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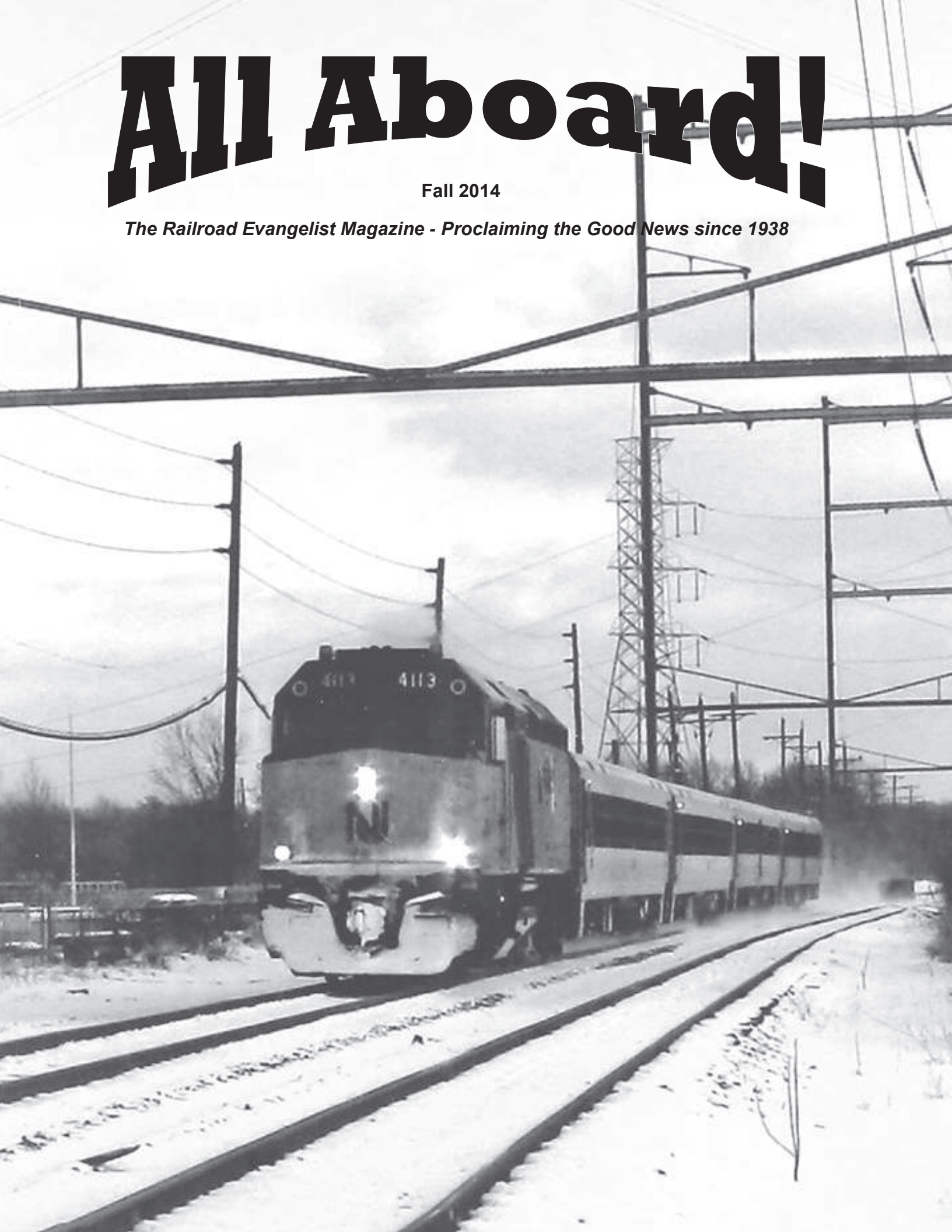

Luther S. Harkey 1885 - 1949
Founder of the Railroad Evangelistic Association

- Mission Statement -

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1. We believe in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings. They are the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God: that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also Spiritual death which is separation from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word, and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice. In addition that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed Blood.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified Body of our Lord, in His Ascension into Heaven and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe in "that blessed hope," the personal, premillennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost.

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"Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day"
Psalm 96:2

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Dr. Ben Salloum
REA President

MainLine

What are your accomplishments?

