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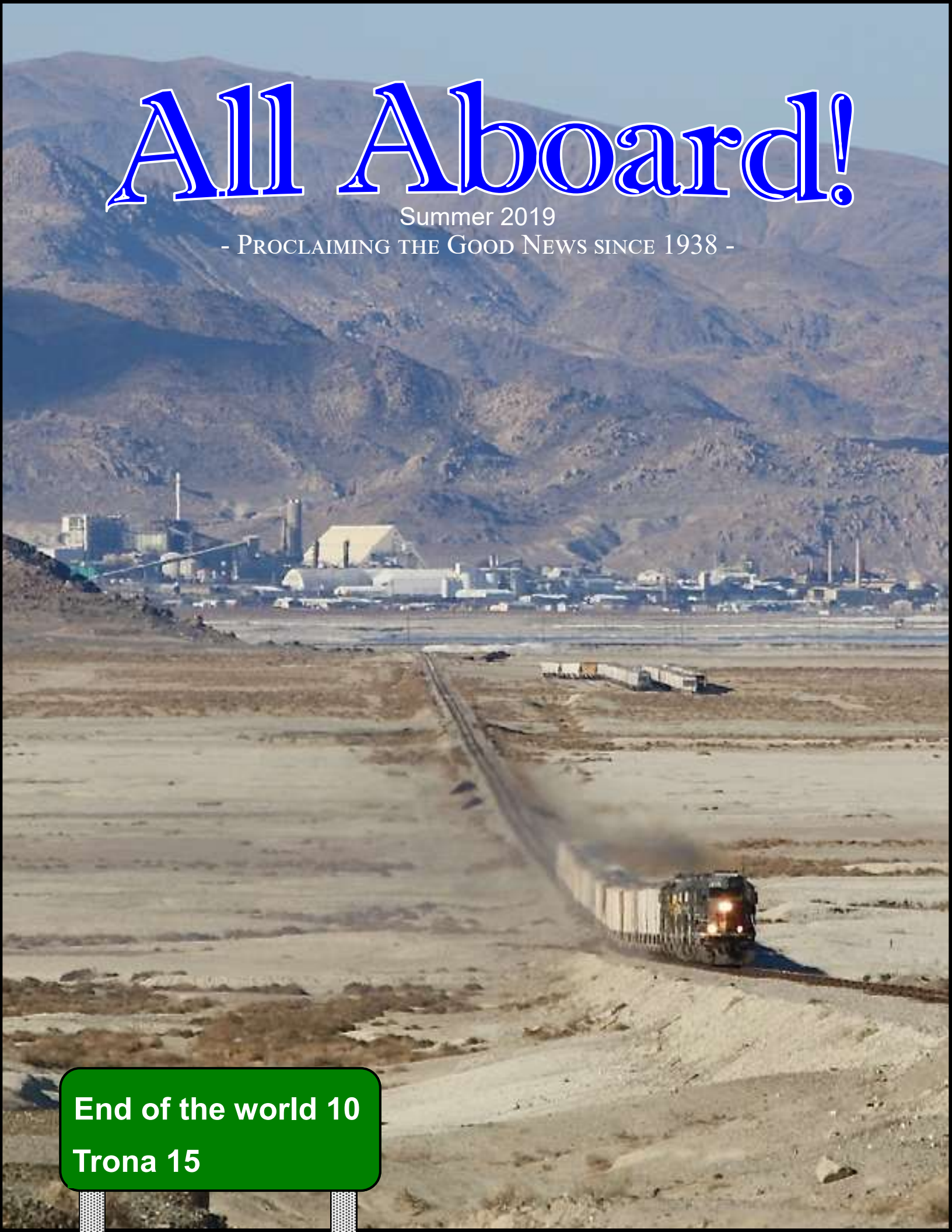

MainLine

2019 REA Conference theme
"Appropriating God's grace by faith."
2 Corinthians 8:7

"We've come this far by faith"

As I attempt to compose my last presidential message for "All Aboard," I have to deal with another mass shooting, which occurred at the City of Virginia Beach Public Works/Utilities building, located less than 11 miles from my residence. I didn't know any of the victims personally, but I do know some of the people they worked with.

These shootings are merely symptoms, although strong, of the fatal disease affecting all mankind since Adam and Eve's disobedience: sin. Regardless of human effort, it will continue until Jesus returns to earth, defeats the enemy forces at Armageddon and assumes David's throne in Jerusalem.

In order for our nation, the greatest in the world, to be relevant in the end times, we must repent from the godless nation we have become, out of political correctness, and come back to being "One nation under God," as established by our forefathers. We need to start by following Second Chronicles 7:14.

Our organization has lost many members lately, mainly by death. Like all volunteer groups, we must continually get new members to survive. Besides our great magazine, one of the ways to get new members is to invite family members and friends to our annual conference. It is always inspiring and spiritually uplifting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Bongiorno Conference Center, August 19-23. By faith, we will continue.

