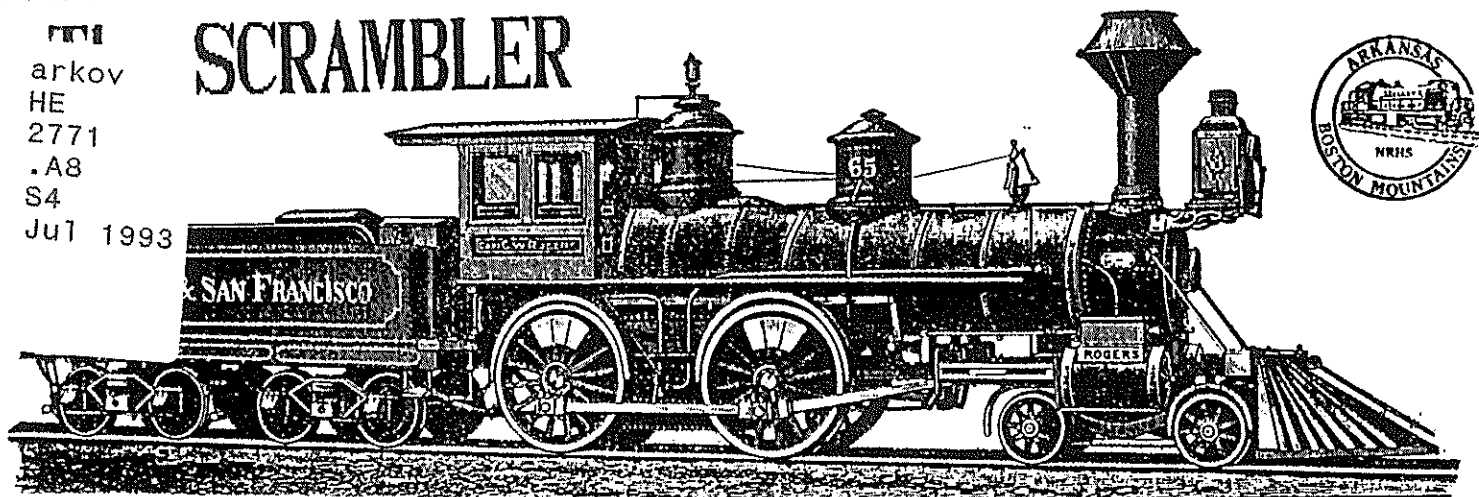


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ARKANSAS BOSTON MOUNTAINS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The June 16, 1993 meeting was whistled to order in the Shiloh Museum's General Store Building at 7:00 p.m. by President George Alison. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the SCRAMBLER. Bob Oswald presented a membership application from Ed and Loan Tolle, who were approved. (Welcome Ed and Loan - ED)

Visitors Larry Cain of Springdale, Becca Martin of Fayetteville and Charles O'Neal of Rogers were welcomed and they told of their interest in railroads. We hope they have been given an opportunity to at least look at a membership application.

As will be seen in the President's Observation, the August meeting will be a joint one with the Kansas City chapter and will start at noon at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Joplin. Remember, this takes the place of the regular 3rd Thursday meeting, if you show up at the General Store Building you should be a bit lonely.

Bob Terhune, Regional Vice President of this district of NRHS and also a member of our chapter, visited. He is on a tour of chapters in Texas, Arkansas and Missouri. He mentioned that our activities have an effect on persons in the surrounding area, they see our activities and want to form chapters of their own. Case in point, the new chapter in Pine Bluff.

Our chef for the last few Christmas dinners. Marie Wilson has had a stroke and will not be available for the upcoming Christmas dinner. Ed Tolle is in charge of locating an alternative location. (Ed, it's gotta be in our area, not in Eureka Springs - OK -ED)

Treasurer's report is in the Secretary's permanent file. June 1 through Sept. 1 will be the half price dues period for 1993. Would pay to join now visitors. The chapter voted to reimburse the Editor and publisher of the SCRAMBLER for repairs (the second of a series unfortunately) to the copy machine that produces the newsletter. The amount was \$50. Ray Toler reported on the research into the locales of the Monte Ne Railroad. Ray, Bob Osborne and Don Kincy boated around the Monte Ne area of Beaver Lake and were able to trace the grade of the MNRR. Ray called the grade a ramp - but then - -. Should the search for the old grade be sufficiently successful, the information will be given to the Corps of Engineers for development of a pamphlet to help visitors locate and trace the old right of way.

