

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 17, 2012 at the Shiloh Museum Store.

Our programs have been exceptionally good! Great activities are in the works and we need your input!

Tom Duggan will be the program presenter. Make plans to be at our next meeting Thursday.

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CHAPTER MINUTES

Monthly meeting of the Arkansas-Boston Mtn. Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society at the Shiloh Museum

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. 29 members and two guests (Gale Hall and Jan Condren) were present.

Bill Longston, the Treasurer, reported that the money market account has \$12,969.86. Checking account has brought in \$149 for a current balance of \$1,774.43 in checking, and \$12,972.51 in the Money Market account for a Grand Total \$14,746.94.

Program Chairman – Tom Duggan is the presenter in May, Show-N-Tell is planned in June. Gary and Claire volunteered to present the August program on the Black Hills railroads.

Bill Merrifield, *Scrambler* editor, reported electronic dissemination working well. The *Scrambler* was posted electronically, with printed copies compliments of Chuck Girard and First National Bank of Fort Smith. The chapter pays the postage. He reported we still exchange newsletters with other organizations.

OLD BUSINESS

Al Kaepfel reported no press release was made for the Children's Christmas train. The A&M absorbed all of the costs and the money earned went to children charities. JB Hunt handled the fund raising part of this. \$12,000 each went to two different children's charities! Brenda from the A&M provided the lounge car for the annual Christmas party and our chapter responded by helping with refurbishment of the new dome car. Al expressed appreciation for our volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Duggan brought a report of contact with Greg Malloy from National NRHS who came to Springdale to spend two days in prospect of a National NRHS convention for 2014. Convention ideas include a couple of days in Kansas City including a charter Amtrak train from KC to Springdale and return. Three NRHS officials met with our officers in Springdale and in Fort Smith. They also met with A&M officials. NRHS would assume responsibility of financial risk for this convention. Nothing is definite at this point, no commitments have been made – just fact-finding for a possible convention. June 2014 is a possible target date.

The possibility of this convention will hinge on the Kansas City chapter's willingness to participate. Excursion would route BNSF from KC to Monett, A&M to Springdale – then return A&M to Van Buren and UP Coffeyville Sub back to KC.

Motion was made and approved to reimburse Bob Stark for \$155.00 for meal expense for meetings with the NRHS officials.

Tom Duggan attended a meeting at the Fayetteville Public Library about Non-Profit organizations marketing. Most non-profits are now using social media such as Twitter and Facebook. Tom Duggan will formulate a report for Bill Merrifield on this subject.

Ray Tolar reported Tired Iron Spring Startup starting April 20 and running through April 22 with several new attractions. Show begins 8am. Meeting is at Siloam Springs – north on Mount Olive road.

A&M will run a veteran train on Saturday, May 23 to Van Buren and return. Free to veterans but reservations are required.

Chapter member Cleo Matter passed away this month in Indiana. Tom Duggan sent a card to Cleo's daughter in Indiana.

TRAIN TALK

Mike Condren mentioned the latest information on UP 844 – somewhere in Texas. The MP historical diesel failed to respond to throttle commands from the 844. As a result, the 844 had to apply brakes and suffered flat tires. The 844 is now out of service until wheels can be repaired. The locomotive may be located in Corsicana or Hearne, Texas until repairs can be completed. UP 844 locomotive may be ferried very slowly back to Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mitch Marmel talked about the only trolley car that ran above the surf in Brighton, England 1896 to 1901.

David MacDonald saw a coal train in Ft. Smith. It turned out to be for car storage on the A&M in Fort Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm for the presentation, "The Muskogee Roads" by Mike Condren.

Mike Syput reporting for Malcolm K. Cleaveland, Secretary

LOCALLY ON THE BEAM

All Hands,

National Director, Chuck Girard's father has passed away after a lengthy illness. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Dispatcher. Bob

BRASS POUNDING DOWN THE LINE

Wichita Chapter National Railway
Historical Society
presents the
Annual Quad Chapter Meet
Saturday, June 02, 2012

John McCall, co-author of the book **THE ORIENT** will present a program on the **Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway**.

The Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society published the book.

There will be a fabulous and delicious lunch at 11:30 at Jet Bar BQ at the corner of 3rd and Wabash Streets in Wichita.

Fare: \$16.00 per person if reserved by May 12. \$19.00, May 14 – 24. All reservations must be received by the 24th of May.

Schedule

9:00 – 11:00 Registration the Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 E. Douglas Ave.

10:00: (Tentative) A tour of the Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad shops located in the former Orient yard area.

Shoes covering the entire foot required. Safety vest also required. Wichita Chapter NRHS will furnish vests.

11:30: Lunch

12:15: Chapter Reports, Door Prizes, and Mr. McCall's program.

2:00: Adjournment. Visit the GPTM, tour Wichita, have a safe trip home!

Mail reservations to

J. Harvey Koehn, Nat'l Director
237 N. Lakeside Dr.
Andover, KS 67002

Make check payable to Wichita Chapter NRHS.

If you have questions call 316.733.2085 or send an e-mail to info@gptm.us. Please put "Quad Chapter" in the subject line.

Quad Chapter 2012

Reservations

Enclosed is payment for reservations. Total amount enclosed is _____.