Agape,
Al Carpenter, President

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The RailHope America logo identifies the Railroad Evangelistic Association as a leading member of a global network of Railroad Ministries whose common goal is to bring hope of the Gospel of Christ to the world-wide Railroad community.

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

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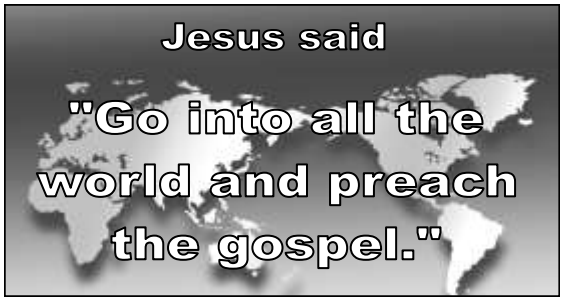

In the cab to the right is Luther S. Harkey, (1885 - 1949), Founder of the Railroad Evangelistic Association in 1941. His hearts desire was to reach his fellow railroad employees with the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ.

All Aboard!

Membership in the Railroad Evangelistic Association is open to all who desire to reach the entire railroad community with the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. For $20.00 you will receive your REA Annual membership card ($10.00) 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.

"We've come this far by faith"

Since 1938 the Railroad Evangelistic Association has continued to publish and proclaim the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ to the railroad community worldwide.

As co-laborers together with God we are able to continue to do what God has called us to do in fulfilling the Great Commission to the Railroad Community.
REA has no paid staff, every dollar that comes in through subscriptions, membership and donations are the only means we have to continue this small but very important railway ministry that is having an impact around the world.

Will you join us?

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

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- Mission Statement -

The Railroad Evangelistic Association exists to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the entire railroad community worldwide and to promote mutual Christian fellowship among, though not limited to, those of the railroad industry, the model railroad hobbyists and the rail fan enthusiasts.

WE BELIEVE

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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My Trona Story By Joe Spooner

I grew up about 30 miles SW of Trona, California in the town of Ridgecrest. In the back ground of the above photo are the Pinnacles about 5 miles outside of Trona. A number of Hollywood films have been shot around the Trona Pinnacles, including *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier* and *Planet of the Apes*. In the 2000s, the town itself served as the setting for three films, *Trona* (2004), ***Just Add Water*** (2008) and *Lost Lake* (2012). (article information is from Wikipedia)

Trona is known for its isolation and desolation, hence the sign: “End of the World 10 miles...Trona 15”. Trona is an unincorporated community in San Bernardino County, California. In 2015 it had a population of approximately 1,900. Trona is at the western edge of Searles Lake, a dry lake bed in Searles Valley, southwest of Death Valley. The town takes its name from the mineral trona, abundant in the lakebed. It is about 170 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

The local High School plays on a dirt football field because the searing heat and highly saline soil kills grass. At one point it boasted an 18-hole golf course that was all sand except for the "greens", which were a softer grade of brown colored dirt.

Starting in the late 1800s in mining industry set up around Searles Dry Lake to mine borax. Trona was officially established in 1913, as a self-contained company town, wholly operated by its resident mining company to house employees. Employees were paid in company scrip instead of cash. The mining company also built a library, a scrip-accepting for-profit grocery store, a school, basic housing, and minimal recreation facilities. The Trona Railway was built in 1913–14 to provide the town with a rail connection to the Southern Pacific(now the Union Pacific) line at Searles. Trona currently serves as the headquarters and base of operations for the Trona Railway, a short-line railroad.

Today, Searles Valley Minerals Inc.'s soda ash processing plant remains the largest firm in town. Other operations nearby include evaporative salt extraction from the dry lake bed's surface, and a lime quarry. Searles Valley Minerals is the largest employer in Trona, and many employees live in Ridgecrest and commuting daily to Trona.

If you ever find yourself close to Death Valley you may just find yourself driving through the town of Trona. There is a well done and very interesting information on the town and its history at the **Searles Valley Historical Society** and there is also a **Trona Railroad Museum** a few blocks away. Give them a call to find out the opening hours at (760) 372-5222. The Trona Railroad Company is along the main road going through Trona. All are within about a mile of each other. If you go during the summer, wear a hat and sunglasses!

A Friend of REA

Testimonial

By Michael Lee Lepker Florence, Arizona

Please add my name to the Friends of REA" list. There are certainly those who read "All Aboard!" who will recognize my name.

Some of those hearing about my crime and others who will be surprised at why I dropped out of sight.

I retired from the "old" Santa Fe (B.N.S.F.) after 39 years as a switchman, brakemen and conductor. Since the age of fourteen, becoming a Christian, I had disobeyed God and got caught up in the materialistic, self-serving lifestyle so rampant these days. I lived for me, only for me and had turned away from the One who suffered so much and loved me so much!

