

This has been a busy time for me since the last meeting. Events are in chronological order, not of importance, of course, nothing is important.

Friday night, April 22nd, at Ken Albrecht's with Steve Roberts, spent a few hours viewing RR slides.

Saturday, 23rd. Steve Roberts, Ken Albrecht, and I went train photoing. Our intention was the KCS starting at Watts OK, but there it ended with only the northbound local originating and nothing expected until late in the day. On to Muskogee/Wagner OK area. As we arrived, a northbound MP/UP was spotted, the first of about 8 or 9 MP/UP trains. We went WNW of Okay to a long overpass curve off the Verdigris River tressel for shots. Then on to Wagner yard where we found a southbound switching and another northbound coming into the yard. From there to the Wagner MP/UP agent office, where we learned that an empty northbound unit coal train would follow the northbound out of the yard even before our first sighting, and that there was another southbound switching at Inola. We proceeded up dirt roads looking for possible shot locations and a shot of our northbound and then the southbound from there we went to Pryor to find a Katy local. After into supplied by the agent, much searching, and just about to leave, we got three GPTs, one of about 3 Katy trains. Back to Muskogee, lunch, and my frustrations, as Steve and Ken nonchalantly eat while a northbound went by Arby's. I was on the phone calling Bob Oswald to tell him I would be late for an appointment, and thought I could see a CSX unit on this MP/UP train. Lucky for those two, a switching northbound Katy was fouling the MP/UP - Katy crossing and after about ten minutes the MP/UP had to back off the blocked street crossing, allowing us plenty of time to finish eating, go to UX Junction, for shots. We then went to Chase for the Katy northbound. We also shot in the Katy and two MP/UP yards. We went to get another Katy northbound at Chase and while waiting two MP units with a unit coal train came by southbound, which we photoed in several locations, the final being at the 54th Street yard where we also picked up our final MP/UP train northbound with about eight or more units (I'll know when I see my slides) including an SP SD45. Our final shots of the day were taken on a truss bridge just north of Muskogee OK. A great day trainning.

Sunday, 24th. 7AM with Bob Oswald meet and breakfasted with Dave Busle and Steve Gartner, here with Pentrex Video to shoot an A&M video. We spent the day showing them locations from Springdale to Ft Smith, Rogers & Bentonville. We eat a barbeque lunch at Rudy. There was also a little recreational train picture taking in the MP/UP Van Buren yards, two southbounders waiting to leave the yards.

Wednesday, 27th, picked up my son, Marty, on leave from the Coast Guard, stationed at Atlantic Beach NC.

Friday, 29th, flew to Chicago for the 1988 Spring Directors' Meeting. From O'Hare for \$1.00 rode (about 35 min.) the CTA Rapid Transit to the Dearborn/Monroe Station about three blocks from the Midland Hotel, convention headquarters. Registered, eat dinner, & 8-10PM PR movie presentation. About 30 of us walked two blocks to the Sear Tower, and up to the 103rd floor observation tower. A beautifully clear nite. Then could see the lites clear around the tip of the lake to Michigan City. Looking almost straight down, to the south, Union Station's Amtrak yards, the railroad passenger cars looked as if you were seeing an "N" guage layout, so...very small!!!

Saturday 30th, 8AM - Noon, CTA tour with photo stops on being installed baseball stadium) to the Howard St. Terminal, changed to two 4000 series vintage cars then on to Skokie. Finally in on the subway tracks detaining within a couple of blocks of The Berghoff restaurant for; salad, sliced beef, mashed potatoe, creamed spinach, gravy, apple cobbler, iced tea luncheon.

