

THE PENNYRAIL

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WEST KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF
THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Next Meeting

Innovation Station

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 PM

**Program
And
Refreshments
Served**

President-Keith Kittinger

Vice President-Steve Miller

Sec/Treas-Bill Farrell

Chapter Rep-Will Kling

Director at Large-Cooper Smith

Editor-Bill Thomas

**Special Kentucky
Railway Museum
Edition**



April 2023 Minutes

President Keith Kittinger called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, April 17, 2023. There was a total of 15 members present for the meeting.

The minutes from the March 20, 2023 meeting were approved as printed in the PennyRail. Motion to except the minutes by Keith Kittinger, seconded by Jim Pearson. The minutes were approved by the members present.

The treasurers report was given by our beloved treasurer William Farrell, of 3,243.63. Motion to except the treasures report was made by Steve Miller and seconded by Keith Kittinger. The treasures report was approved by the members present.

Old Business;

Due to a malfunction of the electronic Jim Pearson was unable to vote on the March photo contest. Jim will judge the pictures and pick the winners in his professional opinion.

The sign-up sheet was passed around for updates. Bill reported there were still some open dates for members to step forward. Bill Farrell report the last update on the donations to KRM was 725.00 for the restoration of the 152.

New Business;

Bill Thomas volunteered to hold the chapter annual Christmas party at his home. Bill ask the membership to move the date back one week to December 9th. Bill will check with his wife for approval and give a report at the May meeting.

Ricky Bivins announced that he would be holding his annual "Trains in the Gap" on May 20th starting at 9:00 am. Ricky advised everyone to bring a chair and hope for trains. In case of rain the date will be moved back one week.

Bill Farrell reviewed a survey which the chapter received from NRHS. Our chapter will now start sending our new letter to national. Steve Miller will get National on our email list. The members present all agreed to hold the chapter annual picnic on September 30, 2023 in Crofton, Kentucky.

With no further business at hand Steve Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Will Kling. Motion passed by all the members present. Business meeting was adjourned.

William Farrell, secretary/treasurer
4/18/2023

NEWS BRIEFS



Kentucky Railway Museum News



April Meeting Minutes



Photo Contest Winners Announced At Meeting



Kentucky Railway Museum News and Events

This information is also available on the KRM website and Facebook pages.

Restoration work continues on steam locomotive 152.

- A volunteer removes old bolts from the firebox.
- Below is a view inside the firebox.
- Below right, driving wheels are ground down to repair cracks.



Kentucky Railway Museum

How You Can Help 152

Help Us Bring L&N 152 Back To Life!

Our goal is to put one of the Last L&N Steam Engines in the world back to work pulling excursion trains for our museum, as well as educate the public regarding the heritage of Kentucky's Railroads and the people who built them.

The L&N 152 needs both boiler and running gear work.

Please visit the [Crew 152 Facebook page](#) for the most up to date information and photos.



Ostlund Oddity

Submitted by Gary Ostlund

The single track swing bridge was built by the Northern Pacific RR for entry into Aberdeen, Washington. It has a rather strange footprint, in that it wraps itself around a warehouse building. The bridge is rather difficult to photograph, short of trespassing, or getting wet. I tried to copy the Google street image from the highway bridge at the bottom of the pix, but no luck. The pic I got from the street at the right margin does not do justice to its design and placement. Thus the Google earth image.

Opened on October 21, 1898, the Wishkah River Bridge has been in daily use ever since, including a brisk business today hauling import autos to market. The Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad, a short line currently services the Grays Harbor region, connecting with the BNSF. That connection is located in Centralia on the busy double-track mainline north to Tacoma and south toward Oregon and California.

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The harbor was once served by the Milwaukee and Union Pacific entering the harbor from the south, crossing into Aberdeen on yet another swing bridge, now long gone. The NP was the major player though, with branches from Aberdeen and Hoquiam out to Moclips on the ocean, and to Markham on the south side of the harbor out near Westport, (think beaches, salmon fishing and cranberries).

In the heyday of railroading on the harbor the rails served two pulp and paper mills, numerous large sawmills, a thriving shake and shingle industry and active seaport. In the mid-60s when we lived there, at about supper time all three railroads sent eastward an impressive array of freight.

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June 24	October 28	
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