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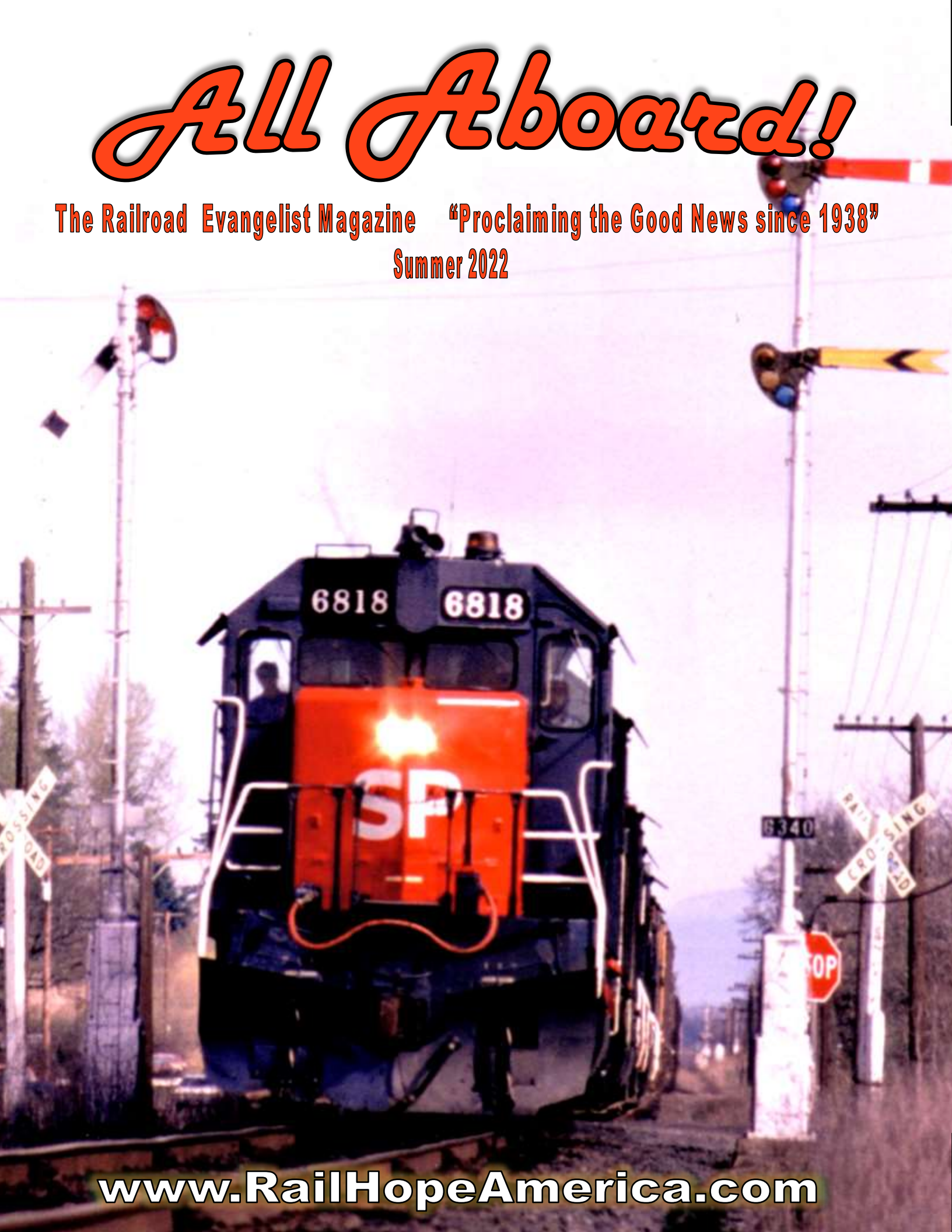

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MainLine

REA President David Wiegand

"Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Fathers throne, to make all my wants and wishes known…"

If there has ever been a time for prayer warriors to "*put on the whole armor of GOD"* (Ephesians 6:10-18) and "raise their swords of the Spirit which is the Word of GOD" these perilous 2020's are that time. Polls recently taken indicate that 70% of Americans believe America is heading in the wrong direction while only 16% believe the nation is heading in the right directions.

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Prayer: revives, renews, heals, reconciles, calms and strengthens. **PRAY!**

"and since He bids me seek His face, Believe His word, and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care, and wait for Three sweet hour of prayer"…

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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.

Railroad Evangelistic Association

Our Vision
We envision a day when the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed to all men and women throughout the world-wide railroad community.