Being incarcerated was a wake up call! My testimony should be one for you too! We do not have much time left on this earth! My mother would ask "Michael, when are you going to start reading your Bible?" I would reply, "Mom, I just don't have time!" This was not only a lie but I was grieving our loving Lord and Savior! In His grace, He sent me here! He rescued me! He provided me a Bible, a Stongs Concordance and a radio to listen to C.S.N. on!

This is not just about my crime, because "***all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God.***" (Romans 3:23)

This is about fully turning my life over to Him. At my "away from home Terminal" there was always a Bible on the night stand. I carried one with me on every trip! I now have been blessed with "My retirement Plan", doing God's work and will. There are more than enough souls to harvest here in the Cook Unit!

I encourage you to begin reading your Bible daily and work up to reading every page, even the foot notes. Make good use of your time whether or not you are incarcerated. There are 24 hours in a day, try to give God 2 hours and 45 minutes or more each day. Listen to praise songs each weekend, rejoicing and giving God praise He so deserves!

God traded my "crime for time"! I am truly indebted to Him. Put God first!

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these other things shall be added to you"
Matthew 6:33

24 Hours in Saginaw, Texas

Annual Railroader & RailFan Reunion each Memorial Day Weekend.

By David Wiegand
Former REA President

The photo to the left was taken by Marvin Pendergrass at the May 24-25, 2019, **24 Hours at Saginaw** railroad event. I was photographed addressing members and friends of the North TX Chapter of the National RR Historical Society. I was originally scheduled to show slides and speak briefly for and during a one hour time slot. But GOD is good and He had other plans. The projection equipment failed and so therefore I was asked to do a show and tell of my different passenger uniforms that I wore working in passenger service for the Santa Fe and Amtrak and share a few of my recollections. This gave the opportunity to give more time to promote REA. Notice the empty cardboard box that carried issues of "All Aboard." My audience emptied it completely in a space of about two minutes! Once again "All Aboard" was a big hit at Saginaw and even more so this time. The program was amended and I was able to present the slide show the following day.

In the photo above I look like a passenger conductor with much seniority. I was only a youngster of 44 years of age when I made my last trip as a passenger conductor. In the chair beside me is the Santa Fe chair car attendant uniform that belonged to the late Ernest Robart who assisted me with the program and distribution of our REA magazine in Saginaw two years ago.

Retired engineer David Weigand just couldn't resist stopping in Fort Worth when he spotted this engine.

The event takes place at the Saginaw, TX Chamber of Commerce which is housed in the former Southern Pacific station which was moved up to Saginaw all the way from Kosse, TX in central Texas. I remember when that station was in Kosse which is near Marlin where my grandparents lived. On 9-11-55 when I was four years old, Granddaddy Wiegand held me up on his shoulders and we watched the last southbound SP Sunbeam passenger train roar by on its way from Dallas to Houston.

Rev. Steve Seidler sent in these photos of his grandchildren visiting “Steamtown” in Pennsylvania early this year.

How to Become a Train Nut In Five Easy Steps

By Steve Merrill
The 3:16 Express Conductor

Okay, I admit it; my wife thinks my interest in sharing my *extreme interest* (fascination) with railroading AND sharing the 22 New Testament 3:16s is a bit much. There's probably a page in the psychiatrist's desk manual, DSSM 5, on this condition!

When I was a little kid, my brother and I (and my dad) shared a Lionel train set. Later, we 'graduated' to some HO scale trains, model kits, and moderate interest. Then I saw the first of 50+ books I've read on railroading history. First book: Yonder Comes the Train, by Lance Phillips, published in 1965.

