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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 on Pages 2 and 4, provide a flyer for our annual Banquet on Page 3, and recap the October meeting on Page 5.

As we head toward the end of 2025, completing our first year after leaving EnterTRAINment Junction, things are going smoothly here at the Chapter and we find ourselves in this season of Thanksgiving having much to be thankful for. We thank you for your continued support in returning our current Officers and Trustees to serve you for another year, less George Vergamini, who is retiring as Trustee with our gratitude, and plus Carl Edwards, who is joining us as Trustee.

Our annual Banquet will be on Tuesday, December 9th, at Raffel's Catering in Evendale, at 7:00p.m., and a reservation form appears on Page 3. We will celebrate another successful year, enjoy a catered buffet dinner by Raffel's, and enjoy a great program "The Northwest!" by the Legendary Father Dale Peterka, featuring scenes in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and the Dakotas. We will also celebrate our 50 year member:

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Plans for National conferences and the convention in 2026 are still being developed. Stay tuned for more information.

We are now accepting Chapter dues for 2026, and they are \$25 which includes all family members at the same address. Donations are always appreciated and form an important part of our annual budget. As a 501(c)(3) tax exempt non-profit organization, donations to the Chapter are tax deductible to the maximum extent permitted by law. National dues renewals are handled separately.

Thanks to the Legendary Father Dale Peterka for presenting last month's program. This month, Trustees Ben Hindt and Carl Edwards will present this month's program. See the next column for details.

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

Scott Andes, President

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, November 25th, will be held at our Chapter Library, 10 Village Square, Glendale, Ohio, 45246, at 7:00 p.m. This month, our Chapter Trustees Ben Hindt and Carl Edwards will be hosting our ever-popular Movie Night. At press time the program is slated to include the movie "Jessie James vs. The Black Train". If you enjoy railroad themed movies on a dark fall evening, you won't want to miss this program!!

Our Library is located at 10 Village Square, which is on the square at the south end of the oval and southwest of the Glendale Station. Parking is available along the streets near the Library and in a small lot behind the Library (accessible from the nearby alley). 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!



STEAM NEWS By John Biehn

Sugar Express Photo Charter...The Sugar Express has announced that they are planning a two-day photographer special on January 17 & 18, 2026. This special event will be powered by 4-6-2 steam locomotive No. 148. No. 148 will be backdated to reflect its late original career appearance as a steam locomotive being used in US Sugar Corporation service. Included in the charter will be steam-powered freight and passenger photo runs, vintage vehicles, cane loading stations, trestles, bridges, stations, and classic Florida scenery. The railroad is located at Clewiston, Florida, approximately one hour and thirty-three minutes from Miami International Airport or one hour and thirteen minutes from the airport in Fort Myers. For more information and ticket purchases, go to <https://sugarexpress.ticketspice.com/photographers-special>.

Steam in New Jersey...The Woodstown Central Railroad has announced that its steam locomotive SMS Lines No. 9 will be operating on quite a number of trips from October until the end of December. SMS Lines No. 9 is an 0-6-0 steam locomotive that was built in 1942 by the American Locomotive Company for use in the United States military. The original number for this locomotive was 4023, and the engine was designed to provide reliable service for domestic military bases and for training soldiers in railway operations. After a number of owners after its military service ended, the locomotive, now bearing No. 9, was acquired by SMS Rail Lines in 2009. After a long restoration effort, No. 9 returned to operation in November, 2023, making its return to active service after four decades. Locomotive No. 9 has been powering the Pumpkin Leaf Trains and, as of this writing, still has the weekend of October 25 and 26 to go. This steam-powered train travels through lush woods and scenic farmlands. It stops at Fenwick Grove for thirty minutes for folks to pick out their own pumpkins. This trip lasts ninety minutes. SMS No. 9 is also scheduled to operate on November 1, 2, 29, and 30, and December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, and 23. The Woodstown Central at South Woodstown is located at 650 Alloway-Woodstown Rd. The Woodstown Station is located at 67 East Avenue in Woodstown. For more information, go to <https://www.woodstowncentral.com>.