Anyone interested in helping in the reconditioning of a steam drill and air pumps for locomotive 4500 (being restored in Tulsa) get in touch with Sean Reed.

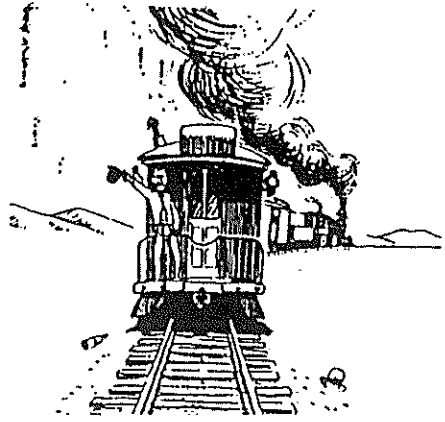
Rebecca Martin showed knives made from railroad spikes, on sale for 25 bux. At this point the meeting was adjourned and a very interesting video on the building of the new causeway across Great Salt Lake for the SP was shown by Wilbert Bales.

Ed Tolle Secretary Draftee

A thank you from the heart to Ed Tolle for submitting the minutes, all typed, very early, at least a coupla weeks ago. I had been busy making video tape copies of 8mm movies and color slides and in the process Ed's minutes were lost, so had to obtain seconds for the minutes, took a trip to Eureka Springs to do it - MANY THANKS AGAIN ED. (El Dumbarino Editor)



# THE PRESIDENT'S OBSERVATION



First off it was an honor to have our Regional Vice President, Bob Terhune, visit our June chapter meeting. In a brief talk he mentioned that though we might feel left by the wayside at times we are always at the forefront of the national officers' minds.

Big news from our treasurer, Bill Ussery on the tax situation. Due to his record keeping and persistence on the tax matter with the state people, our tax liability was settled in our favor, thanks Bill.

Thanks also to Ed Tolle our newest member for filling in as secretary for the absent Ron Allen who we'll be glad to see return in July.

Ed is also going to head up the Christmas dinner. Any suggestions you have, please pass them on to him.

Our August meeting will be a joint meeting with the Kansas City chapter in Joplin on August 14th, please make plans to attend.

Sounded like three boys playing in the woods after hearing about Bob, Don, and Rays' Monte Ne expedition, only wish I could have joined them. Look forward to more news there.

Dick Keegan has got our July program and he always presents a very educational program. Thanks to Juanita for taking the surprise September meeting.

Thanks to Wilbert Bales for his June program, an offbeat, but very interesting video.

See you at the July meeting.

Your President George Alison

## PAST PRESIDENT'S CABOOSE

I have good news and bad news. First the bad news. Marie Wilson, chef for our Christmas dinners at First United Methodist Church, has suffered a disabling stroke and is recuperating slowly at Northwest Rehabilitation Hospital. I sent a card from our chapter. We will have to make other plans for our 1993 Christmas meeting. \*\*\* Bob Oswald, Don Kincy and I on June 15 scouted some more old right of way of the Monte Ne Railroad. We went by boat through the cut east of Beaver Lake and definitely found where the route turns southeasterly and rises out of the lake. It was quite exciting. \*\*\* Tom LeClair and I have worked on one of the two steam driven air pumps off engine 4500. There is plenty more work to do. To volunteer call Sean Reed at 631-9691. \*\*\* The Cotton Belt Rail Historical Society will once again run an excursion train behind the 819 from Pine Bluff to Tyler, Texas on Friday, October 15 and return to Pine Bluff on Sunday, October 17. On Saturday, October 16, a special run will be made from Tyler to Athens and return. More information is available from CBRHS, P.O. Box 2044, Pine Bluff, AR 71613 or call (501) 541-1819. Reservations are required for any part or all of these runs.

