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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, March 20, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by the President, Bob Stark. 28 members were present and four guests, Brenda Rouse of the A&M RR, Henson and Reba Title, and Adrian Flores. Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Ken Eddy, the National Representative, reported that the January board meeting ushered in big changes: dues collection will go all electronic with the transition beginning in 2015 and becoming mandatory in 2016. National will only collect their dues, local chapters will be responsible for collecting chapter dues. This change is expected to save National some \$300,000 over five years and is long overdue.

Chuck Girard, local membership, reported that there were STILL only a few people that had not paid dues and they would be getting a letter from National saying they will have to enroll as new members to continue. Some people who paid recently will get the letters because their payment crossed in the mail.

Tom Duggan, the Treasurer, reported our total assets as \$13,110.47, with \$11,528.41 in the investment account and \$1,582.06 in regular account. We showed our appreciation for the donations of books by Gary McCullah for auctions.

Bill Merrifield, Editor, will not be able to represent the chapter at the Pine Bluff show.

Old Business: The Great NWA Train Show Feb. 22 appears to have been a great success. Al Kaepfel reported that they issued 360 proficiency certificates, more than 50 per hour. Tom Duggan said that all the small T-shirts with Frisco logo were sold and he sold many books for the widow of Fred Lewis. Total sales were \$920 with \$565 to Mrs. Lewis. Tom raffled off the Alco cab ride, but I did not catch the winner.

New Business: Steve Tharp said Peterson Farms apparently does not want the 2012 Preservation Award, which is a very nice etched glass plaque. We'll have to think about what to do with it. Decatur seems to welcome our help in maintaining the depot, a possible project for the chapter.

Train Talk: Ray Toler said Tired Iron will occur on April 18-20 (Fri,Sat,Sun) at the Tired Iron grounds N of Siloam Springs, 13344 Taylor Orchard Rd, Gentry, AR 72734. Tired Iron has received a 1943 vintage 25-ton GE 2 axle diesel-electric locomotive from the SWEPCO plant in Gentry. SWEPCO not only donated the loco, but it moved it for free. It is in good condition, was completely overhauled in 1975 with a rebuilt Detroit Diesel 671 and air compressor. Power is a 150hp GE 733 traction motor. The unit needs 3 deep-cycle batteries to be operational. Tom Duggan said that A&M is getting another passenger car in time for the 2014 NRHS convention. It is a Budd SP Daylight lounge car that Brenda said seats 46. Brenda said the troop train will run on Saturday May 24 of Memorial Day weekend. Chuck said he and Mike planned to give a program at the Drennan-Scott house Sunday May 4. Mitch Marmel said he will go to a train show in Joplin, MO, Sat. March 29. There is an auction of train sets the same day.

Adjourned 7:35 PM followed by a program by Bob Stark and Al Kaepfel on tracing the Ozark & Cherokee Central RR right-of-way. Bob reminded us again that we need new programs. Steve Tharp will give the April program, which will be about the Kansas City Southern RR in Oklahoma. Mitch will give a program in July. Malcolm K. Cleaveland, Secretary

HISTORICAL OPERATIONS

Collection of noted photographer J.J. Young Jr. available online

April 11, 2014

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. – A new photo page is showcasing the photography of famed rail photographer J.J. Young Jr. The page features Young's work in the Binghamton area from 1959 until he moved out of the state. More than 800 black-and-white photos cover railroads such as the Delaware & Hudson, Erie Lackawanna, and Lehigh Valley.

The site is the work of Sam Botts, using the negative collection that was given to Young's son John after his passing in 2004. To see the photos, go to www.flickr.com/photos/jjyoungjr.

Young was born in Wheeling, W.Va. on May 23, 1929. He worked for the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad before moving in 1959 to Binghamton where he taught photography. After retiring from Broome Technical Community College in Binghamton in 1995, Young relocated to Charleston, where he continued his life-long hobby of photographing trains until his death. Young never had a driver's license, yet visited all 48 states in the continental U.S. chasing trains.

Young amassed a collection of more than 10,000 images, and bequeathed 6,328 images of trains in Wheeling and Charleston to the West Virginia State Archives. In addition to those photos, Young's other photographs remain with his widow in Charleston and his son in upstate New York.

UP confirms Big Boy travel dates to Cheyenne, will depart California April 28

LOS ANGELES — Union Pacific has confirmed that 4-8-8-4 Big Boy No. 4014 will depart its West Colton Yard on April 28 at 8 a.m. A total of 27 stops are planned on the 11-day trek to Cheyenne, including all-day displays in Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, and Ogden.



