

# ARKANSAS-BOSTON MOUNTAINS CHAPTER

## NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Chapter No. 188 founded in 1987



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Our website address is [www.arkrailfan.com](http://www.arkrailfan.com)

NRHS Chapter meets at 7:00 PM, April 18, 2013 at the Shiloh Museum Store.  
Mitch Marmel is the program presenter

## The Scrambler

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### CHAPTER MINUTES

Meeting of the Arkansas- Boston Mountains Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society at the Shiloh Museum, Springdale, AR on March 21, 2013. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by the President, Bob Stark. 14 members were present. The low turnout was probably due to nasty cold and rainy weather.

Chuck Girard, Nat. Director, reported that membership renewal is going well; only two or three have not renewed, still needs to bill the chapter-only four members. He wants to relinquish the National Directorship because he cannot attend the conventions. Ken Eddy, who does attend the conventions, will become the Nat. Director. Chuck will still look after local membership matters

Bill Longston, the Treasurer, reported that the money market account was unchanged, except for additional interest, balance is \$11,511.11. The checking account current balance is \$1,625.22, virtually unchanged from the February balance, \$1,625.47.

The latest issue of the *Scrambler* is on the website. Bill Merrifield, the editor, commented that Chuck Girard's bank printing the color pictures for us makes a huge difference.

**Old Business:** Someone has offered us copies of the *NRHS Bulletin* dating back to the 1930s. We will not take them, because they would be better housed in a museum or library. There has been no follow-through on the volunteer action to see if the University Library or Shiloh Museum will accession them. Action will be taken. Motion tabled for third time.

We need to take action on our President's proposal to make an annual award to people or organizations who have done an outstanding job of railroad preservation, historical research, etc. He wants to make the first award to Simmons Corp. (successor to Peters) that has preserved the Decatur Depot in such good condition. We will discuss further when we have better attendance.

Programs: April Mitch Marmel videos; May Mike Syputl on the Reader RR. Need June through November.  
Train Show: A success with a good turnout. We sold \$90 worth of stuff, gave out 390 engineer certificates.

**New Business:** Tom Duggan has arranged a trip to the Joplin Union Depot with a guide from the Schifferdecker Museum. Originally scheduled for Saturday, March 23, they called and suggested that it be rescheduled because they have snow on the ground, bad roads, and the forecast is for more of the same lousy weather. It was agreed to reschedule and try for a new date of April 20.

Brenda Rouse said a new room would soon be ready in their train shed and offered it for meetings. While our present location is excellent, Brenda's and the A&M's offer is deeply appreciated. Perhaps we could arrange with them to use it for special occasions.

Meeting was adjourned 7:40 PM and followed by two presentations by Tom Duggan. His first was on the condition of our historical signs installed to call attention to the communities served by the Frisco RR. Some need re-enforcement work but the Johnson sign is kaput. Tom's second presentation was on the Frisco RR in NW Arkansas, the Central Division, 1881-1980.

Malcolm K. Cleaveland, Secretary

## **LOCALLY ON THE BEAM**

### **Chapter Excursion to Joplin, Missouri**

**Saturday, April 20, 2013**

**Schedule: Depart from Springdale at 9:00 AM (near A & M depot) via carpool  
Bella Vista at 9:30 AM (5 Breton Lane) via carpool  
Arrive Joplin about 11:00 AM**

**Places to be visited: (in no particular order)**

**Joplin Union Depot (inside tour)**

**Missouri Pacific Roundhouse**

**Frisco Depot Building**

**Missouri Pacific Joplin Depot (tea break)**

**Lunch (Dutch treat at Red Onion Restaurant )**

**Our guides will be Ned Mayes, Joplin rail fan, and a representative of Joplin's  
Schifferdecker Museum.**

**Questions: Please call Tom Duggan at 479-419-9674 or dachinghwa @gmail.com**



Above are some of the places of interest to our Chapter that you will get to explore on the excursion to Joplin!      Photos submitted by Tom Duggan

## **HISTORICAL OPERATIONS**

### **Cumbres & Toltec No. 463 steams again**

April 11, 2013

ANTONITO, Colo. The wait is over as Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad 2-8-2 No. 463 is ready to operate again after a decade of inactivity. The Antonito shop crew finished its 3-year rebuild over the winter and the locomotive is now ready for its inaugural charter. Ride behind No. 463 on its first revenue charter on May 20.

A special excursion is offered by the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, which will feature an 8:30 a.m. departure from the Antonito depot on a one-way, west-bound trip to Chama. Numerous photo runbys are planned and a barbecue chicken lunch at Osier is included. Each passenger will also receive a commemorative No. 463 cap marking the occasion. Bus transportation between Chama and Antonito is includ-

ed in the fare. A separate fare night photo session in front of the Chama depot is also offered. Fares are \$185 for Tourist Class, \$125 for Coach Class (general public), \$115 Coach Class (Friends Member), and \$95 for work session attendees. The night photo shoot at the Chama depot is an additional \$50 and is limited to 25 attendees.



## Work progresses on Kentucky & Tennessee 0-6-0

April 8, 2013 By Jeff Hunsaker

STEARNS, Ky. — For 50 years, the sound of a steam whistle in the foothills of southern Kentucky has been absent from the legendary Kentucky & Tennessee Railway, the one-time home of Southern Railway excursion superstar No. 4501. But that is changing through the combined efforts of Wasatch Railroad Contractors and volunteers from K&T successor Big South Fork Scenic Railway.

Last weekend, workers installed staybolts and loaded boiler tubes into former Union Railroad 0-6-0 No. 77, a Lima-designed locomotive that Alco built in 1944. Work began in 2002 with the purchase of the locomotive from a defunct tourist railroad that was nearby, and the effort progressed until 2007 when funding ran out. It has resumed again with the aim of returning steam to this tourist line near the Tennessee border.

John Rimmasch of Wasatch and former Union Pacific steam program manager Steve Lee are pushing the project toward completion, which could come as early as this fall. When K&T dieselized in 1963 and No. 12 went on to resume its original identity as Southern No. 4501, a piece of this classic coal-hauling short line was lost. But it's about to be found once more when No. 14 takes to the rails along the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River.

Crew members slide in a new boiler tube into No. 14 at the Tennessee & Kentucky shop. Is boiler tube the correct nomenclature?

