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A-L-L-L-L ABO-A-A-A-R-D!!! This month's ABMT meeting is Thursday, March 15th, 7:30PM...weather permitting. Meeting location....the Shiloh Museum's "General Store" building at its new permanent site, east of the old location. The building entrance faces south .. Johnson St., Springdale Arkansas.

Mitchell "Mickey" Selligman (accent the "Sell"), our featured guest on this month's program, is an electrical engineer for Baldwin Piano & Organ Co. here in Fayetteville. This explains why his shop, named Mickey's Model Works, at 840 N. College Ave., is open 6 to 9 evenings and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, although he gets help from his wife, Mary, and son, Glen. Selligman stocks most of the nine sizes of model trains in various brands, plus supplies and magazines. Several trains are working, and the shop is said to be one of the best in this part of the country. It's too new to be listed in the phone book, so we'll give the number: 521-3214. Mickey will have some of his stock for viewing, and the program should be interesting to all club members, whether regular railfans or model hobbyists.

ONE OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS, David McDonald of Fort Smith, AR, is also a model train store proprietor, and has been for about a generation. Dave's establishment, The Golden Spike, is in the downtown area of Fort Smith, at 505 S. 17th St. Its phone is 785-2557 and it is open from 8 to 5 weekdays and 8 to 12 noon Saturdays. The Golden Spike carries mainly parts for HO and N gauge, with some O and G, plus trackage, decals, etc., for model railroaders and books and magazines of just about any description for prototype or model trains. It hardly needs adding that Dave McDonald will be happy to see fellow A/BM members at his shop, even if they just visit.

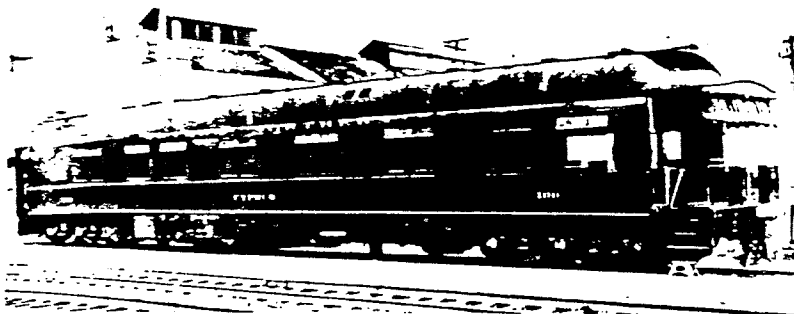
The Scrambler's February issue reported the Cotton Belt Line (St. Louis Southwestern Railway Co.) had laid off 123 employees at Pine Bluff, AR. Maybe things will change. Gov. Bill Clinton met early this month in Denver with Philip F. Anschutz, real estate and mineral mogul, who owns the Cotton Belt and other railroads. Keep tuned.

SHOWS...Nothing but good reports our way from the Great American Train Show in Kansas City, MO, Feb. 17 & 18. And the 3rd annual Air Capitol Train Show and Swap Meet at Century II, 225 W. Douglas, in Wichita, KS, March 31 and April 1, should be another goody.

"SANTA FE ALL THE WAY"??? Well, not quite...
The historic railroad had several business cars in a freight train last month so that representatives of shipping companies could see how the line does its job. Unfortunately, the Chicago-to Los Angeles run ended for a while in west Texas. Someone had forgotten to refuel the locomotive at a stop in Kansas City.

ROBERT C. OSWALD, our chapter's National Director--pursuer of trains for photographs, occasional excursion train crewman, actor, artist, navy veteran, retired petroleum geologist, etc.--has outdone himself with the April calendar, on page 5 of this issue of *The Scrambler*. See the art work for yourself. And though he prepared the calendar months ago, his sixth sense must have been working because he had kind words for The Milwaukee Road, which our program guest for April, on the 19th, Ken Albrecht of Springdale, AR, will discuss with words and slides in his presentation, "Milwaukee Road Electrification". Bob Oswald's calendar is a bright touch for closing each month's issue of our newsletter. Your editor thanks him on behalf of all Arkansas/Boston Mountains Chapter members of the National Railway Historical Society.

The
President's
Observation



National Railway Historical Society's St. Louis Convention
June 14th thru June 17th,
Thursday thru Sunday. There will
be a slide presentation
Wednesday night, June 13th at
Convention Headquarters.

Any Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter member who plans or even thinks there is a possibility that they, ...with or with out family might attend, please register with me, Martin Post - 442-3686. Maybe you plan to go for all the fun and activities or just one day, but let me know. We will try and set up an ABMT message and/or gathering place.

