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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! Here are a few highlights of recent Chapter activities and news.

This month, we catch up on Steam News from John Biehn on Pages 2 and 3 and recap the Carillon Park Rail Fest on Pages 3 and 4.

Minutes of the June meeting appear on Page 5, and you will see that we had 2 major items of discussion which will be revisited at the July meeting. The first is the 2022 annual budget, and the second is considering an increase in Chapter dues. Our postage and printing costs have increased substantially since dues were last set in 2008 (decreased, actually, due to moving to EJ), as have the costs of office supplies, Operation Lifesaver handouts for children, and virtually all other aspects of Chapter Operations. We tabled this issue to advertise it in the Newsletter and bring it up again at the July meeting. Please plan to attend and participate in the discussion of the Chapter budget and Chapter dues.

Nationally, the NRHS Board of Directors is currently in an election cycle and all Members should have received their ballots. The new NRHS Board of Directors and new NRHS President will take office at the Fall Conference in Springdale, Arkansas, in September.

Our annual membership renewal campaign has wrapped up for the year. For anyone who has not yet renewed, however, it's never too late! Contact Frank Kammer with any questions about your membership status.

Please keep the articles and photographs coming – we can always use fresh material for *The Cincinnati*.

Thanks to everyone who came out last month for our annual Summer Movie Night, featuring historic 16mm films from NRHS Film Archivist Mitch Dakelman. This month Steve Barry, Editor of Railfan & Railroad Magazine, will be our featured speaker. See the next column for details.

That's all for now. I'll see you at the meeting!

Scott Andes, President

JULY MEETING

Our Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, July 26th, will be held at EnterTRAINment Junction (EJ) in West Chester, Ohio, at 7:00 p.m. This month, Steve Barry, Editor of Railfan & Railroad Magazine and NRHS Director, will be presenting our program, entitled "Steam in the 2020s."

The program will look at some of what's happening in the U.S. steam world so far this decade. We'll see logging locomotives on the west coast, two-foot-gauge railroading in Maine, and a lot in between, including some recently restored big power. From long-established heritage railroads to new restorations, there's plenty of steam to be seen.

We will be having our meeting in one of the event rooms adjacent to the courtyard and we have drinks and snacks available. As always, guests are welcome so please spread the word and bring a friend. The business portion of the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. with the program to follow. We hope you will make plans to join us!

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

This month we send our thoughts and prayers to longtime Chapter members Jerry Seiter and Don Fuller, as they navigate through some difficult health issues. We send healing thoughts and hope for their recovery.

Please report the passing or serious illness of any member to Frank Kammer.

Scott Andes, Chapter President



STEAM NEWS By John Biehn

Future Pennsylvania Steam...Former Pennsylvania Railroad K-4 No. 1361, also known as "The Spirit of Altoona," is under restoration at the Railroaders Memorial Museum in Altoona, Pennsylvania. The museum announced that a recent match campaign was a big success. A special thanks to the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society for launching such a worthwhile endeavor. The grand total amount raised was \$100,512.33. These generous contributions will go directly towards Locomotive 1361's new Belpaire firebox. Sincere appreciation goes out to all of the donors who participated in this funding campaign. The restoration journey, however, is far from over. Learn more about the project at www.railroadcity.org/1361

Nevada Steam...The Virginia & Truckee Railroad began its 47th season two weeks ago with 2-8-0 steam locomotive No. 29 powering round trips from Virginia City to Gold Hill. Locomotive No. 29 was built in 1916 by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. In July, steam trains will operate seven times a day on July 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17. For an updated schedule of possible future trips, go to <http://www.virginiatruckee.com>.

Future Grant Opportunity...Mr. Steve Sandberg, President and CEO of Railroading Heritage of Midwest America, has asked me to spread the word concerning a new and exciting Double Matching Grant. This unique fundraising opportunity augments all donations to RRHMA's Steam Restoration Fund by adding \$2 for every dollar donated, through generous matching funds provided by two longtime donors. These double matches will ensure the speedy restoration of both Union Pacific "Challenger" No. 3985 as well as Union Pacific No. 5511, a historically significant locomotive in its own right. A potential \$1.5 million could be raised, offsetting nearly a quarter of the expected \$7 million required to restore these two iconic locomotives. Please donate today at https://rrhma.com/double_match/. (Thanks to Steve Sandberg)

