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Chapter Chatter

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**Meeting
September 21
Innovation Station
Madisonville, KY
7:00 PM**

**Program
Railroads of
Christian County
Kentucky
By
Steve Miller**

**Refreshments Provided
By Bill Farrel**

Guests are Welcome

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Reminder!
**Chapter Photo Contest
for September 2020 is in
progress!**
**Photo time window is
September 15-31.
Deadline for entries is
October 7.**

July Meeting Minutes and Financials

Western Kentucky Chapter/NRHS Minutes August, 2020

President Ricky Bivins called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, August 17, 2020. There was a total of 13 members and 1 guest present for the meeting.

The minutes from the July 20, 2020 meeting were approved as printed in the club bulletin (PennyRail). The treasurers report was given by Bill Farrell, of 2,373.87, according to the Hancock Bank account. The treasurers report was approved by the members present.

Old Business;

President Bivins ask for a Chapter T shirt report. According to Bill Farrell the club has 5 size medium shirt on hand. Bill also reported the company store has 2-chapter jackets size 2XL and 8 hats for sale.

The Breakfast with Santa committee reported on their meeting in August. That committee is made up of Jim Kemp, Ricky Bivins, and Bill Farrell. After the report by Ricky. A motion by Bill Thomas was made to move forward with the project with the option to stop if there are any problem with the pandemic. The motion was seconded by Steve Miller. The motion carried.

Bill Farrell reported that we have a reservation for the shelter in Crofton on September 26th. This will be the site of the chapter's annual Pic Nick pending any additional problems with COID 19. The Pic Nick will start any time after 9:00 AM.

New Business;

It was decided that the chapter would hold its annual Christmas party on December 5. Because of the uncertainty of the future Bill Thomas motioned for the officers to handle the arrangements for the party. The motion was seconded by Wally Watts. Motion carried.

Ricky Bivins asked for a consensus of weather the chapter should do the Lionel Ready to Run train raffle. After very little discuss Bill Thomas volunteered to chair the fund raiser this year.

The September 21st meeting will be held in Hopkinsville. Steve Miller will host the program with Bill Farrell providing refreshments. Location of the meeting is yet to be determined.

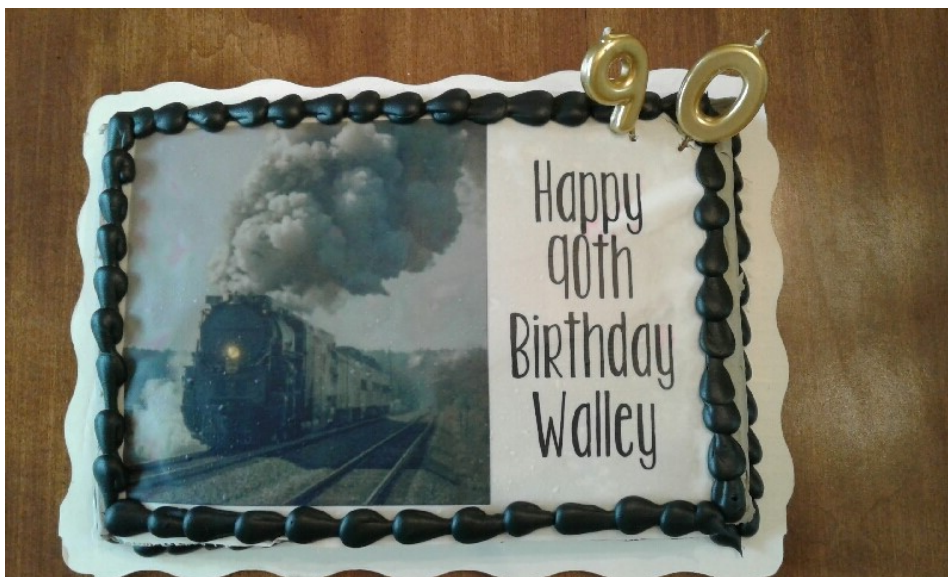
Some discussion came up about the clubs 501 status and weather it was feasible to reapply for that status once more. A committee will be formed to check on the feasibility of the 501 status.

