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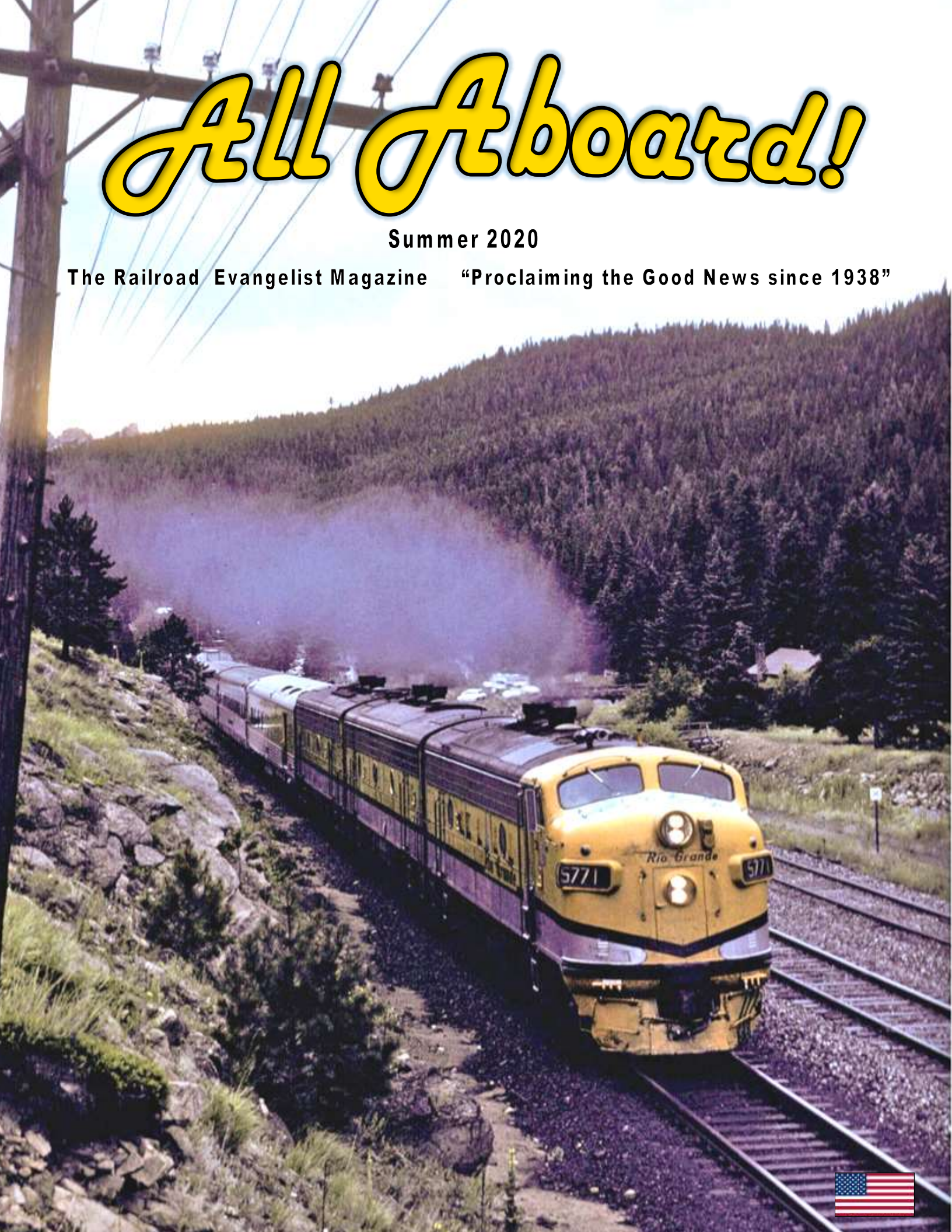

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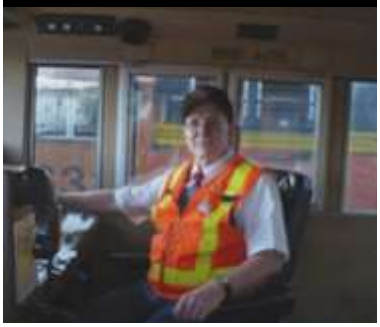

REA President David Wiegand

And may the
" *peace of God, which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*"
Philippians 4:7

Recent events have been moving at lightning speed. Just a few weeks ago the United States was enjoying a strong economy and almost unprecedented prosperity. Suddenly a deadly virus appears on the scene and we find ourselves contemplating life in another great depression. I have acquired a new appreciation of our Lord's wise counsel, "***But lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal***"...Matthew 6:20. I must confess that for me there have been some moments in home confinement that I have found to be more stressful than being a locomotive engineer on an 18,000-ton coal train going uphill with defective motive power.

