

THE PENNYRAIL

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE
WEST KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF
THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hey PennyRailers! Hope everyone is doing well in this frigid weather! Only about 35 days until Spring and the Spring equinox so hang on!

Hopefully we'll be meeting in person this Monday, February 15, under CDC guidelines of course. Bring your favorite mask and be ready to socially distance.

We have a few that regularly contribute to the newsletters contents but I'd like to expand that this year. We don't have any professional writers that I know of so If you have a story to tell about trains of your childhood or catch a picture of a local doing some switching in your town, please send it to me for inclusion in upcoming issues. Keep it simple and if it needs a little editing, I can handle it. That's my job.

For those of you with model railroads or just model equipment. Surely there's been some covid-quarentine-related projects going on out there. Send me pictures with brief descriptions. Share as much or little as you want.

Enjoy! Bill Thomas, Editor



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Mr. Roy Duncan, age 99, of Paducah passed away on February 2, 2021.

An employee of the L&N Railroad in Paducah, Roy was instrumental in fighting the abandonment of the L&N trackage between Paducah and Murray. In 1981, he incorporated the Western Kentucky Railroad Company in an attempt to purchase the line. Although negotiations

w e r e unsuccessful, his efforts delayed abandonment and gave time for Jack Dunigan to create the J&J Railroad from Hardin to Murray. Submitted by Christ Dees



President Keith Kittinger adds a helix to his HO scale model railroad. This route will lead to the new Morganfield Branch.



NEWS BRIEFS



No February meeting due to inclement weather



Send me your pictures and stories for the March edition by March 11

Photo Gallery

Ricky Bivins shot all but one of these from his home in Mortons Gap, KY.

Right - RJ Corman, EMD GP-38's, Guthrie KY, November 7, 2020.



Left - North bound CSX at Mortons Gap, KY, December 5, 2020.

Right - Sunrise, December 6, 2020. Mortons Gap KY, South bound loaded coal train, CSX DPU (dispersed power unit).



Left - North bound EMD GP-15 in tow as seen in Mortons Gap KY, December 30, 2020.

Photo Gallery



Above - My favorite toy! Year 2000, 100th Anniversary Lionel train set. Santa Fe, 11 cars: four engines and 7 passenger cars. O-Gauge, 0-31 minimum radius, set length 165” (13’, 9”). Longest train set Lionel had ever made at the time. Bill Corum

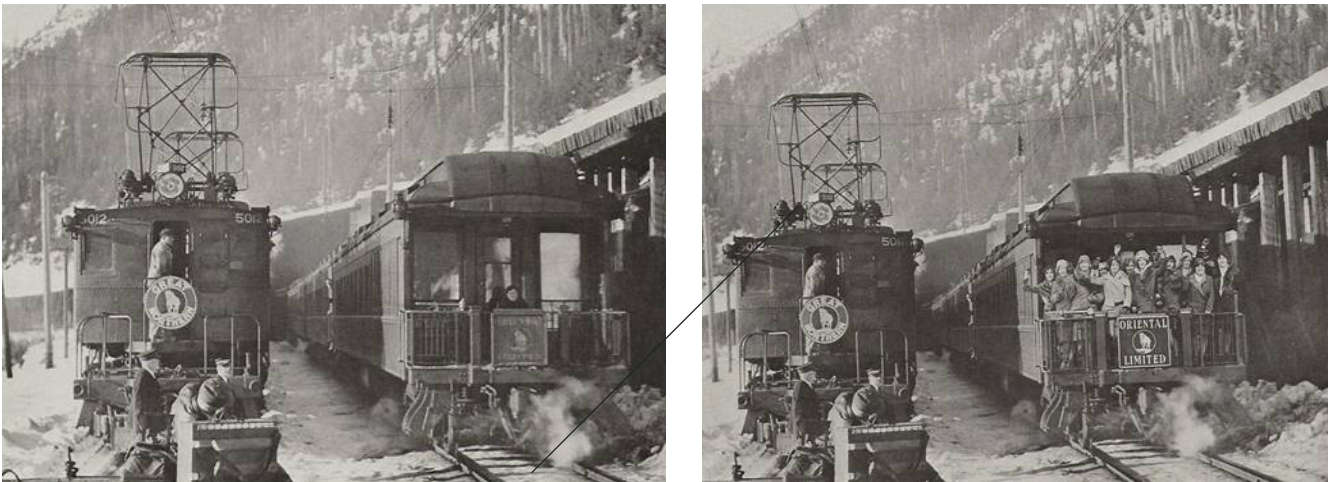
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12/1/20	Beginning Balance				2,333.37
12/3/20	Dues 2020			30	2,363.37
12/3/20	Check # 1250 Insurance		307.96		2,055.41
12/14/20	Check # 1251 Insur Membership		51		2,004.41
12/30/20	Check # 1252 P.O. Box Rental		106		1,898.41
1/1/21	Beginning Balance				1,898.41
1/25/21	Lionel Raffle			595	2,493.41
2/1/21	Beginning Balance				2,493.41
2/9/21	Lionel Raffle			34	2,527.41
2/9/21	2021 Dues, 23 members			115	2,642.41
2/9/21	Donation			80	2,722.41

PHOTO CONTEST INFORMATION

Just as a reminder that our next Chapter Photo Contest for 2021 will run from 15-31 March 2021!