It is time to plan ahead now. As of this writing, I have not had any official plan information, except for the NRHS NEWS letter of February.

1. I have several St. Louis Visitor Guides from the St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission. The Guide lists... Family Fun.. Showtime(theatre).. Sports.. Historic Places.. Area Map.. Wine & Dine.. Festival.. Shopping.. Accommodations (with rates).. and a section What, Where, How..

2. The "OLD SMOKEY" Chapter of the NRHS is making "Official" NRHS name badges ... 1-3/4" x 3-1/2" with NRHS logo, your name, office [if you hold one and want it], Chapter name, and your city & state. Color: "NRHS Blue" with white lettering. Cost \$4.50 postage & handling included. Allow 4-6 weeks. I have some copies of the order form and can make more... just ask. I have seen these or similar ones at the Chicago meeting and they look good.

3. If you plan on going, why not show your ABMT affiliation [non-members may also purchase] with a piece of clothing, one of our ABMT logoed.... "T" shirt \$11... Golf shirt \$15... or Sweatshirt \$15. Remember it will be warm to hot in June in St. Louis. We have time to order these if you will get your order to me by March 31st. You pick the... style, size, shirt color, and logo color. You can pick any shirt color that Jet Screen, 126 West Emma, Springdale offers, but you must place your order with me, Martin Post. We still have some caps \$8.50... these will be a rarity as only 24 were ordered and we will not reorder. [Again non-members can own and wear an ABMT logo cap]

4. Maybe you would like to share a room with another member to cut down on cost. Register with me, Martin Post, I will keep a listing and refer you to each other. Maybe you are going by car and would like to have someone share expenses. Some may be going by train and would like to have a ride when in St. Louis.

5. For those of you who may want to chase or find a spot for pictures if not riding on one of the trips, there is a Train Watchers' Guide & Map to the St. Louis area. Available from: John Szwajkart, P.O. Box 163, Brookfield, IL 60513 ... cost \$11.00 post paid. I received my copy in this afternoon's mail, and although I have only made a cursory review, it looks as if it will be very helpful ... Where to go, what to expect, and how to get there. It is divided into three major sections ... First, the railroads, routes, yards, and operations, along with highway access to the lines. Second, past and current passenger operations. Third and last, details the ways to reach many of the area's interesting RR places. [I will have my copy at the meeting]. You should also have a detailed city/area street map, as the Guides map is of the rail lines and only shows a couple of Interstates.

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I call your attention to the bottom of the address label page. We have Bob Winn's book RAILROADS of NORTHWEST ARKANSAS for sale. A 20% discount on Bob's book goes to the person who will write a book review for the April issue of the SCRAMBLER. We will have autographed copies at the meeting, or it can be ordered by mail.

TRACKSIDE ... A Portfolio of Eastern Railroadng. TRACKSIDE is a new magazine. Three issues printed to date ... each TRACKSIDE issue contains over 50 large color photographs .. contemporary & vintage railroad action views - east of the Mississippi. Cover price \$5.95 [8-1/2" x 11"] A quarterly .. sold only at point-of-purchase locations, no subscriptions currently available. Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter has Volumns One, Number 2 & 3 for sale, the difference between cost and retail goes to ABMT's treasury and helps defray some costs and keep our dues down. [Sounds as if we can expect higher SCRAMBLER mailing rates]. Photo contributions are welcome [color slides] .. does not have to tie in with a feature story or news item ... looks like a good outlet for us who have some excellent single shot color slides, old

or recent. Excerpts from letters in the two issues we have available for sale: "I liked the varied coverage with both timely and older coverage", Wiley Bryan, Raleigh, NC. "Just the right amount of text and all color", Max Schwanda, San Diego, CA. "A more apt description for the masthead... 'Portfolio of Railroading East of the Mississippi'", John Baukus, Jr., Battle Creek, MI. Let me know if you are interested in buying future issues, ... I have a sign up sheet.

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Please extend with me a "welcome aboard" two new members who joined ABMT - NRHS at the last meeting == Julian L. Dawson, Jr of Tulsa OK, and Richard Keegan from Rogers. Also unite with me in welcoming Robert Terhune as a Chapter Member, .. Bob is our Southwest Regional Vice President.

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Two articles have appeared in publications about Tony Hannold's Railroads. The first I mentioned at our last meeting. I note it here for those of you not present. Steve Roberts included a photo copy of the article in one of his recent letters. It's from Short Lines and Regionals, January 1990 publication= "Profile A&M:", by Frank W. Bryan. The second appeared in July 1989 issue Vol.8, No.7 of RAILPACE NEWSMAGAZINE, page 32. "A Final Salute to Tony Hannold's Maryland & Delaware Alco Empire", by Sandy Burton. A good two page photo essay including a locomotive roster.