Grand Christening Celebration...Here's a heads-up for the future Grand Christening of No. 19 at the Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum. There will be a three-day event at Sugarcreek, Ohio, taking place from April 9 through April 11, 2026, featuring a variety of festivities, including a public ceremony of the Grand Christening of No. 19. There will be train rides on the museum's grounds, tours of the roundhouse, a film screening, and an exclusive photography opportunity. On April 9, No. 19 will journey to the heart of the Village of Sugarcreek for a special public display. During the display, a Grand Christening ceremony will be held. Afterwards, the locomotive will return to the Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum. On April 10, guests will be able to ride behind No. 19 on the museum grounds and also enjoy guided roundhouse tours. On April 11, the festivities conclude with another day of rides, tours, and a rare after-hours photography session which will include premium access as the museum stages the locomotive in multiple scenes and locations across the yard. McCloud River Railroad No. 19 is a 2-8-2 "Mikado" type steam locomotive built in

April, 1915, by the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the Caddo & Choctaw Railroad. It saw service on the McCloud River Railroad, Yreka Western Railroad and the Oregon Pacific & Eastern Railway. This engine has been used in the films: "Emperor of the North Pole," "Bound for Glory," and "Stand by Me." For more information, go to <https://ageofsteamroundhouse.org/blog/no-19-grand-christening>.

Nashville Steam News...The Nashville Steam Preservation Society is sending out an invitation to join them on November 1 for the Nashville Steam Fall Open House. Folks are invited for this up-close, behind the scenes look at the restoration of 4-8-4 NC&STL No. 576. The Nashville Steam Open House will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. With the hydrostatic test of the boiler now complete, each day brings Nashville Steam workers closer to that first steam up and now there is plenty of progress to see. Volunteers will be on hand to answer all of your questions on what it takes to bring a 1942 steam locomotive back to life. This event is being held in conjunction with the Tennessee Central Railway Museum's Fall Open House and Model Train Show. The address is 220 Willow Street in Nashville. As indicated earlier, No. 576 officially passed the FRA mandated hydrostatic test of the boiler. A hydrostatic test involves filling the locomotive's boiler completely with water and then pressurizing it well over its normal operating pressure. The process is conducted slowly and carefully, monitoring for any signs of leaks, material deformation, or structural weakness. This is a major requirement before steam can return to the engine for the first time in over seventy years. (Thanks to Nashville Steam)

Oregon Rail Heritage Center News...One of the locomotives at the Oregon Rail Heritage Center is undergoing changes. Going forward, OR&N 197 will once again be referred to as UP 3203. This 4-6-2 steam locomotive was built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1905 for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company and then numbered No. 197. Eventually, until her retirement in 1958, the majority of the locomotive's service was with the Union Pacific as the 3203. In the near future, the locomotive and tender will be fitted with the UP shield and renumbered to reflect this change. In recent weeks, significant progress has been made on the continuing restoration of the now-referred to 3203. Chief Mechanical Officer Luke Johnson, along with volunteers from the Friends of the 3203 and ORHC, have been steadily working on installing new tubes and flues in the locomotive's boiler. This is the first time since the 1950s that the tubes and flues have been replaced. Upon completion, a total of 145 tubes and 24 super heated flues will have been installed inside the boiler barrel. The tubes and flues extend from the front tube sheet to the rear sheet between the firebox and smokebox. For more info concerning the Oregon Rail Heritage Center, go to <https://orhf.org>.

Southern Pine Locomotive Company News...Back in April of this year, newly formed Southern Pine Locomotive Company took ownership of two special pieces of history: a 1930 Baldwin 2-8-2 steam locomotive, Temple Lumber Company No. 20, along with the historic AT&SF Pineland depot from the early 1900s. Throughout the summer, Southern Pine's board of directors entered into negotiations with the City of Rusk, Tex-



