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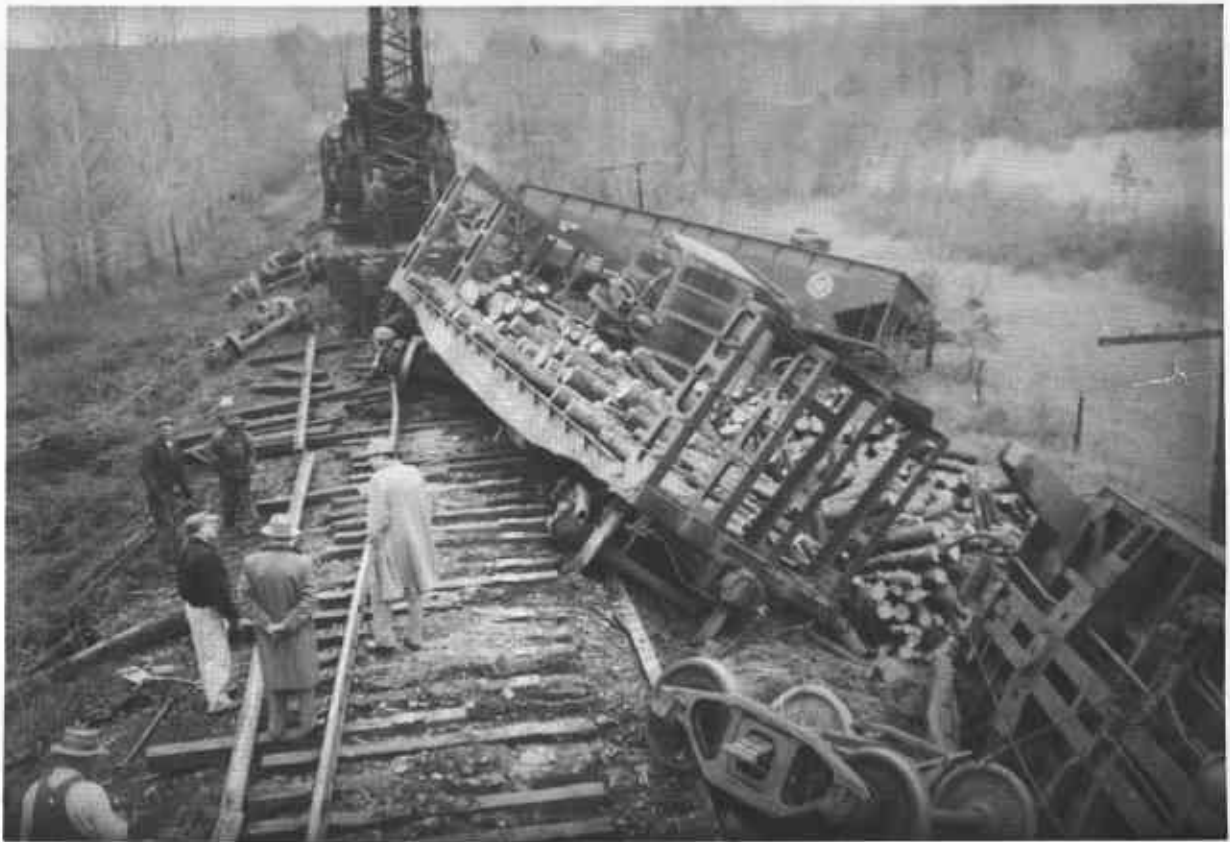
# ARKANSAS RAILROADER



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**FINAL RUN** -Pictured is Ashley, Drew & Northern's final run between Crossett and Monticello, Arkansas on June 29, 1996. It is seen here leaving Monticello, at the Union Pacific crossing, on its way back to Crossett with unit #1812 in the lead. Phil Schueth of the AD&N is walking ahead of the train and was documenting the final run. *(Photo by Peter Smykla, Jr)*



**TOP** - Derailment on Missouri Pacific's Norman Sub, March 13, 1956. The train had engine #4109, which derailed along with 6 cars. Left facing camera: Bill Haynie, brakeman. Back to camera: Arthur Slayton, conductor (of relief outfit), Jenell Friebolt (dec.), road foreman of engines; Vance Driskill (dec.), general foreman (mechanical department, Gurdon). **BOTTOM LEFT** - Gurdon coal chute before they demolished it with the "headache balls", as Mike Adams calls them. Taken March 26, 1956, the day before it was demolished. This chute spanned or served 4 tracks. **BOTTOM RIGHT** - Foot of coal chute in Gurdon March 26, 1956. L-R: Hugh Shideler, roadmaster; Elmer Cook, water service foreman; Harry Wright, B&B supervisor (all deceased); the two white caps were foreman of the two bridge gangs that started demolishing the chute the next day. Demolition took 25 days. (all photos by Mike Adams)