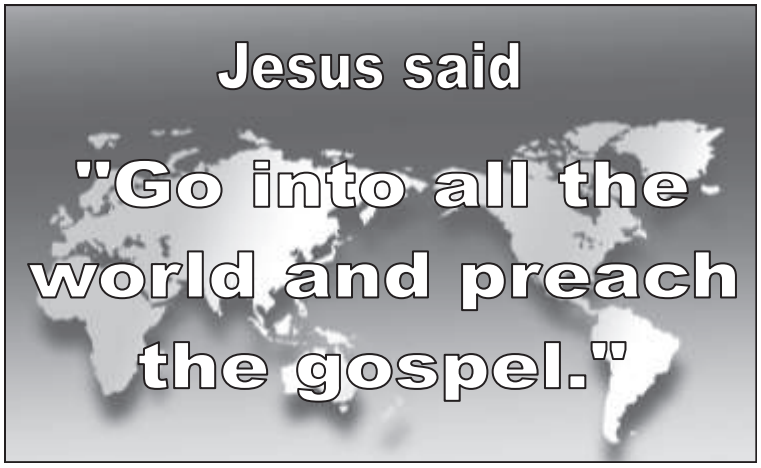
Many people are, or try to become "successful". What is success? If you look around the world and see what is going on it should make you think hard about examining what we would consider to be really important. Worldly things can perish in an instant. Even our own life or the ones we love cannot be taken for granted.

Matthew 16:26 (KJV) ***" For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"*** We need to be reminded to change our focus sometimes and clarify what is important. 1 John 2:15 (KJV) ***"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world."***

When we focus on the right things then all other things will come into place. So we can have other things, but that is not supposed to be our focus. Matthew 6:33 (KJV) ***"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."***

You do not have to wait until New Years to make a resolution to change your focus to God's business. Let us make that decision today. Then we will be tremendously accomplished people.
Walk in love, and I'll see you at next year's convention!

- Dr. Ben Salloum



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We pray and trust God will abundantly bless you for your sacrificial giving as He ***"is able to make all grace abound towards you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work."***

2 Corinthians 9:8

"A LITTLE IS A LOT WHEN GOD IS IN IT"
Luke 9:12-17

All Aboard!

Membership in the Railroad Evangelistic Association is open to all who have a desire to reach the entire railroad community worldwide with the Good News of Jesus Christ. For $15.00 you will receive your REA Annual membership card ($5.00) and a one year subscription ($10.00 - 3 issues) to the **RAILROAD EVANGELIST** magazine. REA has no paid staff, all proceeds go to printing and mailing the Good News. Thank you.

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Rail Fan & the MODEL Railroader **by Rev. Stephen R. Seidler**

ON THE ROAD…AGAIN (RAILROADING)

We're back this Fall to pick up where we left off in the Summer issue of **ALL ABOARD**. I trust that the modeling tips were helpful and that the vehicular information caused you to rush out to acquire a growing assembly of cars and trucks. We are going "on the road again" in this segment to broaden your source of scale vehicles for your layout. One note: I was not able to do further work on the Bluefield History Museum on the built-up Styrofoam panels. I did manage to do the final touches on a VanDyke windmill in its shortened height, per the one at the Greenfield (Dearborn) Museum. The full height version sits alongside a rural Wisconsin farm on the layout. I will keep you informed in a later issue as this project continues to develop. Family and medical issues have kept me away from active modeling this summer, but like you, I will be back at the workbench or on the layout this Fall and Winter.