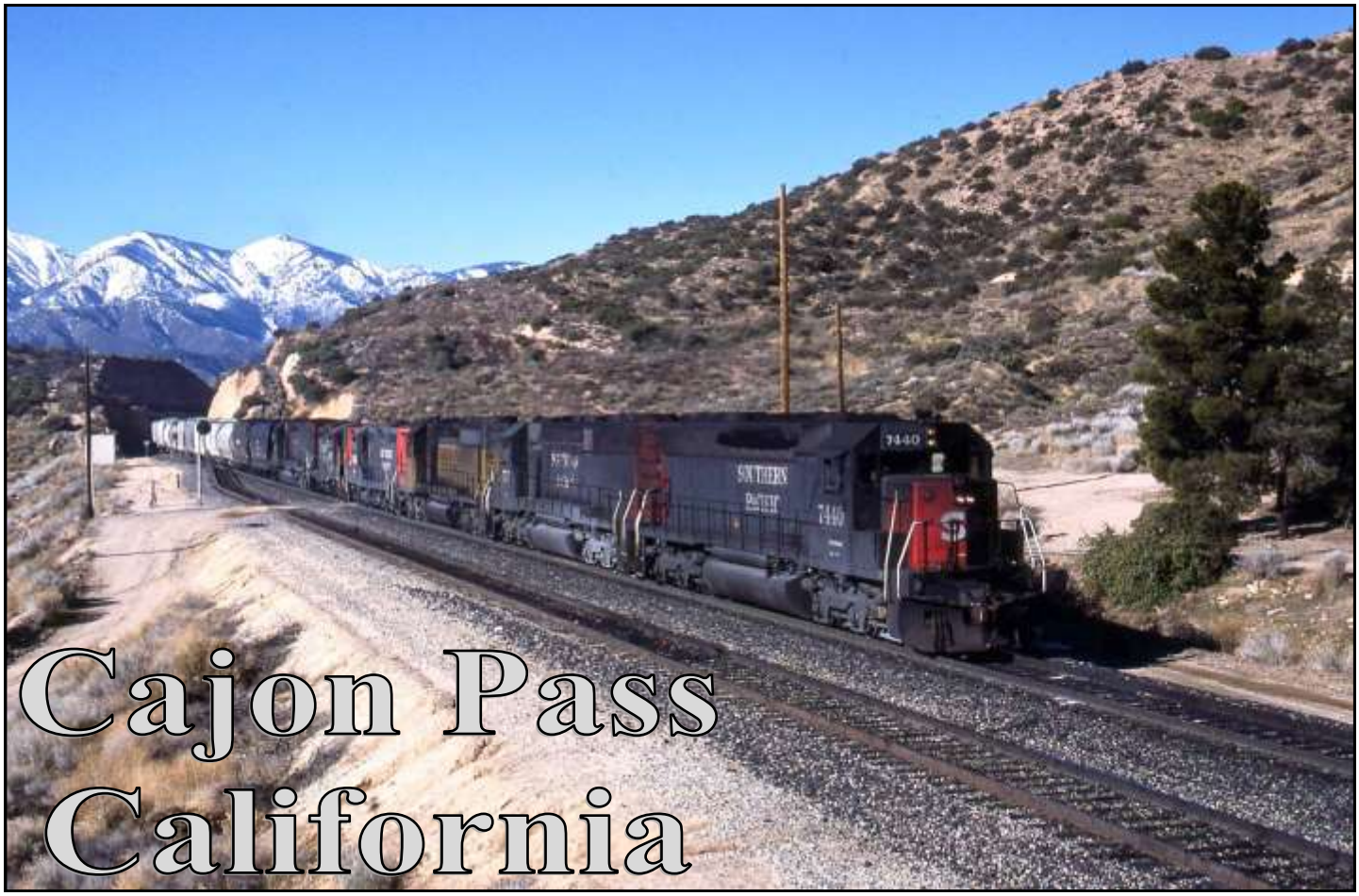
Coincidentally, that was about the same time I was converted to following Christ, hearing and responding to John 3:16; *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."*

So, how to become a train nut? Here are the five "**R**'s"

1. Remember your first exposure to trains.
2. Read everything you can get you hands on about trains.
3. Reach out to trains in other countries; because of my 8 year residence in Canada, I know a lot about the Canadian Pacific, the Royal Hudson, and the Canadian National Railway.
4. Research local train history; I've discovered a great deal about the Railroad that Lighted Southern California, both through Hank Johnston's book by that name and walking and driving the old rail bed.
5. Recognize that it's up to us to spread the 'virus' of historic rail history to the younger generation.

Happy Railroading!

Steve Merrill
Fresno, California



Cajon Pass California

By Daniel Carl Jones

Herb Sullivan, Stan Kistler, Robert Hale, Richard Steinheimer, Chad Walker are all my Hero's. Many other photographers along with a young man such as myself salivate for the dream to “legally” ride the rails over Cajon Pass! (Psalm 145:6)

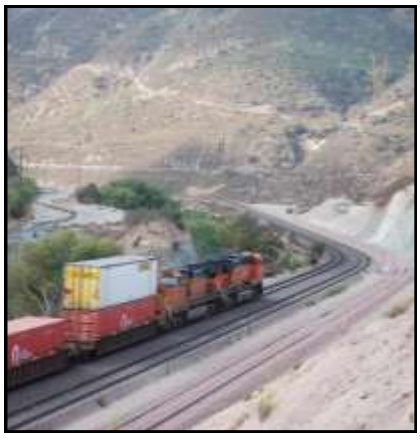
I also became one of the photographers whose photographs taken from San Bernardino to Victorville, California were published in various magazines and books, possibly inspiring others to hire out on the Santa Fe, Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific railroads.