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### NEXT MEETING/PROGRAM

The next meeting of the Arkansas Railroad Club will be on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 at our usual place, the Mercantile Bank on Main Street in North Little Rock, just across the Arkansas River from Little Rock (the tall glass building). The program will be given by yours truly, **KEN ZIEGENBEIN**, and will feature Super-8 MOVIES (projected on a screen) of various railroad subjects, both bought and some I've taken myself. Refreshments will be served, as always.

Looking ahead: The November program will be by Bill Bailey, and our Christmas Party will feature a visual/audio talk by Peter Ehrlich of the Northern California Railroad Club. He'll talk about "Arkansas Railroadng, as Seen Through a Californian's Eyes." (See Christmas details below).



**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - It's not too early to think about our Annual Christmas Dinner. It will be held Saturday, December 7 at the Ramada Inn in North Little Rock at 6 p.m. We'll all go through the buffet. We'll have a presentation by Peter D. Ehrlich of the Northern California Railroad Club (and member of our club as well). He'll talk about Arkansas railroadng as seen through a Californian's eyes.

The thrust of his program will cover Union Pacific's ex-MoPac lines in Arkansas and shortlines, featuring Alcos operating on the Caddo, Antoine and Little River (CALM), Arkansas & Missouri, Little Rock & Western, Paperton Junction Southern, etc. Mr. Ehrlich will also have slides of San Francisco's new F-Market streetcar line, on which he's a motorman, and Memphis's Main Street Trolley, plus a 7-year tribute to UP *Challenger 3985*. He's been to Arkansas 4 times since 1990 and plans to ride our excursions this October.

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 1997** - President: CRAIG GERARD; Vice-President: LEONARD THALMUELLER; Secretary: CAROLE SUE SCHAFFER; Treasurer: WALTER WALKER; Board of Director through 2001: TOM SHOOK; NRHS National Director: OPEN (volunteers, please!) The following were recommended FOR continuance, but are not official officer positions: Newsletter Editor: KEN ZIEGENBEIN; Photographer: JOHN C. JONES. The nominating committee consisted of Naomi and Gene Hull and John Jones.

**PINE BLUFF SHOW & SALE** - The Cotton Belt Rail Historical Society will have its Second Annual show and sale April 5 at the Arkansas Railroad Museum in Pine Bluff. The 819 will be steamed up. Vendors should contact Robert Worlow, 21515 N Mill Rd, Little Rock AR 72206 or call 501-888-5655.

**PAST/PRESENT RR WORKERS WANTED** - The NRHS is compiling a list of members who either currently works for or used to work for the railroad industry. If you fit the bill, send a card to Dick Davis, PO Box 278, Strasburg PA 17579-0278.

**1997 SHOW AND SALE** of the Arkansas Railroad Club will be held in conjunction with the NMRA Regional Meeting on June 21, 1997. The NMRA's convention begins on June 19 and lasts through the 21st. Location will be the Robinson Convention Center in Little Rock. Model railroad clinics, auctions, shows, displays will be there. Our Railrodiana Show & Sale will be on the 21st, so we should have a LOT of people through the doors in 1997. FOR information, contact Walter Walker, PO Box 9151, North Little Rock AR 72119 or call 501-663-8901. Dealers should make a special effort to be there, since the NMRA usually brings in many conventioners who buy things.

**LAST AMTRAK TRIP** - If anybody wants to ride the *Texas Eagle* on its last southbound trip to Texarkana on August 9, we'll get a group together and charter a bus back. Call John Hodkin, 945-2128, if interested.

**REQUEST FOR NEWS** - Thanks to all of you who have been sending news in to me. I need MORE of you to send me railroad news from your city or town, especially if you live in Arkansas. Mainly, I need news from your LOCAL PAPER. That is the only way we can get it. That news will then be put in the *Arkansas Railroader*, where it will be preserved FOR future rail historians. As you know, the *Railroader* is sent to several libraries, both in and out of Arkansas, and some, like the Arkansas History Commission, microfilm them. Thanks in advance. You WILL be credited for sending the news.