Christ tells us in Matthew 24:7 "***For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers' places***." We are living in an era in which prophecy leading up to the return of Christ is being fulfilled. The year 2020 is opening up a different kind of "roaring twenties" that many of us did not see coming prior to this coronavirus plague.

Jesus admonishes us in Matthew 24:42, "***Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.***" He also warned us, "***And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many***"...Matthew 24:11. During this time of stress and uncertainty many false teachers and self-proclaimed prophets will come on the scene with false doctrines and fake news. Some of these deceivers will even try to predict the day of the Lord's coming. The internet and mass media are propagating predictions and prophecies incessantly. Therefore, it is imperative during this time of lockdown that we nourish ourselves with the Grade A "***sincere milk of the Word***" (1 Peter 2:2) and "***study to show ourselves approved unto God as workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth***" (2 Timothy 2:15) so that we may discern what is truth and what is falsehood.

People today are frightened and in fear of no longer being able to pay for food and shelter. Pray that the Lord will open doors for all of us to witness, minister and help those with whatever need they may have. As Christians we must step up, "***sanctify the Lord God in our hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks us for the reason for the hope that is in us***" (1 Peter 3:15). And may that " ***peace of God, which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". (Philippians 4:7)***
Remember our God is bigger than this virus.

Yours in Christ, David Wiegand.

Great video on You-Tube by Arlo Guthrie singing the "City of New Orleans" with nice train footage with the song.

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

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In the cab to the left 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. From the first issue in 1938 until now The Railroad Evangelist magazine continues this vital ministry to the entire Railroad Community.

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3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.

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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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Railroad Evangelist

Story by REA President David Weigand, Jr.

Steve Nutter was born in Phoenix, AZ in 1956. In 1968 at age 12 Steve was invited by kids from a local church to view the world's largest frog in a box on display for Vacation Bible School. Steve was anxious to see this giant amphibian so he went to VBS. At VBS Steve heard the Gospel proclaimed and he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. After his profession of faith Satan attacked and Steve was subjected to some severe trials and temptations, but he learned to put on the whole armor of God and God showed him the grace, mercy and love that he needed for victory against the wiles of the devil. (Ephesians 6:10).

Steve hired on with the Santa Fe Railway as a welder in 1994. Prior to that he was employed with Arizona Public Service (APS) at the Joseph City, AZ power plant. One day while welding on the Santa Fe's bridge over the Colorado River in Topock, AZ in 120F+ temperature in the depths of the Mojave Desert Steve decided that it was time to seek a new assignment with the railroad. Steve became a conductor for the Santa Fe the following year in 1995. In 1997 Steve was promoted to locomotive engineer for the newly merged Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. He retired from BNSF last year. Cindy is also retired from Arizona Public Service.

One dark night in the locomotive cab Steve introduced your current president to REA with some free issues of ***"ALL ABOARD!".*** He urged me to become part of REA and I have been blessed immensely ever since I followed his advice. Steve is a bold witness for his Lord and regularly distributed ***"ALL ABOARD!"*** in the yard offices in Winslow, Belen and Needles. After I joined REA it became my responsibility to distribute ***"ALL ABOARD!"*** in the yard office in Albuquerque. Since retirement Steve and I no longer have access to railroad property, but Steve is not deterred. He has recruited active Christian railroaders to continue the work.

Steve is a licensed scuba diver. Since retiring from the uneven work schedule of the railroad Steve has been able to join the worship team at Winslow's Desert View Baptist Church where he plays the guitar. Steve believes more should be done in our churches to train, equip and disciple new Christians so that they will be able to stand firm and fight the good fight for Jesus. Next time you bow your head in prayer, please remember to pray for Steve and Cindy Nutter.

Steve Nutter with REA President, David Wiegand, Jr.