Our Mission
To reach all people connected with the railroad industry, including model railroaders and rail fan enthusiasts, with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our Strategy
Working with national and international partners, we produce and distribute The Railroad Evangelist magazine "***All Aboard!"*** in printed and digital form via RailHopeAmerica.com and RHA Facebook to individuals, churches and other related organizations. associated with the railroad community. One-on-one ministry and discipleship are accomplished through the distribution of the magazine, local REA chapters and a growing world-wide prayer railway ministry network. Membership in REA is open to everyone, everywhere to join with us in proclaiming the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire railroad community world-wide***. All Aboard!***

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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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No. 27

The Railway Mission - A Journey of Faith

By John Lunn "Gods Engineman"
Horley, England

In March 1966 our family set out from Euston station on a boat train for Liverpool Riverside and the start of a journey to a new life in Canada, a journey I didn't want to go on.

We arrived in Victoria, British Columbia on Good Friday after five days on the Atlantic on board the Cunarder Carinthia, then three days on a train from Montreal to Vancouver and finally a ferry from Vancouver to Victoria, 6,600 miles in all. We found our feet and settled in, I had started at school where I was introduced to Dave Brown who was the driver (Locomotive Engineer) on a miniature railway at a place called Matticks Farm. Dave introduced me to Sam Sunter the owner of the Victoria Miniature Railways, I was welcomed to the railway by Sam and in due course found myself driving No 27 along with other loco's on the railway. I enjoyed my time on the V.M.R and in particular with No 27 I cleaned and scoured her until she was fit to work a royal train. Sam must have been impressed with my care of his loco because he stamped my name on the boiler backhead. When he told me of this I was very mystified as to why he stamped my name on the boiler of his engine?

In 1970 I returned to the U.K. and to a life on British Rail as a Second man then a driver and learning of the existence of the Railway Mission. In 2003 I had news that 27 had been returned to the U.K. and that I had been traced by the new owners because of my name being stamped on the boiler backhead. This fulfilled a prophesy I had in 2002 about 27. She was sold to me in 2013 and then the huge task of bringing her back to life began. I new at this stage a new boiler would be needed, but what I didn't expect was the multitude of other things wrong with the engine. Problems with axle boxes, wheels and axles were addressed by a friend Brian, a time served tool maker and myself as the boy! But what was now starting to face us was the need for someone with steam locomotive knowledge and experience. I prayed that the Lord would send just such a person along and He did in the person of Harry Spencer who was just starting his apprenticeship with the Bluebell Railway to become a steam locomotive fitter. Harry's growing skills and knowledge made possible the completion of the work to transform Isabel into The Railway Mission and to a naming ceremony on 11th September 2021.

The name The Railway Mission was also an answer to prayer. I couldn't think of a name, to replace Isabel, her old name, and the Lord said clearly The Railway Mission so I had nameplates cast and a member of our club, Mick Blackburn painted them. September the 11th was a day charged with emotion for me. I hadn't driven 27 since 1969. I last saw her in a friend's garage in Victoria on a visit to Canada in 1980. To the best of my knowledge 27 hadn't been used since 1970-71. There were occasions when I didn't think the work of restoration could be done so great was the task. I had set out on this journey without even a thought as to how

it could be done. I am not in any sense of the word an engineer or machinist. I didn't in the first instance ask for help I just assumed Brian would be willing to drop what we were doing at the time and get on with rebuilding 27. The work was completed, however, and the engine was named on the 11th September by Christopher Henley, the Chaplain to South Western Railway. The service was short but very much to the point and was very well received by all those attending and I believe Chris being in full attire, he is an ordained minister in the C of E, added to the occasion. This for me has been a journey of faith; my faith was tried and in the end was not found wanting. All things are possible, only believe. I would like to record my thanks to Keith Rose then president of the Railway Mission for permission to use the Missions name, to Liam Johnston who asked Chris to carry out the naming, and for providing Mission magazines for distribution and to Chris Henley who gave a splendid talk and performed the task of unveiling the nameplate on his side of the engine! Above all I give glory to God without whom none of this could ever have happened. Glory to God.

Chaplain Christopher Henley dedicating and blessings No. 27 with the new name:
"The Railway Mission".
Harry Spencer taken No 27 on a run.

Train Club Makes Connections with Youth

Original article appeared in the Cape May Country Herald NJ was sent in by REA member Richard Maccarsey.

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"I was surrounded by things," Paul Breden said, reminiscing about the day when his train sets became something more. Breden is convinced that God told him to "use them for my glory." Thus, a childhood dream became a reality as Breden, along with Steve Bistak and Lynn Jefferis, launched **"Good News Junction."** Despite Covid and the challenges of running an outreach, Breden, Bistak and Jefferis keep laying track and building bridges with local youth.