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES WANTED** - It was suggested that we print a list of members' birthdays and/or anniversaries each month. If you'd like to be a part of this list, send in your birth date and wedding anniversary date. We will also put your name and birthday in the 1998 calendar on its' day.

**CALENDARS FOR 1997** - 1997 Arkansas Railroad Club calendars are available for \$7.00 each, 2-9 are \$6.50 each and 10 or more are only \$6.00 each. Send check to the Arkansas Railroad Club, PO Box 9151, North Little Rock AR 72119.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM** - You will notice on the back page that we have a new membership/activity form. This can be used to renew, join, change your address, or give information about your railroading preferences. Since it's been a long time since we had a survey of member's interests, please fill out the form and check the appropriate boxes then send it back to us. You could copy the back sheet and give to prospective members.

**HURRY AND BUY** - It appears that the Bald Knob roundtrip using Union Pacific's #844 steam engine on Sunday, October 27 will be sold out in the next couple of weeks, with dome cars seating already down to a few as of September 10. If you want to ride this trip, and the Russellville trip, please don't hesitate to send in the coupons enclosed.

**DEADLINE** for the November *Railroader* is OCTOBER 7, which is before our October 13 meeting. We need to do this in order to do all the activities associated with the October excursions. If you have any news, get it to me before then, as the newsletter will go to the printer October 8. Thanks. News is this issued updated through September 10.

### WANTED:FOR SALE OR TRADE

The following is for those who want to find | want to sell or trade such items with other | if deemed inappropriate. The Arkansas  
certain railroad-related items, information, or | railfans. We reserve the right to refuse listings | Railroad Club is not responsible for

misleading ads.

**WANTED** - MoPac toilet locks, M.P. tall globe lanterns with embossed logo. MoPac silver & china especially Sunshine Special Service plate. Contact Robert Worlow, 21515 N Mill Rd, Little Rock AR 72206 or call 501-888-5655.

**WANTED** - Cotton Belt tall globe lantern with embossed logo. StL S W silver, china or other items. Contact Robert Worlow, 21515 N Mill Rd, Little Rock AR 72206 or call 501-888-5655.

**FOR SALE** - DARDANELLE & RUSSELLVILLE RAILROAD, 536 pages, 8

½" x 11", hard cover, photos, maps, etc. \$47.00 postage paid. Send orders to Clifton E. Hull, 3507 East Washington #31, North Little Rock AR 72114.

**FOR TRADE** - Passes, tickets, old photographs of KCS, Frisco, etc and wax sealers for trade. Contact P. L. Moseley, 6621 Springlake Circle, Shreveport LA 71107-8778 or call 318-929-2433 for copy of current list.

**FOR SALE** - Record of Locomotives Nos. 1 to 605 owned by St. Louis Southwestern Railway Lines and Predecessor Companies from date organized and disposition thereof, researched by Gene Hull, \$5.00 per copy.

Contact Gene Hull, 3507 East Washington, #831, North Little Rock AR 72114.

**FOR SALE** - "Southern Railway: from Stevenson to Memphis" by Jack Daniels of the Memphis Chapter, NRHS. Covers 1830 to 1984, with 360 pages and 420 B&W photos. Cost is \$24.95 plus \$3.50 postage. Jack Daniels, 3467 Alfred Drive, Memphis TN 38133, 901-386-3604.

**FOR SALE** - Jim Leuders of the Houston Gulf Coast Chapter has several years worth of Cotton Belt Annual Reports he's selling for \$75. If interested, call John Hodkin, 501-945-2128.

## RAILROAD ABANDONMENT PROPOSALS

These are railroad abandonment notices that have been published in the FEDERAL REGISTER during the past couple of months. Effective abandonment dates are valid UNLESS stayed OR an offer of financial assistance is received OR trail use/rail banking requests are filed OR environmental issues are raised. They are presented generally in chronological order of being published. The states will be listed first, then the railroad. The "FR" stands for Federal Register.