No. 4014 on the first leg of its journey from Pomona in late January.
Photo by Howard Bunte

The schedule (All times are local.) includes: April 28: Depart 8 a.m. Bloomington, Calif. - Arrive 10:30 a.m. Canyon, Calif. – inspect locomotive Depart 11 a.m. Arrive 12:30 p.m. Victorville, Calif. – Depart 1:15 p.m. Amtrak Station. - Arrive: 3:15 p.m. Barstow - Whistle stop Depart: 3:30 p.m. Amtrak Station - 685 N. Arrive 5:30 p.m. Yermo, Calif. – April 29: Depart 8 a.m. Yermo, Calif. – Arrive 12:30 p.m. Kelso, Calif. –, Depart 1:15 p.m. Arrive 4:15 p.m. Jean, Nev. - Depart 4:45 p.m. Arrive 6:15 p.m. Las Vegas, Nev. – Union Pacific yard 1001 Ironhorse Ct. April 30 – Layover and Display: Union Pacific rail yard 1001 Ironhorse Ct. Las Vegas, Nev. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. May 1: Depart 7 a.m. Las Vegas, Nev. – Arrive 9:15 a.m. Moapa, Nev. – Depart 9:45 a.m. Arrive 1:30 p.m. PDT Caliente, Nev. - Depart 1:45 p.m. Arrive 5 p.m. MDT Modena, Utah - Depart 5:30 p.m. Arrive 8:30 p.m. MDT Milford, Utah – Union Pacific rail yard 200 South St. East and 100 East St. South May 2: Depart 8 a.m. MDT Milford, Utah. Arrive 10:30 a.m. Clear Lake, Utah – Depart 11 a.m. Arrive 12:01 p.m. Delta, Utah – Depart 12:15 p.m. Arrive 4:45 p.m. Stockton, Utah – Depart 5 p.m. Arrive 7:45 p.m. Salt Lake City, Utah 1020 Warm Springs Rd. Saturday, May 3 – Layover and Display: 1020 Warm Springs Rd. Salt Lake City, Utah 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. May 4: Depart 8 a.m. Arrive 11:45 a.m. Ogden, Utah – May 5 – Layover and Display: Ogden Depot 2501 Wall Ave. Ogden, Utah 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. May 6 Depart 8 a.m. Arrive 10:45 a.m. Echo, Utah – Depart 11:15 a.m. Arrive 12:45 p.m. Evanston, Wyo. - Depart 1:15 p.m. Arrive 4 p.m. Granger, Wyo. - Depart 4:30 p.m. Arrive 5:45 p.m. Green River, Wyo. – Depart 6:15 p.m. Arrive 7:30 p.m. Rock Springs, Wyo. –May 7: Depart 8 a.m. Rock Springs, Wyo. - Arrive 11:30 p.m. Wamsutter, Wyo. - Depart 12:01 p.m. Arrive 1:30 p.m. Rawlins, Wyo. - Depart 2 p.m. Arrive 4:15 p.m. Medicine Bow, Wyo. - Depart 4:45 p.m. Arrive 7:30 p.m. Laramie, Wyo. – May 8: Reposition 8:30 a.m. Laramie, Wyo. – Depart 10:00 a.m. Laramie, Wyo. – Arrive 1 p.m. Cheyenne, Wyo. – Depot Museum 121 W. 15th St.

Steamtown announces expanded 2014 excursion schedule

SCRANTON, Pa. – Steamtown National Historic Site is gearing up for an exciting excursion season with trips to nearly a dozen destinations in northeast Pennsylvania. The park is also expanding its popular Scranton Limited yard shuttle with weekend trips to Nay Aug Park, the city of Scranton’s largest park.

The Scranton Limited yard shuttle begins on April 19 and departs at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturdays in April and May and Wednesday through Fridays in June. In July and August the shuttle will run every day. New for 2014 is the Nay Aug Limited, a 45 minute train ride on Sundays that will travel over the former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western main line to the 755-foot Nay Aug Tunnel. Each trip will feature a brief stop above the Nay Aug Gorge where visitors will have the unique opportunity to view the natural landmark from the train.

Later in the summer, longer main line excursions will kick off on the Pocono Mountain main line to Moscow, Gouldsboro, Tobyhanna, Cresco, East Stroudsburg, and the Delaware Water Gap. Trips will also run on the former Delaware & Hudson Carbondale Line to Dickson City, Olyphant, and Jessup. One of the longest excursions of the year will take place on Aug. 2 and 23, when a pair of DL&W-painted F3s, originally built for the Bangor & Aroostook, will lead excursions up the former DL&W to Binghamton, N.Y.

Our thanks to
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TRAINS FROM MEMORY

Jack Delano’s Homefront Photography, presents rarely seen World War II worker portraits. Delano made the images in 1942-1943 for the U.S. Office of War Information as part of a nearly yearlong railroad project that produced 3,000 photographs. Can you name the city where Delano made this photo?