These hero's of mine photo documented double headed steam, electro motives FT’s twenty two cars long Union Pacific City of Los Angeles streamliners behind glistening E units! Double motor DD-35’s and centennial DD -A-40-X’s, cables GP-9’s. Santa Fe’s awesome bicentennial Red, White and Blue SD-45-2’s! My personal favorite locomotive consists of pool power, locomotives from other railroads.

I have cataloged over 95 different paint schemes to work over Cajon Pass into Southern California. Also consider various Director’s Specials, Barnum and Baily’s Circus Train, Detours and steam specials and one can see how my love affair with this favorite railfan location had me showing up every two weeks to hire out on the Santa Fe! (Psalm 37:4)

I was always thinking that I was born too late. Too late to ride in the EMD F-7’s. Too late to work in a polished and crisp passenger uniform. My dream finally came true in the Spring of 1978 when I finally gained enough seniority to be called onto the San Bernardino brakeman’s extra board!

I was truly blessed by our loving Savior, Jesus Christ, to actually ride in locomotives and caboose over my favorite choice of God’s creative landscape! (Romans 1:20). Grinding uphill slowly, sometimes stalling out and cutting out traction motors on “geeps”, (a nickname for EMD’s GP series locomotives) was what I was being paid to do! I only had to set retainers one time going westbound and tying hand brakes to secure the train as the air was fully charged. At least it wasn’t snowing that day! The men before me no doubt had also tough! I cannot imagine jumping from one roof on wooden, frozen roof walks with a “Hay Burner” lantern in one hand and the brake club in the other!



Today, the two tunnels are gone and scenery has changed with the addition of the third mainline. I now look back and know God has truly blessed me to work on the last of the old and the beginning of the new generation on God’s wonderful creation:**The Cajon Pass!** (Exodus 15:2)

Milepost 1 on the 316 Highway

Who's Your Daddy?

Steve Merrill's addictions:

Model Railroading, Motorcycles and sharing the Gospel of Christ

Fresno, California

One thing in common with many bikers and 1%-ers is this; they come from broken homes. Remember the conclusion to Wild Hogs: Ty Penington shouts, "Move that bus!" and Jack, the tough guy breaks down in tears with the rest of the Del Fuegos. They have a new home! Ty says, "Here's the thing, you're talking about a bunch of guys that grew up in broken homes. They really didn't have a home. And now they got one. With a bidet in it."

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him". – Matthew 3:16

In the very next verse, a voice from Heaven was heard, saying, ***"You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."*** Did you ever hear something like that from your dad?

So, here's your invitation to become part of God's Forever Family; receive Jesus Christ. Don't gotta do a bunch of religious stuff or fix up your life. Invite Jesus in and, if there's something that's hurting you or others in your life, he'll bring it to your attention, and you will want to change.

*"…**some people did accept him. They believed in him, and he gave them the right to become children of God."***—John 1:12

It's really that simple; just receive Jesus. "Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins, come into my life. I make you my Lord and Savior."

Off the main highway: The 12 disciples had to 'prospect' with Jesus for 3 years before they were patched in to being world-changing Apostles. It's not complicated; it's just a lifetime. But all lifetimes start with a birth. Your Heavenly Daddy can hardly wait. He's been to all your prenatal appointments and has heard your heart beat on His monitor. It's time to be born. Your Daddy is waiting!

FRIENDS OF REA

Friends of REA is for those who are incarcerated or confined to a facility who receive REA's Railroad Evangelist, "All Aboard!" and would like to correspond with other REAers.

Please Note

NEW RULES in writing inmates. 1. Write only on white paper with black or blue ink, (no gel). 2. Envelopes must be white and have complete address from recipient and sender. 3. Address labels are not allowed. 4. No art work except for pencil drawings. 5. No postcards or greeting cards are allowed. 6. Photos permitted but not Polaroids. Be patient in writing our railroad related inmates. Be consistent in writing to them as they need our encouragement, prayers and support. Mail your letters direct to them. If your letters are returned, there is probably no use in re-sending them as addresses change without getting new ones.

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How to begin a REA RailHope Fellowship

Beginning a REA/RH Fellowship can be quite simple. Find two or three (or more) people of like mind who love the Lord and railroading. We suggest you can gather once a month or as often as you like. Meet for coffee or over a meal at a restaurant, or someone's home for a time of prayer, share a devotional or scripture and discuss how your Fellowship can be more effective in reaching out to the Railroad Community in your area with the Gospel. You can structure the Fellowship to what fits your situation best. REA will do all we can to assist you.

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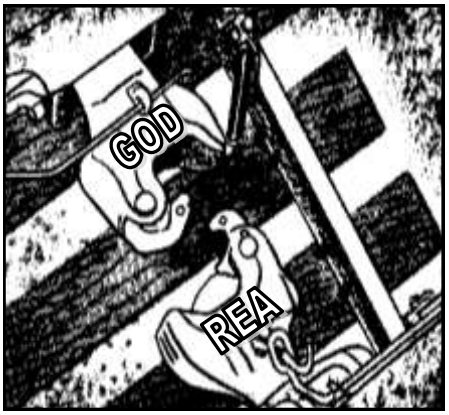

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For size, color choice and price (very reasonable) contact Don Howell via telephone or e-mail.