**ILLINOIS - UNION PACIFIC** - To abandon 14.6 miles of the De Camp-Edwardsville line from m.p. 119.2 near De Camp to m.p. 133.8 near Edwardsville, Illinois. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

**CALIFORNIA - UNION PACIFIC** - To abandon 5.18 miles of line between m.p. 0.0 near Whittier Junction and m.p. 5.18 near Colima Junction, California, known as the Anaheim Branch. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

**KANSAS - MISSOURI PACIFIC** - To abandon 9.0 miles of line known as the McPherson Branch between m.p. 476.0 near Whitewater and m.p. 485.0 near Newton, Kansas. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

**TEXAS - MISSOURI PACIFIC** - To abandon 7.5 miles of line between m.p. 0.50 near Troup and m.p. 8.0 near Whitehouse, Texas, known as the Tyler Industrial Lead. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

**CALIFORNIA - UNION PACIFIC** - To abandon 4.9 miles of line between m.p. 5.8 near Magnolia Tower and m.p. 10.7 near Melrose, California, part of the Canyon Subdivision. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

**UTAH - UNION PACIFIC** - To abandon 12.0 miles of line from m.p. 0.0 near Little Mountain Junction to m.p. 12.0 near Little Mountain, Utah, part of the Little Mountain Branch. Effective September 11, 1996. (August 12, 1996)

**TEXAS - SOUTHERN PACIFIC** - To abandon 10.5 miles of line between m.p. 30.0 near Seabrook and m.p. 40.5 near San Leon, Texas. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

**ARKANSAS - MISSOURI PACIFIC** - To abandon 28.7 miles of line between m.p. 428.3 near Gurdon and m.p. 457.0 near Camden, Arkansas. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

**ILLINOIS - UNION PACIFIC** - To abandon 14.98 miles of line between m.p. 133.8 near Edwardsville and m.p. 148.78 near Madison, Illinois. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

**LOUISIANA - MISSOURI PACIFIC** - To abandon 8.5 miles of line between m.p. 680.0 near Iowa Junction and m.p. 688.5 near Manchester, Louisiana. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

**CALIFORNIA - SOUTHERN PACIFIC** - To abandon 85.5 miles of track between m.p. 360.1 near Wendel and m.p. 445.6 near Alturas, California. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

**TEXAS - SOUTHERN PACIFIC** - To abandon 12.53 miles of line between m.p. 117.6 near Suman and m.p. 105.7 near Benchley, Texas. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)

- COLORADO - DENVER & RIO GRANDE WESTERN RR/SOUTHERN PACIFIC** - To abandon 69.1 miles of line between m.p. 335.0 near Sage and m.p. 270.0 near Malta, Colorado and between m.p. 271.0 near Malta and m.p. 276.0 near Leadville, Colorado. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)
- ILLINOIS - UNION PACIFIC** - To abandon 38.4 miles of line between m.p. 51.0 near Barr and m.p. 89.4 near Girard, Illinois. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)
- KANSAS - MISSOURI PACIFIC** - To abandon 31.24 miles of line between m.p. 459.20 near Hope and m.p. 491.20 near Bridgeport, Kansas. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)
- COLORADO - MISSOURI PACIFIC** - To abandon 122.4 miles of line between m.p. 869.4 near North Avondale Junction and m.p. 747.0 near Towner, Colorado. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)
- COLORADO - SOUTHERN PACIFIC** - To abandon 109 miles of line between m.p. 271.0 near Malta and m.p. 162.0 near Canon City, Colorado. Effective September 11, 1996. (FR August 12, 1996)
- GEORGIA - SOUTH CAROLINA CENTRAL RR** - To abandon 13.62 miles of line between m.p. 86.5 near Albany and m.p. 72.88 near Sasser, Georgia and to discontinue service over its 5.38 mile line between Sasser and Dawson, Georgia. Effective September 15, 1996. (FR August 16, 1996)
- TENNESSEE - SEQUATCHIE VALLEY RR CO** - To abandon 28.9 miles of line between m.p. LJF-11.0 near Kimball and m.p. LJF-39.9 near Brush Creek, Tennessee. Effective September 18, 1996. (FR August 19, 1996). This road was featured in a past *Railroader*
- CALIFORNIA - TULARE VALLEY RR CO** - To abandon 5 miles of line between m.p. 15.1 at Tulare and m.p. 20+1191.3 near Loma, California. Effective September 19, 1996. (FR August 20, 1996)

## ARKANSAS RAIL NEWS

### RIVERFRONT RAIL SYSTEM

(Little Rock) - The Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$8 million in July to develop a light rail system for the new riverfront development in Little Rock and North Little Rock. Of this, \$6 million would go to restore the Junction Bridge (UP) and to build a transit station outside the planned sports arena. Six shuttle buses would also be bought. (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette July 19 via Jonathan Royce)

### GLENWOOD DEPOT LISTED

The Glenwood Iron Mountain depot was been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It will be renovated and used as a museum and visitor's center.