On left is Steve Bistak, with Paul Breden on the right. They are excited to use model trains as a way to reach the local youth with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All Aboard

Breden has called Cape May County home for many years. Yet, his journey took many turns before attending Tabernacle United Methodist Church. Breden and Jefferis have faithfully attended for five years. "I met Steve (Bistak) at a dinner. We make sure we say hi to strange faces," Breden explained. Bistak said he and his wife were "church hopping" at the time. Bistak and Breden discovered a mutual passion for model trains. Together, they decided to form a club where young people could come, with their parents/grandparents, and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 2019, Tabernacle Church used trains as their theme for Vacation Bible School. The event was featured in "The Railroad Evangelistic Magazine," in the 2019 autumn issue. Bistak, who relocated from Toms River three years ago, has "had several train layouts" throughout the years. He has lived in various states, including California. During Superstorm Sandy, in 2012, Bistak lost his extensive layout.

Good News Junction held its first meeting Feb.7,2020, according to Jefferis. "We attracted older kids" Bistak said.

Derailed by Pandemic The "older kids" were retirement age people, with a few ninth graders in attendance, according to Breden. "Covid changed everything," Jefferis said. After just beginning, Good News Junction returned to the proverbial "depot," waiting for the tide to turn. Today, the doors are open every Monday evening, from 6-8 p.m. Although the numbers are small, the outreach is growing. Breden and Bistak have plans for expansion and community engagement, including a Christmas open house.

Moving Forward

"The older people have so much to offer the young people if they will listen," Jefferis said. Two adults are always present, and all volunteers have undergone background checks, according to Jefferis. She wishes for all ages and genders to come and enjoy assembling the layout, which is still "a work in progress." "We're here to take the good news out there," Breden said. The program exists due to donations, according to Breden. Tabernacle Church provides the room and electricity. Two specific challenges are the lack of young people in the church and "competing" with school and extracurricular activities, according to Bistak. As the program unfolds, one-on-one interaction ensues as buildings and trains are assembled. Biblical lessons are shared throughout the time. Bistak and Breden said they are working on specifically integrating the Bible into their activities. Mind and hand are busy, away from electronic devices. Parents are encouraged to work alongside their children. Bistak said he wishes to be someone the young people "can talk to." The doors are open to all.

"We're planting a seed. It's up to God to water it," Jefferis said.

Grandson Owen and I down at the Vancouver, Washington Amtrak Depot waiting for a Union Pacific freight train to roll by.
In the Depot, Owen is standing by the model layout of Vancouver railyards of days gone bye.
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HOLIDAZE on Railze

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I set aside a special **HOLIDAY TRAIN** to honor these special days on my HO layout. Each holiday is represented with a different car:

New Year's Day – Athearn 50' single door box
Valentine's Day – 40' Athearn standard box
Presidents Day – 50' flat with Mt. Rushmore model
Easter – Athearn 50' single door
May 10,1869 – Walthers 50' TOFC Transamerica
Mother's Day – Walthers 60' modern box
Memorial Day – Athearn heavy duty flat w/ crosses
Father's Day – Athearn 50' modern box
Fourth of July – Athearn 50' single door box
Labor Day – Walthers 50' flat TOFC
Halloween – Athearn 50' single door box
Thanksgiving – Athearn 50' single door box
Christmas – Athearn 50' mechanical reefer
Bachmann work flat w/ Nativity
Athearn ATSF Christmas caboose

Auxiliary cars are: DM&IR Observation "Northland", Accurail 40' "Happy Holidays", Roundhouse 50' Pullman "Golden Gate", and Walthers "Oscar & Piker" Pullman Observation "Santa/Frosty Express." From the above list, here are my latest holiday efforts with some building tips and suggestions. HAPPY HOLIDAYS and HAPPY MODEL BUILDING while riding the railze!

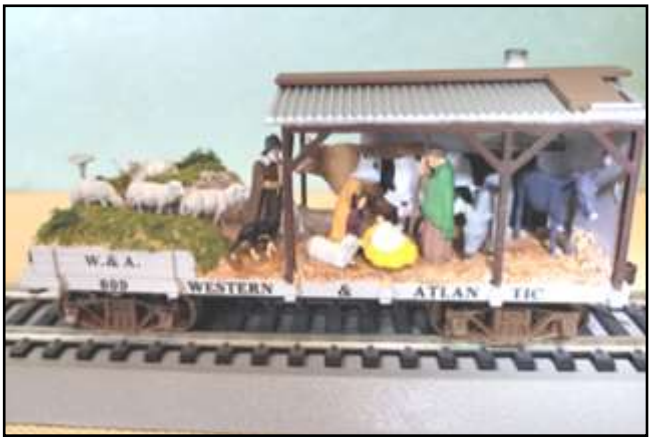
N**ATIONAL TRAIN DAY** commemorates the driving of the Golden Spike welding America by rail on May 10, 1869. It is celebrated with rail fests in most cities near this date. My HO car is a Walthers Trainline 50' TOFC with a TRANSAMERICA truck trailer. The signage is computer generated. Detail the trailer with lights and a license plate. I placed a brass nail at both ends of the trailer to simulate the Golden Spike.

