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OCTOBER MEETING

Our program for our October meeting will be presented by our good friend and member, E.A. Hille who will bring his famous Train Order presentation. This should be very interesting and trust we will have a good turnout. Meeting will be at our usual place, the MOP Office Bldg. 1000 West 4th St. North Little Rock, at 2:00 PM. The date is Oct. 10th. Our September meeting was super in every way, not only with a very good attendance but with more than the usual "goodies" for swap and sale.

CORRECTION

The September news letter contained erroneous information pertaining to sale of Reader R.R. equipment. This column as well as your editor wishes to apologize for statements that were not true. Definite information pertaining to the sale of this equipment will be forthcoming in a later news-letter. One item that we can tell you is that Ex-Reader Caboose No. 4 was sold on September 2nd to a very prominent Arkansas lady who directed that it be delivered to the present

READER R.R. CORRECTION CONTINUED

Reader R.R. and this caboose is now operating in the consist of that line's Saturday and Sunday trains. We are sorry that erroneous information was carried in this column and trust that this will not happen again.

OZARK JAUNT

On a recent jaunt thru the Ozarks, your president and editor went over to Beaver, Ark. and found Beat Younger busy on the restoration of that part of the M&NA; the Eureka Springs R.R. There were 3 cabooses and Engine No. 3 on the old M&NA main line at Beaver. Two of the cabooses are ex-MP, the other ex-ERIE-ex-D&E. This area brought back many memories and while standing by the track could just hear the M&NA whistling for the station. When completed this line will be 6 miles long and if things work out as planned the line will be across White River and thru the Narrows by next spring. If you desire a map of this project write to Mr. Beat Younger, Eureka Springs Railroad, P. O. Box 65, Beaver, Ark. 72613. Might be well to enclose a SSAE. The E.S. R.R. also plan a museum which so far has over 200 items in storage. (If anyone receiving this news-letter has either an M&NA or M&A time table that they would sell please let this editor know; have been trying for last five or six years to obtain one; no luck so far)

NEW INTER-AMERICAN SCHEDULE

Am showing below the new schedule of the Inter-American effective October 31st. On that date it will become a daily train from Chicago to Fort Worth and tri-weekly from Fort Worth to Laredo. It will handle storage mail on the southbound schedule:

<u>SOUTHBOUND</u> No. 21	<u>AMTRAK</u>	<u>NORTHBOUND</u> No. 22
835 AM	Dp. Chicago	Ar. 915 PM
155 PM	Ar. St.Louis	Dp. 4PM
230 PM	Dp. St.Louis	Ar. 3PM
950 PM	Ar. L. Rock	Dp. 730 AM
10 PM	Dp. L. Rock	Ar. 710 AM
735 AM	Ar. Ft.Worth	Dp. 940 PM

It is sure good to know that Arkansas will again have a daily passenger train since it has been several years since we had one and AMTRAK is beginning to fulfill its promise of a real nationwide passenger system that we can be proud of. Much new equipment has been received and more is on order.

NEWS IN GENERAL

Our friends at the Memphis Chapter, NRHS and who publish "The Memphis Buff", are doing something this year that our club would do well to give some thought to. They will have a booth at the Mid-South Fair at Memphis and will distribute literature featuring tours and schedules of Amtrak trains as well as literature they will receive from the Association Of American Railroads. This should certainly give the Memphis club a very good image before the public and we wish to congratulate them on this. It is too late for our club to do anything for this year's Arkansas State Fair and Livestock show but we should give it thought for the 1977 show. Fed sure that we could obtain booth space in the Hall Of Industry and what better way to project the railroad image before the public than this?? Lets think about it.

NEWS IN GENERAL CONTINUED

On Sept. 19th, 25 cars of a southbound MOP freight derailed at 3:37 PM at Jacksonville, Ark. It was reported that most of the cars in the train were empties which was enroute from Memphis to Little Rock. The train contained 86 cars at time of the derailment. There were no injuries.