12:45 - 5:45PM Rode a Chartered two car train Chicago South Shore & South Bend to their Michigan City shops. One of the Chicago NRHS members made a large 4 or 5 foot by 3 or 4 foot sign of the special train. Seats are permanently fixed to face the middle of the car's center doors. One of the CSS&SB employees had rigged up two TVs about 19/20 inch screens in each car facing the seats, wired to a TV camera which showed the engineer's view in color of our trip from Chicago to Michigan City. We did not have this feature on the return as we had two different cars, but did have a photo run-by. The shop tour was a very complete one and all the photos you wanted including a couple of wrecked cars. On the return trip I rode looking over the engineer's shoulder. Another great time.

7 - 8PM Social hour. Part of the time Annie, Bob and I meet with George Hartman, who had helped me get our chapter formed and chartered.

8 - 2PM Banquet, followed by a two projector slide show with music featuring slides over the years, but mostly recent in and around Chicago. Excellent!! There was also a video/movie done by the Norfolk Southern about railfans and railfan trips, which the RR has presented to the NRHS for their lending library. This film featured the 1216 and some 611. Annie, Bob and I sat at a table with our Southwest Regional Vice President, Robert Terhune, and the National Director from the Houston Chapter (I don't remember his name). There were also three other men from Virginia/NC area, whose names I don't have.

Sunday, May 1st, 8:30AM - about 1:30PM the Business Meeting. Bob will give you the information that is pertinent to us. The National Directors have a voice and vote, visitors can only sit and listen or pass ideas to their National Director.

Later Sunday I rode the CTA back to O'Hare and flew home. Since I had not had enough of railroading, I was reading the book Chaos about an Amtrack train and passengers that are taken over by terrorist and held for ransom.

Wednesday, 4th, my son Marty and I spent the day A&M training, Springdale to Ft. Smith and return, Marty for the ride, I taking slides. This day the A&M had three units and the northbound with about 32 cars, 10 being sand (not in the ore cars), had to double the hill from Schaberg to Winslow, giving an extra chance for photos. We talked with a fellow from Wisconsin who had been chasing and photographing since Monday, and it was like getting two trains at the Winslow tunnel he said. Again another goooooo day!!

Now I am waiting for my slides from Kodak, although I still have two rolls that I have not sent for processing. I will show some of these at the end of some program, as I hope some of you who go out photographing trains will do.

In summing up...the Directors' Meetings, if you can not attend the large National Meeting, I highly recommend attending one of the two-a-year week-end Directors' Meetings. They are fun filled, not too expensive, and you meet a lot of nice men and women with a common interest. If our National Director does not attend one of the Directors' Meetings, the Chapter can designate someone to act at that particular meeting as National Director with full vote.

On to other things. There are 91 suggested names to choose a title for our newsletter. Use the attached sheet as a pallot, send it in or bring it to the meeting...One choice only.

The books the chapter ordered have been picked-up except by: Roy Bowman, & Tom Scott. We also have an extra copy of The Railroad What It Is, What It Does. When these are gone and paid for, the chapter will have an extra \$32.70 in the Treasury.

We need to get our Non-Profit Tax status completed. Will someone volunteer to see this job through ?

Bring a friend to the meeting Thursday the 19th, see you there,
Martin Post

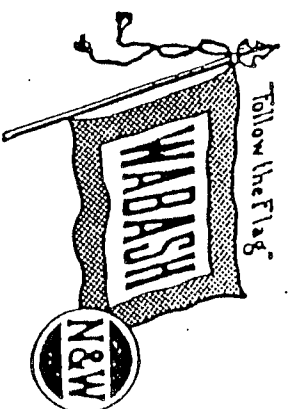
The following is a roll call for Norfolk Southern endorsed trips through the dog days of summer.