Each dues paying member is allowed to submit two photographs taken anywhere during the two weeks. Entries with captions should be sent to



The Oriental Limited is slowly easing by No. 5012, having just exited the original Great Northern Cascade Tunnel in Washington State. Cameras were poised to record the last westbound train over the old snowshed route. But, instead of a happy group of tourists on the back platform of the observation car there was a solitary passenger bundled up against the chill.

This unhappy circumstance was remedied by replacing the lone passenger (by photo retouching) with Wenatchee's Apple Festival Queen and her Ladies in Waiting before release to the press. The next westbound Oriental Limited will pass through the newly completed 7.79 miles tunnel, several hundred feet below. That tunnel opened on **January 12, 1929**.

The Oriental Limited was the Great Northern's premium passenger train prior to introducing the streamlined Empire Builder in 1947. And you thought photo-shopping and spin-control was something new...!

Submitted by Gary Ostlund. Pix's by Lee Pickett, Index, WA ., as seen in Charles & Dorothy Woods book: Great Northern Railway a Pictorial Study

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS AND ENTRIES



Left - 1st Place - West Kentucky Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society Photo Contest - KCS units lead an ethanol train south, at the location known as Monarch, where they duck under the P&L railway line, on the Henderson Subdivision at Madisonville, Ky on January 30th, 2021. - Photo by Ricky Bivins

Right - 2nd Place West Kentucky Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society Photo Contest - January 31, 2021: C841 heads south as it passes the Lothair intermediates just outside of Hazard, KY. - Photo by Cooper Smith

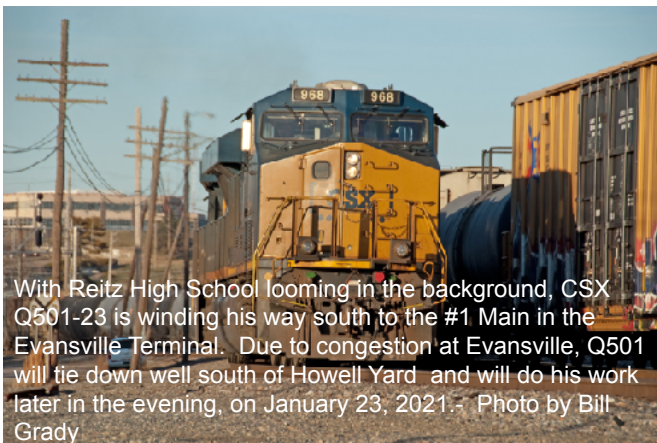


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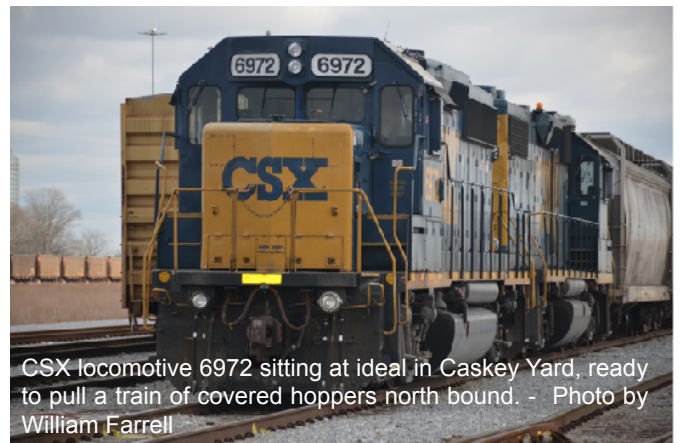
Right - 3rd Place
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 Chapter of the
 National Railway
 Historical Society
 Photo Contest
 -Having dropped off
 his train of Autoracks
 at the Mixing Center
 in Shelbyville, KY, NS
 #23J rolls westbound
 towards the yard at
 Louisville on the
 "best" Snow Day of
 2021. #23J is run as a
 extra Autorack Train
 on January 28, 2021.
 - Photo by Bill Grady



Other Entries



With Reitz High School looming in the background, CSX Q501-23 is winding his way south to the #1 Main in the Evansville Terminal. Due to congestion at Evansville, Q501 will tie down well south of Howell Yard and will do his work later in the evening, on January 23, 2021. - Photo by Bill Grady



CSX locomotive 6972 sitting at ideal in Caskey Yard, ready to pull a train of covered hoppers north bound. - Photo by William Farrell



January 31, 2021: C841 departs Hazard, KY over the river and heads south towards Shelby, KY where it'll drop off the empties. - Photo by Cooper Smith