MOTHER'S DAY is an HO Walthers 60' modern box found at swap meet for $5. The top was weathered, but the sides were left pristine for advertising purposes. The left end of the car needed nothing, but the right end had a 75th Walther's logo and the steam train. Using EZ-Off, the logo only was removed. On a yellow car, bold green lettering placed Mother's Day with RR info still in place. A silhouette of a mother walking with two children was placed at the right end overlapping the train. My mother fostered my love for trains at an early age, even having

my Grandpa Ray carve a wooden O scale model of the City of San Francisco. She also made sure the basement had dedicated space for my growing American Flyer scale layout. She even shared flannel graph flocking for me to use for scenery details. That is why mom is holding my hand next to the steam train.

MEMORIAL DAY is an Athearn 50' heavy-duty Westinghouse flat car found new in a box, missing one coupler. This car has 4 sets of trucks. The deck was altered to receive a model of the famous "Iwo Jima Monument" which was purchased at the USMC Museum in Quantico VA. Arlington Cemetery crosses were made from white plastic strips.

plus all the manger animals were placed under the covering. A lamb sits beside the cradle watching over the Babe - The Lamb who would be slain for the sins of mankind. It is a crowded scene, but that first Christmas night was probably just the same. The red/white/green ATSF caboose brings up the rear of the train (naturally) and placed on the rear deck are the Three Wise Men or Magi. They are riding in style, never making it to the Bethlehem manger, but they will see the child, now 2 years of age, in his parent's house. As the Holiday Train passes on the layout, those viewing this awesome scene are open to the presentation of the Biblical story of Christmas.



CHRISTMAS SCENE is made up of a 50' Athearn reefer *"Merry Christmas"* (not pictured); Bachmann Silver Series MofW Blacksmith Car for Western & Atlantic; and an Athearn Genesis ATSF caboose in seasonal colors with a brick chimney. On the MofW car, all the added details like tool box, barrels, stove, etc. were removed, along with one roof support on the side. A pastoral hillside was molded using sculptamold and normal scenery effects and the floor was made to look like dirt and hay. (I had not done a scene this small before.) A shepherd, his sheep and his German Shephard were added approaching the manger. Prieser nativity figures,

RailHope International Ministries

The Railway Missions Chaplains' Conference and RailHope International General Assembly

Northampton, UK May 2022

This past May the **British Railway Missions Chaplains Conference** and training sessions were held in Northampton in the UK. from May 25-27th. After the two year pandemic many Chaplains became ill themselves and needed to be build up and encouraged. The Conference focus was Personal Resilience: Self-care, Self-awareness, Self-acceptance and Self-empowerment. For more information on British Railway Missions contact: **www.railwaymission.org**

The **RailHope International Meeting** was held from May 27 - 29th. The RailHope International mission statement is "We live in hope by connecting Christians in railroads and public transport systems worldwide; praying for each other and our companies, encouraging an authentic life with Jesus Christ. We promote and combine faith and life in the professional world. For further information contact: **www.RailHope.net**

RAILHOPE SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka, formerly **Ceylon**, is an island country lying in the Indian Ocean that is separated from the peninsular India by the Palk Strait.

International Railroad Evangelist Arulraj from Chennai, INDIA was able to do his first Rail Hope outreach to Sri Lanka, his first since February 2020 because of all the regulations and prevailing situations. Brother Arulraj was able to meet with members of RailHope Sri Lanka, to encourage them in their outreach efforts among their fellow railway workers.

While there he was able to meet with and minister to a youth group as well as helping with a charity group handing out 10 days of provision to 25 families.

Brother Arulraj requests is to pray more for Sri Lanka, asking God to bless them with peace and prosperity and for the gospel to go forth in power.

Oceano

Southern Pacific Railroad Depot

from 1896-1973

The Oceano Train Depot (California) has been restored to near original condition. Visitors can tour a real turn-of-the-century train depot that remains virtually untouched. Housed inside the walls are not only artifacts from the railroad, but historical photos and artifacts from the surrounding community dating back to the early 1900's. Railroad buffs and former workers love to tell their stories of working on the railroad and give instructions on how to use the specialized equipment. Exhibits include the old post office boxes, coffee grinders, jukebox, and railroad equipment.

The Depot served as a focal point for SP transportation, tourism and real estate promotion from 1896 until the 1950's. Tours are available every Sunday from 1pm to 3pm. Oceano is about 17 miles south of San Luis Obispo, California. You can google it to find it's web page for more information.

