

# ARKANSAS-BOSTON MOUNTAINS CHAPTER

## NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NRHS Chapter meets at 7:00 PM, April 16, 2015 at the Shiloh Museum Store.

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### CHAPTER MINUTES

Minutes: Meeting of the Arkansas-Boston Mtn. Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society at the Shiloh Museum, Springdale, AR. March 19, 2015. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the President, Bob Stark. 14 members were present and a guest, Steve Tidwell. Minutes of the February meeting were approved. It was reported that Mike Sypult broke a bone while leading a group to the Holy Land.

Chuck Girard, local membership, reported that most people have paid dues. Problems of getting information out of National have been resolved.

Tom Duggan, the Treasurer, reported our investment account has more than \$11,000, and checking about \$1,035. He has sold about \$250 on E-bay, despite a hassle when he tried to sell an obsolete switch key.

Bill Merrifield, the *Scrambler* editor, said that he continues to have computer problems getting the *Scrambler* disseminated.

Malcolm Cleaveland, the Secretary, suggested that the chapter send Mike Sypult a "get-well" card and the President said that he would do that.

Ken Eddy, the National Representative, was not present.

**Old Business:** The Great NW Arkansas Train Show, Feb. 28 had low attendance, probably due to threatening weather. He estimated that the crowd was about one third of usual. Update will happen after the Sugar Creek meets.

**New Business:** National Train Day is May 9. Chuck Girard said that the NPS would like us to participate in the event in a manner similar to some years ago when we prepared some very nice exhibits. The NPS wants a full interpretive program for the Frisco depot and want us to help put it together. They want oral histories from people associated with the Frisco, especially employees. The A&M may demonstrate Maintenance of Way (MOW) equipment. Time is short. E-mail Chuck if you have any ideas or want to volunteer; His e-mail is: Chuck.Girard@sbcglobal.net

Tom Duggan said he had two railroad phones; one will go to Wheaton, MO depot, one to St. Joes depot.

Programs: April Tom Duggan; May-- Al Kaepfel and Bob Stark; June hope to get Mike Condren.

**Train Talk:** Mitch Marmel reported that trolley 211 was being rebuilt and that the tracks were being extended to the Civic Center. He also said there was a meeting of people interested in a railway museum in the A&M building next to the depot, attended by three people. Another meeting will occur in two weeks. Tom Duggan said it was his opinion that the chapter should not get involved until it was established. Individuals are free to do as they please, of course. Gary McCullah said the Springfield train show was well attended.

Adjourned 7:30 PM followed by a program by Mitch Marmel showing an advertising film promoting the Santa Fe Super Chief's luxurious style, unfortunately not available any more from the neutered and hobbled Amtrak. Malcolm K. Cleaveland, Secretary

## **LOCALLY ON THE BEAM**

**Our Chapter is deeply involved with the celebration of Train Day at the Fort Smith Depot on May 9<sup>th</sup>. A number of members have committed railroad photographs and artifacts. We need more of you to participate!**

All Hands;

The programs for next few months are as follows:

April-Tom Duggan

May-Al & Bob-O&CC Adventures Part 2

June- Show & Tell- All Hands bring something to Show & Tell some railroad thing they like to talk about!

As we don't have programs for July & August I will suggest a couple. As Dispatcher, I might have to suggest a train order.

July- The program will be a group discussion about the five great rail stations of Fort Smith. Many of us could bring pictures or items about those stations. This would be a neat program. If you don't have something to bring then you could do a little research and find something about the subject to present.

August-Again, another group discussion on Fayette Junction. Do you have some pictures or other items? What were the railroad facilities there?