Cindy Nutter with Rosalee Wiegand

Railroad Mile Post #4

All Aboard the 316 Express

By
Steve Merrill
Fresno, California

Lamy, New Mexico

A universal human fear is that of being left behind, abandoned, or forsaken. In railroad terms, this often occurs when a branch line is no longer revenue producing. In a recent article in Classic Trains magazine, one of the top 20 stories of rail transportation of the 20th century was entitled, "The Long Goodbye". It chronicled the slow death of passenger rail service, beginning in the 1930s and continuing through the total takeover by Amtrak in 1971. Passenger trains bled an unstoppable river of riders and red ink. The automobile's rise and development of air travel sidetracked all efforts to keep passenger service viable.

Even today, small towns served by Amtrak coexist with fears of realignment of routes, or altogether abandonment of the few remaining Transcontinental's. In 2014, The New York Times wrote the following of the impact and fear of the abandonment of the small whistle stop of Lamy, New Mexico.

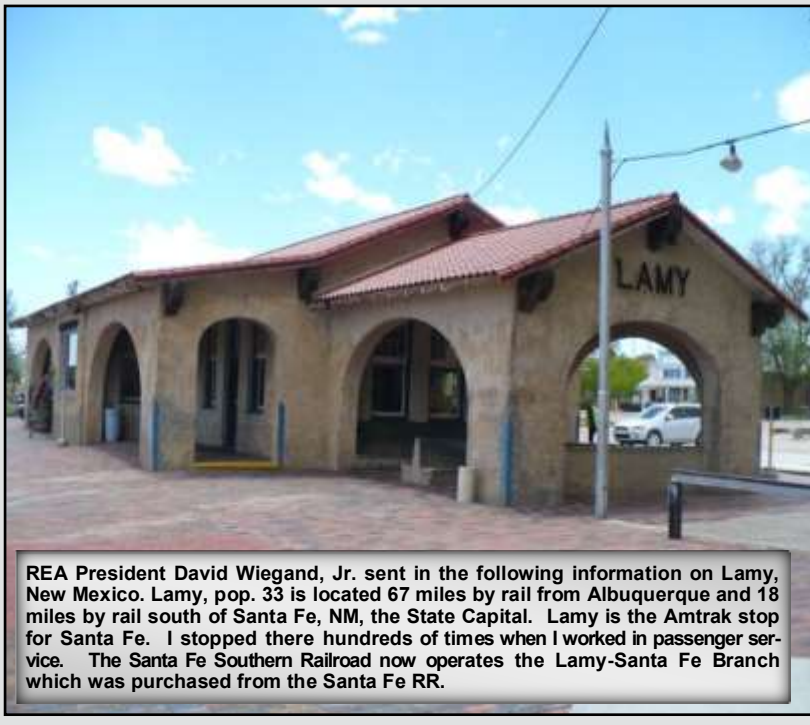
"For 18 years, Maryalice… has been taking the train from this wisp of a town near Santa Fe to visit her family in Albany, spending four days to reach New York via a connection in Chicago. She cherishes the annual ritual: Sipping the whiskey she packs in a cooler and tracing the creeks and mesas that whiz by with a map she brings on each trip. But now the historic route of the Southwest Chief, which runs between Los Angeles and Chicago, is in danger of being altered, a shift that would sever a practical and symbolic lifeline for Lamy and other struggling rural communities. People here and in other small towns along the train's path say that if Amtrak leaves, Lamy — population 200 — will simply dry up and drift away across the high plains."

Left behind, not important, out-of-sight, discarded, derelict; these are just a few of the descriptions of what no town on the TransCon wants to experience. It seemingly must happen to railroads and small towns but need not happen to any soul who heeds the invitation of Jesus found in John 3:16.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Any list of the most basic of human fears inevitably includes being, rejected as not wanted or unsuited. The 14th Century epic poem, "Dante's Inferno," has given us the startling vision of the entrance to eternity without God, "abandon hope all ye who enter here." This has never been God's desire for humanity, or any individual. The Apostle Peter wrote in II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

The lists of abandoned railroad right-of-way's, branch lines or services will continue to grow, shift, and realign, threatening small towns across the country and around the world. God's offer to receive you and me into His Glorious Heaven will never be withdrawn until you slip into eternity wherein our decision to receive or reject Christ will be validated as final. Will you be there to ride the golden rails of glory with me and millions of others on that Day? Why choose to be left behind, abandoned, or forsaken? The Station Master is calling, ***"All Aboard!".*** That includes you!



