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NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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J. Reilly McCarren Transportation Museum at the A&M Depot.

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CHAPTER MINUTES

Meeting of the Arkansas-Boston Mtn. Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society at the Reilly McCarren Transportation Museum, A&M Depot, Springdale, AR. August 20, 2015. Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by the President, Bob Stark. Seventeen members were present and no guests. Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Vice president, Al Kaepfel, said we are up for Frisco Fest on August 27 and passed around a sign-up sheet. Tom Duggan, the Treasurer, reported that he had set Outlook Express to alert him one month before our post office box rental is due to avoid future problems. He reported our total assets as \$11,761 with \$.87 interest. The question was raised about why we have so much money in the bank. The answer was, in part, that we have made large expenditures, for example \$1,100 to the Shiloh Museum, so we need it. Apparently, most of the money was raised hosting Quad-chapter meetings. The Al Kaepfel added that at present we have no way of raising significant amounts of money, so we need that cushion.

Chuck Girard was asked if he could distribute a list of members, maybe with phone numbers and e-mail addresses. He said that he had current info on chapter-only members, but his national roster was eight months old and national is not distributing rosters the way they used to. He was asked to distribute both rosters and agreed to do so, while asking national for a current roster.

National representative, Ken Eddy, reported that two members, Jim Gattis and Tom Duggan attended the Denver convention in addition to himself. The finances looked good and attendance was about 310. The Foundation has distributed heritage grants and Rail Camp went well because Amtrak did a good job. The 2017 convention will be in Nashville and Eddy plans to attend the Oct. 13-14 meeting in Portland OR.

Bill Merrifield, the *Scrambler* editor, said the *Scrambler* newsletter is out and his e-mail is: wmerrif@sbcglobal.net should anyone want to send an news item.

Old Business: The Treasurer reported that he had investigated why there was a \$954 loss at the convention in NW Arkansas. There is good data on revenue but data on expenditures is sorely lacking. It appears that some of the train rides were poorly subscribed, particularly the Sunday excursion. Tom Duggan said the St. Paul celebration September 10 will be in the 1940 WPA gymnasium. Set up is about 9:00 AM, til 2:30 PM.

New Business: John Hendricks said that he and his wife had greatly enjoyed their membership, but they were moving to the Minneapolis-St. Paul area to be closer to some of their children. They thanked us for the fellowship they enjoyed with us.

Mike Syputl proposed, in addition to a new laptop which could be bought for about \$300, that we should not use the projector and portable screen, but buy a 60" flat screen TV for \$400-\$600 and mount it on the wall. This would simplify presentations because it would just use one HDMI cable and the laptop could run on its battery. Mike knows a place in Tontitown that has excellent prices. He will investigate and report back at the September meeting.

The annual Christmas train will be our regular meeting third Thursday in December, \$10/person (with the chapter picking up half the cost to encourage attendance).

Train Talk: Mitch Marmel passed around an old 0-8-0 Lionel engine and tender he put Frisco labels on.

Mike Syputl said that Facebook has turned into a good resource with many historical photos available on it and you can search on anything.

Tom Duggan said there are numerous GBRX reporting marks rail cars parked on sidings in Springdale and Fayetteville, apparently because coal traffic has slowed. **Gary McCullah** passed around a photo of an old Frisco boxcar at Ozark Steel on S. School in Fayetteville. **Bill Merrifield** will give the September presentation and **Jim Gattis** will do the October program in a change of plans.

Adjourned business meeting about 7:40 and **Bob Stark and Al Kaepfel** showed pictures of their continuing efforts to trace the route of the O&CC west of Prairie Grove. This is going well despite running into fences and posted land and dropping the GPS. **Malcolm K. Cleaveland , Secretary**

LOCALLY ON THE BEAM

Hands, Chapter members manned in good numbers our booth at the Frisco Fest. Al, Tom, Larry, Ken and I all did the St. Paul, AR gig. I think it went quite well. The folks over there seemed to really appreciate that we came. Kids were very nice. Thanks Guys. Dispatcher Bob

Union Pacific's 844 is headed to Memphis in October

According to the UP Steam Program's website and Twitter account, the locomotive and crew will head to Tennessee with details to be announced at a later date.

