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Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter  
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Members and Rail Enthusiasts, as you can see we received our charter at the Board of Directors meeting November 8th. Bob Oswald will give full details at the meeting Thursday night 19th, 7PM in the "Meeting House" of the Shiloh Museum, E Johnson St., Springdale.

Bob Oswald will also be the speaker for the evening. He will have a slide show entitled; "Nifty Train Rides".

On a rainy/drizzly Saturday October 24th, about 25 published rail photographers, those who have had photo articles in one of the many rail related magazines or a book, made a round trip ride between Springdale and Fort Smith. Several scenic locations were selected for photo stops; the south portal of the Windsor tunnel, the south end of Boston Mountains trestle #2, and a location south of Rudy between the river and some bluffs about mile 405.2, and at the turnaround at Fort Smith where Louis and Jon Brown came by to see the train. The Photographers Special consisted of #22 RS1 Alco built and the combination baggage/coach. The freight which followed made up of #44 C420 / #42 RS32 / #46 C420 also posed for the photographers at several of these locations. If we start looking in the various rail magazines we may find some pictures taken during this trip. Sandy Burton author/photographer who has an article in the October issue of "Railfan & Railroad" on the "Apache RY" another line that operates C420s, set up a couple of night shooting sessions. I also believe Sandy may have a short piece about the "Photographers Special" in an up coming issue of "Railfan", the February issue or one shortly thereafter.

I hope you all saw the article of our own member, author-historian Robert Winn, who won a national award from the American Association for State and Local History at its recent annual meeting in Raleigh, NC for his contributions to the preservation of local history. Congratulations Bob, we know where of they speak thru one of his books, Railroads of Northwest Arkansas. The article appeared in the Northwest Arkansas Times, Sunday Oct 25 1987, Sec B, bottom page 1.

At the December meeting we must elect Officers for the coming year. I will have selected a nominating committee of three by the November meeting. The floor is also always open to nominations. I will have a list of current members for each member at the meeting Thursday. I intend to have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of our chapter for each member at the December meeting.

We must also vote upon ABMT (Arkansas-Bostn Mountains) chapter dues for the year 1988, part of which could/would be used to cover '87 start up costs.

We also need people for other committees, such as; the newsletter and press/TV releases of our meetings.

Anyone who has not yet submitted a membership application may do so at any time.

Our December meeting will be Thursday 17th. For that meeting everyone who has slides, please think about getting together a dozen or so slides of your favorite rail shots. These shots do not have to be related to each other, a potpourri is fine. Those of you who don't have slides, if you have black and white pictures bring a few of those, if you have some other rail related collection, I believe Gus Stratton has a RR Key collection, bring some samples of those. We also have the use of a VCR and TV set at the Shiloh Museum, so if you are into some form of rail transportation Videos or movies bring a sample. Don't worry if you do not have any rail related material, we'll get you involved thru our meetings. The December program will help our Program Chairman, Ray Toler plan future programs. In any case I am sure that there is plenty of material for many months of programs to come. Don't be bashful about letting our Program Chairman know that you have a program you would be willing to give, and what month you might prefer.

See you all this Thursday the 19th Nov. 7 PM Shiloh Museum. Bring a friend, guest or interested visitor to any of our meeting. Let others know we have a meeting the third Thursday of each month.