These **railroad phone booths** were used for many years on the main line in the early years as the train crew were able to contact the train dispatcher directly. In 1901 the rail line connected San Francisco to Los Angeles along the coast of the pacific ocean.

1950 Fairmount Motorcar

In 1909 Frank E. Wade founded Fairmont Railway Motors of Fairmont, Minnesota (Fairmont Gas Engine and Railway Motor Car Company in 1915), was a manufacturer of rail vehicles formed from the Fairmont Machine Company.

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"You do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. For you are just a vapor that appears for a little while then vanishes away."
James 4:14

Chaplains Corner

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Rev. Paul has been serving the Lord through REA for over 55 years.

Our joints hurt and the aches and pains of this life grow worse as we age. Our vision, hearing and thoughts become less clear. We are getting ready for Heaven by making earth less and less appealing. We have a desire for Heaven where we will know a world free from sin is awaiting us.

As children they get ready for teen years. As teens they prepare for adulthood. As adults they get ready for retirement and they start focusing more on Heaven. However, how many people never make it to retirement? Some people play a dangerous game with their lives, thereby gambling with eternity. Confess your sins, prepare for Heaven and stay ready. As a Christian make sure you are ready for Christ's return by continually trusting in Him as your Savior and Lord.

Ruth Lounsberry, long time REA member who attends the Malaga Chapter received a fantastic surprise birthday party planned by her children. Many family members and friend from REA helped her celebrate her 90th Birthday this past May. They all had a great time meeting at the Black Diamond Restaurant in Minotola, NJ.

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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.

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> Request a complimentary copy of the Railroad Evangelist magazine, "***All Aboard!"*** for a friend.
> Have any questions about REA.
> Listen to some great train songs
> Make a donation to REA.
> Explore the RHA web page.
> Read a inspirational message.
> Share the web page with a friend.

REA Chapters

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Malaga, NJ Chapter meets the 2nd Saturday of the month. For more information contact Marlene Sampson at (1-609) 561-6922

If you are interested in beginning an REA Chapter or a RailHope Fellowship contact the editor.

Life's Journey

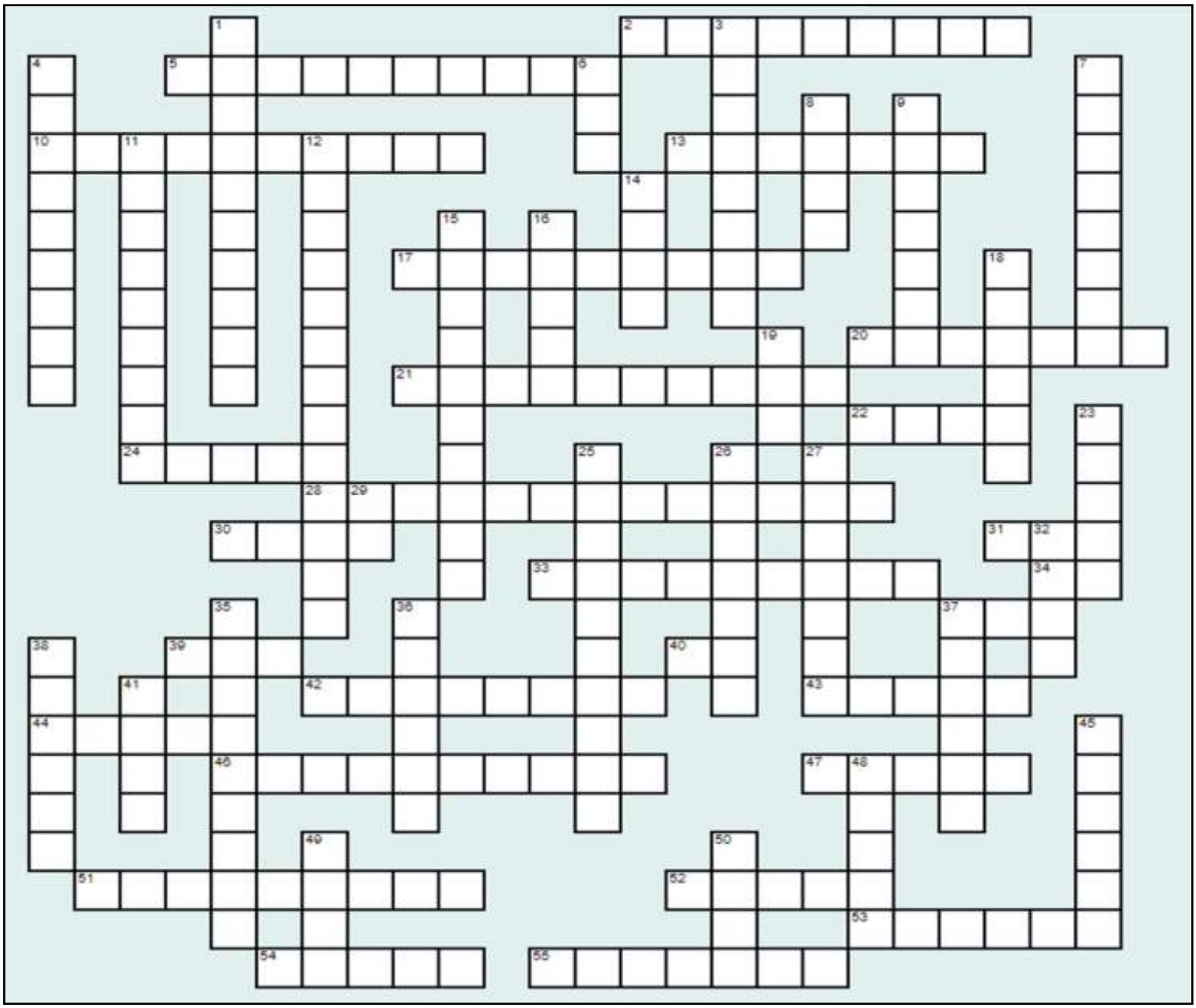
Life is like a journey,
taken on a train,
with a pair of travelers
at each window pane;
I may sit beside you
the whole journey through,
or I may be seated elsewhere,
never knowing you;
but if fate should place me
to sit at your side,
Let's be pleasant travelers,
it's so short a ride.