### TRACK GOING UP

(Galloway) - The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department tore up the Arkansas Midland railroad crossing on Arkansas 391, between Interstate 40 and US 70 in early August. This

line was once the main east-west line of Rock Island's Sunbelt Line. Galloway is only a few miles east of North Little Rock. (via Johathan Royce)

### DESIRING STREETCARS

(Fort Smith) - After 63 years, streetcars are once again being heard in downtown Fort Smith. The Fort Smith Trolley Museum opened a section of track August 29 that will take its restored streetcar to Garrison Avenue, where once a 33-mile streetcar system began in the city. The restored streetcar No. 224 was a Birnie Safety Car built for the Fort Smith system in 1926, 7 years before the system shut down in 1933. (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, September 3, 1996 by Dave Hughes)

### INTERMODAL SUIT

(Marion) - Union Pacific has started condemnation proceedings against property owners south of Ebony, off U.S. 64 so it can

build a new intermodal facility near Marion. It plans to build a 569 acre yard there. Trouble is, the site was recently annexed by the city of Marion. BNSF withdrew its plans to build a similar facility on the other side of town. Under the power of eminent domain, a railroad can step in and after proper proceedings take any property regardless of the wishes of the owner. (West Memphis Evening Times, August 26, 1996, via fax from Don Weis)

### LINE ABANDONED

(Gurdon) - The former Missouri Pacific line between Gurdon and Camden has been applied to be abandoned. See the "RAILROAD ABANDONMENT PROPOSALS" section for details. Union Pacific and Southern Pacific have applied to abandon several more routes across the country after their merger was approved, a total of 17 or 18 to be exact.



## GENERAL RAIL NEWS

### FIRST SP UNITS

(East Texas) - On August 16, 1996, the first SP/SSW engines (GP60's) were seen on former MoPac, IGN tracks in east Texas north of Houston, just a couple of days after the merger of UP/SP was approved. (via Jim Tatum)

### TOWER 19 MOVED

(Dallas) - On Wednesday, August 14, Santa Fe tower 19 was moved from its location guarding the crossing of Santa Fe's East

Dallas Yard and Union Pacific's belt line to its new home at the Age of Steam Museum. It was a media event, taking 8 hours. Over \$40,000 had been donated to the group, either by cash or services, to get this tower moved. (Stack Talk, Age of Steam Museum, September 1, 1996)

### DART DOING EXCELLENT

(Dallas) - Average weekly ridership for the first month and a half of operation of the new light rail Dallas Area Rapid Transit system

has been 15% higher than expected, with 17,200 passengers a day being carried. A noon mini-rush hour has also developed with workers taking the one and two car trains out to the suburbs for lunch. (Stack Talk, Age of Steam Museum, September 1, 1996)

### SUBWAY SURFER DIES

(New York) - A teenager, who was riding on top of subway cars, was killed in July when he hit a signal tower and fell to the tracks. (via Jonathan Royce)

## AMTRAK NEWS



### LAST SLUMBERCOACH

On September 8, Amtrak operated its last slumbercoach sleeper. It ran on the Silver Star between New York and Florida. Viewliners have taken their place. (Via the internet)

### CONCERTED EFFORT

A concerted effort to save the *Texas Eagle* through Arkansas and Texas was started August 22, when city officials of 15 cities in

Texas and Arkansas met in Fort Worth. They are hacked off, to put it mildly, that Amtrak plans to eliminate the *Eagle*, and say that Amtrak has always treated this train as a stepchild. For one thing, no advertising has been done and Amtrak continues to charge costs to the *Eagle* that shouldn't be, like charging costs to the *Eagle* when its cars are hauled by the *Sunset Limited* to Los Angeles. A September 10 Senate hearing was to be held by Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison on this and other Amtrak cuts.