Poplar, Wisconsin is a small town of a few hundred, 20 miles east of Superior sitting astride U.S. Highway 2. On the south side of the highway sat the Poplar Depot and the loading track/ramp for locally cut poplar logs. It was on the **Northern Pacific RR**, but used by the **Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic RR.** On the north side of the highway was a row of stores: bank, grocery store, quaint little stone motel, Standard gas station, Post Office, and the Poplar Hardware Store. On a pedestal next to a small museum in the elementary school, and within view of the depot, was a beautiful World War II P-38 Lightning. The plane was used by Major Richard Ira Bong, "Ace of Aces," to shoot down 40 confirmed Japanese fighter airplanes. Dick was a Poplar native who learned expert shooting on geese and deer at the family farm. When questionable nose art was put on planes, Dick used the black & white yearbook photo of his sweetheart, Marge, to place on the nose of his P-38 (known by the enemy as the "forked-devil.") Next to the photo and "*Marge*," there were 40 Japanese flags proudly painted. Dick once removed the radio equipment behind his seat and with Marge hugging his back, went for a ride in the Bay area. After 40 "kills" Dick was brought back to the States and he volunteered for jet airplane testing. On August 6, 1945, Dick stuck with a flawed and flaming P-80 and perished while keeping the jet from slamming into a playground. In the 1950s, we took logs off our property to the Polar railhead where Dick's P-38 sat in prominent view. I had to model it behind my **LD&G** Poplar Depot, but in HO my scale plane model was way too big. Using "selective compression," I found the above "Nose Art" model which displays the plane in miniature along with a fuselage panel showing "*MARGE*" and the 40 battle flags. So, it sits alongside the depot now instead of across Highway 2. Visitors have a parking space to walk up and view the plane. Two HO scale **Northern Pacific** busses sit next to the depot. The touring bus was shown in the summer issue of **ALL ABOARD**. The pulp loading track is behind the depot. Note: I have remained life-long friends with Marge, who remarried after Dick's death. His P-38 was fully restored and moved to Superior WI, on Highway 2 & 53, and now resides in a climate-controlled museum honoring the World War II importance of the Twin Ports.

Some team tracks had permanent loading ramps. These were particularly useful in outlying areas where raw materials like pulpwood were harvested. This view was taken at Ironton MN (identical to the facility at Poplar WI used by the **DSS&A** in the 1950s.). It shows two men busily unloading their truck loads of pulpwood into a pair of **Northern Pacific** gondolas (gons) for eventual shipment to the lumber mills. It will take 6-7 truck-loads to fill each gon. When the gons are full the local railroad station agent will be notified that the loading process is complete. Paperwork is then prepared and the cars will be picked up by the local switch crew to be forwarded down the line. Many team tracks were located a short distance from an occupied depot or station. That local station agent kept an eye on things and made sure everything was up to snuff with the local shippers. (Image courtesy of Jeff Lemke, Twin Ports Rail History, Inc. See www.twinportsrailhistory.com for additional information and helpful DVDs that will give you details for modeling, while preserving the fantastic and varied rail history in Duluth MN and Superior WI.)

America's fire fighting and fire apparatus are legendary, but as I write this forest fires are out-of-control in California. May I remind you that sin leads to death and the second death is the lake of fire or hell. (Rev. 20:14) However, Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our LORD." See page 12 of this magazine to read the full plan of salvation. I have covered HO or 1/87th scale fire apparatus from my vast collection in our last issue. I want to share some information for those who model in 1/64th or S-Scale, more commonly known as two-rail American Flyer. The 1950s Suburban panel truck and Chevrolet Chief's car are from the Johnny Lightning (Matchbox) series with details added. The Mack fire engine is from Code 3. These are highly detailed units which represent most US fire departments – engines, ladders, rescue, ambulances, airport crash, and helicopters. Some scale firehouses were available. Unfortunately, Code 3 ceased production several years ago, but units can be found on E-Bay and at www.Code3FireTrucks.com. They are certainly worth the expense, but the price range will be around $25 to well above $100. A superb line of 1/64th vehicles can be found at www.M2Machines.com. Their line of late 1940s and 1950s vehicles have working parts and will be found in a variety of trucks, tractor-trailers, and personal vehicles. If you model more recent times, the M2 Machines line includes vehicles into the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. The M2 line does not include fire apparatus. Check them out for I think you'll fall in love with all of them. Enjoy being "on the road again!"

HALUWASA

(Hallelujah What A Savior)

SHORE LINE RAILROAD

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HALAUSASA is a Christian Campground in South Central New Jersey. Above is engine # 480 is on the Haluwasa Shoreline Railroad is a 2 ft. gauge line which circles the lake, three miles of track and transports campers, baggage and visitors from the reception area to the main camp center. It was the idea of founder and longtime director Rev. Charles Ashmen, know as "Uncle Charlie", he also was an REA member and spoke at our REA conventions a number of times. Everyone enjoyed his stories and "one liners".

Steam engine # 643 is the only live operating PRR steam engine in captivity. Owned by the Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association. Photos sent in by N.R. Seidelmann, Pennsauken, NJ.

"Jesus Christ,
is the same yesterday, today, and forever."
Hebrews 13:8

Strasburg Railroad

A favorite place to visit

Strasburg, Pennsylvania

On the way home from the REA Convention, a favorite place to stop for Carol & Mary Clifton and Kay Reese is the Strasburg Railroad with its many attractions. Carol said, "they received the Railroad Evangelist magazine "All Aboard!" really well".

