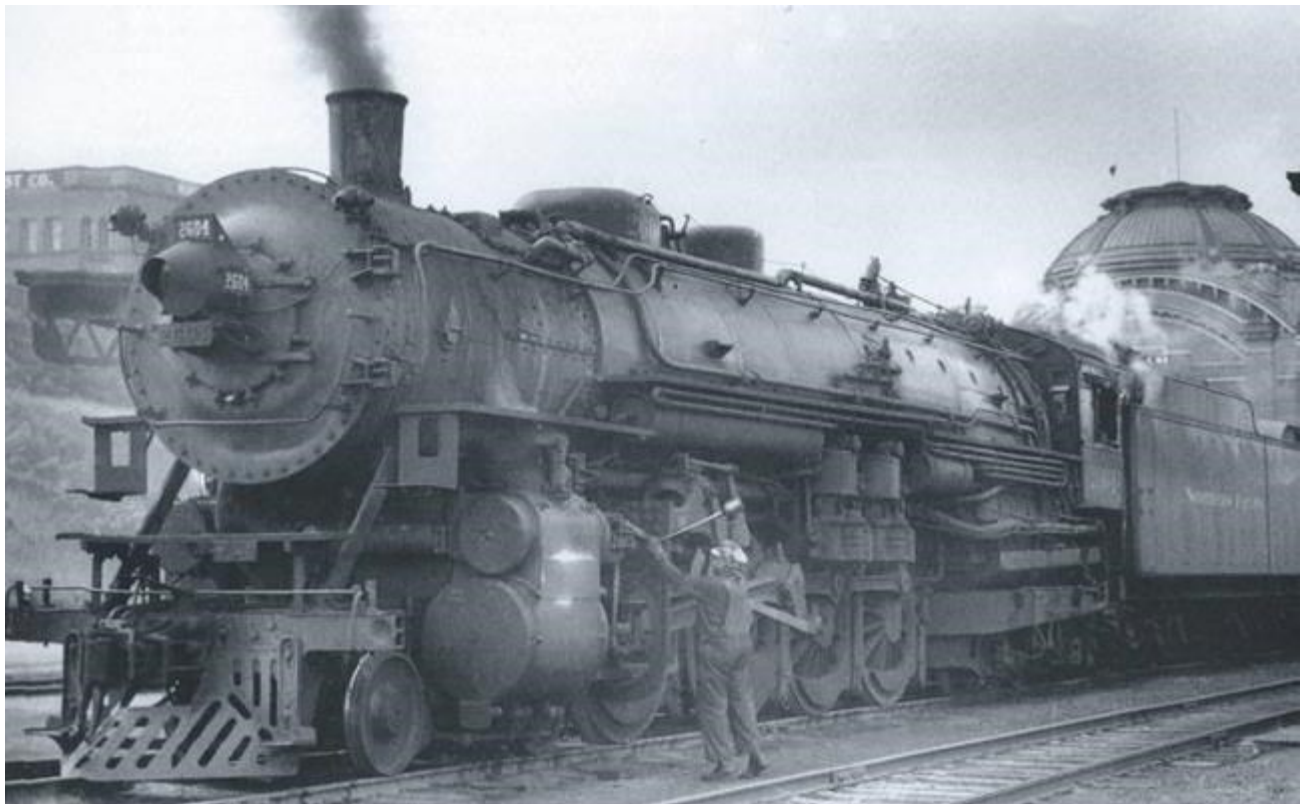
After Pearl Harbor and the start of World War II, the railroads quickly took measures to protect themselves. Note the hoods over the locomotive headlight and marker lights. Even the small classification lights on the locomotive's smokebox are hooded.

Not long after the December 7th attack the Japanese gained a foothold far out on the Aleutian Islands. With the threat of further air attacks railroads took these precautions along with shielded fireboxes, and blackened windows on passenger equipment.

On the civilian side, city street lights and windows were darkened. American and Canadian military forces building the ALCAN Highway deliberately built curves in the road to hinder the ability of enemy aircraft strafing convoys. Some of those curves were still visible in 1973.



Credits: NP 2604 at Tacoma – Jim Fredrickson, SP 2470 headlight – Jack Delano, Caboose marker light – Southern Pacific Lines.



Bill Farrell Adventures

Photo # 6847, taken by William Farrell from a tree, north portal of Ridge Top Tunnel, Ridge Top, TN. It was more like hanging from a tree as the CSX locomotive passed underneath me. I no longer advocate taking pictures from trees. Photo by William Farrell, 2018. (Editor's note: I thought this was just a lot of super-elevation!)

Photo's # 7151, 7157, & 7180 Taken at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum 2017, Photo by William Farrell



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 8!

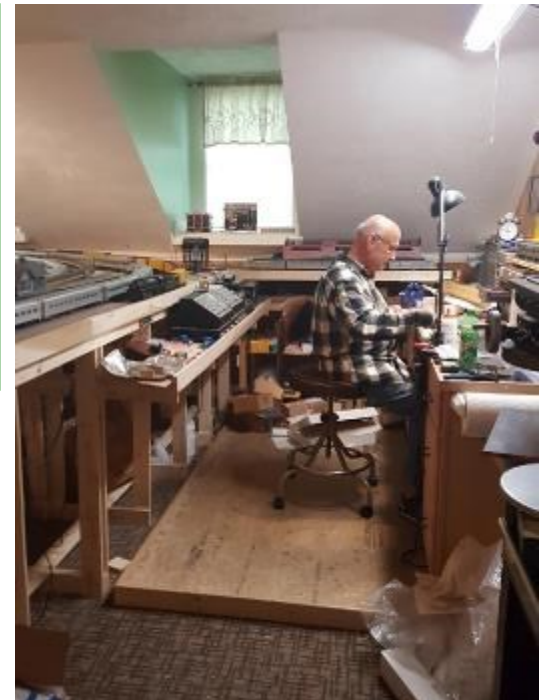


Modeler's Corner

Former chapter member Bill Heaton has developed his O scale layout with the help of his friend, Bob Welch, who works on the scenery. As you may remember, Bill is a fine scale, rivet counting modeler!



Bill (lower right) and Susan have lived in Elizabethton, TN, for 4 years since leaving Madisonville. Bill's scenery expert is Susan's brother-in-law, Bob Welch, retired Seminary Professor of Church Administration.



Bill's wife Susan took all the pictures and submitted them.

The Bumper

Chapter Interchange Track

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.

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TIMETABLE #110

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- April 20 - WKNRHS Meeting - **CANCELED**
- May 18 - WKNRHS Meeting - Hopkinsville
- Photo contest May 15-30, deadline June 7
- June 15 - WKNRHS Meeting (At Bill Thomas's)

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ABOUT MEETING CANCELLATIONS

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

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