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

Business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully;

William Farrell



**Congratulations
to
Wally Watts
on his 90th
birthday!**

Photo Gallery

CP GP20C-ECO 2204, rebuilt from GP 7/9 parts, is still laboring on during the morning of September 7, 2020 (Labor Day). Tucked in as the second unit on St. Paul, MN-Chicago Manifest 286, she awaits a clear signal across the CN diamond at Duplainville, WI. Photo by Chris Dees.



September 17, 2020 - CSXT 3439 and 275 lead loaded coal train CSX N040 south on the Henderson Subdivision as it approaches the John Rivers Rd. crossing at south Casky in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Tech Info: DJI Mavic Mini Drone, JPG, 4.5mm (24mm equivalent lens) f/2.8, 1/320, ISO 100.



Did You Know...?

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes...!

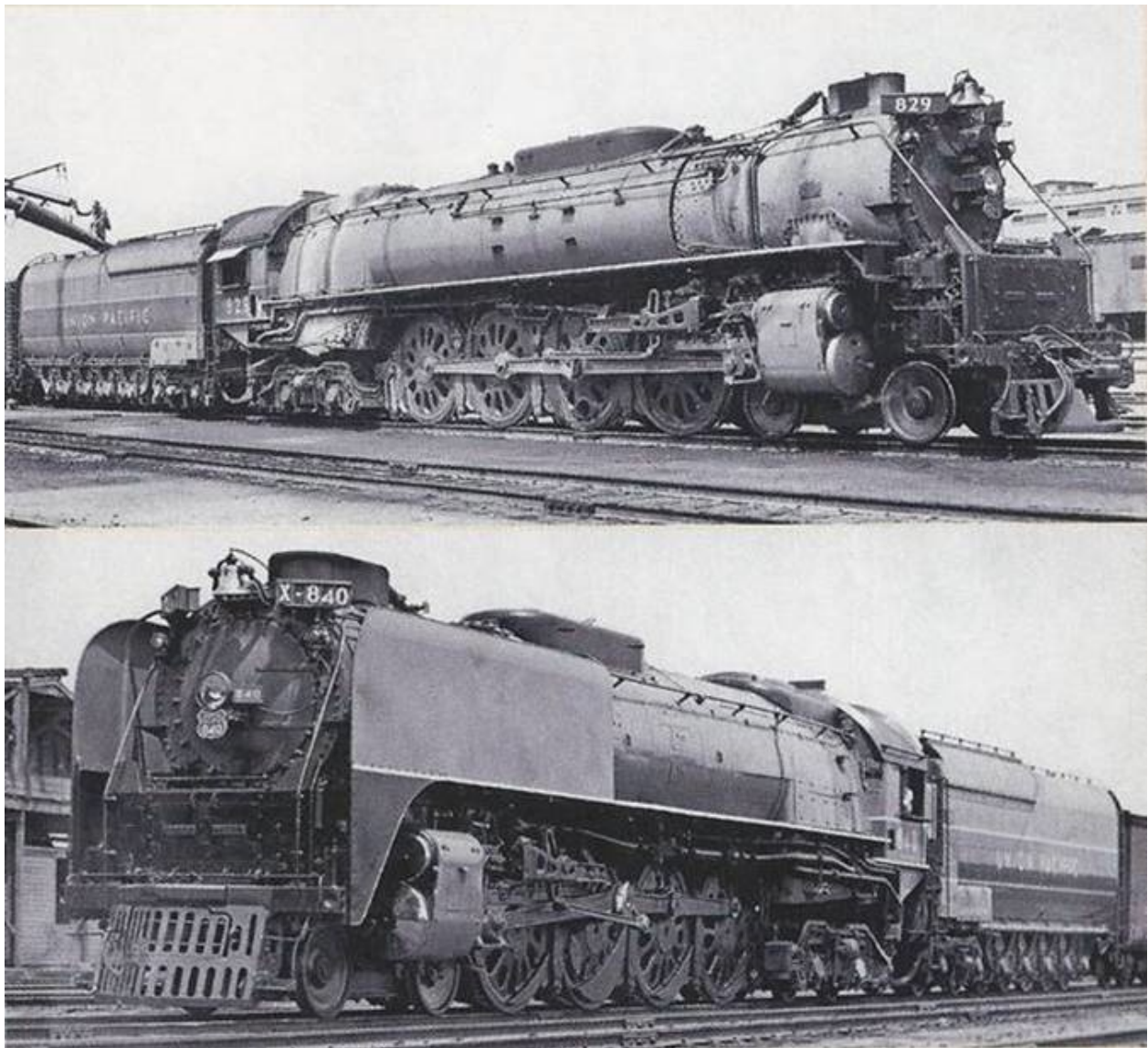
A great show tune written by American composer Jerome Kern and lyricist Otto Harback for their 1933 musical *Roberta*. The popular song has been performed by numerous performers, but the most famous version was recorded in 1958 by The Platters.

