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Attention! Attention! ABMT's meeting will NOT be held this Thursday, Dec.15, 1988. Due to renovation about the old meeting place, we have decided to celebrate our fellowship with a dinner the following Thursday, December 22 ! Details are in Martin's Musings (The President's Observation(s)). In the event this notice does not reach you in time, you may incur your wrath toward the editor. I can be reached somewhere in Argentina.

Our nominating committee members have decided the current candidates in office are ideal for the rigors of office. If any of you wish to, you may nominate your favorite from the floor.

Item: There is good possibility that the Eureka Springs & North Arkansas dinner train will operate on the A & M. Three passenger cars and one boxcar are slated to be sent via flatbed to Fayetteville, the intended base of operations. Our thanks to John Dortch for this wonderful news.

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The
President's
Observation



3-o-o-o-a-r-d!!! This month we are having a dinner meeting at the Park Inn, at the intersection of highways 71 & 62 West, Fayetteville. The dinner is: Chicken Oscar (boneless breast of chicken, with several shrimp on top covered by sauce bearnaise and 3 or 4 asparagus spears), served with French beans amandine, wild rice, salad, rolls, butter, and beverage. Cost \$10.65, per person including sales tax & gratuity. Desserts will be available at additional cost from about \$1 to \$2.25. Dinner will be served at 7:30 PM. Following dinner there will be a short business meeting for the election of officers for 1989 and any other necessary transactions. Bill Ussery's program will follow the business portion.

I will bring a camera with black & white film, to shoot some pictures which we might use in NRHS Bulletin #3 of our chapter and members. If others would like to bring cameras...do, your pictures are likely to be better than mine, I am a real amateur at B&W and flash.

While on the subject of pictures for NRHS Bulletin, the last Sunday for working on preservation and restoration of the CN business car will be Sunday December 18th. If the weather is good, come to the A&M's office at 2 PM for several pictures of ABMT members using the railroad as a backdrop. Again these will be black & white, and others bring your camera.

On October 16th a group from the St. Louis & Chain of Rocks Railroad rode the A&M to Chester. I was fortunate to have worked as a host for the A&M. At the end of the trip the leader and owner of St. L & CoR RR, Rich Eickhorst, presented to me on behalf of the ABMT Chapter, a 16" x 20" photo print with a 2" white border all around. The photo, taken by Robert F. Arteaga, titled "The American Freedom Train™ At The Gateway Arch" shows SP's X4449 Lima built 4-8-4 in "Freedom Train" colors, 3/4s view, (I believe, an early morning shot) with the arch in the background. Thank you St. L & CoR RR group, we will think of you whenever looking at it. At the start of the trip, the group made several presentations to Tony. Several of the items he has put on semi-permanent loan to the Chapter. One is of the St. Louis & Chain of Rocks Railroad red white & blue cloth patch. The second is a bronze coin, encased in a clear plastic box of the 75 year Diamond Jubilee '1902-1977' of the St. Louis Water Works Railway, The Chain of Rocks Line. The obverse is of an old trolley (I have no idea of the date), the reverse has the 75 year dates and statements. Tony also got one of the 'photo prints'. Thank you Tony for the loan. For anyone who is going to be in the St. Louis area, check on the Chain of Rocks RR, this is an operating line, let them know you are an ABMT member.

Several recent magazines may be of interest. I will bring my copy of each to the dinner meeting for you to peruse.

1. "Smithsonian". December 1988, Vol.19, No.9, starting page 84. Clickety-clack, toy trains are back. Adult hobbyist are spending time and money building railroad fantasies like no kid ever had, by Jim Doherty, photographs by Henry Groskinsky and Michael Melford. This is a very interesting article.

2. "Live Steam". November 1988, Vol.22, No.11, the monthly magazine for all live steamers and large-scale railroaders. I received a sample copy as a subscriber to "Locomotive & Railway Preservation". It is interesting, but not my bag.

