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CHAPTER MINUTES

The December 19, 2013 Christmas party of the Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society on the A&M Railroad parlor Car left from the A&M depot at Springdale, AR at 6:30 PM. 24 members and guests were treated to a wonderful dinner and fellowship. No formal meeting was held and as such no official minutes were kept. Our thanks are to Al Kaeppl for the fine arrangements.

Two of the guests, Bart and Sarah Jennings, were special representatives of the NRHS 2014 Convention that will be held in Springdale and the surrounding areas June 10th through the 15th. Bart is serving as the Convention manager. The official NRHS announcement of Convention events is published in this January, 2014 Scrambler.

LOCALLY ON THE BEAM

2014 NRHS Convention news: Tom Duggan reported that as of January 7, 66 individuals have registered for the Convention with \$42,000 in revenues and 7 new NRHS members.

Please make plans to attend the January 16 Chapter meeting for an important discussion.

2014 Chapter Dues Refund Offer: At the November, 2013 meeting a motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the Chapter would absorb the \$12.00 annual dues starting January 1, 2014. This mean that all mem-

bers who paid the dues of \$62.00 or more are entitled to a refund of \$12.00. At the Christmas Banquet Train on December 19th, our Treasurer, Tom Duggan gave out refunds to five individuals. Several members declined the refund requesting the Chapter retain the refund. This is a kind gesture since our investment fund generated monthly income of \$1.42!

At the January, 2014 meeting, Tom will be armed with a supply of ten and two dollar bills for those wishing a refund. For those members unable to attend the meeting please call Tom at 479-419-9674 and leave your name on the answering machine or send an email to dachinghwa@gmail.com. Your refund will be mailed.

Great NWA Model Train Show: Mitch Marmel and Malcolm Cleaveland were designated by Bob Stark, our chapter President to coordinate with the Sugar Creek Club details of our participation in the February 22, 2014 Great NWA Model Train Show to be held in the Springdale Convention Center. Admission will be \$7, (\$1 off w/non-perishable food item). Children 12 and under enter free).

Mitch spoke with Keith Johnson at the Sugar Creek Christmas Party. We are officially confirmed as having the same amount of space as last time for the 2014 show. The actual location may vary a bit, as the Sugar Creek show will be taking the entire convention center space this time around, but our area will be up against the back wall as usual.

Our weather policy: If on any day that Springdale Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, our monthly meeting on that same day is canceled.

Welcome to the *NRHS Convention 2014*. Sales are now open for the NRHS Convention which will be held in Arkansas! Please continue to read below for registration information.

Fans of vintage trains and the Ozark Mountains will want to join the National Railway Historical Society's convention based in Springdale, Arkansas. Tickets are now on sale for the week-long event that takes place June 10-15, 2014.

Highlighting this year's convention is four days of charter passenger trains on the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad, many over freight-only rail lines. All trains will be powered by the A&M's fleet of classic diesel locomotives built in the 1960s by the American Locomotive Company. Attendees can also ride a special A&M "photo freight" train from Springdale to Mountainburg and back, featuring multiple photo stops, a dinner break and night photography opportunities.

Other NRHS convention events include:

- Tours of the Fort Smith Trolley Museum and the A&M shops and yard facilities;
- Coach and dinner train rides on the Eureka Springs & North Arkansas Railway;
- A tour of the two-story 1910 Frisco Railway passenger depot in Fort Smith;
- The first ever behind-the-scenes tour of the Silver Dollar City steam railroad in Branson, Missouri.

Non-rail events will include tours of the historic town of Eureka Springs and nearby War Eagle Mill, the internationally famous Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the Walmart Visitor Center located in the original Walton's 5 & 10, and the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks. The NRHS annual membership meeting, NRHS Advisory Council meeting, the society's annual banquet, and a variety of rail history seminars will also take place.

The convention will be based at the Holiday Inn Springdale and the adjacent Hampton Inn & Suites. All convention meetings will take place at the Holiday Inn, including seminars and the annual banquet. Both hotels are offering a special room rate of \$99 per night plus tax, which includes a free breakfast offered well in advance of morning event departures.

