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READER OUTING ENJOYED BY  
CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Thirty-four members and guests of the Arkansas Railroad Club took a ride on the Reader Railroad Saturday, August 14. Mr. Tom Long reserved the Rambler for our group for the occasion. The 1702 headed a train which included all of the line's passenger equipment. From Dills Mill to Waterloo, we had a full passenger train arranged in the traditional manner - a headend car followed by coaches and first-class accommodations (the parlor car) on the rear. Total riders numbered well over two hundred.

Fine weather added to a most pleasant outing. Our thanks to President Long and all the Reader crew for their fine hospitality.

As an added bonus, we signed up two new members on the trip, Mr. Pratt Rimmel of Little Rock and Mr. J. D. Henry of Millington, Tennessee. Welcome aboard.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS RETURN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. . . at the Missouri Pacific Union Station, Room 305 at 2:00 p.m.

The program will include films, slides and comments on several museum and steam or electric operations visited by Phil Powledge and your editor in August. Brief descriptions of the locations are listed below in the order we saw them.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT  
St. Louis, Missouri

One of the oldest and largest collections in the country. No operation but a great variety of equipment dating from the 1880's to the 1960's.

R.E.L.I.C., South Elgin, Illinois  
Open-bench trolley and several interurban cars operate over 1½ miles of former interurban line. Very friendly and much fun.

ILLINOIS RAILWAY MUSEUM  
Union, Illinois

A large collection of both steam and electric rail equipment. Steam road equipment is mostly 1920-1940 vintage. Included is the complete Sam Houston Zephyr headed by an E-5. Streetcars and a steam train run on a 1¼ mile track which will be extended eventually to 7 miles.

NATIONAL RAILROAD MUSEUM  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Locomotives range from an 0-4-0T to a Union Pacific Big Boy. Cars from an 1880 open-ender to fluted-side streamliners. On weekends, an LS&I 2-8-0 operates over a loop of track around the museum.

MID-CONTINENT RAILWAY MUSEUM  
North Freedom, Wisconsin

Another large collection of all steam road equipment, emphasizing the 1900 era. Trains run over five miles of ex-C&NW track. Warren & Ouachita Valley 4-6-0 No. 1 and Dardanelle & Russellville 2-6-0 No. 9 are frequent power. Beautifully restored and maintained.

LAONA & NORTHERN, Laona, Wisconsin

A Vulcan 2-6-2 shuttles back and forth between large lumber mill at Laona and Camp Five Farm (logging and farming exhibits) and makes a single trip daily over the entire line of this common carrier.

KEWEENAW CENTRAL, Calumet, Mich.

Steam power had temporarily been replaced by a former CB&Q gas-electric (converted to diesel in 1949) on this seven-mile line with the finest scenery found and a very hospitable president (who doubles as engineer), Mr. Clint Jones, Jr.

BOYNE CITY R.R., Boyne City, Mich.

This diesel-powered railroad has an English 0-6-0T and three coaches for excursion use. Original office building and shops being restored by Mr. Baker and Mr. Williams.