

ARKANSAS RAILROADER
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MARCH MEETING: Regular March business meeting will be held Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the new Missouri Pacific Office Building, 1000 WEST Fourth St., North Little Rock, Ark.

FEBRUARY MEETING: At the February meeting, held February 10th, Bill Merck was elected to the board of directors for a six year term.

John Mills, Station Director for AMTRAK in Ft. Worth, Texas, who is a member of the club was present and was prevailed upon to give us an updated report on the status of AMTRAK in Arkansas.

As of this writing, AMTRAK is due to begin service from St. Louis to Laredo on a tri-weekly basis beginning March 13. Initially the only stops in Arkansas will be Little Rock and Texarkana but it is fairly certain that Newport will probably be added in the near future.

TRACKS ARE BACK To borrow an expression from AMTRAK. On March 13th rail passenger service is scheduled to begin from St. Louis to Laredo, Tex via Little Rock. The schedule of departure times from the presently proposed stops is as follows.

<u>SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>North</u>
	Read Down	Read Up
Dep. St. Louis, Mo	3:15p.m.	Arr: 2:30 p.m.
Dep. Poplar Bluff, Mo.	7:05p.m.	Dep: 10:30 a/m.
Dep. Little Rock, Ark.	10:55p.m.	Dep: 6.45 a.m.
<u>MONDAY-THURSDAY-SATURDAY</u>		
Dep. Texarkana Ark/Tex	2:30a.m.	Dep: 3:15 a.m.
		<u>MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY</u>
Dep. Marshall, Tex.	4:00a.m.	Dep: 1:25 a.m.
Dep. Longview, Tex.	4:40a.m.	Dep: 12:50 p.m.
Dep. Dallas, Tex.	7:40a.m.	Dep: 10:00 p.m.
Dep. Ft. Worth, Tex.	9:15a.m.	Dep: 8:45 p.m.
Dep. McGregor, Tex .	11:08a.m.	Dep: 6:20 p.m.
Dep. Temple, Tex	11:38a.m.	Dep: 5:45 p.m.
Dep. Austin, Tex.	2:10p.m.	Dep: 3:20 p.m.
Dep. San Marcos, Tex.	2:50p.m.	Dep: 2:40 p.m.
Dep. San Antonio, Tex.	4:15p.m.	Dep: 1:25 p.m.
ARR: Laredo, Tex	8:05p.m.	DEP: 9:25 a.m.
		<u>SUNDAY-Tuesday-FRIDAY</u>

Representative fares from Little Rock, one way, are:

	COACH	ROCKETTE
TO: Dallas-Ft Worth	\$ 17.50	\$ 35.60
TO: Laredo, Tex.	35.00	61.00
TO: St. Louis, Mo.	15.50	30.90

Beginning service will include Coach, Diner, Lounge and Sleeping Cars. Checked baggage will be provided. Future service could include observation or dome car.

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MODEL NEWS: Arkansas Valley Model Railroad Club is planing a spring clinic to be held April 27, 1974 at Coachman, Inn in Little Rock. President Tom Shock promises this to be an exciting event with several clinics in the planing along with slide shows, auction and layout tours. More details will be forthcoming in the April issue. For advance information contact Tom at 1716 Alberta, Little Rock or call him at 225-8955 after 6 p.m.

1974 OFFICERS: In conjunction with the February meeting, the Board of Directors met for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Elected were:

President	J. Harlen Wilson
Vice-President	James Mitchell
Secretary	George R. Holt
Treasurer	C. R. Byrd
N.A.H.S. Director	Clifton E. Hull

1974 SOUTHERN STEAM SCHEDULES: Below is the 1st edition of the spring-summer steam schedule of the Southern Railway as provided by the NRHS.