CINCINNATI CHAPTER NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



**54th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9, 2025**



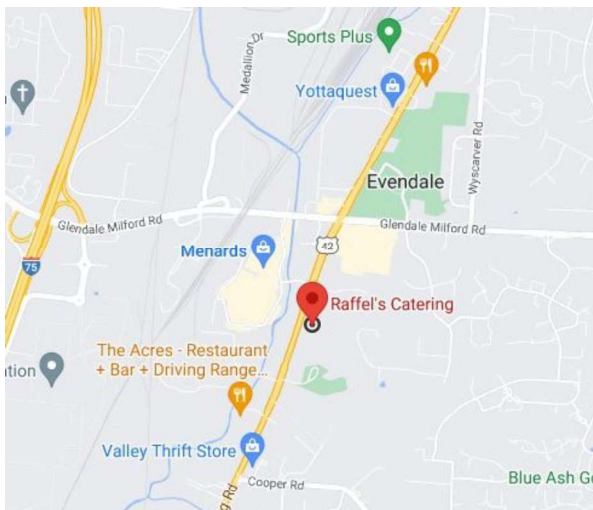
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**CASH BAR
Starting at 6:00 PM**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**Guest Speaker Father Dale Peterka
Noted Railfan, Photographer, Historian
Program: "The Northwest!"
Plus Honoring Our 2025 50 Year Member**



**Dinner 7:00 PM
Menu Catered by Raffel's
Roast Beef in Au Jus
Vegetable Lasagna
Parsley Buttered Red Skin Potatoes
Steamed Vegetable Medley
Tossed Garden Salad
Dinner Rolls & Butter
Assorted Sodas, Coffee, Tea & Water
Assorted Desserts**

\$40.00 Per Person

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Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

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STEAM NEWS (Continued)

as, to acquire the former Cotton Belt Railroad yard near downtown - a place where artifacts can have a permanent public home. Today, that agreement has been reached. The land has been cleared, track work has started, and Southern Pine's equipment has begun to arrive. Since 1985, locomotive No. 20 has stood on display in Katherine Sage Temple Park in Pine-land, Texas. This summer, Southern Pine's teams worked tire-lessly to prepare the engine to move for the first time in forty years. After countless hours of work, cleaning and lubricating all bearings and journals, No. 20 finally rolled out of what was once thought to be its final resting place. Over the past week-end, Southern Pines Locomotive Company, along with JC Rail Construction of Palestine, Texas, successfully completed the move of Temple Lumber Company No. 20 and its tender to their new home in Rusk. Starting in Pineland on Sunday and finishing at sunset on Monday evening, the move marked one of their most memorable experiences one could imagine. Great care was taken to insure the equipment was safely loaded and unloaded. Now the company's focus turns to developing the property and beginning a full mechanical evaluation of the locomotive. (Thanks to Southern Pine Locomotive Company)

NYS&W 142 Returns...New York, Susquehanna & Western SY 2-8-2 No. 142 has returned to service at the Belvidere & Delaware River Railway in New Jersey. The locomotive was last used on regular excursions in 2017 before being taken out of service for an overhaul. No. 142 is one of a half-dozen Chi-nese steam locomotives imported to the United States. It was built in 1989 for the Connecticut's Valley Railroad, where it ran in the 1990s. The Susquehanna purchased its own SY lo-comotive, but it was lost at sea when the ship sank. The NYS&W then purchased the Valley locomotive, then num-bered 1647, and gave it the number 142. Throughout the month of October, No. 142 has been and will be leading Dela-ware River Railroad Excursions. Future trips are October 18 and 19, and 25 and 26. Trips depart from 38 Market Street in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00p.m.,

and 4:00p.m. These are two hour round-trips down to Rie-gelsville along the Delaware River. For more information, go to <https://877trainride.com/ticketoffice.htm> . (Thanks to Rail-fan & Railroad via Alex Mayes)

Age of Steam Acquired Locomotive...The Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum is excited to announce the acquisition of a former Chesapeake & Ohio Railway 2-6-6-2 steam locomotive from the Collis P. Huntington Railroad Historical Society of Huntington, West Virginia. "The 1308 has been displayed unprotected outdoors in a Huntington city park since October 9, 1962," said Nathan Vance, Executive Director of Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum. "While CPH members regularly repainted their locomotive, paint protected No. 1308's exterior surfaces, and rusting of the locomotive's boiler and other steel parts has continued unabated from the inside out for 63 years. The Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum can end all that," Vance added. The Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum, which is a heated and dry environment, was constructed by founder Jerry Joe Jacobson, to restore, operate, maintain, and exhibit his personal collection of steam locomotives. Its 18-stall roundhouse is a great home for any railroad relic to keep it from the elements of rain, snow, and ice. The 1308 is one of ten such 2-6-6-2 articulated locomotives built in November 1949 to pull C&O coal trains from several privately-owned coal loading tipples to the railroad's large assembly yard in the unincorporated community of Peach Creek, located in Logan County, West Virginia. There are fewer than thirty such articu-lated steam locomotives remaining today, and Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum is fortunate to acquire one of these rari-ties, especially because it is Baldwin Locomotive Works' next to last locomotive constructed for use in the United States. No. 1308 is the Age of Steam's 25th steam locomotive in its collec-tion. For more information, go to <https://www.ageofsteamroundhouse.org> . (Thanks to the Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum)