- June 4 Charlotte NC-Charleston SC OW Diesel [Science Museums of Charlotte]
- June 5 Charleston SC-Charlotte NC OW Diesel [return home!]
- June 9 Roanoke VA-Bluefield WV OW - 1218 [Roanoke-NRHS Independence Limited]
- June 10 Bluefield WVA-Portsmouth OH OW - 1218 [2nd day!]
- June 11 Portsmouth OH-Fort Wayne IN (via Bellevue) OW - 1218 [3rd steam day!]
- June 12 Fort Wayne IN-Chicago IL OW - 1218 [Indep Ltd grand finale!]
- June 11 Winston-Salem NC-Wilkesboro NC RT - Diesel [Southbound Model RRers]
- June 12 Winston-Salem NC-Roanoke VA RT - Diesel [same fellows!]
- June 18 Raleigh-Spencer NC RT - Diesel [East Carolina-NRHS]
- June 19 Raleigh NC-Winstor-Salem NC RT - Diesel [East Carolina-NRHS]
- June 18 Chicago IL-Fort Wayne IN RT - 1218 [Chicago-NRHS]
- June 19 Chicago-Forest IL RT - Diesel [Chicago-NRHS again!]
- July 9-10 Detroit MI-Fort Wayne IN RT - 1218 [Blewater Michigan-NRHS]
- July 16 Detroit-Fort Wayne-Cincinnati OW 1218/Diesel [Blewater Michigan-NRHS]
- July 17 Cincinnati OH-Detroit MI OW Diesel/1218 [you guys back?]
- July 23-24 Buffalo NY-St.Thomas ONT RT - 1218 [Destn Tentative] [Buffalo-NRHS]
- August 6 Conneaut OH-Buffalo NY RT - 1218 [Lake Shore-NRHS]
- August 7 Conneaut-Belleuve OH: 1218 OW, Diesel return [the guys from Erie again!]
- August 13-14 Cleveland-Columbus OH (Diesel Cleveland-Belleuve OH RT, 1218 between Belleuve-Columbus RT)(Ohio State Fair)[Mad River & NKP Society]
- August 20 Toledo-Columbus OH RT - 1218 (Ohio State Fair [same bunch!]
- August 27 Portsmouth OH-Ieager WV RT - 1218 [C.P.Huntington-NRHS]

Abilities for Name of ABMT's Newsletter

'Board!	-	Dispatcher
'Booaarrdi		Dispatcher to Train Crew
'Borrri!		Dwarf Signal, The
19 Orders		Dynamo
ABMT		Extra Board
ABMT Spikes		<u>Fast Mail, The</u>
Air Brakes, Motorcars & Trestles		Files (ABMT)
All Aboard		File Box
Ark-Bo Flag Stop		Fixed Signal
Ark-Bo Semaphore		Filmsy, The
Ark-Bo Signal		Gandy Dancer
Ark-Bo Whistle-Stop		Green Eye
Arkansas Rail Traveler		Handcar, The
Ballast		Headlight
Ballast & Trestles		Headlight, The
Blowdown		High Ball
Brake Lines		High Green
Cab, The		Hostler
Call Boy		Hot Box
Callboy, The		Interlocking Signals
Cinders		Journal Bearings
Clear Board		Mixed Train
Couplers		Motorcar, The
Couplings		Mountain Messenger
Crossties		N.W. Depot Gazette
Crown Sheet & Staybolts		Northwest Arkansas Rail Traveler
Crummie, The		Pilot, The
Private Siding		Polished Rails
Rail Anchor		Train Line
Ridin' the Blinds		Train Orders
Ridin' the Rods		Train Register
Rods & Blinds		Trestles
Rusty Rails		Varnish
Sand Dome		Varnish & Soot
Sand in the Flues		Waybills
Sanding the Flues		Western Arkansas Limited, The
Sanding the Rails		Wheel Report, The
Semaphore		Workin' Extra
Sleepers		
Smoke Box		Tallow Pot
Soot & Cinders		Tank Town
Soot in the Flues		Tender
Splice Plates		Throttle
Steam Dome		Tie Plates
Steamings		Time Table
Stub Station		Train Bulletin
Switch & Frog		

The Kansas City NRHS in conjunction with the Kansas City Railroad Museum is sponsoring a rail excursion across the western half of central Missouri. Below is an outline of particulars for those of you who may find this of interest.



