

# THE PENNYRAIL

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WEST KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF  
THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**April 2022 Meeting**  
**Innovation Station**  
**Monday, April 18**  
**7:00 PM**

**Program by**  
**Michael Wortham**  
**Coal Mining**  
**Railroads**  
**And Other Points**  
**of Regional**  
**Interest**

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The last derailment on the Hook Line & Singer RR sends the Board of Directors into finalizing the closing of the line. Details inside. No livestock was injured.



# PHOTO CONTEST

Winners of the March photo contest will be chosen at this month's meeting.

# PHOTO GALLERY



For nearly 17 years, the Hook Line & Singer Railroad has brought me hours of joy, relaxation, and for a few of those hours, a great deal of frustration and challenge. It has been the gathering place for our chapter at times - where friendships were cultivated and precious memories made, evidenced by the picture bottom left.

With the recent move we've made to West Lake Street, Madisonville, the Hook Line will join the ranks of fallen flag lines as its rails and ties are removed leaving a lonely roadbed. Mother Nature will soon reclaim the real estate.



But with that comes the creation of a new line, yet to be named. I guess it depends on the towns served and how much money each community along the line can raise to make an impact on the route. So stay tuned over the next year or two for news about re-purposed rail being laid to new vistas and destinations. Who knows, this may turn into a group project! Bill Thomas, superintendent, Hook Line & Singer RR.

# Minutes from March 2022 Meeting

Available at the meeting, April 18, 2022.

## HL&S GALLERY

Ron Stubblefield's Shay makes its way downgrade with a load of logs bound for the mill at Townsend, TN.



East Tennessee & Western North Carolina No. 12 fights the drifts in the Doe River valley with train 1, out of Boone.



# NEWS BRIEFS



## Photo Contest

Winners to be Chosen at April Meeting 2022



## Hook Line Calls it Quits



## NRHS National Convention May 15-20

<https://nrhs.com/convention>



# Railroad Interchange

Free back issues of O Gauge Railroading, ranging from 1996-2002, and a Norfolk Southern Station list from May 1996.

Also looking for HO scale railroad junk parts such as barrels, diesel parts, tools, etc. for an engine house diorama scene.

Call, text, or email Bill Thomas, [billtrainthomas@gmail.com](mailto:billtrainthomas@gmail.com), 270-339-9482.

N scale Atlas Snap Track - enough for an oval with a couple of switches and short trestle set. Free to a good home. Contact Bill Thomas

