

THE PENNYRAIL

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WEST KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF
THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

June 2021 Meeting

Innovation Station

Monday, June 21

Program

And

Refreshments

7:00 PM

President-Keith Kittinger

Vice President-Steve Miller

Sec/Treas-Bill Farrell

Chapter Rep-Will Kling

Director at Large-Cooper Smith

Editor-Bill Thomas

**Photo
Contest
Voting
Monday
Night**



Minutes from April Meeting

Western Kentucky Chapter/NRHS

Minutes April, 2021

President Keith Kittinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, April 19, 2021. There was a total of 14 members present and 2 guests for the meeting.

The minutes from the March 15, 2020 meeting were approved as read by Secretary William Farrell.

The treasurers report was given by William Farrell, of 2,582,41. The treasurers report was approved by the members present.

Old Business;

Bill Farrell reported on the 501 reinstatement and the state had not cashed our check as of the time of the meeting. Bill also reported that the sign-up sheet was almost complete for the year.

New Business;

Jim Pearson presented the entries for the March photo contest to be voted on from the March photo contest. There was a total of 10 entries with Matt Gentry taking first place. Jim also reminded the membership present that our May photo contest was coming and would start on May 15th.

Western Kentucky Chapter send a nice card of condolences to Darrell's family. Ricky will get with Bill Farrell and send the card out to Darrell's family.

Bill Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Don Clayton. Motion passed.

Business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully; William Farrell

4/21/2021

NEWS BRIEFS



Photo Contest Voting at the June Meeting

Minutes from May Meeting

Western Kentucky Chapter/NRHS
Minutes April, 2021
May 17, 2021

President Keith Kittinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, May 17, 2021. There was a total of 11 members present and 1 guest for the meeting.

The minutes from the April 19, 2021 meeting were approved as read by Secretary William Farrell.

The treasurers report was given by William Farrell, of 2,582,41. The treasurers report was approved by the members present.

Old Business:

Bill Farrell reported That all members had their dues paid for 2021. Bill also reported that the sign-up sheet was almost complete for the year.

New Business:

There was some discussion about the Crofton Fish Fry. Those members who attended the April event recommended it to everyone else.

There was no new on the White Plains Caboose acquisition by the City of Crofton.

Bill Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Miller. Motion passed.

Business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully;

William Farrell

6/12/2021

NEWS BRIEFS



White Plains Caboose Coming to Crofton?

Regional Event

FJR INTERPRETATIONS

Photography by Dr. Frederick J. Ripley

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'20 '20 VISIONS: 100 YEARS OF WEST VIRGINIA RAILROADING
April 30 - October 30, 2021, at the West Virginia Railroad Museum in Elkins



West Virginia Railroad Museum 2 Railroad Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 304-637-4810
OPEN 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, & SUNDAYS STARTING APRIL 30

The West Virginia Railroad Museum is pleased to present the work of nationally acclaimed railroad photographer Dr. Frederick J. Ripley as the centerpiece of their exhibit for the 2021 season. Entitled **'20 '20 VISIONS: 100 YEARS OF WEST VIRGINIA RAILROADING**, it features 27 of Ripley's dramatic images taken throughout West Virginia and the surrounding region, all enlarged to 20" x 30" and framed under glass, accompanied by detailed caption information. All of Ripley's photos are for sale, and all sales benefit the West Virginia Railroad Museum. The exhibit also includes a fascinating selection of older photos, maps from various eras, and detailed interpretive text panels. The museum is on the upper level of the historic Darden Mill building, a beautifully restored venue in this former railroad town. Staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to create a safe environment, with frequent cleaning and sanitizing. Don't miss this exciting exhibit about railroading in the Mountain State!

Obituary for Jon T. Futrell

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Mr. Jon T. Futrell, age 50, of Mayfield, KY passed away at 2:31 PM Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, KY. Jon was a graduate of Mayfield High School and Murray State University and Jon was a staff writer for the Paducah Sun for nearly 25 years. His passion for local sports and love of movies will be remembered by all who knew him.

Jon is survived by his father & step-mother – Jim & Myra Futrell of Mayfield, KY; his brother – Andrew (Monica) Futrell and nieces - Maggie, Grace & Nora of Mokena, IL; step-sister – Heather Hilton, niece - Lynsey & nephew - Taylor all of Dyersburg, TN; aunt – Evelyne Futrell; cousins – Amy (Jerry) Norman, Matt (Stephanie) Futrell and Shelley Futrell.

He was preceded in death by his mother – Carol Price Futrell; grand-parents – James & Doris Futrell, Jim & Peggy Price and an uncle - Bill Futrell.

Visitation for Jon [was] held at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY on Friday, June 4, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Private family services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made in the form of a donation to your favorite local high school organization or charity.



You all know I resort to cute picture of animals and flowers when I run short on filler material. Meet the newest member of the Thomas family. I call him Sylvester. My son Liam found him on Pride Ave, here in Madisonville, in the road. He's about 8 weeks old.

He loves the camera!

PHOTO CONTEST INFORMATION

Just as a reminder that our next Chapter Photo Contest for 2021 will run July 15-21, entries due August 8, 2021!

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

jim@jimpearsonphotography.com.

Current Treasury Balance June 1, 2021

3/12/21	Check # 1253 KY State Treas RAC form	10	2,742.41
3/12/21	Check # 1254 KY State Treas POC form	10	2,732.41
3/12/21	Check # 1255 KY State Treas RST form	175	2,557.41
3/15/21	Dues 2021	5	2,562.41
3/16/21	Dues 2021	15	2,577.41
3/16/21	Lionel Raffle	5	2,582.41
4/1/21	Beginning Balance		2,582.41
5/1/21	Beginning Balance		2,582.41
6/1/21	Beginning Balance		2,582.41

PHOTO SECTION

In bankruptcy since late 1977, the Milwaukee Road elected in 1980 to slim the railroad down to what they hoped to be an economically viable core in the upper Midwest. Eliminated from the system was their hard-won Pacific Extension, completed in 1909. Placed up for sale to other railroads, only a few short segments of the Pacific Extension were deemed useful, the rest was scrapped out.

Most of the line segments that survived were bits of terminal trackage and branch-lines with viable shippers, thus the mainline was essentially abandoned in its entirety except for a few segments that were sold to new short-lines. Oddly one major piece remained: the line over Snoqualmie Pass in Washington's Cascade Range.

This, one of the most spectacular mountain crossings in North America, was purchased by Burlington Northern in 1980. Some 50 miles in length, it reached from Maple Valley, Washington eastward to near Easton, WA. There, Burlington Northern's ex-Northern Pacific mainline over Stampede Pass is barely 50 yards away, at a point near Cabin Creek.

The Milwaukee's line over Snoqualmie Pass remained intact, except for the extensively damaged Hull Creek trestle, where one span of a long-curved steel trestle was knocked out. The BN never made clear their intentions. The Milwaukee's 11,789'

tunnel under the pass and route to eastern destinations was shorter and faster. Updating the right-of-way, signaling and ribbon-rail would cost a fortune. Their nearby Stevens Pass line of the former Great Northern was no doubt a consideration.

As the two pictures make clear, the rails were taken out, and an easement sold to communications concerns. The State of Washington purchased the right-of-way and developed a state-wide hiking, biking and equestrian trail. (the gap was *bridged* in the damaged trestle)

Credits: snowshed scene by Robert Johnson, east portal by Casey Adams. Some text verbatim from CTC Board Magazine

