

ARKANSAS-BOSTON MOUNTAINS CHAPTER
NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Our website address is www.arkrailfan.com

NRHS Chapter meets at 7:00 PM, May 19, 2011 at the Shiloh Museum Store.

We need you!

Exciting events are in the works and a great program is planed!

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CHAPTER MINUTES

April 21, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. 16 members were present which was unusually good since the weather was so bad.

OLD BUSINESS

The Treasurer reported that the money market account has \$12604.43. Checking account has about \$306 and \$326 was expended to reimburse *Scrambler* expenses and \$30 honorarium to the chapter logo designer since our last meeting.

Bill Merrifield, *Scrambler* editor, printed 53 newsletter copies and mailed 51.

The National Director, Chuck Girard, reported that all renewals were in, although he had to pay for several people in anticipation of repayment.

Vice President David McDonald reported he has presentations lined up through next December. June and November will be "show and tell" programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Arkansas and Missouri Railroad will celebrate National Train Day, May 14, in Van Buren. (Actually, the event is May 7 or 8). They want us to participate; it will require commitment from at least six members. Signup sheet was passed around.

Shiloh Museum has an open house on June 11 (Saturday) from 10-2. They requested us to set up our model train displays. Electricity will be available.

Quad Chapter Meeting June 25-26, details are in April *Scrambler*. We will get \$309 from the Chamber of Commerce Advertising & Promotion Committee.

Motion was made to award A&M Railroad an honorary or complimentary membership in the Chapter. Motion passed without dissent. At present A&M has a membership with payment pending. We will inform them that no payment is expected.

Operation Lifesaver program will be held July 2 in the Jones Center. We could have our model train layout there.

We were asked to investigate helping scouts get the railroading merit badge. It was noted that such undertaking was labor intensive; it takes all day and 5 or 6 people if done properly.

The Secretary, Malcolm Cleaveland, discussed OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) rail-road courses given by Mike Sypult. A promised to bring literature to next meeting was made. For information, googling olli.org was recommended.

Meeting adjourned for the presentation, “C Trolley Museum”.
Malcolm K. Cleaveland, Secretary

LOCALLY ON THE BEAM



This made up little pixie enjoyed the trains. We had a number of girls who enjoyed train operations.

Toy & Game Day at Shiloh Museum June 11.

Al Lord would like us to help with this Kids day outing with our G Scale and other model trains. Of course they do much for us. Signalman Tom Duggan will give us much details on this one. Dispatcher Bob.

OLLI

During the April Chapter meeting mention was made of OLLI. Here is information from the OLLI website:

“You can take a wide variety of courses and special events through membership in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Arkansas (OLLI - UA). A grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation enables the University of Arkansas to provide these affordable educational experiences.

Who Can Participate?

Adults over 50, who come together in a lively learning environment to explore intellectual and cultural topics of interest, share their experiences and talents, and make new friends.

What Subject Areas are Offered?

Courses and events cover thought-provoking and wide ranging topics from global events to the arts, from history to health science research, to important local and worldwide issues of the day. There's no pressure of tests or grades and no papers to write.

Who Are the Instructors?

Workshops and special events are led by current and retired University of Arkansas faculty and community experts.

What Is the Cost?

Four levels of membership are available:

1. Couple Membership (Any two people sharing the same home address) - \$75.00
2. Single Annual Membership - \$50.00
3. Arkansas Alumni Association Members - \$40.00
4. Single One-Semester Membership - \$25.00

Where are Classes Held?

Classes will be held on the University of Arkansas campus, Fayetteville, and other sites throughout Northwest Arkansas.

How Do I Get Involved?

OLLI relies heavily on volunteers to make the program a success. We welcome volunteers to assist with the smooth functioning of courses, recruiting new members or suggesting new course offerings. You can also make donations to the program. To learn more about these opportunities, call 479-575-4545.

[University of Arkansas Global Campus | 2 East Center Street, Fayetteville](#)

Chapter members have been active as class leaders. Malcolm Cleaveland will present a talk and eat program May 9 program on US Railroads Today: Reality and Model Railroading. Mike Syputl will present a two- part study program on the Eureka Springs Railway that includes a meal trip on the ES&NA. It takes place on May 13 and May 20.