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OCTOBER 28 MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Mr. Andes, President, at 7:05 p.m.

QUORUM: Mr. Andes confirmed a quorum with 12 members present.

GUESTS: Program presenter Father Dale Peterka.

SEPTEMBER 2025 MINUTES:

Mr. Andes asked for a motion to approve said minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Kammer and seconded by Mr. Adam Fehr. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Mr. Andes reported on the upcoming banquet on December 9.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. Neal had no report.

SECRETARY: Vacant.

TREASURER: Mr. Price reported that our Checking and Investment accounts were in good shape, thanks to growth of the holdings in our investment account and our fundraising excursion. A motion was made by Mr. Kammer and seconded by Mr. Hamersley to approve the proposed 2025 budget discussed at previous meetings.

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Mr. King, Chapter Representative to the National Railway Historical Society, had no report.

LIBRARIAN: Mr. King, Librarian, had no report.

TRUSTEE: Mr. Vergamini was absent.

TRUSTEE: Mr. Hindt reported on the upcoming Dayton NMRA show November 1-2.

TRUSTEE: Mr. Kammer stated that he said enough last month, but reported that it was a good excursion trip.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Andes conducted the annual elections. Mr. Andes presented the nominees from the Officers and asked for any other nominations. Hearing none, Mr. Andes asked for a motion to close nominations, which was made by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Hamersley, and passed unanimously. Mr. Andes then asked for a motion to elect the proposed nominees, which was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Carter, and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Goins reported on the recent passing of Don Stahley, well known in the local rail community.

ADJOURNMENT: Absent any further business, Mr. Andes called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Mr. Neal and seconded by Mr. Carter.

Adjourned at 7:15pm.

POST MEETING:

Father Dale Peterka presented a program of his favorite steam photos, dating all the way back to his childhood and forward to 2010, when he converted to digital photography. His photos included many famous locomotives, such as the Southern 4501, NKP 765, PM 1225, Reading 2101, N&W 611, T&P 610, Frisco 1522, SP 4449, Milwaukee 261, and UP locomotives 844(4), 3977, 3985, 6936, 4023, and 4006. Many thanks to Father Dale for sharing this fine presentation with us. Program concluded about 8:26pm.

Submitted:

/s/ Mr. Andes, Acting Secretary



DUES ARE DUE!

It is that time of the year again.

We are now accepting Chapter dues for 2026. Many of our Chapter Members have renewed and, particularly with the expenses of our new Library, we appreciate early dues and donation payments. Donations are always appreciated and form an important part of our annual budget. As a 501(c)(3) tax exempt non-profit organization, donations to the Chapter are tax deductible to the maximum extent permitted by law.

We look forward to having you on board next year!

Please contact Frank Kammer with any questions about membership.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Tue. Nov. 25 Regular Chapter Meeting & Program 7:00 P.M.
Chapter Library, 10 Village Sq., Glendale, OH

DECEMBER

Sat. Dec. 6 Buckeye Model Train & Railroad Artifact Show
Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, OH
Hours 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Sun. Dec. 7 Springfield Train Show
Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ohio
Hours 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Tue. Dec. 9 Annual Chapter Banquet & Program
Cash Bar 6:00 P.M., Dinner 7:00 P.M.
Raffel's Catering, Evendale, OH

Tue. Dec. 23 NO Regular Chapter Meeting

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

October Meeting Program: Vintage Steam from 40-50 Years Ago!



Chapter President Scott Andes (left) and Guest Speaker Father Dale Peterka (right) pose for a photo after Father Dale's program of his very best steam photos from 40-50 years ago. Photo by Richard King.