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Dear Railroad Enthusiast:

Our September meeting is this Thursday, the 17th, 7PM in The General Store building of the Shiloh Museum, N. Main & E. Jefferson Streets, Springdale. Raymond Toler will present a slide show which will include shots of the Cotton Belt's #819 4-8-4 "Northern", some Colorado narrow guage, and the Cass Railroad. He will have a guest with him who helped on the restoration of the #819 and is a qualified fireman.

We will start with an important business meeting. Those who want to join the National Railway Historical Society, bring the Membership Application forms with you, (I will have some forms for those who did not get one). Bring a check payable to the NRHS for \$9.00 individual member, or \$11.00 for family membership. Your Membership Application and check, along with our chapter charter will be sent at the end of September to National for processing for the Board of Director's meeting on November 8th.

Two other items must be acted upon for submission of our Charter. We must elect: a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a National Director. Some of you have been approached about serving in one of these positions. We need help, if you are willing to serve as an officer, a committee member, or committee chairman, please let me know before the meeting. We need people for the following: Chairman and committee members of the newsletter, a Hospitality Chairman, and a Special Projects Chairman. The floor will be open for nominations also. The other item is the selection of a chapter name. In talking with George Hartman, Senior VP with National, my contact for forming this chapter, he has told me that any name we submit with "Ozark" in the title would be rejected, since the Springfield MO chapter uses "Ozark". Please submit an idea, yours might be the one the members like.

We should also think about our own annual dues. I propose \$10.00, January 1 thru Dec 31st. NRHS dues and chapter dues paid now will cover the year 1988 and what expenses we have had this year, mostly postage and copies for press, radio and TV.

I forgot to mention at the last meeting that we make a donation to cover the refreshments. Any surplus will be used to defray cost for the next month, and if the fund should get too big we could have it go to an annual dinner meeting or something like that. In any case your donation at this meeting will go to cover Bob Oswalds expenses for the drinks, cups etc., with a special thanks to his wife, Annie, for the baked goodies. Ken George Will be supplying the refreshments this month.

News items:

The new Arkansas State Highway Map shows the rail line between Gateway and Fort Smith as the ARK & MO RR.

Extra 2200 South, Issue 86, Oct, Nov, Dec, 1986, published Aug 1987, page 9 has a 3/4 quarter view of newly painted ARK & MO unit 54 with a short piece about the power being used on the line. Photo and Info by Lon Coone and Paul J Morrow.

Railroad Stamps will be on sale Oct 1, 1987 by the U.S. Postal Service in a booklet. Stamps are of five American steam locomotives, beginning with 1829, "Stourbridge Lion", "Best Friend of Charleston", "John Bull", "Brother Jonathan", and "Gowen & Marx". (From Arkansas Railroader & The Trainmaster)

Kansas City Southern is expected to make a cash bid for the SP portion of the ICC non approved Santa Fe Southern Pacific merger. (Arkansas Railroader - Fort Worth Star-Telegram).

If you see a news item or know of some special railroading event that will take place within a reasonable area of us (possibility for photographing) please let the Chairman or a Committee member of our newsletter know, so that it can be included in the newsletter and or mentioned at our monthly meeting; examples: A circus train arrival or departure in Tulsa. The Steam train on the AR & MO for the making of Bolxi Blues. Or even some Movie or TV show that will be shown. * In any case Photographers must be carefull and think safety first, respectfull of railroad property, stay out of the way, watch for and report vandalism, and remember another railfan will want to follow you someday so act in a manner so that he will be welcomed.

October meeting will be the fourth Thursday, the 22nd.

High Green see you this Thursday, Sept 17th 7 PM

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