



ARKANSAS-BOSTON MOUNTAINS CHAPTER  
3175 Katherine Avenue  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703

10 Feb., 1988

February's meeting is the 18th at 7:30 PM. Note the time change. This gives our Fort Smith and other distant members more time to get to the meetings. Location is the same: Shiloh Museum's General Store building, No. Main & W. Johnson Sts.

This month's slide program: Piggyback in Mexico, will be presented by Juanita Toler.

At our January meeting, Jan Harcourt, Director of the Rogers Historical Museum, talk about the town of Rogers birthday celebration and asked for some help. Below is more about this event and some of the things we could supply.

The town of Rogers, Arkansas was founded in 1881 and named after C. W. Rogers, Vice-President and General Manager of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad. Rogers celebrates its birthday on May 10, the date in 1881 that the first passenger train pulled into the new depot. To help celebrate the 107th birthday this May, the Rogers Historical Museum is planning a special exhibit on the Frisco and other early lines through Rogers. The Museum is looking for information as well as photographs, maps, model trains, and other items for display. We are particularly interested in finding a photograph of C. W. Rogers. If you have information or items to loan for display please call the Museum at 636-0162 or come by 322 South Second St. in Rogers. The special exhibit will open Saturday, May 7, and continue through June 4, 1988. The Museum is open to the public Tues - Sat, 10 - 4. We currently have a small exhibit called Rogers Early Days, which includes photographs and other Frisco items.

Other items, such as; Time Tables both employee and public, showing trains thru Rogers, an old Official Guide, dining and lounge car items, cards, matches, locks, keys, lanterns, and books. Jan also needs identification of one or two items.

I recieved a letter from Steve Roberts the end of January. Steve plans to be here the last week of February, if work schedule holds as is. While Steve is here he would like to do some railfan photographing.

Steve has reported the following BN news. Experimental units SD-60 #8300, 8301 & 8302 have been returned to EMD with the completion of their three year lease. #8302 was used on Steve's CILCO coal train (Canton, IL) during the week preceding its return to EMD.

Steve also heard from the Chicago news media that EMD's LaGrange locomotive production plant will close and move to the Canadian plant. LaGrange's work force will be reduce to about 2000 from 4000. Parts and administration functions will continue at LaGrange.

Steve reports a lot of UP power has been showing up through Galesburg lately. He says, rumors are that UP may be giving their CNW Nebraska to Chicago traffic to BN. BN has Hi-Railed their lines and been holding discussions with UP. If the change is made, it will increase the number of trains thru Galesburg by 12 to 14 more per day. It could paralyze CNW, as UP is CNW's main bridge connection to the west.

Steve sent four slides that I would like to show at the start of the meeting. Thanks Steve for all your news.

Robert Winn has another Washington County History Book project in the works sponsored by the Shiloh Museum. The book will be made up of a special selection from his almost 800 newspaper columns written weekly over 15 years. Photographs will be included when possible. Book plans call for an index of all newspaper columns written by Bob, to be included. - Information from the Springdale News Preview Wed., Jan 27, '88.

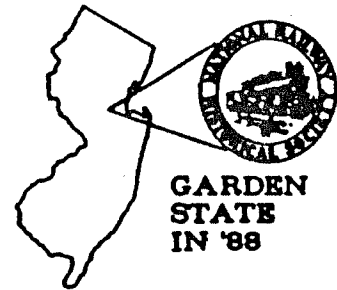
"Rail system would undo much damage" These are the headline of an article by Richard Allin - Our Town column in the Arkansas Gazette. Sunday. Jan 31 1988 Section B. Little Rock is considering using existing Union Pacific railroad tracks to create a rail passenger system from the Excelsior Hotel to the airport. Other long range development speculation could be a municipal light rail system using the Little Rock Western tracks northwest to Perry. The article mentions that General Motors, et al, killed many charming street car systems so that buses could be substituted. "What was good for GM was not good for the country."

In the same paper as the above article, is a related one on the Editorial page, expanding the thinking of suburban commuting by rail around Little Rock.

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Since our membership has been growing so much since our Charter, a new: name, address, & phone list, is enclosed with this newsletter to ABMT members.

Don't forget our local chapter dues, \$12 for the year '88. If you can not make the meeting, mail a check payable to: Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter - NRHS or even simpler: ABMT - NRHS, c/o Ken George, our Treasurer.

March meeting date: 17th.

Hope to see you all at our February, 18th meeting, 7:30PM, Shiloh Museum - - weather permitting.