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Laugh Track

> The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine.

> I was addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but I turned myself around.

> He's so old that when he orders a three-minute egg, they ask for the money up front.

> You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there.

> Adam blamed Eve. Then Eve blamed the snake. Then the snake didn't have a leg to stand on.

> When you're 20 you care what everybody thinks of you. When you're 40 you stop caring what everyone thinks of you. When you're 60 you realize know one was ever thinking about you in the first place.

> The devil shows up in church and everyone runs out but an old man. The devil says why don't you run out, aren't you afraid of me? Old man says, nope, I married your sister.

> I never thought I'd be the kind of person who'd wake up early in the morning to exercise….and I was right.

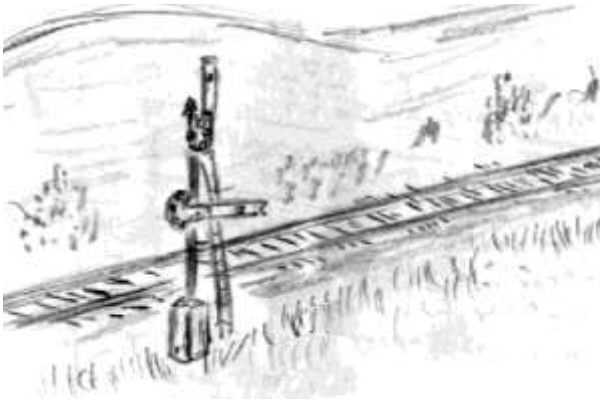
> An elderly man was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night. The man replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late." The officer then asked, "Really, who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" The man relied, "That would be my wife."

> Never be afraid to try something new. Remember amateurs built the Ark...professionals built the Titanic.

> I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for next Tuesday.

> I do 5 sit-ups every morning. May not sound like much, but there's only so many time you can hit the snooze button.

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



Keep the Track Clear
Verses and drawing by REA member Edward F. Griffith

Keep the track clear
O Dispatcher Above,
Let not fog or rock harm me;
Let me not stray into sidetracks.
Keep me ever in Your orders,
Until my run is through.

In the photo above is Pastor Robb and Rev. Dr. Jody White-Judkins a few years ago when the had a mobile train display they would travel with and share the gospel of Christ. Today, together they host a radio program that you can check out on Facebook @daybydaywithrobb&jody. Robb is also the President and Pastor of Campers for Christ Ministries. The traveling model railroad exists today only on Facebook at TCB4JC Railroad. Photo by Robert Leibovich.

We at want to invite you and encourage you to investigate the **"Worlds Greatest Hobby",** The world of Model Railroading. Model Railroading is not only a lot of fun but you can learn and meet new friends when you get involved. A number of ways to begin is to visit a local Hobby Shop that sells model trains and you can find out where and when other Model Railroaders meet and have displays open to the public. There are many Model Railroading web sites as well but a good place to begin is going to:

www.GreatestHobby.com

If you are already a Model Railroader let us hear from you and maybe we can do a story in this publication so you can share your layout with others around the world!

Get on Board Children!

Bob Ryan sent in these photos of his grandson Colton with his son Sean and his wife Lacey on the 2018 Polar Express Christmas train in Kingston, NY along with a very special quest.

REA member Richard Maccarsey,Jr. sent in this photo of an ad painting on the side of the of a railroad station in West Collingswood, NJ.

Henry, a railroader wannbee!

HEY parents and grandparents send us your photos of your children or grandchildren in a railroad related photo so we can publish it on the Children's Railroad page.

Begin planning to attend the 78th National **R**ailroad **E**vangelistic **A**ssociation Convention - Everyone is Welcome!

August 19– 23, 2019

Located in the peaceful hills of Pennsylvania at the Bongiorno Conference Center
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Room rate for the week - including meals & tax:
Double occupancy....$330.00 (each)
Single occupancy….$365.00

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NOTE: All Conference fees must be paid no later than JULY 24, 2019 to our REA Registrar. Thank you!
REGISTRATION: Receive name tag and room key is on Monday August 20th from 4-5 PM. Dinner at 5:00 PM.

