

THE PENNYRAIL

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WEST KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF
THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

August 2021 Meeting

Innovation Station

Monday, July 16

Due to Exposures
and High Rates

CANCELED

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 will
be judged by Jim
Pearson this week.



Minutes from July Meeting

President Keith Kittinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, July 18, 2021. There was a total of 15 members and 2 guest present for the meeting.

The minutes from the June 20, 2021 meeting were read by Secretary William Farrell. Motion to except by Will Kling, seconded by Steve Miller. The minutes were approved by the members present.

The treasurers report was given by William Farrell, of 2,597.41. The treasures report was approved by the members present.

Old Business;

Jack Richardson and Bill Farrell volunteered to host a railfanning event in Henderson in the near future.

Bill Farrell reported on the Breakfast with Santa fund raiser to be held in December. The Farm House Restaurant is now serving breakfast on Saturday mornings. Bill suggested that we might need to look else were for a new venue to hold the event. The down town Christmas event might be a logical choice to piggy back with because of the number of people who attend.

New Business;

President Kittinger asked for suggestions from the membership on where to hold the Christmas Party this year. Bill Thomas stepped forward and said he would check with his wife about hold the party at his home. The date for the Christmas Party would be December 4, 2021.

Bill Farrell, brought up the fact that the membership hasn't been on a group trip in over ten years. Bill suggested we look into a date for a rail excursion trip on the Tennessee Central in Nashville, TN. With a show of hand from the membership present there would be a possible 23 tickets for the trip. Steve Miller mentioned that it took only 15 tickets to get a group rate. Bill will put an email out to the entire membership to get a feel on how many tickets we will need. President Kittinger formed a three-person committee to work on this project, they are Bill Farrell, Steve Miller, and himself.

NEWS BRIEFS



September Photo Contest
Runs 15-30



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Tennessee Central Excursion

Dear WKC/NRHS Member,

During the July meeting of the Western Kentucky Chapter/NRHS we discussed the possibility of taking a rail excursion on the Tennessee Central Railroad this fall. When the committee met last week, it was decided to make October 30th the primary trip. Unfortunately, that excursion is almost completely booked.

Our second choice was the October 9th trip to Watertown and their "Fall One Mile Long Yard Sale". This excursion is about ninety miles and six-and-a-half-hours round trip.

If we have 16 or more people sign up the club will get a group rate of 36.00 per person (ticket). If you have a friend that is not a member of our chapter but would like to attend please invite them. All ticket sales will be final and there will not be any refunds. Tickets are transferrable to another person. If we purchase enough tickets the Tennessee Central will put all of us on one car.

If you are interested, we need to know how many tickets to order for you. There will be a final calculating of the number of tickets at the Monday night meeting (Aug. 16th). If you cannot attend the meeting on Monday you can email me at wwfarrellky@gmail.com or call 270 839-4177.

William Farrell

July Minutes Continued

The membership discussed dates for up coming model railroad shows in the general area.

With no further business, Will Kling motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Blair Terry, motion passed.

Business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully;

William Farrell

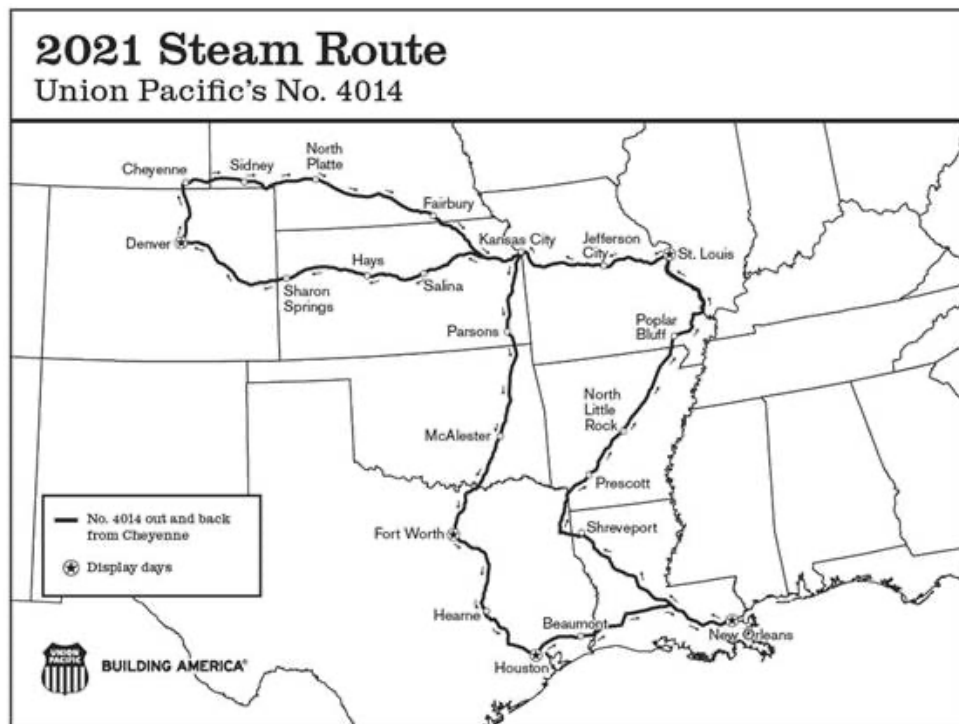
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Big Boy On the Move



Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014 heads east at Archer, Wyo., on Thursday, Aug. 5. (Zach Marlow) - CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The Big Boy has begun this year's Big Trip. Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014 left its Cheyenne headquarters today, heading east to Sidney, Neb., on the first leg of a month-long, 10-state journey that will

take it to New Orleans and back. Union Pacific offers both [a detailed schedule](#) and [live tracking](#) of the Big Boy on its website, as well as [location updates on Twitter](#). Watch *Trains News Wire* for more information as the trip progresses.





Please join us at the

FALL 2021 NRHS CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 7-9, 2021
RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK

The Twin Forks Chapter, NRHS would like to welcome you to Long Island for the Fall 2021 NRHS conference.

List of Scheduled Events

Thursday, October 7

Registration opens at 3pm till 10pm at the Holiday Inn Long Island.

Friday, October 8

All day trip on Friday, October 8th (9am – 4pm). We will ride the LIRR from Ronkonkoma Station (transportation will be provided to the station) to Hillside Support Facility for a tour of the Long Island Rail Road’s maintenance shops and facilities. We will then be leaving Hillside Support Facility via rail, heading to the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum for a tour of their facility. We will then return via the Long Island Rail Road.

All trip participants must wear steel-tipped shoes as a requirement of the Long Island Rail Road for portions of their tour of the Hillside Support Facility. See the registration information for complete details.

The NRHS Fund Officers and Board of Trustees will meet at 8:00 PM in the hotel.

Saturday, October 9

Meeting Day for the Advisory Council and Board of Directors. Following the meetings will be a Buffet Banquet with a presentation by a guest speaker, to be announced.

**For more information and registration
go to the NRHS’s website:
<https://admin.nrhs.com/public/>**

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 by midnight on August 7th, 2021.

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

Current Treasury Balance August, 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
8/1/21	Begginging Balance				2,597.41
8/4/21	Drawing			36	2,633.41



I spotted this little jewel at Holiday World Splashing Safari last month as I aided our Youth Minister on a Youth outing. After researching (Googling) it, I found it was the first ride in Santa Claus Land Railroad (later to be Holiday World). The locomotive was restored and placed on display to celebrate the park's 70th birthday this year. You can watch a time-lapse video on YouTube of the painting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNdeiWlIej8>. Ed. Bill Thomas

PHOTO SECTION

The time is 12:30 PM on October 13, 1949. We're inside Mission Tower, half a mile out of Los Angeles Union Station, watching Southern Pacific train 4, the *Golden State* (left) and Santa Fe 20, the *Chief*, departing simultaneously for Chicago. It looks like a race, but it's not really much of a contest: The *Chief*, running on Santa Fe all the way for 2,224 miles, will beat the *Golden State* (2,268 miles on the SP and Rock Island) to the Windy City by about 7-3/4 hours.



The *Chief* will cross Cajon Pass to Barstow and shoot east across northern Arizona to Albuquerque, NM, then northeast over two mountain passes, and cut through the southeast corner of Colorado. After a stop in Dodge City and a few others, it will aim for Kansas City. Cutting through the SE corner of Iowa, crossing the Mississippi River, it will visit some cities in Illinois before arriving at Dearborn Station, one of seven railroad stations in Chicago.

The *Golden State* exits California near Yuma, does a bee-line for El Paso, then NE through New Mexico to Tucumcari. There the Rock Island takes over touching a bit of Oklahoma, slicing through Kansas to Topeka and on to Kansas City. Then the GS treks through a corner of Iowa, zips through the Quad Cities. On through the corn fields of Illinois, it completes its trek at LaSalle Street Station, only a few blocks from Dearborn and the Santa Fe.

There were other passenger trains that competed head-to-head, mainly the New York Centrals *20th Century Limited* and Pennsy's *Broadway Limited*. They raced out-of-Chicago, on parallel tracks, for many miles in their quest to get their patrons to New York City, fast. That daily race was a little more even-handed. The New York Central route to the Big Apple was 960.9 miles, with mostly water level terrain. The Broadway's routing was only 908.2 miles, but included scaling the Appalachian Mountains in Pennsylvania. Wikipedia states that both of these luxury trains completed their task in about 16 hours. The green hat crowd and the red hatters probably will never agree on that.

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Gary O. Ostlund

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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!