### \$20 MILLION NEEDED

(Fort Worth) - Unless \$15 to \$20 million is

found and given to Amtrak, the *Texas Eagle* will be taken off November 10. That's what officials from 15 cities were told in mid August. The *Sunset Limited* is also on shaky ground. Some of the mayors of cities along the *Eagle's* route said that Amtrak's bad management killed the train (how right he can be). Texas Republican Governor George Bush was angered by Amtrak's move, because so many cities had spent thousands improving their depots (such as Mineola). Mark Cane, president of Amtrak's intercity division, said the *Sunset Limited* would be evaluated in 1998. (Dallas News, August 23, 1996 via Dan Barr, Jr.)

## EXCURSIONS/SHOWS/EVENTS OF OTHER CLUBS

**PORTLAND, OREGON** - October 19,20, 1996 - Two day triangle trip by Amtrak from Portland to Spokane, Seattle and return, meals, rooms included - prices start at \$330 - write to GNR'96 Excursion, Rm 1, Union Station, 800 N W 6th Ave, Portland OR 97209-3715 - sponsored by Pacific Northwest Chapter NRHS.

**CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE** - October 5, 1996 - a special steam doubleheader roundtrip from Chattanooga and LaFayette, Georgia over the Chattooga & Chickamauga's ex-Central of Georgia line, 72 miles - four runbys scheduled - departs

8:30 a.m., returns 5:45 p.m. - barbecue dinner after return plus it includes lunch aboard the train in a dining car - tickets are \$54, extra for the barbecue and a special twilight train with night photo session later that night - Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, 4119 Cromwell Rd, Chattanooga TN 37421-2119, 423-894-8029.

**STRASBURG, PENNSYLVANIA** - October 11-13, 1996 - Symposium celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Railroad's charter in 1846 - If you'd like to submit a paper on the history of the PRR, submit a 500-word abstract and

one-page CV by April 1, 1996 to R. L. Emerson, Director Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Box 15, Strasburg PA 17579 - For more information on the Symposium itself, call 717-687-8628.

**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI** - October 19,20, 1996 - "Land of Lincoln" roundtrip excursions using UP's E-units and passenger equipment from St. Louis-Springfield, Illinois-South Pekin-Springfield-St. Louis - many options for riding - contact St. Louis Chapter, NRHS, 11221 Manchester Rd, Suite 321, St. Louis MO 63122.

**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS** - October 26, 27, 1996 - Union Pacific roundtrips out of Little Rock both days, using the E's and steam engine 844 - also one-way trips to Branson October 29 and Branson to Kansas City November 1 and one-way St. Louis to Poplar Bluff October 24 and Poplar Bluff to Little Rock October 25 - sponsored by Pacific Limited with Arkansas Railroad Club getting 10% of these sales - contact Arkansas Railroad Club, PO Box 9151, North Little Rock AR 72119.

**ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI** - January 18, 1997 - Trainfair '97, a Show and Swap Meet located at the Saint Charles Exhibition Center, I-70 and 5th Street, Saint Charles, Missouri - to reserve tables or for more

information, write to Chris Lewis, #23 Whinhill Ct, Saint Charles MO 63304, 314-298-8300, ext 59 (daytime).

**PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS** - April 5, 1997 - Second Annual Railroadiana and Model Train Meet in the Arkansas Railroad Museum in Pine Bluff. The 819 will be steamed up. For more information, call Robert Worlow, 21515 No. Mill Rd, Little Rock AR 72206, 501-888-5655.

**FLIPPIN, ARKANSAS** - Frequent trips most of year, including dinner trains - White River Railway excursions - leaves Flippin 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Calico Rock 10:50 a.m. on roundtrips - runs on the scenic White River line of the Missouri & Northern

Arkansas (ne. Missouri Pacific) - prices are \$22 adults, \$14 child, \$20 senior - call 800-305-6527 for reservations, or write White River Railway, L.C., PO Box 1093, Flippin AR 72634.

**CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE** - Weekends much of year - sixteen trips scheduled by the Tennessee Valley Railroad, many into northwest Georgia on the Chattooga (not a misspelling) & Chickamauga Railway shortline - uses steam engines 610 and 4501 as well as diesel 1829 - these *Dixie land Specials* will be daylong, roundtrips and includes lunches - call 423-894-8028 or write TVRM, 4119 Cromwell Rd, Chattanooga TN 37421. ~~AR~~



A dreamers concept of what our October excursions could look like, with everybody in the state trying to grab a train ride. (I don't quite think that the insurance company would like it too much, though).