REA President David Wiegand, Jr. sent in the following information on Lamy, New Mexico. Lamy, pop. 33 is located 67 miles by rail from Albuquerque and 18 miles by rail south of Santa Fe, NM, the State Capital. Lamy is the Amtrak stop for Santa Fe. I stopped there hundreds of times when I worked in passenger service. The Santa Fe Southern Railroad now operates the Lamy-Santa Fe Branch which was purchased from the Santa Fe RR.

Rail Fan & Model Railroader by Rev. Stephen R. Seidler

Advanced Denver Flyer CBQ, *Afternoon Flyer* GR&I, *Aroostook Flyer* B&A ,*Atlantic Flyer* L&N, *Boardwalk Flyer* PRR, *Chicago Flyer* ATSF, *Colorado Flyer* ATSF, *Danville Flyer* C&EI, *Daylight Flyer* CBQ, *Dixie Flyer* C&EI-L&N, *East Coast Flyer* PM, *Exposition Flyer* NYC-CBQ-DRG-WP, *Great Northern Flyer* GN, *Great Valley Flyer* CGW, *Green Mountain Flyer* B&M-NYC-CN, *Heartland Flyer* Amtrak, *Kansas City Flyer* ATSF, *Kay-See Flyer* MP, *Missouri River Flyer* ATSF, *Morning Flyer* GR&I, *Noon Flyer* GR&I, *Oil Flyer* ATSF, *Overland Flyer* UP-SP-CNW, *Philadelphia Flyer* CNJ-Reading, *Portland Flyer* Oregon, *San Joaquin Valley Flyer* SP, *Scranton Flyer* CNJ-Reading, *Spokane Flyer* UP, *Texas Flyer* ATSF, *Tourist Flyer* ATSF, *Valley Flyer* ATSF-SP, and…and…and…

The American Flyer

For named passenger trains, railroads used *CITY OF* or EXPRESS or *LIMITED* or *FAST MAIL* or a geographic reference. We will gravitate to the use of *FLYER.* The Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR had its headquarters at Dearborn Station in Chicago, while the Engineering & Operating Headquarters were in downstate Danville. The sprawling shops at Oaklawn employed over 1200 in the 1950s and their Diesel Shop was one of the finest in the country. The C&EI merged into the MoPac and L&N, and is now part of the larger Union Pacific. Even after mergers, this facility still serves the railroad industry as freight car building for Johnstown America. The C&EI Historical Society publishes a magazine quarterly for its membership. It is called **THE FLYER.**

I spent my boyhood years in Danville, chasing the C&EI all over town. I could ride my bike down the Fairchild Street viaduct, pause halfway and ride up to the Big Four Depot. Hanging on a special peg was a wooden chair which I would use (not being tall enough) to hand up order hoops to passing trains. When I would venture through the Oaklawn Shops, I would be given railroad items, like a complete set of C&EI blueprints of all rolling stock. My father was a local pastor and several of his deacons worked for the railroad, so I could ride free from Danville to Chicago – riding the engine or onboard the caboose. My family lived in suburban Chicago, but rode the Rock Island to work downtown. When I started my scale layout, the family insisted my "toy" trains would run on two-rail track like the real thing they rode. So, my first basement layout was American Flyer on two sheets of plywood. We moved when I was 11, and my second layout covered the entire basement – **FLYER** trains running everywhere!

I was forced to store everything when I graduated from high school. My friends had Lionel, but they were nothing compared to my fabulous, large layout with all the operating accessories, complete with scenery. Though I switched to extensive HO modeling, I saved my original AF layout which went to a museum in Eldon, Iowa when I moved from Minnesota to Virginia.

The following article **"History of American Flyer Trains"** was supplied by REA Member, John Bryan. Here is **AMERICAN FLYER** remembered for our benefit.

I thought you would find it interesting to see one of the places where "All Aboard" magazine is being distributed.

I have a layout called "The History of American Flyer Trains from 1905 to 1966." It is located at Model Trains Station at Taylors Mill in Taylors SC. I have working examples of AF wind-ups, O gauge, 3/16 O gauge, Wide Gauge, S gauge, and HO trains made while AF (A.C. Gilbert) was in business. Visitors to my layout can press different buttons to see examples of each of these trains in operation. In addition to my layout, we have 9000 sq. ft. of train layouts in operation in various gauges – 3 HO's, 1 O gauge, 1 G gauge, and 1 N gauge with more on the way. In the room where my layout is located, I have a stand with a sign that says "Free Magazines – Please Take One." Since 2019, close to 200 copies of "All Aboard" have been taken. The display is attractive and well positioned so the public can pick up a free copy. So, we are getting the Word out to many of the visitors at Model Train Station.