Carol Clifton with her new "Red Cap" friend, Joel.

The whole family can enjoy the miniature steam train.

Mary Clifton and Kay Reese

Remembering Rocky

Rocco Agrusti

July 7, 1924 - March 5, 2014

Rocky doing what he did best, "leading". Rocky was a born leader, with great enthusiasm he inspired people wherever he went.

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Rev. Paul Campbell, National REA Chaplin says that he "is honored to be part of REA and have known every REA president from Rocky to our current president. Rocky was a WWII hero and later a Railroad official. He was sold out to our Lord Jesus Christ and told everyone he came into contact with about REA. In 1981, Rocky charted a Greyhound type of bus and brought about 45 people from New York State to REA. One young man on that bus was Donald Russell", (see page 13).

"Be faithful until death
and I will give you the crown of life."
Rev.2:10

Rocco "Rocky" Agrusti was born in Albany NY and moved to Syracuse in 1948. Rocky was a veteran of WWII, serving in the China-Burma, India area. He was employed by the New York Central RR, Penn Central and Conrail for 42 years. He was a member and/or and officer in NARVRE, REA, 721st Railway Operating Bn Association, National Military Railway Service Veteran's NYS, CBI Central NY District, CBI Central NY District, Onondaga County Veterans, Gideon's International and the Masonic Lodge # 998.

Rocky is survived by His wife of 45 years, Jeanne Kyser Agrusti a daughter Pamela and son Dennis with a number of grandchildren, great-great grandchildren along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Faithful servants Rocky and Jeannie Agrusti. Rocky served as president of REA from 1959—1963. Jeanne also served as recording secretary.

"And the Spirit and the bride say,
"Come!"
And let him who hears say
"Come!"
And let him who thirsts come.
And whoever desires, let him
Take the water of life freely."

Revelations 22:17

Greetings from the 73rd Railroad

REA president, Dr. Ben Salloum, opening night message.

First timers to an REA Convention from left to right is Juanita Thomas, Carl Cook, Benji Salloum, Joanna Salloum, Norman Seidelmann, Alana Salloum and Ruth Seidelmann.

REA pianist, Mrs. Rosalind Glass

Allan Carpenter and Evie Bliss

The REA **Hallelujah Express Gospel Band**. From left to right is Ben Salloum, Jim Bliss, Allan Carpenter, Rev. Robert & Rosaland Glass.

International Railroad Evangelist brother Arulraj from Chennai, India.

Three generations, from right to left is Rev. Magead Salloum, his wife Beverly, their son and daughter-n-law, Ben and Joanna with their children, Alana and Benji.

Evangelistic Association Convention

REA president Dr. Ben Salloum, with his wife Joanna, daughter Alana and son Benji.

Opening night address.

Rev. Robert Glass, Assistant REA Chaplain addresses the convention.

Action night at REA. Always a lot of fun to help raise additional funds for REA. In the center is Gregg James (Auctioneer) and his two wonderful assistance Carol and her daughter Mary.

Rev. Paul Campbell, National REA Chaplain and Emcee of our convention. Following below brother Paul is interviewing some of REA members.

with Juanita Thomas

with Carl Cook

Don Robey, reciting "**The Station**". First time Don came to the REA convention without his beloved wife Doris who went home to be with the Lord this past year.

Part of the REA Alexandria Chapter is Hellen Booterbaugh, Shirley Zurek, Bryan Goodwin, Jane Hessler and Juanita Thomas.

Left is Jim Bliss sharing a moment. Jim is form New York State.

with Susan Deane

with brother Arulraj

Left is Gary Durham from New York telling us his story of the Lighthouse he visited out West in Seattle, WA area.

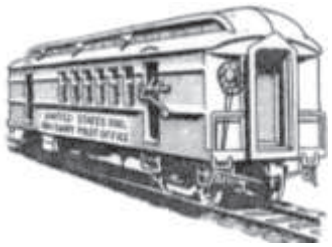
A few of the Malaga REA Chapter members from left to right is Kay Reese, Susan Deane, Mary Clifton, Carol Clifton and Bonnie James. Back row is Gregg James and John Stewart, (adopted into Malaga).

The REA **"Hallelujah Angels"** bless the convention with their musical numbers. From left to right is Joanna & Alana Salloum, Evie Bliss, Beverly Salloum and Juanita Thomas.