Name(s) _____

Chapter: _____

Phone number: (H) _____ (C) _____

e-mail: _____

HISTORICAL OPERATIONS

Friends of the 261 purchases Frisco 1522 support cars

April 13, 2012

MINNEAPOLIS – The Friends of the 261 announced today it has purchased two former passenger support cars used with Frisco 4-8-2 No. 1522 when it was in excursion service. The friends purchased the cars from the Museum of Transportation and Transport Museum Association in St. Louis. One car is a baggage dormitory, Amtrak No. 800098, named Firefly. It was originally Milwaukee Road No. 1312, and was built at the Milwaukee Shops for Olympian Hiawatha service in 1947. The other car is former Northern Pacific baggage car 220, now Amtrak No. 800608, named Black Gold. Pullman Standard built it for the NP in 1958 for general service. Both cars have had their trucks rebuilt to meet Amtrak specifications. The friends said the two cars would be moved to Minneapolis later this summer for an Amtrak inspection and put into service in the near future. Friends of the 261 Chief Operating Officer Steve Sandberg said, “We would like to thank all of the crew and fans from the 1522 organization for supporting this transaction. The equipment is a testament to the hard work and dedication that was put forth by 1522’s crew over the years. Thanks to their efforts the equipment will continue to support mainline steam operations.”

UP 844 repaired, will rejoin anniversary train

May 1, 2012

FORT WORTH, Texas – Repairs have been completed on Union Pacific 4-8-4 No. 844 at the Georgetown Railroad shop in Georgetown, Texas, and the locomotive will rejoin the UP’s 150th anniversary special train in Hearne, Texas tomorrow.

The locomotive was at the Georgetown shop because the short line had a drop table large enough to enable removal of the steam engines 80-inch drivers. The wheels were sent out to contractors to repair flat spots incurred last month during the 844’s tour through Texas.

Nevada Northern Railway hosting special events Memorial Day Weekend

May 14, 2012

ELY, Nev. — The Nevada Northern Railway Museum is sponsoring two events on Memorial Day Weekend, the unofficial kickoff of the summer travel season. All active military and veterans can ride trains at no charge on Memorial Day, May 28. On May 26, the museum is steaming up its Industrial Brownhoist 100-ton wrecking crane “A,” among the only operating cranes of its class. The Nevada Northern purchased the crane new in 1907 from the Industrial Works of Bay City, Mich., for \$16,015. It was restored to operation in 2005 in part with funds from a Trains magazine preservation grant.

On May 27, Baldwin 4-6-0 No. 40 and Alco 2-8-0 No. 93 will be doublehead on two trips. This is the only time the two locomotives are scheduled to doublehead this year.

The weekend kicks off the museum’s 25th year of operation. The railroad was built to serve the copper mines during the early 20th century. In 1983, the White Pine Historical Railroad Foundation was organized to receive, administer, and develop an operating railroad museum. Kennecott Copper made substantial donations consisting

of more than 32 miles of track, the East Ely complex of machine shops, roundhouse, yards, and rolling stock, and the McGill Depot.

Union Pacific E8A gets its wings back
April 18, 2012

PERRIS, Calif. – There's a now a third E-unit that wears the classic Union Pacific "wings" paint scheme: Orange Empire Railroad Museum's E8A No. 942. The locomotive joins Union Pacific's own E9As 949 and 951 wearing the wings. No. 942 carries the wings it wore when it was built by EMD in 1953, which includes the word "Railroad" along with Union Pacific. Unlike the two UP E-units, which operate across the system as part of UP's Heritage fleet, No. 942 still has its two original power plants



After 19 years of service on Union Pacific, No. 942 was sold to a railroad equipment dealer in Chicago in 1972. It was resold to the Chicago & North Western, which renumbered it 510 and used it in Chicago-area commuter train operations. The Regional Transportation Authority also used it after it took over C&NW commuter service. The unit was retired in 1988, and it ended up in a salvage yard in Colton, Calif. In 1995, the museum raised the funds to purchase the locomotive, and it was moved to Perris in June 1997.

When C&NW turned No. 942 into a commuter unit, the railroad removed the steam generator and added head end power. This resulted in external modifications such as adding additional roof fans and stamped vent louvers. Museum volunteer Marty Bernard said that museum volunteers worked to undo the changes, but some could not be redone due to budget constraints. When the unit was prepped for painting, some of the Regional Transportation Authority blue and red paint was visible when sanding No. 942. Bernard said there was also evidence the locomotive at one time was struck on the fireman's side/front.



PERRIS, Calif. – The Orange Empire Railway Museum has completed the repainting of four Union Pacific passenger cars in the railroad’s famed Armour Yellow colors. The four cars match recently restored Union Pacific E8A No. 942.

Partial NS steam schedule for 2012

May 9, 2012

NORFOLK, Va. – While Norfolk Southern steam trips this spring and summer are for employees, railfans interested in seeing the steam locomotives in action will have several opportunities. Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum's Southern Railway 2-8-0, No. 630, and the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society's Nickel Plate Road 2-8-4, No. 765, will do the honors in June, July, August, and September.

Southern No. 630

- June 2-3: Inman Yard (Atlanta) to Austell, Ga.
- June 9-10: Salisbury to Barber, N.C.
- June 30-July 1: Roanoke to Walton, Va.
- July 14-15: Knoxville to Coster (North Knoxville)
- Sept. 15-16: Irondale Yard (Birmingham) to 14th Street in downtown Birmingham.

Nickel Plate Road No. 765

- July 21-22: Bellevue to Colsan (Bucyrus), Ohio
- July 28-29: Homestead Yard to Airline Yard in Toledo, Ohio
- Aug. 4-5: Williamson to Naugatuck, W.Va.
- Aug. 11-12: Conway Yard, Conway, Pa. to CP Wood (Homewood, Pa.)
- Aug. 18-19: Enola Yard (Harrisburg, Pa.) to CP Capital, a junction in Harrisburg
- Sept. 15-16: Luther Yard (St. Louis) to Robertson, Mo.

Our thanks to Trains
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news items.

TRAINS THROUGH MEMORY



PTC 5032, ex 5014, on 38th St. between Market and Lancaster on a Philadelphia chapter NRHS fan trip in the late 1940s.
Mitch Marmel