The locomotive recently returned to service after more than a year of re-building.

HISTORICAL OPERATIONS

Nevada State Railroad Museum to expand visitors center September 9, 2016

By Wayne Laepple

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The Nevada State Railroad Museum's facility at Boulder City will use \$469,000 it received this week to expand its visitor facilities. State lawmakers recently approved the transfer of funds from

the Department of Tourism to the museum. Included in the planning is a 6,000-square-foot visitors center as well as an open pavilion for display of equipment.

The museum has outgrown its current facilities since opening in 2001. There is no indoor place for visitors, and the museum's current retail space is only 100 square feet. Ridership at the museum has grown from just 1,600 in 2001 to over 43,000 passengers in 2013.

New Southern 4501 documentary highlights locomotive's history, caretakers

September 12, 2016

CHATANOOGA, Tenn. – Inspired by an affirmation for steam and the startup of Norfolk Southern's 21st Century Steam program, a documentary discussing the history of Southern Railway 2-8-2 No. 4501 is now available. The 93-minute film, titled *And Then There Was One*, focuses on the history of the Mikado and its caretakers. The film was recently debuted in a special premiere hosted at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum in Chattanooga.

Directed by Evan Loftback, a resident of Maryville, Tenn., the documentary is the result of a more than two-year year project inspired by No. 4501's most recent restoration.

"When I learned more about 4501's restoration and her amazing history, I had a strong desire to share it with the world," Loftback says.



No. 4501 leads a 14 car train through Orange, Va., on the former Southern Railway main line, in May 1985. Photo by Alex Mayes

Within a couple months of beginning the project in the spring of 2014, he received support from the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum and a Birmingham, Ala., film producer who agreed to supply production assistance at no cost.

The all-volunteer project is now available to the public at no charge. Following its recent premiere, the video was uploaded to YouTube. The organization is also making plans for hard copies to be sold at the museum as well. All proceeds will go to the museum and No. 4501's continued operation.

For more information or to view the film, go to www.facebook.com/4501film.

2-8-0 runs for first time in 50 years at Georgetown Loop

By Hayley Enoch | August 16, 2016

SILVER PLUME, Colo. — On Aug. 15, the Georgetown Loop's second steam locomotive, a 2-8-0 Consolidation type No. 111, successfully took a test run on the Georgetown Loop's mainline. The Baldwin 2-8-0 has been under restoration since January 2013. No. 111's test run on the Georgetown Loop's main line follows several test fires over the past month, and is likely the first time it has moved on main line track under its own power since the 1960s.

Georgetown Loop bought No. 111 in 2008 and relocated it to their shop in Silver Plume in 2011. It had been on display in Breckenridge, Colo. Its revenue history is unique among surviving steam locomotives: Until the 1960s, No. 111 was owned and operated by the International Railways of Central America in Guatemala.

The Georgetown Loop operates one other steam locomotive, the Lima Shay No. 9, which was originally operated by the West Side Lumber Company.

Georgetown Loop chief mechanical engineer Jeff Badger says that in the coming weeks, the shop crew will fine-tune the Consolidation's operation and perform further testing. He hopes to have No. 111 pulling passenger trains by September.

Trains Magazines seeks proposals for \$10,000 preservation award

August 15, 2016

WAUKESHA, Wis. — *Trains Magazine* is accepting proposals through Oct. 28, 2016, for its annual \$10,000 preservation award. The grant will go to a nonprofit, educational organization in the U.S. or Canada for the restoration or repair of a locomotive, rolling stock, or a structure; or for the establishment or conservation of archives.

Top priority goes to projects of regional or national significance, for which the grant will make a significant impact, and that will be spent by Dec. 31, 2017. Restoration projects nearing completion are preferred.

Proposals should be brief, no more than 200 words in length, and include basic project budget information and up to five images. Applications may be sent via email to presaward@trainsmag.com or mailed to Trains Preservation Award, P.O. Box 1612, Waukesha, WI 53187. *Trains* Editor Jim Wrinn will announce the winner Nov. 12, 2016, at the Association of Tourist Railroads & Railway Museums's annual meeting in Savannah, Ga., and on Trains News Wire. The winner will be profiled in *Trains*' January 2017 issue in the Preservation column and online.

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