Ray Toler, Past President

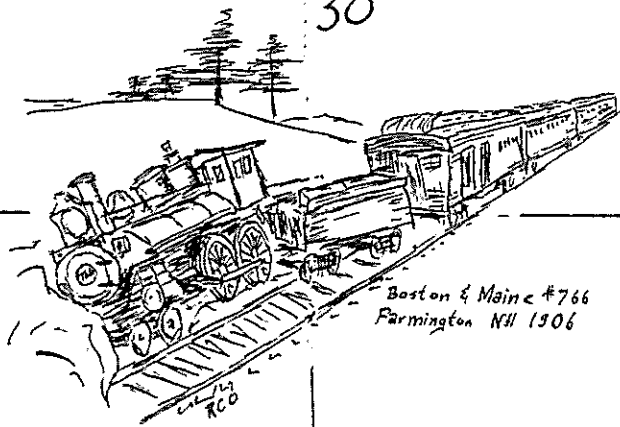
A \$30.9 million contract has been awarded in San Diego USA to build the 4.8km [2.9m] light rail extension to Santee.

Many younger rail devotees may not have heard the story behind the PCC streetcar. Here, as penned by William D. Middleton, NRHS member and noted authority, is the RAILWAY AGE offering in their February 1993 issue:

The first modern light railway vehicle [LRV] was the PCC streetcar, which dates back to 1929, when the Electric Railway President's Conference Committee [PCC] was formed to develop a radically improved design for a standardized streetcar. The result was the streamlined, lightweight, high performance PCC streetcar of great passenger appeal that helped to revive and prolong the life of much of the street railway industry into the post-WW2 period. Over the past decade, New Jersey Transit, SEPTA, PATH, and the Toronto Transit Commission [TTC] have all extensively rebuilt PCC cars, some of which should continue to see service through the end of the century. Only recently, San Francisco's Municipal Railway [MUNI] contracted for a second-time rehabilitation of 20 ex-SEPTA PCC cars for a new line scheduled to open along the Embarcadero in 1996.

# AUGUST 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jungfrauoch Station opened: highest in Europe at 11,332' (1912)	2	3	4 First electric locomotive service in Baltimore tunnel (1895)	5 47 dead in collision of M&NA gas-electric car with KCS freight at Tipton Ford, MO (1914).	6	7
8	9 First and only run of "Stourbridge Lion" on Delaware & Hudson (1829). Engineer: Horatio Allen.	10	11	12 First section of Ulster Railway opened. Belfast to Lisburn (1839).	13 First steam train in New York: "De Witt Clinton," Albany to Schenectady (1831)	14  Joint ABMT/KCTY meeting JOPLIN, MO Noon
5	16	17	18	19  NO ABMT!!	20	21
22	23	24 Wreck on IRT subway at Times Square, New York City. killed 18 people (1928).	25 Patent No 2759 issued to Matthias Baldwin for a flexible beam truck (1842).	26	27	28 Locomotive "Tom Thumb" (1.43 H.P.) lost race to a bay horse on B. & O. R.R. (1830).
29	30	31				



Boston & Maine #766  
Farmington NH 1906

### TRIVIA CORNER

It's not my place to run the train, the whistle I can't blow.  
 It's not my place to say how fast the train's supposed to go.  
 It's not my place to shoot off steam, nor even clang the bell.  
 But let the train jump off the track, then see who catches hell!

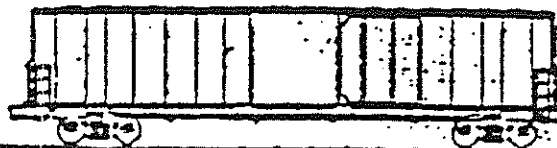
### ABMT BULLETIN BOARD

Next meeting: JOINT MEETING 8/14  
 Speaker: with K.C. Chapter in  
 Topic: Joplin. - Field Trip



### SOLUTION TO SWITCHING PROBLEM

- Move 1, back switcher out of lower spur and couple to box car.
- move 2, run switcher and box car around east curve to upper track.
- Move 3, shove boxcar into upper spur track.
- Move 4, run switcher clockwise around to couple to west end of TOFC car.
- Move 5, couple box to east end of TOFC car.
- Move 6, pull both cars west to clear switch.
- Move 7, push box into curve track leaving flat in upper spur.
- Move 8, switcher runs west through tunnel and couples to box.
- Move 9, push box to place formerly occupied by TOFC flat.
- Move 10, move switcher into upper spur to couple with TOFC flat.
- Move 11, push flat around east curve and place in spot where box was.
- Move 12, move switcher back into lower spur.