As is true with many of us who grew up in the 1940's and 50's, I received a train set for Christmas which was put around the Christmas tree – soon finding a permanent home on a table in the basement. My dad and I really liked S gauge American Flyers. Over time we acquired several S gauge locomotives – a 322 Hudson, a 470/471/473 Alco PA Santa Fe, and a 377/378 GP7 Texas & Pacific. (Pastor Steve still operates his in the T&P scheme at train shows.) One year, dad brought out a 4672 O gauge AF steam engine. I had no idea AF ever made anything but S gauge! This one was pretty beat up, but it ran. So, we acquired some 3-rail track and had some fun with that as well.

Well, as typically happens, time goes by and I join the USAF. (Must be the AF blood. Ed.) I get married, have a career, and eventually retire. In the meantime, my dad continued the hobby until the mid-1980's. Unfortunately, he had to give up the hobby because it was in the basement and he was losing his mobility, eyesight, and ability to deal with small objects like those tiny screws. Soon after retiring I decided to unpack all the trains that dad had so carefully packed up and resume toy train collecting/operating. To my surprise, dad had acquired three more S gauge locomotives in my absence – a 283 Pacific, a 293 Pacific, and another 283 Pacific he had shortened to make into a 10-wheeler. I also found the 4672 O gauge which got me wondering if AF made any other gauge trains. After doing some research I discovered that indeed they had also made HO's, Wide gauge, wind-ups, and 3/16" O gauge trains. I thought wouldn't it be cool to get working examples of each of these American Flyer types of trains and put them all together in an operating display. The result is the one displayed and operating at the Model Train Station.

The above three pictures show a 3/16" O gauge locomotive produced 1938-41; an AF Wind-up locomotive; and a S gauge wide track locomotive.

For additional information check out the National Association of S Gaugers, Inc. at www.nasg.org or nasgpromotions@gmail.com. All photos taken by Elaine Smith, are a sample of John using his hobby to Glorify God. Keep distributing those copies of ***"ALL ABOARD!"*** *"Thanks, John."*

Women of REA

Jane's Story

Jane E. Hessler
Relocated to her eternal home March 13, 2020
(See page 10)
REA member for over 50 years

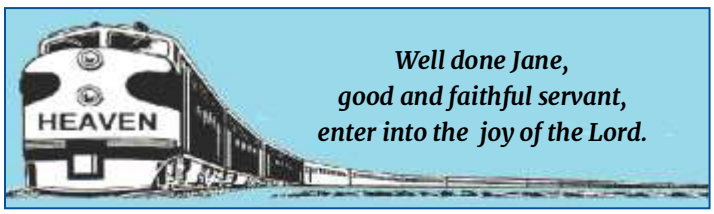
The Lord Jesus saved me on April 6, 1967, while alone in my apartment. I did not know what happened, just that I had no desire for my old life and I knew I should be going to church. I found a small Church of Christ in my neighborhood that I attended. I went there until I moved to Alexandria, Virginia. The Lord led me to the 1st Assembly of God Church, where I have been since 1972. In a Sunday evening service in 1973, the Lord called me into the bus ministry. I didn't know anything about the bus ministry but I became a bus captain by knocking on doors and inviting people to ride our bus to learn about Jesus Christ and hear the Word of God. Wendy Hodges, who was our bus pastor then, sent me to a bus conference at the Lynchburg Bible College, where I learned further information on the duties of a bus captain and drivers and how to maintain a bus ministry.

I started by driving a small Dodge van with no seats only carpet for the children to sit on - we outgrew that. Then I had the children save their extra pennies to get a bigger van with seats. It wasn't long before we collected enough and presented this to the Pastor so we could get a van that would carry about 20 children. We soon outgrew this, and went to a 40 passenger bus. I prayed for a driver so I could work with and minister to the children. We then had a total of 5 bus routes with a driver and captain on each bus. In 1978, our church pastor resigned to go to the mission field. How would these people get to church without a bus?

Eventually, the Lord dealt with me and said "He called me to be a captain not a driver", so I had to resign from driving. I prayed, and the Lord answered and in 3 weeks I had a driver. Now I am teaching others to be captains in case I am chosen to go to the mission field.

After 33 years of working at Gallaudet University as an editorial assistant and then as a Faculty Secretary, I knew it was time to retire so I could be free to do what the Lord would have me to do in my retirement.