Minnesota Steam...Duluth, Missabe & Northern steam locomotive No. 332 was fired up on June 3 for a test of its mechanical systems. Built in 1906 by the American Locomotive Works for the Duluth Missabe & Northern Railroad, this 2-8-0 was mostly used for pulling ore trains and long freights. In 1955, the engine was sold to the Duluth & Northeastern Railroad in Cloquet, where it switched for the Potlatch paper mill until 1964. When retired, it was the last working steam locomotive on a common carrier in the state of Minnesota. The engine was donated to the Lake Superior Railroad Museum in 1974 and was restored to working order in 2019. The engine has been sidelined for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, it passed several mandated inspections by the Federal Railroad Administration that allowed the engine to be fired up and operated. The North Shore Scenic Railroad plans to run several weekends of steam excursions to Two Harbors and back later in the season. A schedule will be announced at a later date on www.duluthtrains.com. (Thanks to Dan Williamson, Duluth News Tribune, via Tom Schultz)

Steam In Indiana...At Angola, Indiana, beginning in July, the Indiana Rail Experience will bring a number of distinct train rides, community events, and special occasions to families,

railroad fans, and people of all ages. Over four weekends between July and October, historic 2-8-4 No. 765 and a vintage passenger train will operate throughout northeast Indiana. Ticket sales can be found by visiting <http://www.indianarailexperience.org>. Four trips are scheduled: Ice Cream Train on July 8, 9, and September 23. Indiana Wine & Spirit Train on July 8, 9, and September 23. Tri State Steam Excursion on August 27 and 28. Angola American History Train on September 24 and 25. The Indiana Rail Experience is a partnership between the Ft. Wayne Railroad Historical Society Inc. and the Indiana Northeastern Railroad. (Thanks to the Ft. Wayne Railroad Historical Society Inc.)

Future California Steam...The Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources is a non-profit organization operating the Railroad Museum at Ardenwood Historic Farm Regional Park in Fremont, California. Carter Railroad Resources refers to the Carter Brothers Car Shops in nearby Newark that turned out flatcars, boxcars, baggage cars, cabooses, cable cars, and street cars. The museum recently announced that historic narrow-gauge steam locomotive Argent No. 5 has arrived at its new home at Ardenwood Historic Farm. This 26-ton, 2-6-2 "Prairie" type steam locomotive was built by Lima Locomotive Works in 1910 for the Williamson & Brown Land and Lumber Company. It was sold in 1916 to the Argent Lumber Company Railroad in South Carolina where it operated until 1956. The locomotive has now been purchased by two individuals and they have leased Argent No. 5 to SPCRR where it will eventually be operated at Ardenwood. Argent No. 5 is already close to being operational, but several tasks need to be done first. It needs to be converted from burning wood to using oil. It needs a new tender and the boiler needs to have lagging and a jacket installed. Work on the locomotive is expected to take one to two years. The locomotive can be viewed later this year at SPCRR's annual Rail Fair over the Labor Day Weekend, September 3-5. For more information, go to <http://www.spcrr.org>. (Thanks to SPCRR-Railroad Museum at Ardenwood)

Nevada State Railroad Museum News...The Nevada State Railroad Museum at Carson City will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the completion of Nevada's Virginia & Truckee Railroad with an exciting pageant of steam locomotives, train rides, food, live entertainment, and more. This special event will take place July 1-4. There will be over ten operating steam locomotives representing six historic Nevada railroads. Here is a partial list: Southern Pacific narrow-gauge No. 18, "Slim Princess". Eureka & Palisade No. 4, "Eureka". Santa Cruz Portland Cement, "The Chiggen." Bluestone Mining & Smelting, Heisler No. 1. Nevada County narrow-gauge No. 5, Carson & Tahoe. Carson & Tahoe Lumber & Fluming Co., "Glenbrook." Virginia & Truckee No. 25 and 27. Virginia & Truckee No. 22, "Inyo." Tickets can be purchased by visiting <https://etix.com/ticket/e/1025741/2022-the-great-western-steam-up-carson-city-nevada-state-railroad-museum>. Or <https://www.greatwesternsteamup.com/>.