Laugh Track

- When Abraham Lincoln was your age, a man said to his lazy son, "he was chopping wood, plowing and hunting for food." The son replied, "When he was your age he was president of the United States."
- A preacher said to the farmer, "Do you belong to the Christian family?" "No", he said, "I think they live two farms down." "No, I mean are you lost?" "No, I've been here thirty years." "I mean are you ready for Judgment Day?" "When is it?" "Could be today or tomorrow." "Well, when you find out for sure when it is, you let me know. My wife will probably want to go both days!"
- You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says; "Wow, you're right! I never would have thought that!"
- A couple in their nineties are having problems remembering things, so they decided to go to the doctor for a checkup. The doctor said they were physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember things. Later that night while watching TV, the old man gets up and his wife ask him where he is going. "To the kitchen," he said. She asked him to get her a bowel of ice cream. The husband said, "Sure." She gently reminds him that he should write it down so he won't forget. "No, I can remember that." then she said "I would like to have some strawberries and whip cream on top. You better write all that down so you won't forget." Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember I can remember you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries and whip cream on top." He goes into the kitchen grumbling. About 20 minutes later he comes back from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at for a moment and says, "Where's my toast?

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

RailHope Puzzle #3



Across

2. A "Rolling Bomb" is a unit tank train carrying _____ liquids
5. A Crewmember must notify the _____in any emergency situation
10. The engine powering the train is called the _____.
13. Type of RR Cargo
17. BNSF line between Chicago & Aurora, a nickname due to the frequent trains along the route.
20. Relatively short, open-top hopper cars mainly used in the transport of iron ore
21. The Maximum Train speed in certain work zones and yards
22. A crossing _____lowers to stop traffic for safety.
24. Each Train Company has _____ for Equipment Operation and Handling
28. RAIL HOPE _____ serves world-wide RR missions !
30. Special Message word # 3

RailHope Puzzle #3

31. Special Message word # 4
33. Be careful and look both ways at the railroad _____!
34. Mobile, __ served as HQ for the Gulf Coast Railroad as part of the Mobile-Ohio RR.
37. The _____ System provides automated speed & stopping distance information.
39. _____Trains that have HAZMAT freight cars on the train lineup.
40. Special Message Word # 2
42. When a train takes a rail that is not properly switched, is off the main track, is _____.
43. The _____Smoky Mountains RR routes from Bryson City, North Carolina.
44. The process of pushing a cut of cars or to push a train from the rear.
46. US Freight & Passenger hub in North USA in the Buckeye State.
47. Clear Signal: Proceed at Authorized Speed
51. The _____Brake Switch may be used to immediately reduce train speed.
52. The _____ Authority governs the movement on many of the RR main lines.
53. CSX trains originally were painted dark blue on the cab & _____on the front nose.
54. Older generation train locomotives were _____ powered.
55. RRs are built with Beautiful scenic views, overpasses, tunnels and incredible _____.