I have attended a number of OLLI programs in the past three years. The classes are pleasant and you will learn something.

Tom Duggan



Rare Mileage Mixed Train Weekend

June 25 & 26, 2011

Rare Mileage Mixed Train Excursion

The Arkansas-Boston Mountain Chapter, NRHS, will host a unique mixed train ride traveling north from Springdale, Arkansas. This is the first ever mixed train to operate on the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad north of Springdale, Arkansas. The last Frisco Railroad passenger train ran on this track in September, 1965.

Saturday, June 25, 2011

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

A&M ALCO Locomotive Shop Tours

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Registration in the Kansas City Room at the Jones Center for Families, 922 East Emma Avenue, Springdale, AR

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch (at your expense)

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Northwest Arkansas Rail history /A & M programs in the Kansas City Room at the Jones Center

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Dinner at the Depot (included)

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Excursion train consist photo shoot at the Springdale Depot

Sunday, 26, 2011

7:30 am -

Registration at the Depot, 306 E. Emma

8:00 am – 4 pm

85 mile roundtrip mixed train trip to Butterfield, Missouri.

Trip includes three photo opportunities and box lunch on train.

Equipment

Engine- ALCO Diesel engine

Coach – restored 1920's vintage cars / includes A/C

First Class– 1955 ex-Long Island RR Parlor Car / includes A/C

Caboose – (ex Reserve Mining No. 19) / no air conditioning

Freight- Gondola, box car and spine car (subject to availability)

Hotel Accommodations:

Holiday Inn & Convention Center, 1500 So. 48th Street., Springdale, AR is offering a special daily rate of \$77.80 (including all taxes and the hot buffet breakfast). Call the Holiday Inn at 479-751-8300 for hotel reservations. These rooms are limited and available on "first come - first served" basis. Please mention the Mixed Train Excursion to obtain the special rate.

Questions: Call 479-927-3163 or contact dachinghwa@gmail.com.

See reverse for pricing and ticket purchase information

Reservation Form

Event Prices, per person (same prices per child), are as follows:
 Coach-restored 1920s vintage cars with AC and operable windows- \$80.00
 First-Newly renovated 1955 ex-Long Island RR Parlor Car with AC- \$100.00 (Capacity-40)
 Caboose-Non-air conditioned (ex Reserve Mining No. 19)- \$120.00 (Capacity-10)
 Please complete this form and return with check, payable to "ABMT", to

Quad Chapter Event
PO Box 1303
Springdale, AR 72765-1303

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Telephone No. _____ **E-mail Address** _____

Saturday (No.)	Sunday (No.)		
_____ x \$25.00	Coach _____	x \$80.00	\$ _____
_____ x \$25.00	Parlor _____	x \$100.00	\$ _____
_____ x \$25.00	Caboose _____	x 120.00	\$ _____
			Grand Total \$ _____

(Please make check payable to "ABMT")

	Yes	No
Will you accept First if Caboose is sold out ?	—	—
Will you accept Coach if First is sold out ?	—	—

Reservations received after June 1, 2011 will be subject to a \$20.00 surcharge per order. No refunds given after June 15.

Legal Disclaimer – The Arkansas –Boston Mountains Chapter ("Chapter"), National Railway Historical Society is acting merely as agent in arranging this event. By participating in this event you agree to hold the Chapter, its officers and members harmless from any claims for damage or injury relating to this event. Please note that the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad Company reserves the right to substitute equipment, change the schedule or make other changes as warranted by circumstances.

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TRAINS THROUGH MEMORY

Along the Frisco Central Division Woolsey, Arkansas



Photo credit- Special Collections Division, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Woolsey, Arkansas was a small community. In September 1918 the ICC Valuation survey stated the Woolsey depot to be 31-feet by 20-feet. This depot may be a post 1918 replacement as the proportions do not seem to match those given in the ICC Valuation reports. The hip roof style was popular in small towns depots. The Frisco depot at Combs on the St Paul branch appears to be identical.