Canadian Cosmetic Restoration...In the Province of Saskatchewan, the town of Bienfait and the Rural Municipality of Estevan have announced that they have received targeted infrastructure funding from Prairies Can's Canada Coal Transition

STEAM NEWS (Continued)

By John Biehn

Initiative. This fund is to support the development and expansion of the regional economy. The town of Bienfait received a contribution of \$107,398.00 that will be used to repair and revitalize the tourism elements already in place in the town. One of the two significant tourism elements or assets is a 1907 steam locomotive, built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Originally numbered No. 1722 for the Canadian Pacific Railway, this 2-8-0 was eventually sold to the Manitoba & Saskatchewan Coal Company and renumbered No. 3522. The steam locomotive and tender require sandblasting and repainting. The caboose requires additional repair to ensure it is safe for tourists and train guides. (Thanks to the Estevan Mercury, sasktoday.ca, via Tom Schultz)

Steam in Ohio...Morehead & North Fork No. 12 was recently fired up for the first time since 2018 at the Age of Steam Roundhouse at Sugarcreek, Ohio. This A-7 class 0-6-0 was constructed by the American Locomotive Company as No. 1643 for the Southern Railway. After working over four decades shuttling cars for the Southern, the engine was retired and parked in a scrap line. No. 1643 got a reprieve from the scrapper's torch when it was purchased by the Morehead & North Fork Railway, a small four mile-long short line in Kentucky. Renumbered No. 12, the engine was put to work hauling trains of local clay products, coal, and lumber to the C&O interchange in Morehead. The M&NF didn't retire steam until 1963 and railfans came from across the country to photograph this obscure steam holdout. One of them was a young Jerry Joe Jacobson. No. 12 made quite an impression on him. Jerry never forgot about No. 12 and sought to acquire it for years. In late 2011, the locomotive was finally purchased by Age of Steam and taken to Sugarcreek. No. 12 went into the backshop for inspection and the shop crew developed a plan. The boiler was repaired. A brand new welded tank was constructed and placed on the existing tender frame. Countless parts were repaired or replaced, including a brand new steam dome lid and smoke stack. Finished with a coat of black paint and fresh M&NF lettering, No. 12 proudly chuffed out of the backshop during the summer of 2018. She was the first derelict steam locomotive totally rebuilt for service at the Age of Steam Roundhouse. Now, recently, the locomotive was test fired since passing a mandatory Federal inspection after repairs were done in the off season. The locomotive was once again cleared for operations. (Thanks to Andrew Dolph, Times-Reporter via Tom Schultz)

East Broad Top News...Out of service for 66 years, East Broad Top narrow-gauge 2-8-2 steam locomotive No. 16 is getting close to operating again. Built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1916, it is one of six surviving BLW Mikados on the roster of the iconic short line railroad in central Pennsylvania, which has been undergoing a revival since it was purchased two years ago by the non-profit EBT Foundation. Among the recent tasks performed on the locomotive are the rebuilding of the blowdown mechanism and the re-use of a blowdown lever mechanism removed from sister locomotive No. 18. A small amount of piping work was handled by FMW Solutions, a consulting engineering firm widely known for advising other

steam locomotive restoration projects. Another job was the installation of a second sight glass on the fireman's side of the cab. Mounted on the boiler backhead, a sight glass is a safety gauge that shows the level of water in the boiler. EBT's master mechanic Dave Domitrovich said, "The boiler is done. Next will be timing the engine and finishing the air-brake work." After that, the steel cab will be reinstalled. Heat resistant stove paint will be applied to the firebox and steel boiler-jacket panels will be applied and painted. With tender work done, it has been painted with a flat black base coat. A finish coat and orange "E.B.T." lettering will complete the job. For achieving the work to date in such a short time, Domitrovich credits his crew. No. 16 was one of the last engines to operate for the coal-hauling EBT when it closed in 1956. It's one of the three largest and heaviest engines on the roster. The railroad reopened in 1960 as a tourist-hauling carrier on four and one half miles of its original thirty-three mile line, starting with Nos 12 and 15. Over the next several years, EBT also restored Nos 14 and 17 to operating condition. EBT closed again in 2011 and lay dormant for eight years. In 2020, the EBT Foundation, Inc., was formed to buy the majority of it - 27 miles of main line, the six steam engines, freight and passenger cars, and historic shops, station, and roundhouse. (Thanks to Dan Cupper, Trains.com)



Carillon Park Rail Festival June 25, 2022 - Photos By Scott Andes



It's time for the 25th annual Rail Festival at Dayton's Carillon Park! We had a booth in the main building.