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# Workers remove historic train tracks

## Group trying to buy line for excursion trips.

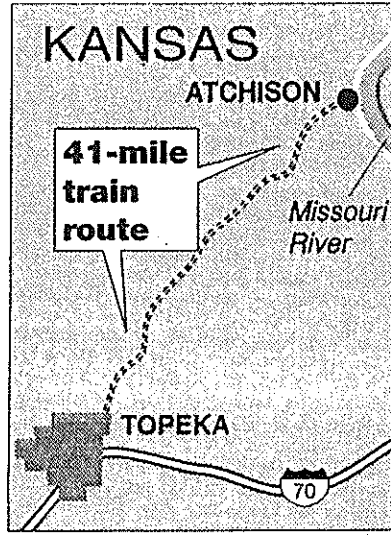
By BRIAN BURNES  
Staff Writer

Workers on Wednesday dismantled portions of what some railroad enthusiasts described as a historic 41-mile train line between Atchison and Topeka.

The line, completed 121 years ago by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, has been owned for about two years by T and P Railway of Salt Lake City.

But the Interstate Commerce Commission granted T and P Railway abandonment approval for the line May 27. That means the line can be taken out of service and the track removed.

That work was under way



The Star

Wednesday, said Tom Ryan of Valley Falls, Kan. He is president of the Atchison, Topeka and Scenic Railroad, a nonprofit organization that wants to purchase the rail line and operate excursion trains on it.

“They were taking up side spur lines in Nortonville, Valley Falls and Meriden today,” Ryan said.

Michael Van Wagenen, vice president of T and P Railway, confirmed that the company planned to dismantle the line soon.

Ryan, meanwhile, said something so historic should be preserved. Just last year, Kansas Gov. Joan Finney drove a golden spike into the track at the point, about three miles south of Valley Falls, where the line was completed 121 years ago, he said.

Van Wagenen said his company has been negotiating with the nonprofit agency.

Van Wagenen added that his

company also was negotiating with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, which is considering acquiring the line for a hiking and nature trail.

Ryan said he thought the \$1 million needed to buy the line could be raised. His group already has \$1 million, he said.

“The line has been out there for 121 years, surely we can keep it for another 100 years,” Ryan said.

Ryan’s group has scheduled meetings in Atchison, Topeka, Valley Falls and Kansas City Friday and Saturday to generate interest in the issue. The Kansas City meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at Hickman Community Christian Church, 5809 Red Bridge Road.

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### FLAKED BREAST OF CHICKEN WITH SHERRY, FRISCO STYLE

#### St. Louis and San Francisco Railway

Before you begin you’ll need: 4-quart saucepan, small mixing bowl.

Preparation time: 1 hour  
Yield: 12 servings.

- 1 5-pound roasting chicken, cooked
- 4 tablespoon butter
- 6 medium-size mushrooms, sliced thick
- 2 small green peppers, cut julienne
- 2 pounds sweetbreads, precooked and diced
- 2 pimentos, cut julienne
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 pint light cream
- Salt to taste
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne
- 4 egg yolks, beaten
- ½ cup light cream, warmed
- 4 tablespoon dry sherry wine

Remove cooked chicken from the bone, discard skin, shred meat coarsely, and set aside. In the saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and saute mushrooms and green peppers until tender. Add chicken, sweetbreads, and pimentos. Dust lightly with flour. Stir in the pint of cream, salt, and cayenne. Bring just to boil, reduce heat, and simmer for several minutes. Meanwhile, beat egg yolks until of lemon color, then dissolve them into the ½ cup cream. Stir egg/cream mixture into simmering ingredients to thicken. Add sherry and stir to mix. Do not return to boil after egg yolks have been added or the sauce will break. Serve hot.

### SPOON BREAD

#### Kansas City Southern Railway Company

Before you begin you’ll need: double boiler, 9x3-inch baking dish, small bowl, medium mixing bowl, large mixing bowl

Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
Preparation time: 1¼ hours  
Yield: 8 servings.

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup grits
- ½ pound butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 3 egg yolks, well beaten
- 3 egg whites, beaten stiff

Grease baking dish all around and set aside. In double boiler over boiling water, heat 2 cups water and stir in grits. Reduce heat to medium-high and allow to cook about 10 minutes, until thickened. Add butter, salt, sugar, milk, and well-beaten egg yolks, and stir to mix thoroughly. Pour into large mixing bowl and fold in egg whites beaten stiff but not dry. Pour mixture into the baking dish and place in oven until golden brown and a knife inserted comes out clean, about 50 minutes. Serve

### MEAL DISH PIE CRUST Cotton Belt Route

Before you begin you’ll need: medium mixing bowl, pastry blender, rolling pin.