Down

1. US Freight & Passenger hub in South USA _____ (in the Yellowhammer state)
3. A Yellow Signal that means reduce speed & be prepared to stop at the next signal.
4. US Freight & Passenger hub in East USA.
6. A Freight Car in need of repair.
7. *ALL ABOARD !* is a REA railway _____!
8. The _____forms here----get your tickets to ride the Express Train!
9. Train crossings require flashing lights & the _____ to be sounded by the Engineer.
11. A _____ may perform Visual Inspections whenever there is a brake issue.
12. Radio _____ are the primary means of communication for crew & dispatcher.
14. A large area of RR tracks used to repair, store, sort, load and couple railroad cars.
15. Amtrak primarily transports _____ across the USA.
16. Special Message Word #5
18. US Freight & Passenger hub in high altitude Western USA---home of the mile high city!
19. The Track Signal that means to STOP--- at or before the signal.
23. ____RRs use cleats to hold down the metal and plastic tracks.
25. US Freight & Passenger hub on west coast USA and home to a great RR Museum.
26. The _____ contains a list of the box cars and HazMat cars.
27. The PTC System provides a _____ for Overspeed during the train movement.
29. Southern RR is a short line operating in Santa Fe, ____& a tourist route “Sky” Railway.
32. Another name for a Caboose.
35. Automated _____Failure Sensors monitor brake issues along the track routes.
36. See 42 Across--a RR crew's worst nightmare!
37. REA has a 24/7 _____Line available for you! 1-703-988-1966
38. Special Message Word # 1
41. High _____ (lunch time)
45. Special trains in __, Poland are transporting Ukrainian refugees to other European cities.
48. Ballasts are the _____ surfaces under the rail tracks.
49. In Australia, Trains traveling East to _____ are primarily high-speed passenger trains.
50. The crossing point of two track rails for train wheels to cross from one track onto another.

A Special Message _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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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

RailFest 2022 Manassas, Virginia

Don Howell, Vice President of Outreach and International Representative of RailHope International attend Rail Fest 2022 in Manassas, VA this past June. Don said that Railway Fests are great family events and this one on Saturday was incredible, with over 20,000 people attending and riding the Virginia Railway Express and Local AMTRAC trains for fun and enjoyment. Handed out calendars (all I had) and over 600 ALL ABOARD Magazines! Ministry to over 1,000 people and kids who came to our **RAILHOPE AMERICA REA** Table! I also had a bean-bag toss game and they loved it!

Don said that he didn't know **Pastor Steve Seidler** was at Rail Fest as well. Don said he was going to get his van and start loading up while talking with other Rail Fest attendees. Pastor Steve heard Don's voice and they got together. He didn't know that Don was just a "corn toss" away from where he was. Pastor Steve said that it was a great RR experience. We had six large train layouts operating under the Harris Pavilion and passed out ***"ALL ABOARD!"*** magazines as well.

Between Don and Pastor Steve, **REA** had a strong presence at this years Rail Fest. Glory be to God as we continue to be co-labor with Him. Many eternal gospel seeds were planted that day through their witness and the printed word using the Railroad Evangelist magazine, ***"All Aboard"!***

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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 died 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 asking you to forgive me of all my sins. Fill me know with Your Holy Spirit to enable me to live for you all the days of my life. Thank you Lord Jesus for saving my soul, in Your name I pray. Amen.

FIRST 6 STEPS in your new life in Christ.
Get a Bible and read as soon as possible.

1.Ephesians chapter 1
2. II Peter 1:1-11
3. I John chapter 1
4. Romans chapter 8
5. Matthew chapters 5,6,7.
6.The Gospel of Mark