15th Annual Carillon Park Rail Festival June 25, 2022 - Photos By Scott Andes



Richard King and Judy White staffed our booth on Saturday afternoon near the Carousel. Note cash registers behind booth.



Across from our booth were an Armco locomotive and an interactive train layout for the kids.



The retail portion of the event was held in a large, beautiful Ballroom, with additional booths in other rooms.



A view from the rear porch of the exhibit building. Note new Station building on the left with boarding platform.



Ballast and rail sections being laid in front of the old school.



Vendors and historical equipment in the Roundhouse.

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Opening – The June 28, 2022, meeting of the Cincinnati Chapter of the NRHS was called to order by President Scott Andes at 7:00 p.m.

Program preview – Scott noted that tonight is Movie Night, with historical 16mm films from Alco and EMD.

Minutes – Minutes of the May meeting were published in *The Cincinnati*. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Minutes as published.

Attendance – 15 members were present.

REPORTS

President – Scott reported on the recent resignation of Ed Heiss as Secretary due to personal reasons. We are currently seeking nominees to fill the remaining term and will hold a special election as soon as we have a nominee. Banquet details are being finalized for December 6, with Railfan Editor Steve Barry as our speaker. Steve is also our July speaker.

Vice-President – Brian Neal reminded everyone of the next Newsletter mailing session on July 14 at 1:00pm.

Secretary – Ed Heiss had no report.

Treasurer – Mike Thompson reported that May was another quiet month, and he is working on a draft budget for approval in July. Our accounts are in good order, our bills are current, and our investments are up and down as is typical.

National Representative – Richard King – The Fall NRHS Conference will be September 23-25.

Trustees – Bernie Coppock – Reported on Frank's upcoming procedure and well wishes. Frank Kammer – Thanks to everyone for their wishes. We will do a book sale table at the LOTS show on July 16. Don Fuller – Reported on his current health situation, and still need volunteers for How I Became a Railfan/Railfan Experiences. Anyone interested should let him know. Don reported on a snowy railfan experience going to Muncie.

Librarian – Richard King reported that we have books, books, and a need for help from anyone with experience sorting timetables.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Two items were discussed. An initial draft budget was discussed which will be refined by Mike Thompson

for approval at the July meeting. Frank Kammer floated the idea of a dues increase, first since our dues were lowered in 2008, to cover increased operating expenses and avoid dipping into our investment account. Dan Finrock spoke in support of avoiding withdrawals from our investment account. Don de Reynier spoke in favor of proposing the right dues level in relation to the proposed budget. This issue was tabled to be discussed and voted on at the July meeting.

Announcements – Dan Finrock discussed the move of the Hamilton Depot, including the recent pouring of the foundation. Dan also reported that he has received 50,000 slides from the collection of Howard Grabill, and will present an August program entitled "Some of Howard's Best Stuff."

Adjournment - Scott entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm for refreshments.

Program – Starting at 8:05pm, Scott fired up the venerable Viewlex 16mm projector to show 2 historic railroad promotional films from the private collection of Mitch Dakelman, NRHS Film Archivist. The first film, a 1941 Alco Kodachrome film, revealed the then-current state of the art in rail transportation with late steam and early diesel power. The second film, a 1965 EMD film entitled Research Rides the Rails, documented the evolution and advancements of Diesel locomotive power. The program concluded at about 9:00pm. Many thanks to Mitch for sharing these historic films with us for our Summer Movie Night!

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Andes, Acting Secretary

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JULY

Tue. July 26 Regular Chapter Meeting & Program 7:00 P.M.
EnterTRAINment Junction, West Chester, OH

AUGUST

Thurs. - Sun. Hamilton County Fair, Cincinnati, Ohio
Aug. 11 - 14 See www.hamiltoncountyfair.com

Thu. Aug. 11 Newsletter Mailing Lunch - 1:00 P.M.
EnterTRAINment Junction, West Chester, OH

Sat. Aug. 13 SUMMERAIL Palace Theater near
Marion Union Station, Marion, OH 1-10 pm
Railroad Show & Sale 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Tue. Aug. 23 Regular Chapter Meeting & Program 7:00 P.M.
EnterTRAINment Junction, West Chester, OH

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

June Meeting Program: Summer Movie Night!



Chapter President Scott Andes pauses for a photo while rewinding historic Alco and EMD 16mm films from the private collection of NRHS film archivist Mitch Dakelman. Photo by Richard King.