Preparation time: 15 minutes plus one hour if prepared on a hot day

Yield: dough for top and bottom pie crust or 6 individual pies

- 2 cups flour
- Pinch, salt
- Pinch, white pepper
- Pinch, sugar
- ¼ cup lard or butter, room temperature
- 3-5 tablespoons cold milk

In medium mixing bowl, lightly stir flour, salt, pepper, and sugar together. Cut lard into dry ingredients with a pastry blender until well mixed and coarse (pealike). Sprinkle in cold milk, one tablespoon at a time, and mix with a fork after each addition until pastry just holds together. Shape pastry into a ball with hands. If you are cooking on a hot day, wrap pastry in waxed paper and refrigerate 60 minutes before continuing. Divide pastry in half and shape each piece into a ball. On a lightly floured surface, using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll one ball of dough into a ¼-inch thick circle. Use a knife or scissors to cut dough to size and shape sufficient to line pie pan or individual baking dishes, allowing a 1-inch overhang of dish edge. Fill crust as recipe directs. Roll remaining dough for top crust in the same manner. Trim to ½ inch beyond edge of baking dish. Pinch or fold overhanging dough surfaces together. Cut two or three slices in each top crust to vent steam. Bake according to recipe instructions.

### HOT STRAWBERRY SUNDAE The Fred Harvey Company

Chef Joe Maciel was served a sundae made with hot maple syrup and strawberries at the 1934 Chicago World’s Fair. Patrons enjoyed his adaptation in the Westport Room of Kansas City’s Union Station.

Before you begin you’ll need: 1-quart saucepan, small mixing bowl, slotted spoon.

Preparation time: 1¼ hours  
Yield: 6 servings

- 1 pint strawberries, cut in half
- 4 tablespoons Jamaica (dark) rum
- ¾ cup strained honey
- 4 tablespoons lemon juice
- Rind of 1 orange, cut in strips
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream

Marinate strawberries in rum one hour. In a small saucepan, slowly bring honey, lemon juice, and orange rind to a boil. Remove the orange rind. Combine strawberry/rum mixture with flavored honey, remove from heat, and serve immediately over vanilla ice cream.

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JOINT MEETING

Your Board of Directors has agreed to hold a joint Chapter meeting with the Kansas City Chapter in Joplin, Missouri, on Saturday, August 14th. This will be in lieu of our regularly scheduled meeting of August 19th.

We will meet for lunch at Wyatt's Cafeteria at noon. Following our meal, each Chapter may conduct any business necessary and then enjoy the rest of the afternoon with programs from each Chapter. Don Campbell, President of the KC Chapter, has an excellent program on the Kansas City Southern, from which line he is retired. Bob Oswald will again present his program from last summer's Ecuador trip.

Joplin is just a short distance from Carthage, the headquarters of the new Missouri & North Arkansas Railroad (ex-White River line of the UP). We are working on the possibility of a guided tour through their facilities on Saturday morning. More on this later.

Wyatt's Cafeteria is located in THE MALL on the east side of Range Line Road (U. S. Highway 71) just north of 3rd Street in the east part of Joplin.

WE WILL NOT MEET ON AUGUST 19th, THE THIRD THURSDAY!

The program will consist of each Chapter's activities reports, a minimum of Chapter business (Prez: please note!), a slide show on the Kansas City Southern Railroad by KC President Don Campbell and Bob Oswald's show on his Ecuador trip last summer. The Ozarks Chapter (Springfield, MO) has also been invited.

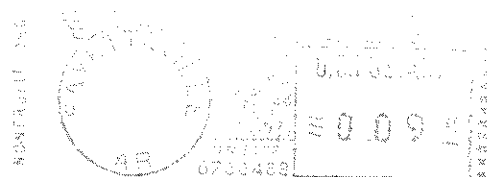
Earlybird arrivals may wish to drive to nearby Carthage and railfan the Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad on Saturday morning. Be sure to check in at their office and sign a release if you go on their property.

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MEETINGS: . . . Third Thursday each month. . . except December, annual dinner meeting.  
 PLACE: . . . Shiloh Museum's General Store Building, Springdale, AR. Time 7:00 p.m.  
 VISITORS WELCOME AT ALL MEETINGS.

DUES: ABMT Chapter-\$13.00, National NRHS-\$13.00 or \$26.00 annually, family \$28.00.

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