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Our website address is www.arkrailfan.com

NRHS Chapter meets at 7:00 PM, February 17, 2011 at the Shiloh Museum Store.

Gary McCullah presents this month's program entitled, "A TALE OF TWO DEPOTS".

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CHAPTER MINUTES

There are no January minutes. The January meeting was cancelled due to an ice and snow storm. Correction to December minutes: Bill Longston has agreed to continue serving as Chapter Treasurer.

LOCALLY ON THE BEAM

The Great Northwest Arkansas Model Train Show will be at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, 211 SE Walton Blvd in Bentonville, Arkansas on Saturday, February 26. Hours from 9 AM to 5 PM. The show tables have been a sell-out since November, 2010 and the event promises to be a great event for train buffs of all ages.

Our Chapter will man several layouts as well as tables with related items for fund raising. We need numerous volunteers to help with our activities. This is a major event for our Chapter and is important for attracting new members as well as fund raising. Please reserve some time to participate!

Members hurting: Tom and Marion Duggan will be in St. Louis during our next meeting. Marion will be undergoing a medical procedure. Marion also fractured an ankle this past week and Tom hurt his back shoveling snow but must do the driving from here to St. Louis and back. Be much in prayer and concern for both.

NRHS Chapter Annual Reports for 2010

Recently, the NRHS National Office has received several inquiries about submitting chapter annual reports for the *2010 Yearbook*. The purpose of this report is to review the status of this project.

The NRHS believes that it is important to record the history of the NRHS chapters, especially their accomplishments in rail history preservation. At this point, however, the Society has no plans to publish such information either in print or electronically.

The NRHS no longer publishes the annual *Yearbook*. There may be an electronic archive of chapter historical material available in the future, but the Society has not approved either the concept or funds to implement this project. Such a product is at least two years away.

NRHS urges its chapters to continue to record their history and is working to provide an interim repository to store such reports until a future direction is determined.

“The *2010 Yearbook* will not be published in either electronic or paper format. Chapter reports for the *2010 Yearbook* will be collected and stored, but not published until a new web-based reporting system is established in 2012 or later.”

Please remember that the *NRHS News* is looking for interesting stories about preservation projects and other activities and accomplishments by NRHS chapters. If your chapter is engaged in an activity or project that may

be of interest to other NRHS members, please consider sharing that information now by developing a story for the *NRHS News*. For further information about submitting stories and photos for the bi-monthly newsletter, please contact the editor, Charles Williams.

BRASS POUNDING DOWN THE LINE

TRAIN RIDE: *Flint Hills Express* Saturday, April 9, 2011

The South Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad and the Heart of the Heartlands Railroad Club will be hosting the *Flint Hills Express* on **Saturday, April 9, 2011**. This train ride will run from Winfield, KS east into the scenic Flint Hills on the SK&O's Moline Subdivision (former Santa Fe lines) to near Moline, KS and then return to Winfield.

Boarding area in Winfield: East 5th Avenue just east of Main St. (US 77 / K 15) at the north edge of downtown Winfield. **Please be on board no later than 12:50 PM. Departure from Winfield promptly at 1:00 PM. Arrive back in Winfield at approx. 5:00 PM. Fare per person - \$25.00 (cash or check only) (Children 4 years of age or younger ride free.)**

Checks should be made out to "Heart of the Heartlands". Tickets are non-refundable. Seating is limited to 210 passengers. No food or drink can be brought on the train. Bottled water will be available for purchase. The historic passenger cars are not handicapped accessible. There are limited restroom facilities available on the train. Not responsible for changes of equipment, route, schedule, or cancellation (if necessary). **Tickets can be purchased at: Engine House Hobbies, 2718 Boulevard Plaza, Wichita, KS 67211, (316) 685-6608**

TRAIN RIDE: *Hutchinson Fiesta Train*. Sat. April 16 & Sun. April 17, 2011

The Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad and the Heart of the Heartlands Railroad Club will be hosting the *Hutchinson Fiesta Train* on **Saturday, April 16, and Sunday, April 17, 2011**. This train ride will run from Wichita, KS to Hutchinson, KS on the K&O's Hutchinson Subdivision (former Missouri Pacific lines) via Maize, Colwich, Mount Hope, Haven, and Yoder, KS. The fare includes a full dinner (buffet including desert, beverage, and gratuity) at the **Anchor Inn Mexican Restaurant** in Hutchinson, KS. Passengers will have time to visit nearby antique shops before re-boarding the train for the trip back to Wichita.

Boarding area in Wichita: At Walker Street and Osage Street (three blocks north of Harry Street between Seneca Street and McLean Blvd). **Please be on board no later than 7:50 AM. Departure from Wichita promptly at 8:00 AM. Arrive in Hutchinson at approx. 11:00 AM. Departure from Hutchinson promptly at 2:00 PM. Arrive back in Wichita at approx. 5:00 PM. Fare per person (cash or check only): Train ride & full meal at the Anchor Inn - \$50.00**

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HISTORICAL DEPOT TOUR:

The Railroad Station Historical Society will offer a bus tour of selected stations in central Oklahoma, June 8-11, 2011, which will include ex-Frisco stations in Ada, Bristow, Jones, Muskogee, Okmulgee, and Oklahoma City; as well as many stations of the Santa Fe, Rock Island, and MKT railroads. Registration information will soon be posted on the website, www.rrshs.org

HISTORICAL OPERATIONS

Missouri & Northern Arkansas renovates small-town station

February 4, 2011

COTTER, Ark. — Short line Missouri & Northern Arkansas has completed interior and exterior renovation of its historic depot in Cotter, the *Baxter Bulletin* (Ark.) has reported. The RailAmerica short line uses the depot as a crew base on its Diaz, Ark., to Pleasant Hill, Mo., route.

"The difference is night and day compared to what it looked like before," said Dale Anderson, the railroad's

trainmaster. The depot previously had holes in its roof and 100-year-old windows. It now boasts a new roof, siding, windows, and floor, plus a remodeled bathroom and kitchen. A formerly closed-off area has been reopened to provide an office for maintenance-of-way personnel.

Missouri Pacific constructed the depot in 1904. Cotter had been a terminal for the railroad, and included a roundhouse. Passenger service ceased in 1960.

Tourist lines trade steam engines

January 31, 2011



Georgetown Loop 2-6-2 No. 12 at Silver Plume Colo. *Photo by Phil Johnson*

MOUNT PLEASANT, Iowa — The Midwest Central Railroad in Iowa and Colorado's Georgetown Loop Railroad have worked out a three-locomotive trade that will benefit both narrow gauge lines, according to a report published in The Hawkeye newspaper in Burlington, Iowa.

Midwest Central's ex-West Side Lumber Co. 80-ton three truck Shay No. 9 was to arrive in Georgetown, Colo., by truck today. Following Federal Railroad Administration-mandated boiler work, No. 9 will begin to haul passengers up the 4 percent grades on the Loop.

When No. 9 goes into service on the Loop in July, the Loop's No. 12, a Baldwin 2-6-2 built for Hawaii's Kahu-lui Railroad in 1929, will head to Iowa. It'll operate on Midwest Central's 1.25-mile line around the site of the annual Old Threshers Reunion every September.