All ABMT - NRHS '89 members should have recieved you last 1989 "Bulletin", Vol.54, No.6.

We're still looking for a President. Anyone interested or with nominee suggestions ... contact == Richard Schreiber, home phone 444-0470.

I would like also to have a volunteer for Refreshment Chairman. Duties. Bring several different beverages for cold drinks, cookies, cups and ice to meetings. Collect, keep and use the donated refreshment funds for the following month. [Don't bring back any unused carbinated beverage - it might be flat].

Hope to see you Thursday 15th of March. April's meeting is on the 19th. How about giving a program .. contact Chris Lord through the A&M RR, phone 751-5763, or talk to him at a meeting.

MARTIN POST 3/6/90

SHILOH MUSEUM, which gives our club meeting space at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, will join with the people of Pettigrew in celebrating the history of southern Madison County, AR, which adjoins our Washington County on the east. The focus will be on Charles E. Crawford, early-day banker; and former governor Orval Faubus will discuss his life and times. Starting with music at noon, in the Pettigrew Community Building, there will be discussions of the area's history, slide shows on its railroad and lumber eras, a chili supper, fundraiser for the community building, and instant copying of old snapshots and other pictures that might be brought in, for preservation by the Shiloh Museum. The big day will be SATURDAY, MARCH 24. Information: 751-8411, the Shiloh Museum.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to A/BM members Fred Lewis of Prairie Grove (Feb. 25) and Robert G. Winn of Fayetteville (March 17).

Fred has loved trains since early childhood in Colorado, where his family lived near a railroad and where he operated an 18-inch gauge train in a park at Loveland for 12 years. He has a model train on the floor of his front room at this moment. After a near-lifetime in full-size railroading, he is a welder with the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad of Springdale, AR, and is so skilled that fellow workers say he can fix absolutely anything that needs welding.

Bob is the senior member of our club and readily admits to 87 years, as of two days from the date of this issue of *The Scrambler*. He is possibly our most distinguished member, holding an academic degree in English, but don't call him Dr. Winn, which might sound stuffy, and Bob is anything but stuffy. He is a historian and an authority on life in northwestern Arkansas, wrote the book "Railroads of Northwest Arkansas", was a major contributor to the just-issued and acclaimed "History of Washington County, Arkansas", and is a writer of frequent articles in the *Northwest Arkansas Times* of Fayetteville. Born at Winslow, AR, Bob moved to California, where he spent most of his adult years before moving to Fayetteville in 1970 and refreshing his phenomenal memory of life in these parts with personal research and numerous interviews with old-timers, many of whom have died and whose recollections would otherwise have been lost.

A/BM members and others wishing to extend personal greetings by phone can do so to Fred Lewis at 846-4165 and to Robert G. Winn at 521-4974.

RICHARD ALLIN, "Our Town" columnist for the *Arkansas Gazette*, may not know it yet, but he has been unanimously elected an honorary member of the Arkansas/Boston Mountains Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society for his unfailing interest in railroads--past and present.

Burlington Northern Railroad Co. has signed an agreement with the Soviet Ministry of Railroads to modernize and automate the USSR's run-down railway system. Among BN engineers involved will probably be those at the company's operations headquarters in Overland Park, a Kansas City, MO, suburb.

HERE'S A NICE TWIST, The order has been reversed, and a railroad has approached a railfan club about a big-time excursion. In fact, the Kansas City Southern has inquired of two clubs in the Kansas City area, with the result that the *Southern Belle*, described as the Sweetheart of American Trains, may run again to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its first trip between K.C. and New Orleans.

The tentative plan is for joint sponsorship by the K.C. NRHS chapter and the Smoky Hill Railway and Historical Society, Inc., of Grandview, MO, for a nostalgic round trip during the Labor Day period from Kansas City to New Orleans and return.

As of last word, there would be no stops except service stops, no intermediate stops for passengers, no stops for speeches. Upon reaching N.O., everyone would stay for four days or so, and return to K.C., again with no stops. The cost for sleeping car, four meals aboard, and room in N.O. would be about \$800 to \$1,000; less for coach.

The train would feature original equipment, possibly headed by KCS 23 (E8), which most recently saw service on METRA suburban trains in Chicago. Bringing up the end would be Smoky Hill's observation car "Hospitality". Smoky Hill owns *Southern Belle* coaches, diner, and two sleeping cars, the "Arthur Stillwell" and the "Col. Fordyce". It hopes to acquire from the KCS a baggage car now being used by the railroad to store salt.