When I first started working I had to use a train (steam) to go to work every day (The Reading Line). I've always been fascinated by trains and I also love model trains. When I learned about the Railroad Evangelistic Association, I joined with them in spreading the word of Jesus Christ around the railroads, model train stores, train museums, and all around town wherever I would go. This is the mission field that the Lord has called me to and He knows about my future, so I will continue to work for the Lord in REA until He calls me home.



To those I love

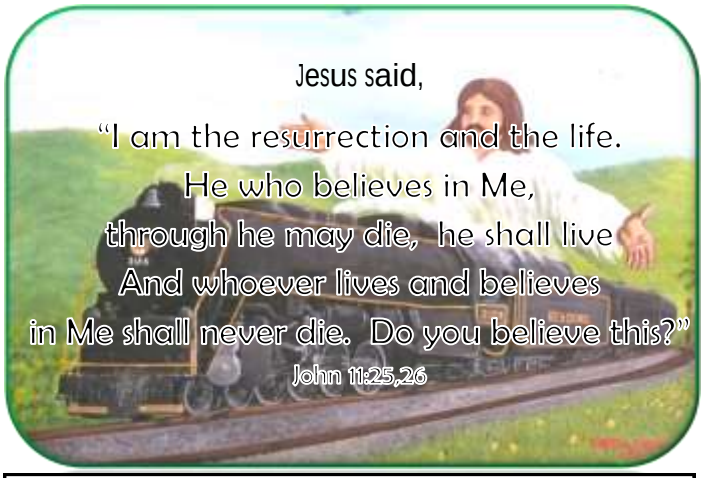
When I am gone, release me and let me go,
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I travel on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comfort by trust.
It's only for awhile that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.

When you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home"

- Author unknown



Cover photo by **Rev. Stephen Seidler, Vice President** the Model Railroader and Rail Fan page took this photo of this EMD #5771 Resplendent in Denver & Rio Grande yellow with black and silver trim, is working hard to lift the "California Zephyr" from Denver into the Rockies. Almost to the Moffat Tunnel, she is captured in the South Boulder Creek Valley west of Tunnel 29 at Pinecliffe, CO - 37.04 miles west of Denver at an elevation of 7,966 feet. Steve Seidler got this 35mm shot in the late 1970s, by hiking down from Colorado highway 72 to double-trackside where there is a long passing siding. The photo was shot at Pinecliffe, CO, just off Highway 72, and west of Tunnel 28. There were originally 30 tunnels on the route from Denver to Moffat Tunnel. Tunnels 9 and 23 no longer exist, so though there is a tunnel 29 and 30, only 28 tunnels can be counted today. The motto of the DR&G was "Thru the Rockies...Not around them." West of Denver the Moffat Route leaves the Great Plains and begins travelling up the massive Front Range escarpment of the Rocky Mts. Tracks wind their way up South Boulder Creek thru extremely rugged and remote canyons, snaking thru 28 tunnels, as the trains climb 3,000 feet of elevation in 40 miles.

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How to begin a REA Chapter or a REA/RailHope Fellowship

Beginning a REA/RH Chapter or 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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>Where did Captain Hook buy his hook? At a second hand store!

>I was at lunch with an old friend and pointed at two elderly ladies across the room and said "That will be us in 10 years from now. She said, "That's a mirror".

>I'm totally lacking the 'zip-a-dee' part of my 'doo-dah' day.

>One minute you're 21, staying up all night drinking beer, eating pizza and doing sketchy stuff just for fun. THEN… in a blink of an eye you're 60, drinking water, eating kale and you can't do any sketchy stuff, because you pulled a muscle putting on your socks.

>I asked my Grandpa, "After 65 years, you still call Grandma darling, beautiful, and honey. What's your secret?" He said, "I forgot her name 5 years ago and I'm scared to ask her."

>Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

>Can't believe someone broke into my garage and stole my limbo stick. Seriously, how low can you go.

>Just burned 3,000 calories! That's the last time I'll leave the brownies in the oven while taking a nap.

>FROG parking only. All others will be toad.

>My wife said I never listens to her, or something like that.

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

Standing in the forefront is **Samuel Fryberger**. After the Civil War he found work as a conductor and in 1888 he transferred to Schuylkill County to work as an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. Samuel Fryberger is the great-great grandfather of Author Hooper, a friend of mine (js) who shared this photo and information with me. We both attend the same church here in Vancouver USA.