September Open

October- Open

November-Show & tell

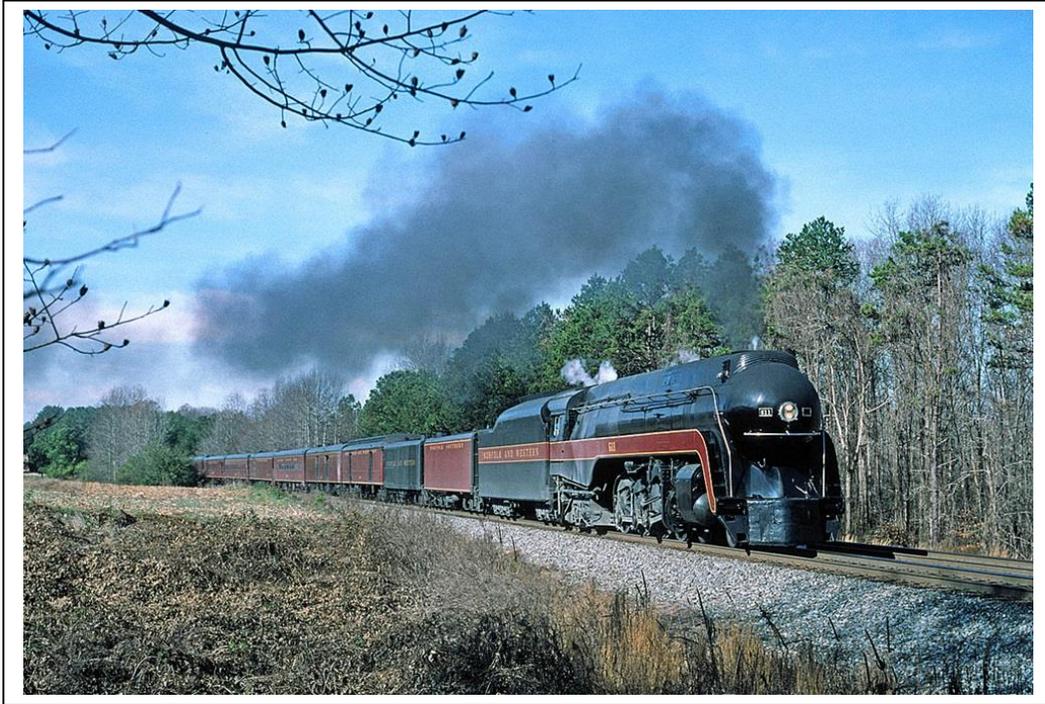
December-Christmas Party

Remember that many of our group come for fellowship and the love of railroads and railroad history. You can keep our chapter meaningful if you share some of your railroad interest and information.

Thanks very much. Dispatcher Bob

## HISTORICAL OPERATIONS

**Virginia Museum of Transportation applies to trademark N&W No. 611**  
April 9, 2015



No. 611 at Lula, Ga., in 1994.  
Photo by Steve Glischinski

Take note below how a trademark could affect even your railroad photographs. Editor

ROANOKE, Va. – The Virginia Museum of Transportation has filed an initial application with the United States Trademark and Patent Office for trademark registration for Norfolk & Western Class J No. 611. If it is awarded by the Patent Office, it will be a legal presumption of the Museum's ownership nationwide of trademarks for the Norfolk & Western Class J steam passenger locomotive, and specifically, Class J No. 611. The Museum will have exclusive right to use these trademarks on or in connection with all the registered products, services, and media produced by the Museum.

No. 611 is under restoration at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, N.C., and is expected to steam home to Roanoke later this spring. Restoration work on No. 611 began in June 2014.

### **Museum of the American Railroad partners with University of North Texas to preserve rail photographs**

By Hayley Enoch | April 8, 2015

FRISCO, Texas – The Museum of the American Railroad has partnered with the University of North Texas' Portal to Texas History to preserve and share more than 5,600 photographs taken by Everett C. Haney. The images include steam locomotives and other types of railroad equipment, as well as personal snapshots.

The Museum has supplied select documents to the project since 2006. The online database, managed by the university, makes digital copies of a variety of privately owned historical documents available to students and historians.

Museum staff members are seeking volunteer labor, and are considering applying for grants to support uploading the Haney collection.

“It is the desire of the Museum of the American Railroad to provide service and access to the collections under our stewardship,” says Kirby Stokes, the Museum’s director of education, “[We] want to honor the dedication of the collectors by not allowing the collections to exist without being shared.”

Photographs in the Burt Blanton collection, previously shared by the Museum, have been accessed almost 8,000 times in 2015. In total, all of the documents uploaded by the Museum of the American Railroad at Portal to Texas History received more than 120,000 views since 2006.

The museum made news in 2012 after moving its entire collection to Frisco, about 15 miles north-east of Dallas. The much larger grounds at the new location will eventually give the group enough room to house its sizable collection, which includes one of eight preserved Union Pacific 4-8-8-4 Big Boys, the Frisco 4-8-4 No. 4501, and an EMD DD40X, under one roof.

### **Friends of the 261 adds second weekend of ‘Windy City Express’ trips**

**April 8, 2015**

MINNEAPOLIS – After the Friends of the 261 will operate a second weekend of trips, departing St. Paul for Chicago on May 15 and returning on May 17 following the sell-out of the first.

The trips will feature three cars, Milwaukee Road Skytop parlor lounge observation *Cedar Rapids*, Milwaukee Road Super Dome No. 53, and ex-Union Pacific baggage car No. 2450, which will travel on the back of Amtrak’s *Empire Builder*.

Round trip tickets are \$359, while one-way fares are \$189. There are also combined ticket/hotel options available. Fares include food and drinks on the train.



‘Cedar Rapids’ will operate from St. Paul to Chicago and back in May on two trips sponsored by Friends of the 261.  
Steve Glischinski

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