BNSF engineer and a "big" blessing to REA is John Stewart from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Left to right is Rev. Magead Salloum, addressing the convention. Jane Hessler, REA Business Secretary and Beverly Salloum, REA Resistor, leading Ladies Night.

Next REA Convention: August 17-22, 2015 Pray, Plan & Prepare to come to REA 2015!



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REA,
Here is for my dues renewal plus for a supply of the REA gold foil stickers. Thank you! May God continue His blessings upon you, your family and the Railroad Evangelistic Association.
Godspeed,
Bill Seigford
Lancaster, PA

REA,
Thank you for the REA stickers. Our past Christian, Godless nation needs messages like this!
Maranatha,
Arlene LaBounty
Burnsville, MN

REA,
We enjoy your magazine so much, shared with us by my sister Margaret. I am sending a donation for your wonderful work. Please send me 100 "Wake Up Watchmen" tracts and 100 REA gold stickers. May God continue to bless you richly. Thank you.
Earl Butler
Marmora, NJ

REA,
We all were so sorry to read about the passing of Doris Robey in the REA magazine. We all remember Doris as a servant. She has always been ready to help along with her beautiful smile, she was a true servant of the Lord. She will be missed. Our love and prayers are with Don and his family.
In Christ love,
George & Marlene Sampson
Winslow,NJ

REA,
Praise God! I had no idea that is organization existed! Thank God and bless you!
Steven Phares
Fillmore, CA.

REA,
Blessings to everyone at REA who bring God's word to the rail community. I picked up a copy of "All Aboard!" at a Model RR show in St. Paul, Minnesota.
Robert Madsen
Plymouth, MN

REA,
The Summer 2014 issue of the Railroad Evangelist magazine, what an interesting issue with Memories of a Railroad Engineers Wife and Celestial Model Railroading to name a couple. My father, Herman R. Rose, (editor for 39 years) would be very pleased to all those officers and friends of REA who visualize the soul rewarding helpfulness of REA. I thought of the scripture, "***Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord***." (Zechariah 4:6). What wonder working power by the Spirit of the Lord. "Power of the love of God, power of praise, power of grace, power of knowledge, power of science, power of communication, power of service!" Please give my greetings to all the old friends at the REA Convention in August. May God bless.
In Christian love,
Faith. E. Rose
Cincinnati, OH

REA,
I work for Amtrak in the Bear Shops which are located in Bear, Delaware. I have worked for Amtrak for the last 38 years, asked the Lord into my live as a result of Christians brothers and sisters working for Amtrak. Please send me information on how to start an REA chapter. God bless you and thanks for all the work you are doing for the Lord Jesus Christ, praise God for each of you.
Your brother in Christ,
Bill Hrabelski
Bear, DE

REA,
I received the package that you sent and information on REA. I am very interested in starting a local REA Chapter here in Flagstaff, Arizona as I believe that Flagstaff would be an ideal location for an REA Chapter, as the city has a strong background and relationship with the railroad. (it was a railroad created and centered town) There is a lot of potential for ministry here, with model railroad clubs, Amtrak facilities and BNSF yards and offices (road crews and MOW offices).
In Service to Christ,
Christina M. Leland
Flagstaff, AZ

Want to begin an REA chapter in Flagstaff, AZ. Contact Christina Leland: cm.leland@yahoo.com

The DEFENDERS

BNSF engineer Vern Smith, Founder of The Defenders" challenging men to take the Defenders pledge:

1. I will not purchase or participate in pornography, prostitution or any form of commercial sex industry.
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FRANCE

Brother Arulraj faithfully serves the Lord world-wide as International Railroad Evangelist for both International Railway Missions of Europe and the Railroad Evangelistic Association of the USA.

GERMANY

Brother Arulraj meeting with the German Railway Missions group for a Breakfast Prayer Fellowship at the Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof, (main train station).
International Railway Missions will be meeting in Goslar, Germany.
July 28 - August 4, 2016
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> Email from GOD
One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the misbehaving that was going on. So he called one of His angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time. When the angel returned, he told God, 'Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not." God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% that were good, because he wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going. Do you know what the e-mail said? Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.