STEAM RETURNS TO KC FOR KAKE
APPEARANCE AND OPERATION

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Legendary FRISCO steam locomotive #1522 will operate over ex-Wabash trackage from Randolph (east of North Kansas City) to Moberly, Mo. on June 11th and again on June 12th. This fabulous locomotive pulled the "Kansas City Florida Special" in and out of Kansas City for many years.

NKS NORFOLK
SOUTHERN

The 250-mile round trip excursions will leave each day at 8:00 AM, arriving at Moberly about noon for a 2-hour service stop and turnaround. Depart Moberly at 2:00 PM and arrive Randolph about 6:00 PM. There will be a photo runby stop (weather and schedules permitting) on each leg of the trip. Souvenirs and snacks will be sold on board the train. Boarding directions will be included with your tickets.

These special trips will operate courtesy of the St. Louis Steam Train Association and the Norfolk Southern Railroad under the joint sponsorship of the Kansas City Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society and the Kansas City Railroad Museum (Smoky Hill Railway and Historical Society). These are the first public steam train excursions in the Kansas City area since our #611 steam excursions in 1986.

Since early inquiries and demand predict a possible sell-out of both trips, mail your orders as soon as possible to ensure availability and delivery of tickets by mail. Please include a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope with each order. Fill out the ticket request form below and make your check or money order payable to "1522 Steam Trips".

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

To: 1522 STEAM TRIPS
P.O. Box 224
Grandview, Missouri 64030
Coach _____ Adults @ \$60.00 _____ Children (under 12) @ \$50.00
First Class _____ @ \$85.00 (Complementary food and beverages)

Total number of tickets _____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____

The following preferences will be considered as part of filling ticket requests. No guarantee is implied, but we will do our best. If you want tickets for a certain day only, please specify. Should tickets not be available, your money will be refunded. No cancellations after June 1st.

_____ Saturday, June 11th _____ Sunday, June 12th
_____ Open window coach _____ Open window coach
_____ Airconditioned coach _____ Airconditioned coach
_____ First Class (Airconditioned) _____ First Class (Airconditioned)
Name _____ Phone No. () _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____

The sponsors reserve the right to modify schedules and substitute equipment or motive power as may be required. Railway employee passes cannot be honored. Alcoholic beverages may not be brought on board.
Thank you.

oubtless you are admiring the editor's sense of order re: the logical
akdown of the alphabet as we know it. Actually, this a conspiracy on my
art to ensure all names will be read. Confused, you should be.

This observation from a friend about KCS: Locomotive #652 is painted
gray (or is it grey ?) with the large KCS lettering on the flanks just
like the white units. KCS always is interesting....

New topic. Something to ruminate over at this meeting...

Would the ABMT be interested in acquisition of a life-size railroad replica ?
Ex- Illinois Northern #29 (an ALCO S-4) is for sale. The person who proposed this
possibility offered some alternatives:

#1. Purchase locomotive complete. It is operable although he states
that one injector is bad and electrical contacts are in need
of cleaning. Asking price: \$4000.00 .

#2. Purchase of the shell (minus integral parts and traction motors)
for \$400.00 or less. The unit would look nice painted in a NEO
(Northeast Oklahoma) scheme.

These prices can be reduced some if there is assurance that we will not turn
around and junk the unit in the future.

Bring your ideas regarding this matter to the meeting.

Does anyone know about the quarry operation for KCS at Hatten, Ark. ?

Item: Jim Starret of Midwest Locomotives (Joplin, MO.) is in production
again. This man constructs scale live steam.

How about Hooterville Hummer for a title? I won't be at the meeting to dodge
the rocks thrown at me in approval of this nom de plume.

#4. ABOUT YOUR SELECTION
FOR OUR NEWSPAPER TITLE.
BRING THIS UP WITH YOUR
OPINIONS TO THE MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING
TO: KEN AUSTRECH, 700 HOWARD;
#RT 5, MINNAPOLIS, ARK. 72744-5401.