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Dinner at 5:00 PM.

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>National Civil War Museum - Harrisburg - About 30 minutes.
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-PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE! -

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.

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

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Jane E. Hessler
June 25, 1930
to
March 13, 2020

Jane Hessler was an REA member for about 50 years. She faithfully served as REA Convention Recording Secretary for many years. Jane also served in and retired from the Navy and was a Korean War Veteran. Jane is survived by her sister Diane S. Brown and brother Paul A. Hessler. In her later years she lived at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington DC.

Juanita Thomas, faithful servant of the Lord died May 21, 2020. Juanita was a member of First Assembly of God church in Alexandria, VA and a blessed member of REA for many years as well. Juanita loved singing praises to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ now and through out all eternity!

From The Railway Mission UK; "It is with a deep sense of sadness that I write this and ask you join with all of the Railway Mission family in praying for the family of Rafiq Thapar.

Everyone at the Railway Mission gives thanks for Rafiq for his life that was lived in faith and for a the opportunity we have had to have known him as a friend and brother in Christ." Rev. Liam Johnston, Executive Director of British Railway Missions.

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Jesus is the light at the end of the Tunnel

"But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ dies for us." Romans 5:8

"...Christ died for our sins...and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day…" I Corinthians 15:3,4

"...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation". Romans 10: 9,10

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

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

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be save." Acts 4:12

"But as many as receive Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." John 1:12

"...he who hears My word 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

SUGGESTED MODEL PRAYER

God be merciful to me a sinner, I believe you died on the cross to forgive me of all my sins. I believe You were raised from the dead on the third day victorious over death, hell and the grave. I now receive You as my Savior and Lord. Fill me know with Your Holy Spirit to enable me to live for You all the days of my life. Thank yoy Lord Jesus for saving my soul, in Your name I pray. Amen.

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Get a Bible and read as soon as possible.
1. Romans chapter 8
2. Ephesians chapter 1.
3. I John chapter 1.

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FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENIFITS

"If you do not serve the LORD your God with joy and enthusiasm for the abundant benefits you have received, you will serve..."
Deuteronomy 28:47 (NLT)

"Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, Bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."... He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy towards those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities His children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him, For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.
Psalm 103:1-5 / 10-14

Additional scriptures that are beneficial to meditate on:

Ephesians 1:3-13
Ephesians 1:18-19
Exodus 20:1-17
Deuteronomy 28:1-14
Joshua 1:8,9
Psalm 91
Exodus 20:1-17

"***Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer."***
Psalms 19:14

Slow Train Coming

Marissa Beletti photo

In 1987 Bob Dylan produced an album titled "*Slow Train Coming*" and the featured song was, "You got to serve somebody". The chorus says, "You may serve the devil or you may serve the Lord but you got to serve somebody".

In the Old Testament book of Joshua 24:15 says, "***Choose today whom you will serve...but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord***."

LISTEN! The Train (Jesus) may seem slow in coming, but it IS COMING and coming soon! Maybe morning, night or noon, but Jesus is coming!

Even in the first generation of the New Testament there were those who scoffed saying "***Where is the promise of His coming***"? (II Peter 3:3,4). Nearly every generation thought they were the generation that Jesus was going to return for but they were all wrong because WE ARE the generation that will see His return! Can I get a big "Amen!" I Peter 4:7 (NLT) exhorts, "***The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore be earnest, thoughtful men/women of prayer. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other…***"

"***Choose today whom you will serve***", Listen there are incredible benefits that are literally "out of this world", see (Ephesians 1:3), and just look at some more of His wonderful benefits found in Psalm 103 to the left.

As the song says, "you got to serve somebody". If you do not know if you are saved and serving God and you want to make absolutely sure that you are, then turn to the cross on page 10, read the scriptures, believe what you are reading and receive them by praying the suggested prayer or use your own words and you will become a born-again child of God, adopted into His family for all eternity beginning TODAY! "***Choose today whom you will serve***."

— Joe Spooner

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.

Double-header Excursion run from Portland, Oregon East to Wishram, Washington and back. Going East SP&S (Spokane, Portland & Seattle) engine #700 was in the lead. On the return trip to Portland the SP (Southern Pacific) engine #4449 was in the lead. The photo was taken from the overpass just West of Washougal, WA. By Joe Spooner in the late 1990's, I think.

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