

# THE PENNYRAIL

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

**July 2021 Meeting**

**Innovation Station**

**Monday, July 19**

**7:00 PM**

**Program**

**And**

**Refreshments by**

**Will Kling**

President-Keith Kittinger

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Vice President-Steve Miller

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Sec/Treas-Bill Farrell

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Chapter Rep-Will Kling

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Director at Large-Cooper Smith

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Editor-Bill Thomas

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**Photo  
Contest  
Running  
Now  
July 15-30**



## 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

## 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!



# PHOTO CONTEST INFORMATION

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](mailto:jim@jimpearsonphotography.com) by midnight on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Get out trackside and shoot some pictures!!!  
 Jim Pearson, Photo contest chair

## Current Treasury Balance July, 2021

4/1/21	Beginning Balance		2,582.41
5/1/21	Beginning Balance		2,582.41
6/1/21	Beginning Balance		2,582.41
6/15/21	Dues 2021	15	2,597.41
7/1/21	Begginning Balance		2,597.41



While vacationing in Gulf Shores, AL, last month, I traveled the short distance up to Foley, AL, to experience the Foley Railroad Museum. Unfortunately I arrived 10 minutes after they closed at 3pm. Housed in the former L&N, the museum features these pieces of rolling stock and a large 3-rail O display layout. Bill Thomas, ed.

# PHOTO SECTION

The Missouri River is the longest river in North America. Rising in the Rocky Mountains of western Montana, the Missouri flows east and south for 2,341 miles before entering the Mississippi River north of St. Louis, Missouri. The river drains a sparsely populated, semi-arid watershed of more than 500,000 square miles, which includes parts of ten U.S. states and two Canadian provinces. Although nominally considered a tributary of the Mississippi, the Missouri River above the confluence is much longer and carries a comparable volume of water. When combined with the lower Mississippi River, it forms the world's fourth longest river system.

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Matthew Herson climbed this hillside in the Fall of 1967 to capture this scene downriver from Three Forks, Montana, where the Gallatin, Jefferson, and Madison rivers converge whereupon -- America's longest river is born. If you add the length of the Madison River, then nearly the first 400 miles of this system travels northwest and northeast, then east, before trekking mostly south to meet the mighty Mississippi.

The train is the Northern Pacific's *Mainstreeter* going downriver, westbound to the coast. Across the river is the track of the Milwaukee Railroad. An anomaly has the NP's westbound trains going downriver, while the Milwaukee westbounds go upriver. Sounds impossible, but it's all in the routing of their tracks.

Later when asked "if he saw any rattlesnakes," the place is full of them. Thanks for the advance notice....

Credits: First paragraph verbatim – Internet. Herson's photo skills were featured in the latest *Mainstreeter*, the NP Railway Historical Associations quarterly magazine. Submitted by Gary Ostlund.