>A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

>After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

>A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

>A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?' 'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied. 'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered.
The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

“A cheerful heart does good like a medicine”
Proverbs 17:22 - Living Bible

Begin planning to attend the 73rd National **R**ailroad **E**vangelistic **A**ssociation Convention - Everyone is Welcome!
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If at all possible please have your convention expense paid in full two weeks prior to the convention. Thank you!
REGISTRATION to receive name tag and room key is on Monday Sept 10th from 2-5 PM. Dinner at 5:00 PM.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

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Located within driving distance is:

>Historic Carlisle - US Army War College - 10 minutes.
>Gettysburg - About a 30 minute drive.
>Hershey - About a 45 minute drive.
>Strasburg RR community - A little over an hour drive.
>Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster - A little over an hour.
>The heart of the Amish in Lancaster - A little over an hour.
>National Civil War Museum - Harrisburg - About 30 minutes.
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>Valley Forge / Philadelphia - About 3 hours

-PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE! -

Jesus said...

"I AM the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

"I AM the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

"I AM the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35

"I AM the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved…" John 10:9

"I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." John 10:11

"I AM the true vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

"I AM the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?." John 11:25,26

Think about this for a moment; either Jesus was a complete fool or He was in total deception, believing a lie, telling people He was the only way to God. Or, He was who He said He was.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:16,18

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My words and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." John 5:24

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17

The Bible says:
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to clean us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him form the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." I John 5:11,12

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

Please consider the words of Jesus carefully as your ultimate conclusion and decision will have eternal consequences.

"God be merciful to me a sinner. Jesus come into my life and make Yourself real to me, fill me with Your Holy Spirit to help me live for You all the days of my life. In Jesus name. Amen."

CROSS OVER

For a donation of any amount the Cross Over Memorial page is a place where both God and your loved ones will be remembered and will help us to continue publishing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the worldwide railroad community through the Railroad Evangelist magazine. All donations are tax deductible.

"Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter into the joy of the Lord"

Rocky Agrusti by Joe & Dorothy Spooner
Don Russell by Joe & Dorothy Spooner
Rocky Agrusti by his REA family

Eleanor Massela by Joe & Dorothy Spooner
Eleanor Massela by her REA family
Don Russell by his REA Family

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5

NEW REA MEMBERS from June to September 2014

John Oughton, Christina Leland and Michael Culp. ***Welcome Aboard!***

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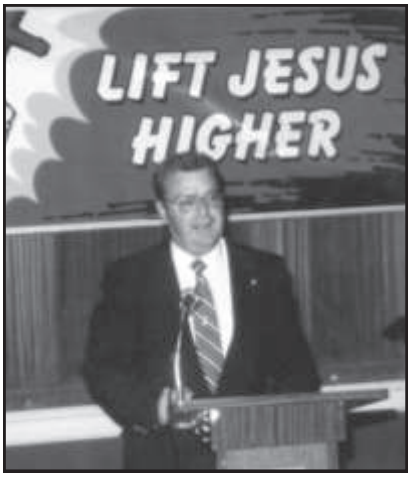

Don Russell was president of REA in 1982-1983, he and his wife Rosalie came with Rocky and his group to REA from upper New York State on the chartered bus in 1981. Rev. Paul Campbell said that "Don once drove his car at 50 miles an hour through a snow bank to get to his job on time as Conductor with Conrail for whom he worked for over 40 years.

Don was born in 1935 in Syracuse, New York. He married Rosalie, the love of his life and were married for 58 years. Don and his family were members of the North Mexico Union Church, a life time member of the Caughdenoy VFD and the National REA. Don will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather to his family and friends.

The Singing Masella Sisters blessed REA conventions for a number of years. Eleanor, to the left, recently went home to be with the Lord and join her sister Angie. Mrs. Rosalind Glass (seated) continues to be our REA pianist.

Eleanor went home to be with the Lord on September 9th of this year, rejoicing said her sister Rosalind. Eleanor was born in 1922 in Syracuse, New York. She worked for 40 years as an inspector for Syracuse China. She was also a very active member of her church, First Christian Assembly Church. Eleanor served in the choir, as a teacher, and women's and prison ministry.

I have very fond memories when my wife, daughter and myself were invited to stay the night in Eleanor and Angie's house in 1997 while in the Syracuse area. They were so very gracious to us and we were blessed by their love for God and others. They both were might prayer warriors. - Editor

"THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWS NEAR" gold foil stickers, (3 inches long), are available through REA. Help spread the word by using them on all your mail correspondence. 100 self adhesive stickers for a gift of any amount.

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Congratulations to Dorothy Steffen

100 years old!