A trip like this doesn't come along very often, in fact every 50 years. Smoky Hill has already ordered commemorative T-shirts and coffee mugs, with proceeds to help raise money for car and engine restoration. We'll keep you posted as the plans are firmed up.

Congressman Doug Bereuter (R., Neb.) says Amtrak is serious about a new "River Cities" rail line between Omaha and Kansas City, which would give connections with St. Louis and New Orleans. A 5-hour, 10-minute ride would include stops at Nebraska City and Falls City in Nebraska and St. Joseph in Missouri.

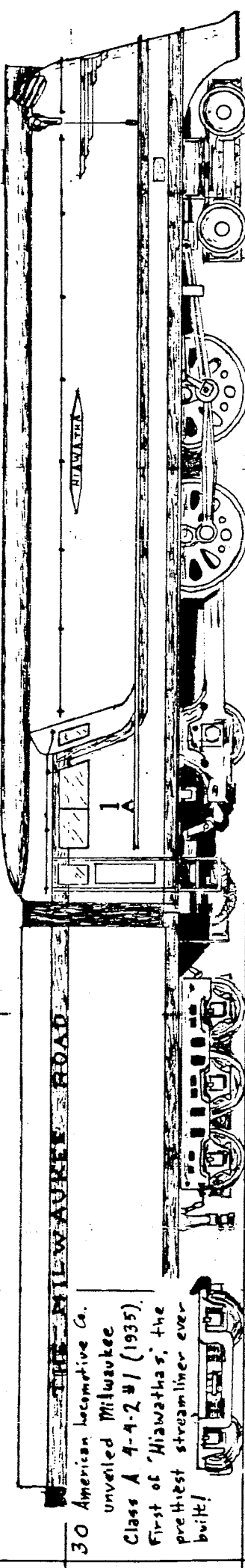
ONE OF THE GREATEST RACES between famous trains took place daily on a stretch of adjoining tracks on Chicago's south side. Passengers and crew of the New York Central's 20th Century Limited and the Pennsylvania's Broadway Limited were caught up in the excitement as the rivals, after leaving their respective stations in downtown Chicago at 12:40 p.m., came alongside at Englewood and ran side by side for six miles, until veering apart on their grudge match dash to New York City.

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From the Kansas City, MO, NRHS chapter's *The Local* we learn that the average distance in miles traveled by the rail passenger in 1988 was: Switzerland 958, France 655, England 386, United States 46. Of course, those other countries haven't abandoned most of their rails.

Sharp observers among our readers, which of course is all of them, will notice that most of our Whyte's Steam Locomotive Classification System markings between items got sidetracked in this issue. Just too much copy to squeeze into six pages, as we struggle to become the only real competition to *The New York Times* for size and circulation. Even so, Martin Post has included a couple of wheel arrangements between his items. And your editor offers the one below for old-timers who may have forgotten it--or wish they had.

APRIL 1990

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 James Fisk born Bennington VT (1834). Erie R.R. stock manipulator. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SPRING FORWARD	2	3	4 First run of Non-tucket Railway 3-foot gauge (1881)	5	6 Robert Parker born Ciboleville UT. Later known as 'Butch Cassidy', famous train robber and leader of the 'Wild Bunch' (1866)	7
8	9	10 Sam Bass held up Texas & Pacific express train at Mesquite TX (1878). Got away with \$600.	11	12	13	14 Isaac Dripps born Belfast, Ireland (1810). Assembled loco-motive 'John Bull'.
15 Erie passenger train derailed at Carv's Point, NY (1868) 26 were killed. EASTER	16	17 First railroad YMCA opened at Cleveland, OH (1872).	18	19	20 Festiniog Railway (Wales) opened (1825) 13 1/4 mi, 1' 11 1/2" gauge. Still open for tourists.	21
22	23 New York & Erie Railroad chartered (1832).	24	25 'Wild Bunch' robbed Union Pacific 'Overland Flyer' of \$30,000 at Wilcox WY (1898)	26	27	28
29	30 American locomotive Co. unveiled Milwaukee Class A 4-4-2 #1 (1935). First of 'Hiawathas', the pre-hiest streamliner ever built!					



