

# **ARKANSAS-BOSTON MOUNTAINS CHAPTER**

**NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**NRHS Chapter Meets 7:00 PM Thursday, June 19, 2008 at the Shiloh Museum's General Store.**

**This month's program**

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# The Scrambler

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## CHAPTER MINUTES

May 17, 2008

### Minutes of the Arkansas-Boston Mountain NRHS Meeting

May 15, 2008

The regular scheduled meeting of the Arkansas-Boston Mountain Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 15, 2008 by President Gary McCullah, at the residence of Bob Stark in Fayetteville, AR. There were 27 members and 1 guest present.

Secretary, Clare McCullah's minutes from the April 2008 meeting were approved as stated in the *Scrambler* dated May 2008.

National Director, Chuck Girard, was not present for the meeting.

*Scrambler* Editor, Bill Merrifield, thanked everyone for the pictures they had sent to him for this month's edition of the *Scrambler*. He stated Tom Duggan had the answer to the mystery pictures and they would be revealed later.

Acting Treasurer, Tom Duggan, read the financial report to the members. The report was approved as read. He stated everything was the same as last month. President McCullah stated during the next meeting an appointment for a permanent Treasurer would be discussed and nominations taken. Due to the brief amount of time allotted for the business meeting there was no further discussion on the matter.

Membership Chairman, Chuck Girard, was not present for the meeting.

Special Events Chairman, Al Kaepfel, was not present for the meeting. Bob Stark stated Mr. Kaepfel asked him to remind everyone of Rails and Tails on June 7, 2008 at the Shiloh Museum. A roster to request volunteers was distributed to the membership. Mitch Marmel stated he wasn't going to be in town that weekend and Travis Walls offered to set up the trolley display.

Programs and Activities Chairman, David McDonald, stated we had all of our programs until the end of the year. Mike Sypult will not be able to give his presentation in June of 2008 and will trade with Mitch Marmel who has the September presentation.

Archivist, Al Kaepfel, was not present at to night's meeting.

Map Committee Chairman, Travis Walls, stated there was no new news with the sale of the maps since the train show in February.

Sign Committee Chairman, Chuck Girard, was not present for tonight's meeting.

No old business discussed.

New Business:

It was announced on May 26, 2008, Memorial Day, the Arkansas and Missouri Railroad will have their annual troop train. This year the train is free to the veteran and half price for a guest of his choice. For reservations, you need to call the A&M depot.

Mitch Marmel stated he has been sending e-mails to everyone placing them on a Yahoo group so the Chapter membership can all have e-mail access. He stated if you haven't received an e-mail from him, please contact him and he will get you on the list.

Tom Duggan stated the Waste Management landfill is requesting suggestions for a name for their facility. The prize is \$5000.00. This contest is open to non-profit organizations so the Chapter membership contributed several ideas of possible names. The best ones will be sent in to the contest.

The meeting was adjourned by President McCullah.  
No presentation given this evening.

I would like to offer a special thanks to Bob and Tom Stark who opened up their home to the Chapter and presented us with a wonderful meal.

Clare McCullah

Secretary of the Arkansas-Boston Mountain Chapter  
National Railway Historical Society

### **FROM THE HEAD END**

From the Pres,

First off, I want to send a big, no HUGE, "Thank you" to Bob and Tom Stark for the annual potluck. I know that all who attended had a great time. Our grandson's baseball game was cancelled so Clare was able to attend.

I would like to get the directors together for a meeting just prior to the regular July meeting for a few minutes. You do remember who you are, I hope.

I need nominations for treasurer at the June meeting. Tom Duggan has done an excellent job filling in, but I know he wants to get out from under that duty. It had been suggested that I or Clare should have taken that duty. That is a conflict of interest at the very least. Considering the long hours Clare and I have put in at work, we would not have the time anyway.

The Harriman Safety Awards have just been announced and the KCS took the Gold Award for their class. With all the problems caused by the weather, mechanical failures and such, it is very hard to keep employees

safe. This doesn't mean there were no accidents. It means that the KCS had the fewest employee injuries for a railroad their size.

I recently had occasion to go back through the minutes of chapter meetings since Clare became secretary. So much has happened in those 4 years. We have hosted and attended 4 Quad-Chapter meets, taken part in 4 Sugar Creek train shows, Frisco Fests, Feather Fests and much more. I saw the willingness to help and to problem-solve to get things done. I salute all of you who make the job of president so easy.

If you go to the Yahoo group for the Arkansas-Missouri RR, you will find pictures taken by some of our members. Just look for the "Coal Train" pictures.

I know Bill has a small stockpile of articles and pictures for the Scrambler, but keep submitting what you have. I know he would rather have too much as not enough.

Gary

### LOCALLY ON THE BEAM

### TRAINS THROUGH MEMORY

**DO YOU LOVE A MYSTERY?** The following photographs were taken by a local photographer and businessman, Bruce Vaughn. The photographs are of a wreckage scene here in south Springdale in 1965. Other than that, no other information came with the photos. Since your editor, a true and tried Texan, was not living here at the time, we thought it would make good conversation at our May Chapter cookout when local members could fill in the details. Your editor will pass on these details in the June Scrambler to those not in attendance.



**BRASS POUNDING DOWN THE LINE**

**HISTORICAL OPERATIONS**

**SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT RAILROADING?**

May's *Scrambler* Question: What was the last year that the ladies of the CB&Q Auxiliary operated under that name?

Question: What would have been their new operational name?

**SCALE RAILROADING**

**VIEW FROM THE ANGEL'S SEAT**