## REMEMBERING TROUBLE

by: P. B. Wooldridge

In retrospect I often wonder how anyone could survive 44 years on a busy railroad. I've had my share of narrow escapes.

I'd just hired out in 1937 and was protecting the third trick telegraph job at Lewisville, Arkansas. No. 802, the passenger from Shreveport, Louisiana, had just arrived as I came on duty at midnight. I observed that the train order signal light was out. I signed the operator's transfer, covering 10 train orders.

The second trick operator, C. O. Temple, was a reluctant railroader as he owned the nickleodean and slot-machine business throughout that area, and was a man of means. The last thing he needed was a railroad job, and there was no way to get him to climb 25 feet straight up on a narrow steel ladder and replace the burnt out light bulb in the semaphore.

So 5 minutes into my tour of duty I was 25 feet up the ladder, when No. 2, the Lone Star passenger from Texas, arrived. I hastened down the ladder, sold a few local tickets, and hurriedly gave the engineer and conductor of No. 2 a clearance without orders. At that time the Dispatcher's OK was not necessary in the absence of train orders. That changed after this incident.

I ran back into the office and very hurriedly double checked my train orders and discovered one addressed to NORTHWARD TRAINS, which, of course, included No. 2. The order read: "Account low water at Milner do not take water at Milner unless absolutely necessary."

No. 2 began to move, as I grabbed the train order hoop with the clearance for the flagman. I started to flag No. 2, then decided not to delay him, and went outside and delivered the clearance to the flagman on the pullman.

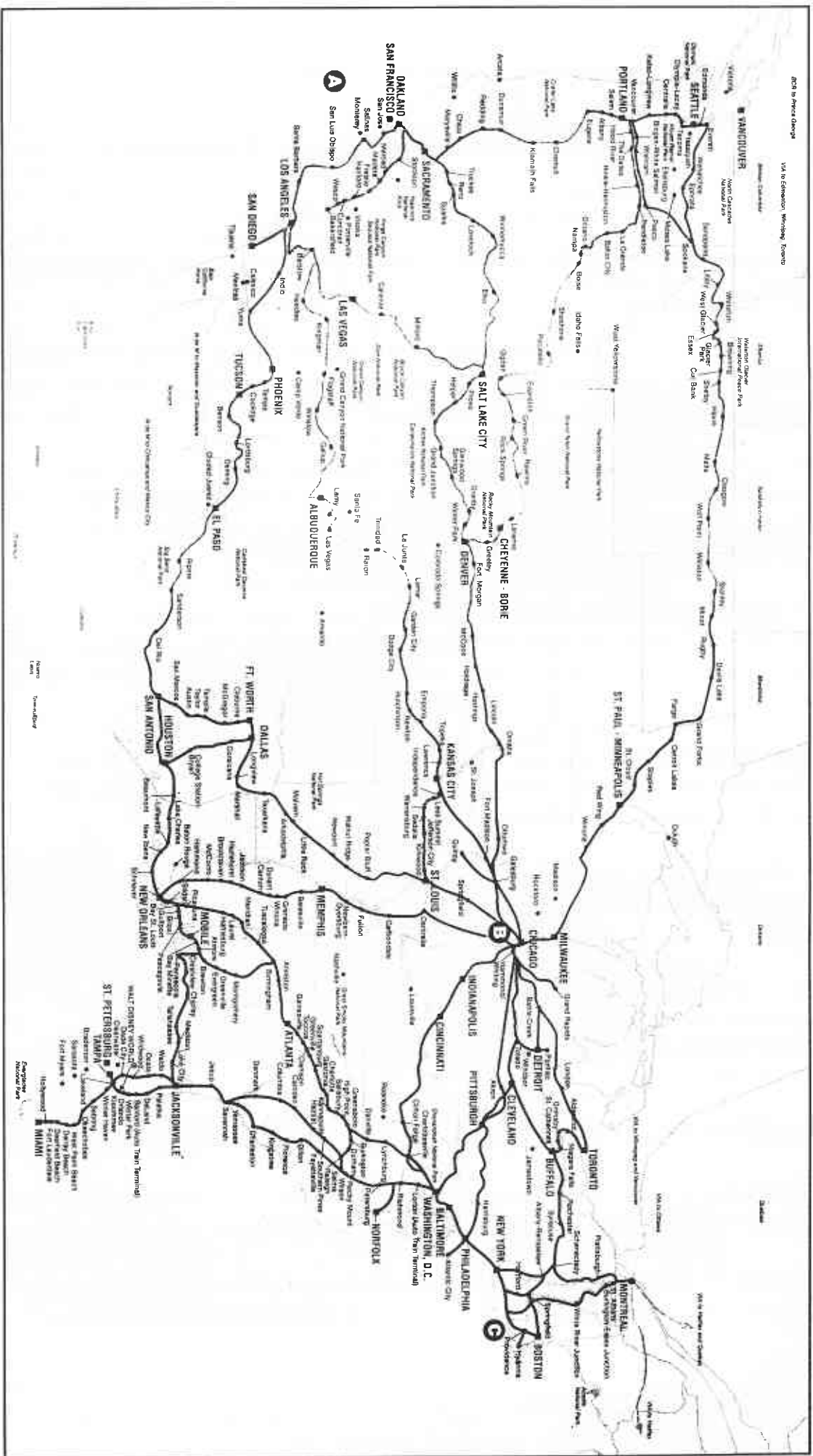
I'd just committed the Cardinal Sin any operator could be guilty of, overlooking a train order, and I was in a quandary, so I called the Dispatcher on the telegraph wire, but he didn't respond. I'm quite sure he knew what had happened. Instead the Dispatcher's bell rang and Dispatcher G. C. Stevens said in the gruffiest voice possible:

"IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO ME, SAY IT HERE!"

Which I did, and the order was reissued to No. 2 at Stamps. Passenger trains never had taken water at Milner, and only an occasional freight, but I knew I was subject to 45 demerits or termination.

Next night Assistant Supt. A. T. "Casey" Townsend, a promoted steam engineer, dropped in on me and I feared the worst, but all he said to me was: "How are you and your train orders?"

# Amtrak's National Rail Passenger System



## Legend

- Amtrak Train Routes
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**A** Letters indicate incomplete listings of cities served. See reverse side for complete listings of area maps.



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 Amtrak System Map, effective January 1994  
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 BCR - British Columbia Railway  
 N de M - National Railways of Mexico  
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## GRAND CENTRAL STATION

**“As a bullet seeks its target, shining rails in every part of our great nation are aimed at Grand Central Station, heart of the country’s greatest city. Drawn by the magnetic force of the fantastic metropolis, day and night great trains rush toward the Hudson River...dive with a roar into the two-and-a-half mile tunnel beneath the swank and glitter of Park Avenue, and then--*Grand Central Station!*-- Crossroads of a million private lives, gigantic stage on which are played a thousand dramas daily.”**



*CBS "Grand Central Station" 1940's and 1950's*

From -  
JIM BENNETT  
1002 SOUTH LESLIE ST.  
STUTTGART, ARK. 72160

# ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY FORM

Membership renewal  New Member  Change of Address  Information update  
(See dues information at bottom of this sheet)

Send membership renewal, application, change of address, etc. to:



**Arkansas Railroad Club**  
**PO Box 9151**  
**North Little Rock AR 72119**

501-758-1340 (phone/fax)  
E-mail: ken.z.rw@ix.netcom.com

Please fill out the following questions after checking the appropriate box above.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (init) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check the appropriate boxes below:

Interests: Early Steam Era:  Late Steam Era:  Train chasing:   
Early Diesel Era:  Contemporary:  Excursions:   
History:  Models:  Photography:  Artifacts:   
Railroad of interest: Missouri Pacific:  Cotton Belt:  Southern Pacific:   
Frisco:  Katy:  M&NA:  Union Pacific:  Burlington-Northern:   
 Shortline (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership dues information:

Membership: **\$20.00** per year, Arkansas Railroad Club only; **\$37.00** per year if you join or renew National Railway Historical Society membership through our Club. Dues are payable/due by January 1 of each year. If we don't have your dues by March 1, you will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Membership in the Arkansas Railroad Club entitles you to a membership card and the monthly *ARKANSAS RAILROADER* newsletter. Meetings are held monthly, except December, on the second Sunday of the month. We usually meet at 2 p.m. in the Mercantile Bank main building on Main Street in North Little Rock, just north of the Arkansas River. Interesting programs are presented each month and refreshments (cookies, sandwiches) are served. We are a non-profit organization and member of the NRHS. Officers are listed in each newsletter.