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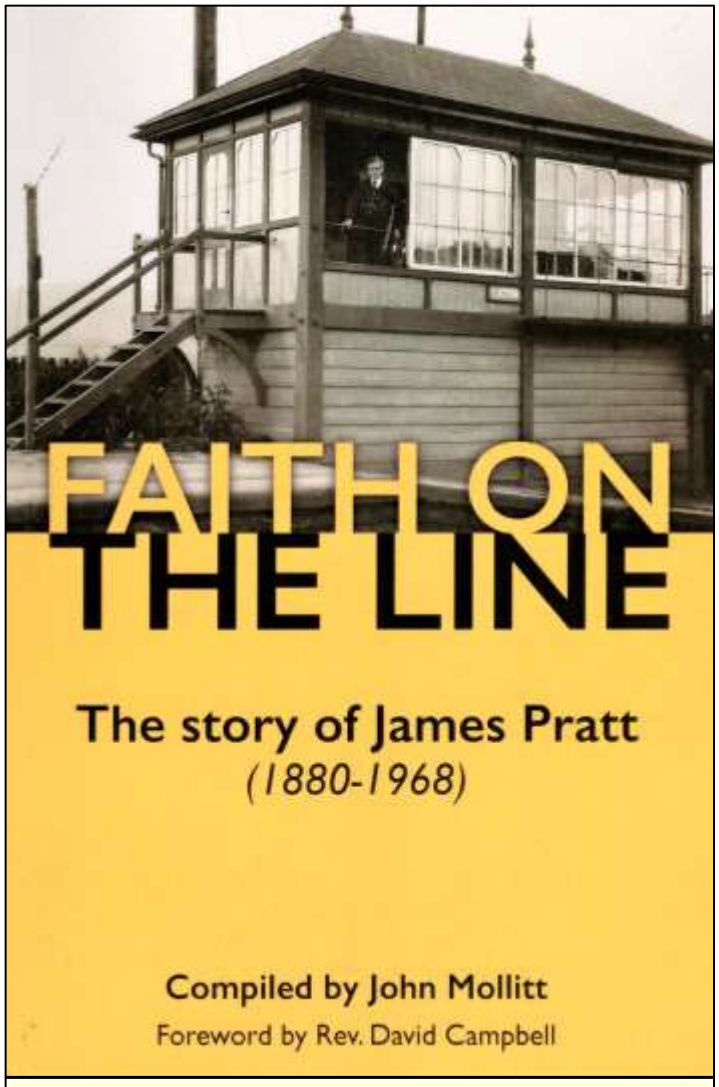
(Pocket Testament League).

Never Give Up!

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that is we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we asked of Him."
I John 5:14,15.
"***For God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.***"
II Peter 3:9b

We must "lay hold", of the promises of God, "***For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of our God through us.***" (II Corinthians 1:20), We must claim our unsaved loves ones and friends for their eternal salvation. There is absolutely NOTHING too hard for God. We must have our faith firmly planted in His word believing He will do what we have asked for in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. EVEN if you, in your life time never see them come to Christ, we must believe that He "***is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us***…" (Ephesians 3:20)

I want to give you three example of Gods amazing grace of answering unseen prayers eventually fulfilled. The first is of **Luther S, Harkey**, the founder of REA. His son, Bernard (Bud) Harkey was not a committed Christian during the time his dad was doing the work of the Lord as a Railroad Evangelist. Bud told me that he was at his parent's house when his dad collapsed and died, never seeing his son committing his life to the Lord. Bud went on to work a secular job for many years and somewhere along the way gave his life to Jesus and became a Methodist minister. Bud was one of the sweetest and most gentle men I have ever met. **"Never give up!"**



The above book, "Faith on the Line", was sent to me from John Mollitt, the Grandson of James Pratt. I found it interesting reading as it reveals a time and place many of never get to experience. If you would like more information on the book or to correspond with John Mollitt you can contact him vie e-mail at: **John.mollitt@btinternet.com**

The second one is of **George Muller**, an evangelist in the late 1800's from Bristol, England. Evangelist Muller said about prayer, "The point is never give up until the answer comes,...I have been praying for one man's conversion for 63 years and eight month's, he's not converted yet, but he will be!". Muller never saw the man's conversion, but before George Muller's body was lowered into the grave, the man he had praying for all those years got eternally saved! **"Never give up!"**

The third example is from the book, "Faith on the Line", compiled by **John Mollitt**, that he sent to me. John tells the story of his godly grandfather, James Pratt who worked for 40 years as a railway signalman in the UK and who later also became a Methodist minister. From the book, you can tell he was a man of faith who loved people and loved to share the word of God, as he always carried a pocket full of gospel tracts wherever he went. John Mollitt loved and greatly admired his grandfather but had never given his life to God. Six months after his grandfathers death, John gave his life to the Lord. John says towards the conclusion of his book about his grandfather; "Those prayers which, no drought, Grandfather had pleaded since the day of my birth, were answered six months after his death. What an incentive and encouragement that it is to continue praying for our children and grandchildren." **"Never give up!"**

For those of you reading this, I want to greatly encourage you to continue to lay hold of you unsaved loved ones and believe God for their eternal salvation, weather you live to see them saved or not. One day you will if you **never give up!**

— Joe Spooner

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The "Panama Limited", an early diesel on the Illinois Central Railroad. Photo sent in by Norman Muller, Ashland, Ohio

I recently received a call from a retired Southern Pacific Railroad Conductor from Texas. He had some Railroad Evangelist magazines from 1998 and wondered if we were still in existence. When I told him we were, he was over-joyed and we had a good talk. Just think of all the Railroad Evangelist magazines that have been mailed and handed out year after year since 1938. We will never know the impact this little organization has had on countless number of souls until we get to Heaven. What a day, a glorious day that will be! Keep sowing the life changing word through the Railroad Evangelist magazine, ***"All Aboard!".***

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