Driving wheel dia: 84"
Cylinders: 19" x 28"
Boiler pressure: 300 psi
Superheated
Total weight: 290,000 #
Wt. on drivers: 149,300 #
Tender capacity: 4000 gal. oil
13,000 gal. water

TRIVIA CORNER The class A's were Milwaukee's response to CNW's '400's' and CB&Q's 'Twin Cities Zephyrs' for the lucrative Chicago to Minneapolis/St. Paul traffic. Each had cut the timing from 10 to 6 1/2 hours for the 400-plus mile run. (Amtrak's 'Empire Builder', running on Milwaukee - Soo rails, took 9-9 1/2 hours for their 419-mile run in 1989!) Prior to the 'A's', the last 4-4-2 had been built in 1916. The main rods were connected to the leading axle. The 3 + 1 axle tender truck arrangement was also unusual. Only 4 were built, Nos 1-4. By 1940 they had been supplanted by the Otto Kuhler 'Designed 4-6-4's, and rescheduled to the 'Midwest Hi' to Omaha. The last of the 'A's', No. 142, were retired 11-9-51. Sadly, none were saved.

ABMT BULLETIN BOARD
Next meeting: Apr. 19, 1990
Speaker: Ken Abrecht *Photographers*
Topic: Milwaukee Rd. Electrification

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Join the ARKANSAS-BOSTON MOUNTAINS Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

Meetings.....

ARKANSAS-BOSTON MOUNTAINS Chapter #158 (ABMT) of the NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month .. except December, annual dinner meeting. The place is the Shiloh Museum's 'General Store' building, Springdale AR. Time 7:30 PM. Agenda starts with a business meeting followed by a program. After the program the meeting is adjourned for socializing, refreshments and home.
.....Visitors are welcome at all meetings.....

Dues of ARKANSAS-BOSTON MOUNTAINS Chapter #158 (ABMT) of The NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NRHS) consist of two parts: a) ABMT plus b) NRHS

Dues year runs from January 1st thru December 31st. For the year 1990, dues are:

- Regular Membership: ABMT Chap. & NRHS.....\$ 24.00
- Family Membership: ABMT Chap. & NRHS Family.....\$ 26.00
- Chapter Membership: ABMT Chap. only, NRHS thru another Chapter....\$ 12.00

Members who pay National dues through another Chapter, can become a member of ARKANSAS-BOSTON MOUNTAINS Chapter by paying only ABMT's Chapter dues....\$12. Please include Chapter's name paying dues to National and your membership number.

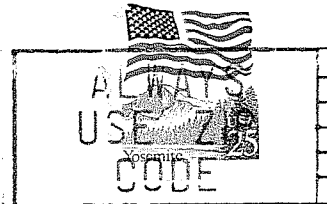
Pay to....Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter of the NRHS ... or simply.....ABMT of the NRHS.

During membership, you will receive a monthly copy of ABMT's newsletter THE SCRAMBLER.

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RAILROADS of NORTHWEST ARKANSAS by Robert G.Winn # Chronicler

A history and stories of the beginnings of the many lines, some with big ideas for destinations. RAILROADS of NORTHWEST ARKANSAS covers every rail line in the 4 northwest counties of: Benton, Carroll, Madison and Washington with some references to happenings in Crawford. Some of the chapter headings indicate the extent of coverage and the numerous lines started or which ran thru these Arkansas counties. 'The Frisco RR Comes to Northwest Arkansas', followed by a number of chapters relating some incidences, happenings, wrecks or building a particular section .. Winslow tunnel, a bridge, or cut. Other chapters touch on: The Missouri & North Arkansas Line .. Eureka Springs-Beaver RR .. Eureka Springs & North Arkansas Ry .. Ozark & Cherokee Central .. Arkansas & Oklahoma .. Arkansas-Northwest .. The Rogers-Southwestern .. KCS RR .. Kansas City & Memphis .. and Black Mountain & Eastern. When Bob Winn started compiling material, there were enough old-timers to give first hand reports. Information on the Frisco comes from Bob's own experiences or contacts with people working for the line. Bob's uncle James A.Winn was Winslow's Frisco agent for more than 40 years. A 2 page map shows all rail lines, the main towns they ran to and through. More than 100 pictures illustrate this 136 page, soft cover, 8-3/8" x 10-5/8" book.

Bob has been a newspaper writer and columnist for many years. If requested, Bob will autograph your copy of RAILROADS of NORTHWEST ARKANSAS.

Published in 1986 by the Washington County Historical Society. RAILROADS of NORTHWEST ARKANSAS sells for \$10 plus shipping and handling. One book add \$2.50 shpg & hldg., two books \$3.50, three or more \$4.50. Send orders with check or money order (no credit cards or C.O.Ds) to: Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter of the NRHS, P.O.Box 562, Fayetteville, AR 72702-0562.