In September 1919 one southbound and one northbound train made scheduled stops at Woolsey. In addition, two conditional stops were made for northbound passengers whose journey began south of Paris, TX. This may be another way of saying passengers from Dallas/ Fort Worth wishing to get off at Woolsey would be accommodated. A one way ticket to Fayetteville cost 41 cents while a one way ticket to St. Louis cost \$11.01.

The wooden barrel probably holds apples as Arkansas apple growers were conservative and did not adopt cardboard boxes for some years.

I believe the Woolsey depot closed in 1925 perhaps due to the tidal wave of unregulated motor truck carriers that took business away from the heavily regulated rail carriers. Tom Duggan

HISTORICAL OPERATIONS

Union Pacific releases steam trip schedule

May 3, 2011

OMAHA, Neb. — Union Pacific has released a detailed schedule of 4-8-4 No. 844's trip from Cheyenne, Wyo., to Little Rock, Ark., and back. The circle tour departs later this month. Details are available at <http://www.up.com>.

BRASS POUNDING DOWN THE LINE

Winter 2011 NRHS BOD Meeting

by Bill Baxter, National Director

I attended the Winter Board of Directors meeting in at the Colonial Williamsburg Hotel in Williamsburg, Virginia on January 29th and 30th of this year. After seating the new board members (myself included) and taking a roll call to establish if a quorum was present, we started a discussion of changes to the National By-laws. Changes proposed were discussed one by one, some being technical changes for clarity and others relating to the new framework of governance.

The governance changes included several major points:

- The Regional Vice Presidents which are now elected by the membership from set boundaries of the country will be abolished.
- New Board of Directors delegates are to be elected by the membership from set boundaries of the country.
- Current Board of Directors delegates which consist of one person from each chapter are to be abolished.
- New delegates to an Advisory Council are to be made up of one member from each chapter.
- All chapters shall change the name of its representative from National Director to National Representative.
- There must be at least three Board Members present at all Advisory Council meetings.
- There will still be four meetings a year of both the Advisory Council and the Board of Directors.
- There will still be an annual membership meeting in conjunction with the Convention.

The revised By-laws will be up for approval at this year's Convention in Tacoma. If ratified, the new By-laws would go into effect in summer of 2012.

Then we talked about how the National Society can take a leadership role in the realm of railfans and railroad history in general.

The Heritage Grant program is to be expanded due to some major contributions earmarked for that purpose.

The Rail Camp program will continue at Steamtown and other locations are being explored as well.

The NRHS Yearbook for 2009 will be published in electronic format but the 2010 Yearbook will not be published.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled in Urbana, Illinois on April 22-24.

The National Convention Cascade Rails 2011 in Tacoma, Washington on June 20-26 is coming together and the committee thanked the NRHS for the opportunity to host this convention. Tentative convention program events include the following events:

June 20: Chehalis-Centralia Railroad steam trip (ex-CMStP&P) or movies at the Murano Hotel (headquarters) all day "with or without trains."

June 21: Amtrak Cascades Talgo to Portland, OR, then steam train back to Tacoma behind ex-SP #4449, then a reception at Foss Waterway Seaport.

June 22: Tour of Seattle electric operations; a visit to the Northwest Railroad Museum; Lunch at Paradise Lodge on Mt. Rainier; and an evening Puget Sound Dinner Cruise.

June 23: Steam trains at Mt. Rainier Scenic Railway, with diesel train to or from Tacoma and bus the other way; a winery tour; a Meet the NRHS Officers Reception and At-Large Members Meeting; two seminars; and a Tacoma Rail Night Photo Session

June 24: Nine Seminars, Board Meeting, Annual Membership Meeting, Banquet.

June 25: Steam excursion with 4449 from Tacoma through Stampede Pass (BNSF, ex-Northern Pacific) and return.

June 26: On this closing day of the convention there will be a steam train (4449) Tacoma to Portland, with option to return to Tacoma on *Coast Starlight*.

I would urge every member who is able to go to do so. This program has two additional days of train riding/ chasing compared to prior conventions.