Saturday March 16 Birmingham, Ala.--Columbus Ga. Engine 722 & 750

Saturday March 23 Columbus Ga to Sylacauga Ala & return--Engines 722 & 750 (Sponsored by Chattahoochee NRHS)

Sunday March 24 Columbus Ga to Atlanta Ga one-way Engines 722 & 750

Saturday April 6 Atlanta Ga to Toccoa Ga & return Engine 750 each day

Sunday April 7 sponsored by ATLANTA NRHS

Saturday April 20 Chattanooga Tenn to Huntsville Ala & return- Engine 4501 each day. (Sponsored by TENNESSEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM)

Sunday April 21

Saturday April 27 Birmingham to Selma Ala & Return. Engines 4501 (South) & 722. Sponsored by Heart of Dixie NRHS)

Sunday April 28 Selma Ala to Mobile Ala one way. Engine 4501

Saturday May 4 Mobile Ala to Pensacola Fla & Return via Louisville & Nashville RR--Engine 4501 (Sponsored by ALABAMA GULF NRHS)

Saturday May 11 Mobile Ala to Jacksonville Fla via L&N Engine 4501

Sunday May 12 Route indefinite---Engine 4501

Saturday May 18 Jacksonville Fla to Valdosta Ga & Return each day.

Sunday May 19 Engine 4501 (Sponsored by JACKSONVILLE NRHS)

1974 SOUTHERN STEAM SCHEDULE (contd.)

Saturday June 18 Knoxville Tenn to Asheville N.C. & Return. Engine 4501
(Sponsored by Okd Smoky NRHS)

Sunday June 19 Knoxville Tenn to Louisville Ky-one way. Engine 4501

Saturday June 15 Louisville to Harrodsburg Ky & return. Engine 4501
(Harrodsburg Bi-Centennial)

Sunday June 16 Louisville to Harrodsburg Ky & return. Engine 4501
(Sponsored by LOUISVILLE*NRHS)

Monday June 17 Louisville to Lexington Ky-one way. Engine 4501

Saturday June 22 Lexington to Harrodsburg Ky & return. Engine 4501

Sunday June 23 Pretty Good the 1st time-let's run it again!

Monday June 24 Lexington Ky to Cincinnati Ohio-one way. Engine 4501

Saturday June 29 Cincinnati Ohio to Lexington Ky & return. Engine 4501

Sunday June 30 One more time !

Thursday July 4 Cincinnati Ohio to Williamson West Va-one way via
NORFOLK & WESTERN--Engine 4501

Friday July 5 Williamson W. Va. to Roanoke Va-one way. Engine 4501
(Sponsored by ROANOKE NRHS)

Saturday July 6 Round-trip excursion out of Roanoke. Engine 4501

Sunday July 7 Roanoke to Alexandria Va-one way Engine 4501 via
N&W Southern

Saturday July 13 Alexandria to Front Royal Va & Return-Engine 4501

Sunday July 14 Same great trip! (Both days in conjunction with
Alexandria Bi-Centennial and Virginia Independence
Festival)

DUES**DUES**DUES** It is not too late to still pay your dues for
1974. \$5.00 regular plus \$4.50 for NRHS if you so desire. \$3.00
for non-resident. Remember, if you are an employee of a Railroad
operating within the state, you are eligible for regular voting
membership even if you live out of state. Make checks payable to
Arkansas Railroad Club and send to P. O. Box 5584 Little Rock, Ark. 72205
Mark for attention of treasurer.

ANNUAL PICNIC: Plans have been made to hold the annual club picnic on the property of the Scott & Bearskin Lake Railroad again this year. The date will be April 28 and there will be a charge of \$1.00 per person to help defray the expense of operation.

As the Scott & Bearskin Lake is moving toward real railroad operations, it will be necessary to observe safety rules. President Wilson is asking for several volunteers for safety monitors for the outing. Further details will be announced in the April issue of the bulletin.

MOP MOTIVE POWER: In the past month, Missouri Pacific has placed in service 6 new GE U-30-C Diesel Locomotives numbered 3329 thru 3334. Soon to be received are 22 new EMD SD-40-2 units numbered 3139 thru 3160.

RAILROADIANA Just received a new shipment of ash trays with the Missouri Pacific emblem. These ceramic ashtrays are available at \$2.25 each to aid the club treasury.

Arkansas Railroad Club is a non-profit organization that meets on the second Sunday of each month in the New Missouri Pacific Building, 1000 WEST 4th St., North Little Rock, Ark. For further information write P. O. BOX 5584 Little Rock, Arkansas 72205



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