3. "TRAINS Illustrated", Winter 1988, Vol.1, No.1. I pick up a copy at Colliers Drug in Fayetteville. Basically a photo pictorial, or photo journal both color and black & white, with captions. These are supposed to be some of the many good pictures that "Trains" receives without an accompanying article, yet do not fit any other regular feature.

JANUARY 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 United Transportation Union created from BRT, BLF+E, ORC+B, & SUWA (1969).	2 Henry M. Flagler born, Hopewell NY (1830). Organized Florida East Coast Ry.	3 C&O K-3 Milado No. 1256 wrecked in mud-slide, Alum Rock VA (1925). Head brakeman Harry Lyle only fatality.	4	5	6 B&M noon express derailed at Andover MA (1853). Killed was 12-year old son of Pres.-elect Pierre, who was himself badly bruised.	7
8 Construction of Central Pacific begun at Sacramento CA (1863).	9 Strasburg Railroad (PA) chartered (1832).	10	11	12	13 NY & HR (NYC) "Tarrytown Special" rear-ended "Atlantic Express" at Spuyten Devil NY (1882). 8 persons killed, including sleeping car developer Webster Wagner.	14
15 "Best Friend of Charleston" began regular service on South Carolina Canal & Rail Road Company (New York Southern X1831).	16	17	18	19 ABMT 7:30 PM	20	21
22 Florida East Coast Ry. completed to Key West FL (1913).	23	24 First train to Eureka Springs pulled by "Eureka Springs No. 1", 2-8-0 new from Pittsburgh Locomotive Works (1853).	25 Fort Smith & Western chartered (1899).	26	27	28 Test run of PRR #4800, class GG-1 (1935). 133 miles at average 73 mph, max. 102 mph.
29	30	31				

TRIVIA CORNER

THE WRECK OF THE 1856

On that cold and dark cloudy evening
 Just before the close of day
 There came Harry Lyle and Dillard *
 And with Anderson they rode away
 Words of music by Carson J. Robinson (aka C.B. McAfee)
 * Engineer Sam Anderson, Fireman Sidney Dillard

ABMT BULLETIN BOARD

Next meeting: Jan. 19, 1989
 Speaker: **Tom Scott**
 Topic: **Illinois Terminal RR**

A new feature with this issue is the... ABMT BULLETIN BOARD by Bob Oswald. This calendar is made up of past rail oriented trivia, current activities that are scheduled (not necessarily ABMT or A&M), known fan trips, special RR happenings, movements, engines, trains, meets, you name it. YOU NAME IT... send trivia, activities, happenings, past and future to: Bob Oswald, c/o Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter - NRHS, P.O.Box 562, Fayetteville, AR 72702-0562, or his home: 2511 Elizabeth Ave. Fayetteville AR 72703. Remember February's Bulletin Board will be published in January's newsletter (Mar. in Feb., Apr. in Mar. etc.), which means items for the February Bulletin Board should be received no later than January sixth (6th). Items for later months can be sent any time, but at least by 6th of the month preceeding month of coverage. In any case send information, not only for the new ABMT Bulletin Board, but for the newsletter too. Our newsletter is no better than the combined effort of all of us in submitting personal writings, fiction or fact, news items from papers, regional magazines, etc. Remember we come from at least 13 different communities around the country, reading different newspapers, articles, and magazines. From comments at the meetings, I know you have all enjoyed the feature articles we have had in past newsletters ... so don't be bashfull, don't wait to be asked to write one, just go ahead and write, it will be published, fact or fiction, try your hand. Steve Roberts letters are another great example of information and happenings which you have told me how much you like. ... well you can do the same, what did you see, when, where, write it down, send it in, several of us will proof and make corrections if needed, but we will not authenticate facts prior to printing.

At our November meeting we had about 16 or 17 visitors almost as many as members some 20 or so. The great visitor attendance is due to the excellent publicity put out by Bob Besom and the Shiloh Museum and the great programs. Thanks Bob.

For those of you who are going on extended vacations ... several months or so in one location and want to receive your copy of the newsletter, just submit a change of address and we will mail it direct. Roster address will not be changed.

Martin Post

12/11/88

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