"The NRHS convention offers a unique opportunity to combine tourism, train travel and history, taking attendees behind the scenes and offering photographic opportunities that can't be found anywhere else," said Barton Jennings, rail operations chairman for NRHS. "Attractions in the Ozarks Mountain region range from world-class art museums to some of the most rugged hiking trails anywhere. June is a great time to visit Arkansas, as summer is just beginning and the tourist industry is in full swing."

For a complete list of convention activities, news and travel information, visit the convention website at http://nrhs.com/2014_Convention.

LOCATION: The NRHS Convention 2014 will be based in Springdale, Arkansas from June 10, 2014 to June 14, 2014 plus one day of public trips on June 15, 2014.

HOTELS: The Convention Hotels are taking reservations. Details on hotel accommodations can be found in the downloadable registration package below.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION: Registration information is now available for download and tickets are on sale through our online system. NRHS is offering a partial payment option for convention sales once again this year.

- [Registration package](#) - Includes event information, hotel information and other registration information.
- [Buy Tickets Now](#) - A link to our ticketing system where you can purchase tickets online
- [Mail in Registration Form](#) - A link to download the printable registration form can be found on the website.

HISTORICAL OPERATIONS

Streamliners at Spencer: Three more attending locomotives announced

December 20, 2013

SPENCER, N.C. — Three more classic streamlined locomotives are planned to attend the North Carolina Transportation Museum's "Streamliners at Spencer" event, May 29-June 1, 2014. The count now stands at 10 operational units. The most recent additions include two Delaware, Lackawanna & Western-painted F3s and a New Haven FL9, both located in the Northeast.

The two colorful Lackawanna-painted units are the oldest operational F units in the U.S., having been built in 1948. Nos. 663 and 664 belong to the Tri-State Railway Historical Society, Inc., and the Anthracite Railroads Historical Society, Inc., respectively. They are based in Scranton, Pa., and often operate at Steamtown National Historic site. Former Bangor & Aroostook units, they carry the colors of the mainline railroad that once served Scranton.

No. 663 is one of two former Bangor & Aroostook F3As restored to operating condition in Delaware, Lackawanna & Western colors. These units join the museum's three colorful streamlined locomotives, an Atlantic Coast Line E3 and a Southern Railway FP7 and E8, plus Norfolk Southern's two executive F9s, and Juniata Terminal Co.'s Pennsylvania Railroad-painted E8s.

New York, New Haven & Hartford No. 2019 was built in October 1960 and is unusual because it has five axles, two axles under the front truck, and three under the rear truck. This innovation was due to the territory in which the units operated. One of 60 FL9s built, it is owned by the Railroad Museum of New England and operates over the museum's former New Haven line in northwestern Connecticut.

Look for tickets for the event to go on sale in early 2014. For more information, visit www.nctrans.org or call 704-636-2889.



Lackwanna-painted Fs on a Steamtown excursion in June 2013.
Photo by Alex Mayes

Durango & Silverton founder Charles E. Bradshaw Jr. dies. By Wayne Laepple
December 30, 2013

DURANGO, Colo. – Charles E. "Charlie" Bradshaw Jr., the Florida businessman who bought the Silverton Branch of the Denver & Rio Grande Western in 1981 and saved it from abandonment, died on Dec. 21. Bradshaw, who made his fortune as a citrus grower and real estate developer, purchased the legendary 45-mile narrow gauge line between Durango and Silverton when the D&RGW was about to abandon it, changed its name to Durango & Silverton Railroad, and turned it into a tourist railroad powerhouse that carried up to 200,000 passengers annually.

When he took over operations in 1981, he promised to extend the operating season, add more equipment additional trains, and restore larger locomotives to service. He was a hands-on manager who made frequent visits to Durango and kept an apartment that overlooked the D&S station, roundhouse, and yards.

In 1997 Bradshaw sold the railroad to American Heritage Railways, which continues to operate it, along with the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad in North Carolina. Our thanks to TRAINS Newswire.