Dorothy was recognized in the May 2014 issue of the Railroad Retirement Boards publication "All A-Board" "Celebrating our centenarians" .

Dorothy has been a long time REA member and faithful witness and supported for many years. Dorothy's husband Jake was an engineer for the Great Northern RR and was past REA president 1964-1966 and in 1977.

Photo of Dorothy Steffen taken from REA files.

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John 14:6

Malaga NJ REA Chapter meeting

In the above is the REA Malaga Chapter special meeting and hymn sing. Our special speaker was Joe Cook, called to missions in working with the Navajo Indians. Special music was also provided by Joe and Abbie Cook. Please pray for the cook family, pictured with their son Joey and the Malaga Chapter.

Some of the Alexandria REA Chapter members attending the Convention

Left to right is Helen Booterbaugh, Bryan Goodwin, Juanita Thomas, Rev. Paul Campbell, Shirley Zurek and Jane Hessler.

ENCOURAGEMENT
FROM THE ROUNDHOUSE

Cheryl Lengel
Fort Myers, Florida

My beloved railroading brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, I would like to just share with you a few Scriptures today if I may. To uplift your spirits so that you will find yourselves soaring with the eagles.

Ps. 103:5, ***"Who (God) satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles"*** and Isaiah 40:31, ***"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."***

My beloved railroading brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, it is my sincerest prayer these Scriptures will be a blessing, comfort and an inspiration to you. Have a good day in Christ. God Bless you!

Cheryl Lengel email: csx2014@yahoo.com

TRAIN up a CHILD in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

"One generation passes away, and another generation comes"
Ecclesiastes 1:4

Papa Joe with grandson Henry

Pastors Bill and Melinda Fish came to our REA Convention in 2012, Melinda was our guest speaker for "Ladies Night". Melinda has had several books published but her latest one, (self published and is available on Amazon.com) is entitled: "The Accidental Intercessor", the subtitle being, "The Supernatural Power of the Ordinary Life". I love that subtitle because that includes all of us!

The bottom line of the book states that each and everyone of us have an effect in this world on people and situations that will have an impact on generations to come; either for good or not so good. It is clearly illustrated on the cover of Melinda's book known as the "domino effect". Everything we do or don't do can and will have an effect on our current and future generation, (IF and that is a big "IF", the Lord should tarry).

The Bible is very clear on how powerful our words are, Proverbs 18:21 says, "***Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit***." We can see how important it is to be an influence for good, especially when it comes to children as their tender young spirit is so impressionable. The old saying, "sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me" is a lie from the pit! Words are a very powerful form of communication, and we can speak "death" or "life", into peoples lives, Let us choose and put into practice speaking LIFE to one another.

Many years ago, (BC) (before I became a Christian), I was with a group of about five people. When someone started talking about someone who wasn't with us that day in a negative way, everyone also chimed in, including myself. Their negative feelings for that person, except one, a young new comer to the group named Elliott found one positive thing to say about that person. I have never forgotten that, after more than 40 years.

I want to encourage each of you reading this to begin looking for opportunities to speak "life" into peoples lives, especially into the lives of children.

Jesus said, ***"love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use and persecute you".*** (Matthew 5:44)

For those of us who have small children or grandchildren in our lives, let us do whatever we can to be a godly influence in their lives and to help them get on the right track to Heaven, for when they become "old" they will stay on it. We have His word on it.

- Joe Spooner

Publication Guidelines for the Railroad Evangelist magazine

We are always looking for original railroad related photos, drawings or paintings. We also are looking for stories, articles, personal testimonies (300 - 800 words) or poems that would be of a spiritual interest to our readers of the **Railroad Evangelist** magazine. Currently the **Railroad Evangelist** magazine is published three times a year. Typed material is appreciated. Material received will be returned upon request. For further information or questions contact the editor.

To the right is the" Slim Princes" #90 of Strasburg, Pennsylvania.

Japan celebrating **"50"** years since the introduction of their "Bullet Train"

500 Series Shinkansen (Bullet Train) at Kyoto Station 2005. Photo by NickCoutts (Wikipedi)

Dubai Tram is a tramway being built in Al Sufouh, Dubai. It will run (9.0 mi) along Al Sufouh Road from Dubai Marinato the Burj Al Arab and the Mall of the Emirates. The Dubai Tram is the first tramway project outside Europe powered by ground-based electric supply system.

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