Smoke in the eyes of engine crews racing across America's landscape, however, not so wonderful. The configuration of steam motive power dictated that the smoke stack be up front, ahead of the boiler. That fierce exhaust is what creates the draft, keeping the firebox ablaze. Also, the fireman watched the stack, as a useful gauge on his proficiency.

Most railroad management was oblivious to the problem, but the Union Pacific and a few others solved the problem, to a degree, with "elephant ears," as they were nick-named. The ears extended in front of the smokebox, curved inward along the top, and with fast forward movement, created an updraft. At slow speeds, tough luck, you best hope for a good side wind. The Southern Pacific solved the smoke problem particularly in their many tunnels by buying Cab-forward steam locomotives.

I can remember vividly parked along the Chilkat River in Alaska back in 1958, drinking terrible home brew, watching the Northern Lights, and listening to the Platters then new hit; "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," radio static and all. (It does get better than that...)

Credits: Classic Trains - Winter 2010, Photos top Stan Kistler collection, bottom Allen W. Madison and Wikipedia



Company Store

Western Kentucky Chapter/NRHS

Company Store

	Amount	Size	Price
Chapter Jackets	2	2 XL	29.00 ea.
Chapter Hats	7		10.00 ea.
Chapter T Shirts	5	4- L	10.00 ea.
		1- 2XL	10.00 ea.

Financial Report Available at the
September Meeting.

Chapter Picnic at Crofton, KY
Saturday, September 26
9 AM

Upcoming Meeting Agenda

Agenda
September 21, 2020

Call meeting to Order	Ricky Bivins
Welcome Members & Guest	Ricky Bivins
Minutes from August 17th, meeting	Bill Farrell
Treasures Report	Bill Farrell
Call for Old Business	
Breakfast with Santa, July 23 rd com meeting	Ricky Bivins
Chapter Pic Nick, Crofton, KY. 9/26/2020	Bill Farrell
Call for any other Old Business	
Call for New Business	
September Photo Contest	Jim Pearson
501 committee meeting	Bill Thomas
Call for any other New Business	
NRHS Representative Report	Will Kling
Adjourn Business Meeting	Ricky Bivins
Show-N-Tell	
Refreshments by	Bill Farrell
Program by	Steve Miller
Next Meeting October 19 st	
October Refreshments	Keith Kittinger
October Program	Will Kling
Adjourn	

The Bumper

Chapter Interchange Track

Various HO scale freight and passenger cars. Most with Kadee or compatible couplers. Contact Bill Thomas, 270-339-9482, for a detailed list. Examples below.



TIMETABLE #110

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF RAILFANS ONLY

- September 21 - WKNRS Meeting at Hopkinsville
- September 26 - Chapter Picnic at Crofton, KY - 9AM - ?
- October 19 - WKNRHS Meeting
- November 23 WKNRHS Meeting
- December 5 - Chapter Christmas Party - No regular meeting

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

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