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MAY MEETING: Regular monthly business meeting will be held Sunday, May 12, 1974 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the new Missouri Pacific Building at 1000 West 4th St., North Little Rock, Ark.

APRIL PICNIC OUTING: Though rain was forecasted, the weather held beautiful and sunny for the 5th annual picnic held at Scott, Arkansas Sunday, April 28th. More than 300 people turned out to enjoy their picnic lunch. Much good fellowship and the opportunity to ride behind or in some cases on one of the splendid locomotives of the Scott & Bearskin Lake Ry.

CHINESE STEAM Traffic World Magazine reports that a certain Dr. Thomas A. Wartik, dean of the College of Science at PennState University, recently completed a 20 day tour of mainland China and notes that he didn't see a single diesel locomotive while in China. "Every train I was on within mainland China was pulled by a steam locomotive burning coal," he says.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

"A good time was had by all." From all reports the picnic was a huge success/ No casualties and no catastrophies. My thanks especially to the Safety Monitors and also to all others who helped make the day a success. The paid attendance was 327. The profits will not pay for the completion of the Scott & Bearskin Lake trackwork but it should be encouraging to Mr. Dortch and the other stockholders of the S&BL. Our thanks go to Mr. Dortch and the S & BL for a very enjoyable day.

I urge each and every member to try to attend the May meeting. There is some important business for discussion.

Jim Wilson  
President.

1974 RAILFAN DIRECTORY The N.R.H.S. announces that the 1974 Railfan directory is now ready for mailing. It lists rail attractions in the U.S. and is available from Overland-NRHS, 320 Wisconsin #511, Oak Park, Illinois 60302. The cost is 85¢ by first class mail.

AMTRAK BOO\*BOO For some reason or other, Little Rock and Texarkana appear in the April 10 Amtrak national timetable as being in Alaska (AK) rather than in Arkansas (AR). While we deplore the relocation of our cities, we are overjoyed to once more see ourselves in a passenger timetable and this, in the editors opinion, outweighs the dislocation. Amtrak has been notified of their error and hopefully it will be rectified in future issues.

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SIX MOST BEAUTIFUL TRAIN TRIPS: According to Amtrak, the six most beautiful train trips in this country are;

1. The Coast Daylight/Starlight. 1,489 miles from Los Angeles to Oakland (Daylight) and Oakland to Seattle (Starlight)
2. Empire Service. 436 Miles from New York City to Buffalo via Albany.
3. The Broadway Limited . Basicly a New York to Chicago train
4. North Coast Hiawatha: Begins in Chicago and follows the Lewis & Clark Trail for Much of ist way through the west. Serves Yellowstone National Park and Spokane Wash.
5. The Empire Builder: Serves Glacier National Park on its 2,289 mile run from Chicago to Seattle
6. San Francisco Zephyr: 2,420 miles from Chicago through Denver to Oakland/SanFrancisco.

MAY PROGRAM: Scheduled for the May program is a film entitled "This is Burlington Northern".

MORE SOUTHERN STEAM: Additional Southern Railway Steam Schedules from the N.R.H.S.

Saturday	May 25	Atlanta to Lulu, Ga & Return. Engine 750. Boy Souts of America Special. Not Open to Public. (Train Chasess can never be criticized on this one)
Sunday	May 26	Repeat Performance
Saturday	June 1	Rome Ga to Chattanooga Tenn & Ret. Engine 4501 <u>Coosa Valley NRHS</u>
Sunday	June 2	Rome Ga To Knoxville, Tenn. One way. Engine 4501.
Saturday	Aug. 3	Richmond Va to Keysville Va & Ret. Engine 4501. <u>Old Dominion NRHS</u> Keysville Summer Festival
Sunday	Aug. 4	Once is never enough for this green beauty.
Saturday	Aug. 17	Richmond to Norfolk Va. One Way. Engine 4501
Sunday	Aug. 18	Possible excursion from Norfolk & Ret. Engine 4501
Saturday	Aug. 24	Norfolk Va to Raleigh NC over NORFOLK & SOUTHERN Engine 4501
Sunday	Aug. 25	Raleigh NC to Winston-Salem NC One Way. Engine 4501
Saturday	Aug. 31	(Round-trip excursion from Winston-Salem followed
Sunday	Sept 1	(by ferry trip from Winston-Salem to Asheville NC;
Monday	Sept 2	(thence Knoxville Tenn and Chattanooga Tenn. (Engine 4501

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Arkansas Railroad club is a not for profit organization that meets on the second Sunday of each month in the Missouri Pacific Building, 1000 West 4th St. North Little Rock. For furnether information, write P. O. Box 5584, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205