Dave Briggs, Blackhawk Chapter, N.R.H.S, who publish the fine publication SPINE & TIE, is anxious to secure K&W or Color prints of the Johnny Cash Special; also ex-CRI&P-AD&N coach, cars of the Scott & Bearskin Lake and the ex-99 RI Biz car, the latter car belonging to publisher of the Arkansas Gazette and now spotted on old RI station spur at Little Rock. Dave wishes to endeavor to illustrate some of this material in the 1977 Passenger Car Annual which he helps publish. Prints should be 3x5 size. Blackhawk Chapter is located at Aurora, Ill. Please let your editor know if you have any that can be forwarded to Dave.

From SPINE & TIE, September issue: "The Southern Pacific Tr. Co. will offer 62 shares of its common stock for every share of St. Louis Southwestern Ry. stock. It has registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission to issue 320,850 shares. There are 5,175 shares in SSW which S.P. wants to exchange, and transactions would involve \$9 million. S.P. Tr owns 171,811 SSW outstanding shares of common stock and 99.6 percent of preferred".

GENERAL NEWS CONTINUED

The Warren & Saline River R.R. has asked the Commission to approve its acquisition and operation of part of the line of the Warren & Ouachita Valley Railway, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Rock Island. The W&OV concurrently has filed an application to abandon its entire line. The W&OV runs from Warren to Cloquet. The W&SR has also asked approval for acquisition of trackage rights from the ROP RR. Those trackage rights at Warren will connect the W&SR with the acquired segment of the W&OV. The W&SR is owned outright by the Potlatch Corporation and the W&SR will purchase the ROP's interest in the jointly owned trackage at Warren for \$5,343.75.

THE AMERICAN FREEDOM TRAIN is rapidly approaching the end of its 1975-1976 tour of our nation celebrating our Bicentennial. Schedule shows, as of September 25th, some 21 cities yet to be visited, the tour ending at Miami, Florida on December 30th. Have had nothing lately on plans for a steam excursion with ex-4449 from Miami back to West Coast. If you learn anything about such a trip please pass on to your editor.

On Saturday, September 29th, the operators of the MISSISSIPPIAN R.R. Amory, Miss. visited Mr. Bob Dorch at Scott, Ark. where Bob had No. 1, No. 2 and No. 201 all under steam for the visitors who found the Scott and Bearskin Lake very interesting. Incidentally, Bob has a new brochure out for distribution which is very colorful.

COTTON PLANT-FARGO RAILWAY, a six-mile Ark. short line operating between Cotton Plant and Fargo, has an abandonment petition before the Commission. If it is granted the last segment of

GENERAL NEWS CONTINUED

the former MCNA-MGA-MENW Railroads will have disappeared. The CPF operates with a small Plymouth diesel and owns no freight equipment. It connects with Cotton Belt at Fargo. In the operation one man has worn several "hats", acting as engineer, agent, etc. The office is in a former MCNA caboose at Cotton Plant.

Our thanks to Bill Bailey for working up a very nice membership application blank which can be given to all prospective new members. Hope to have these run off in near future. We have said before in this newsletter that we need to increase our membership. If every member could bring in at least one new member in 1977 just think how our club could grow. We have had a great 1976; lets make 1977 even better.

If you guys and gals took any trips this past summer or will this fall, let the editor know. Ye 'ed will see all of you at the October meeting and then about the 15th of the month plans to take off for a western trip that will include Sun City and Phoenix, Arizona, Las Vegas, Nevada and Los Angeles, California. Will be accompanied by my wife and trusty little camera. My purpose on the trip will be to see friends at Sun City, search antique shops looking (naturally) for R.R. goodies, and aiming my camera at as many trains as I can find.

P.S. Thanks to Paul Mon for telling us at the Sept. meeting about his western trip, Cumbres and Toltec, etc. What a trip he had.

The ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB is a non-profit organization that meets the second Sunday of each month in the Missouri Pacific Office Building, 1000 West 4th St. North Little Rock, Ark. For information about the club address ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB, P.O. BOX 5584, LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72215.