REA Registrar
Mrs. Beverly Salloum
720 W. Thomas Street
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 368-8612 (cell - prefers texting)
E-mail: rev.salloum@gmail.com

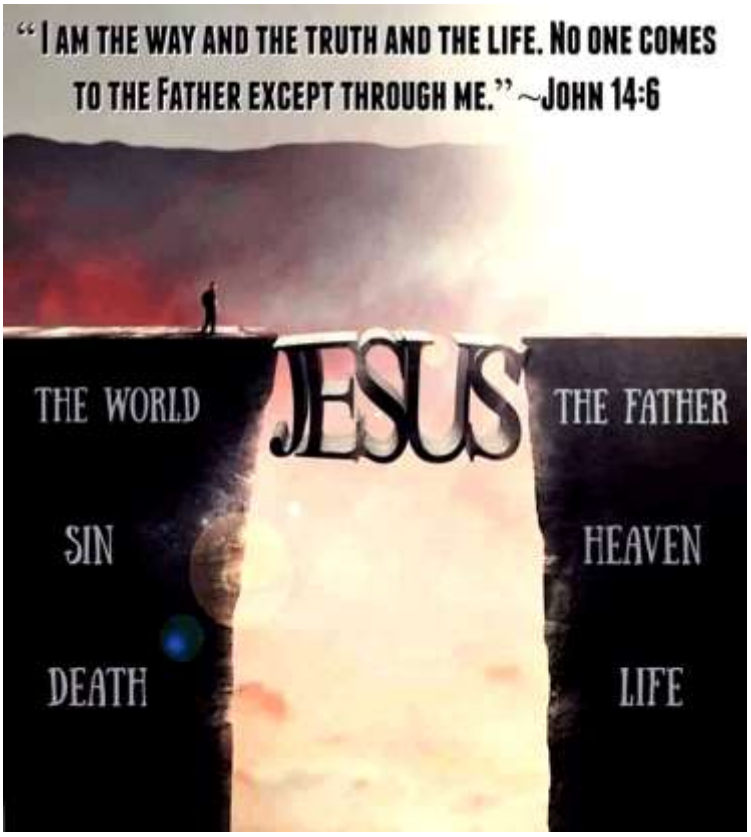
NOTE:
Day guests $15.00 plus any meals

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Located within driving distance is:

>**NEW!** MUSEUM of the BIBLE. Washington DC.
>Historic Carlisle - US Army War College - 15 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.
>Washington D.C. - About 2 1/2 hour drive.
>Valley Forge / Philadelphia - About 3 hours

-PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE! -



The above graphic clearly depicts the free will we all have been given. We can continue the way we are and meet the internal fate of death and despair or take a step of faith buy trusting what Jesus said of Himself to be true and inherit everlasting joy for all eternity. Jesus said, "***For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 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 3:17,18)

We pray that you will make the choice to cross the bridge by receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. You can do it right where you are, it is that simple. You can use the following prayer as a model. It's not so much the words but the intent of your heart. God's grace will come to you when you take that first step of faith.

"God, be merciful to me a sinner. I repent and renounce all my sins, both know and unknown. I ask you Lord Jesus to forgive me, come into my life, make yourself real to me and fill me now with your Holy Spirit to help and empower me to live for You all the days of my life. In Jesus name. Amen!

As illustrated by the train graphic above representing you have placed your **faith** (trust, confidence) in what Jesus has done for you, **fact**, on the cross according to the Bible, the Word of God. Our salvation is not based on the way we **feel** but in the **fact** that our **faith** is founded in the word of God. But Jesus did say, *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you...These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." (John 15:7&11).*

For further help write us for our **"SWITCHING"** brochure. Also free Bible Studies go to **www.PTL.org** (Pocket Testament League).

Cross Over

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

For a donation of any amount to the Cross Over Memorial page is a place where both God and your loved ones will be remembered and honored as it will help REA to continue publishing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the worldwide railroad community through the Railroad Evangelist magazine.

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

Marion Delessio by the REA Malaga Chapter
Douglas Smith, Swanage Railway, England. by Joe Spooner
Douglas Smith was a man I met while passing out "All Aboard! Magazine when I was in Eastborne, England for the 2007 International Railway Missions Conference. (Editor)

Mrs Ebenezer Jeyapaul, aged 77, went home to glory on February 23, 2019. Mrs. Jeyapaul was the mother-in-law to our International Railroad Evangelist Arulraj from Chennai, India.

Rev. Saadu David Sundaramani, a Senior Pastor in Chennai and also our mission partner in Railhope India entered into Glory on February 20, 2019

Mrs. Nirmala Mahesh of Southern Railway / Chennai died on February 15, 2019. She is one of the Pioneering Servant of God who led many people into Blessings.

Mr. David Lawrence of Singapore, our active "***All Aboard***!" reader for the last 15years. He died on February 14, 2019.

Helen Bootenbraugh has been a part of REA for over 60 years.
We will have more on Helen in our Fall 2019 issue.

My Train to Heaven

By Ernestine Begay

I see my train is coming;
I must say my last good-bye.
I will be aboard the "special"
That will take me to the sky.

Heaven is my destination,
And my ticket reads "one way."
I've prepared for this long journey
That I knew I would take someday.

There will be no red lights flashing,
Just green lights flashing through,
And no curves or railroad crossings
On this track through skies of blue.

I will find my Savior waiting
With His hand outstretched for me.
Where I know we'll be together
Throughout eternity.

The Glory Train

By Edward F. Griffith

O I am bound for Heaven
On board the glory train.
Lord Jesus rides besides me
Thru sun and thru the rain.

My sins are all forgiven
I'll wear a rob of white,
For Jesus is my Savior
As I am walking in His light.

Jesus said,
"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

Life's Journey

Life is like a journey, taken on a train, with a pair of travelers at each window pain;
I may sit beside you the whole journey through, or I may be seated elsewhere, never knowing you;
but if fate should place me to sit at your side, Let's be pleasant travelers, it's so short a ride.

RailHope International

Formally International Railway Missions.

It is a joy and privilege to introduce Mr. Cosmos Chinemo , Locomotive Instructor, National Railways of Zimbabwe as our IRM contact in Zimbabwe. Mr. Cosmos Chinemo is working with National Railways of Zimbabwe since December 1989 and he lives in Harare #16464, Damafalls, Phase 3 , Ruwa, Zimbabwe. Phone:appointment:+263716160214

By the Grace of God, together with Railhope South Africa leaders met Mr. Cosmas Chinemo in Durban as he came to South Africa for holidays. We had a very friendly and fruitful discussion about Railhope Ministries and for the glory of God, Mr. Cosmas Chinemo had offered to build Railhope Zimbabwe with the guidance of Railhope South Africa. I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Cosmas Chinemo for his services in building **Railhope Zimbabwe**.

Enclosed is the picture with Mr. Cosmas Chinemo (Third from left in the group picture) as we gathered for a fellowship. I request Mr. Cosmas Chinemo to please follow up with Railhope leaders as he builds RailHope Zimbabwe.
I also take this opportunity to thank Railhope South Africa for their help in forming Railhope Zimbabwe.

With prayers and good wishes,
Arulraj in Durban, South Africa on a short visit.

Last year RailHope International President Ueli Berger and his wife Karin (Switzerland) with RailHope International member and graphic and photographer for RHI is Daniel Saarbough (Germany). Included in the photo is Arul Raj (International Railroad Evangelist), Janjarapu Francis Vijaya Mohan and Suchetha Francis.

Col. (US Army-Ret) Don Howell, is the REA Representative for RailHope International. He travels internationally and ministers extensively for REA, RailHope International and Bread of Life Ministries.

Above is Ueli Berger, President of RailHope International. He and his wife Karen were visiting the US this past summer and took and excursion trip on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad while traveling through Colorado on there way to Californian to visit their son. Here Ueli is presenting the International RailHope Calendar to the Conductor of the railway.

WHICH WAY ARE YOU GOING?

It's your choice

Shortly after I received Jesus as my Savior on July 1,1973 I began hearing that "Jesus is coming soon." I am now convinced more than ever that Jesus **IS** coming soon! Each new day is a gift of grace and one more day closer to His coming. I am also convinced that we are living in the days the Apostle Paul wrote about to his son in the faith, Timothy, in his second letter to him, (II Timothy 3:1-5), I am sure if you read that portion of scripture you will agree that these verses speak of the day you and I are living in. Jesus **IS** coming soon!

Since God has given us another day of grace to live for Him and to share the Good News of the everlasting gospel with others is the reason why this Railroad Evangelist magazine "***All Aboard!"*** still exists.

Peter said "***The Lord...is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."*** (II Peter 3:9) If you are reading this and are not sure where you stand in your relationship with God then go to page 12 for now is the time to cross the only bridge that will take you to your eternal home of "***righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit***." (Romans 14:17),

Soon after I was saved in 1973, I attended Lighthouse Mission Church, a storefront Pentecostal Church in downtown Portland, Oregon. They produced a weekly radio program and the opening chorus we use to sing was, "*Jesus is coming soon, morning, night or noon, many will meet their doom trumpets will sound, the dead shall rise, righteously in the skies, going where no one dies, Heavenward bound".*

You can know for an absolute certainly that when you die, you will know where you are going. We have Gods word on it. Jesus said, "***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 judgement, but has passed from death to life."*** (John 5:24)

Joe Spooner
Editor

Send for 100 gold stickers for a gift of any amount and help spread the word: Jesus **IS** coming!

Photo on back cover was taken by RailHope International president Ueli Berger while he and his wife Karin were in Orange, California visiting their son. The photo of Amtrak 461 was taken at Del Mar while Karin Berger looks on.

Publication Guidelines for the Railroad Evangelist magazine

We are always looking for original railroad related photos, drawings and 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. Material received will be returned upon request. For further information or questions contact the editor.

See page 15 for photo information

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