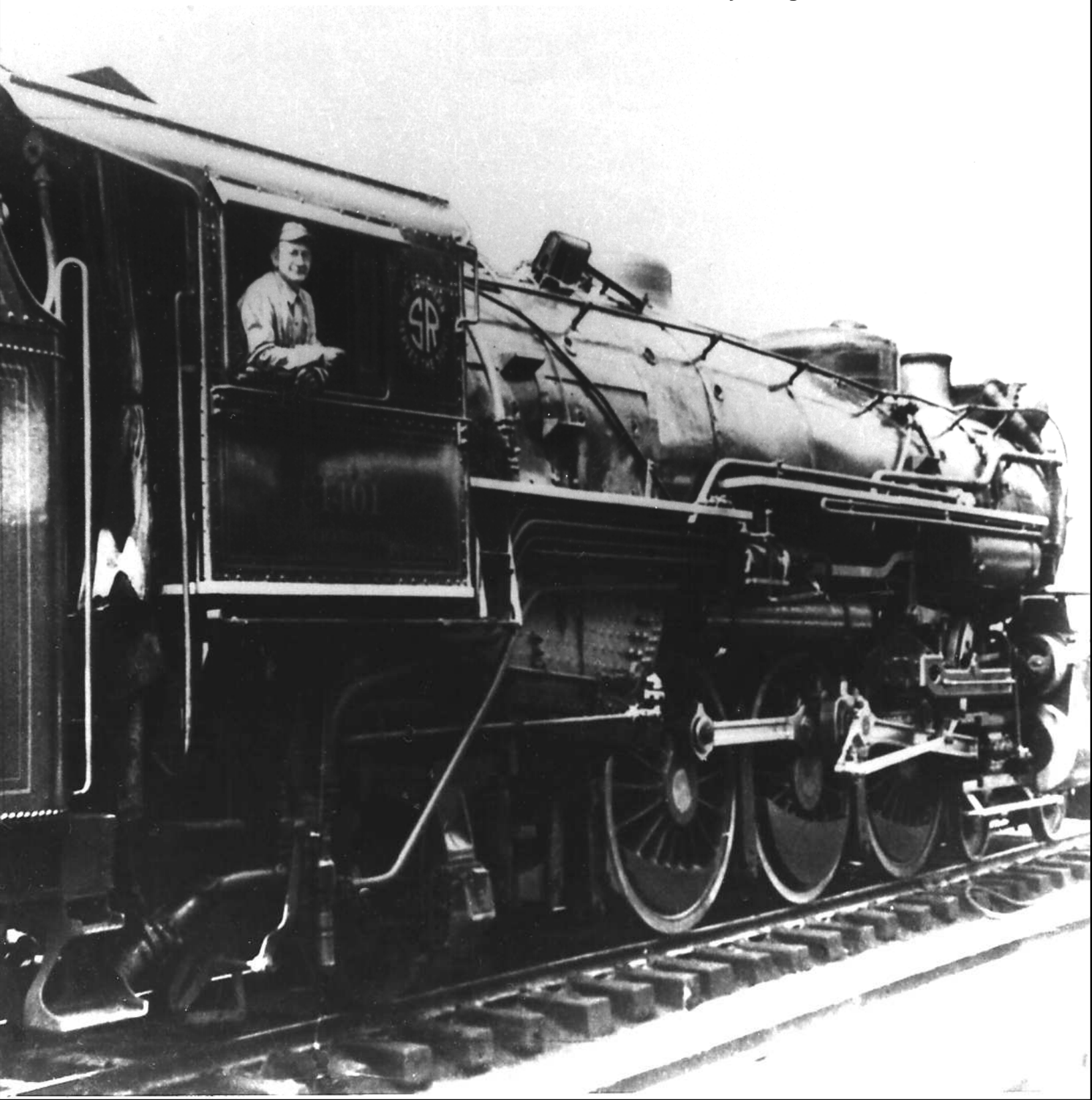
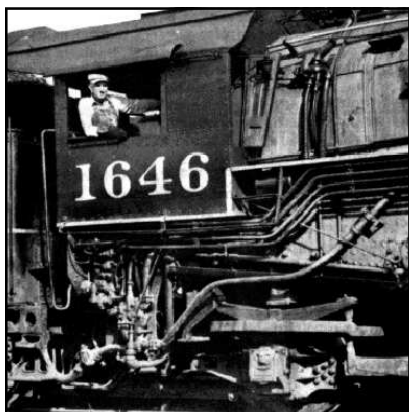


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- Mission Statement -

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 hobbyist and the rail fan enthusiast.

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, and 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. In the case of those who reach moral responsibility do 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.
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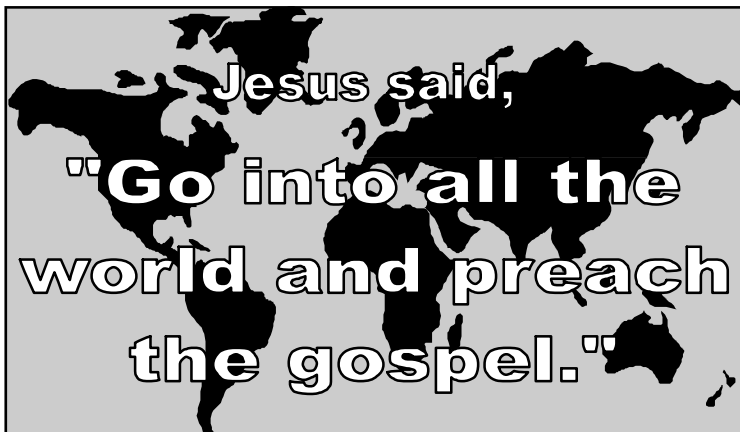
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God is Love

Jesus Christ came to seek and to save the lost, the Bible tells us that “**God is love**” (1 John 4:8). That means He accepts you just the way you are. I want to encourage each of you reading this to let God’s love help you decide your future. Each of us have been given a free choice to decide our eternal destiny.

Christ died for our sins and I challenge you to accept His free gift of eternal life today. Romans 6:23 tells us, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

I appreciate your positive response to our Railroad Evangelist magazine “All Aboard”. More than half of the born-again Christians in the world testify that literature played an important part in their conversion to Christ. I also want to encourage each of you reading this message to plan to attend our **National REA Convention** this September 14-18, 2009. We expect great things to happen!



Your membership, subscriptions and tax deductible donations are greatly appreciated as they are the only means we have to continue publishing and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to the entire railroad community worldwide through the *Railroad Evangelist* magazine. Your financial gifts underwrite the cost and make it possible for us to send the *Railroad Evangelist* magazine out individually and in bulk supply as our home and missionary outreach. We thank God for each and everyone of you who have joined with this railroad literature evangelistic ministry with your prayers and finances.

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

2 Corinthians 9:8

“A LITTLE IS A LOT WHEN GOD IS IN IT”

Luke 9:12-17

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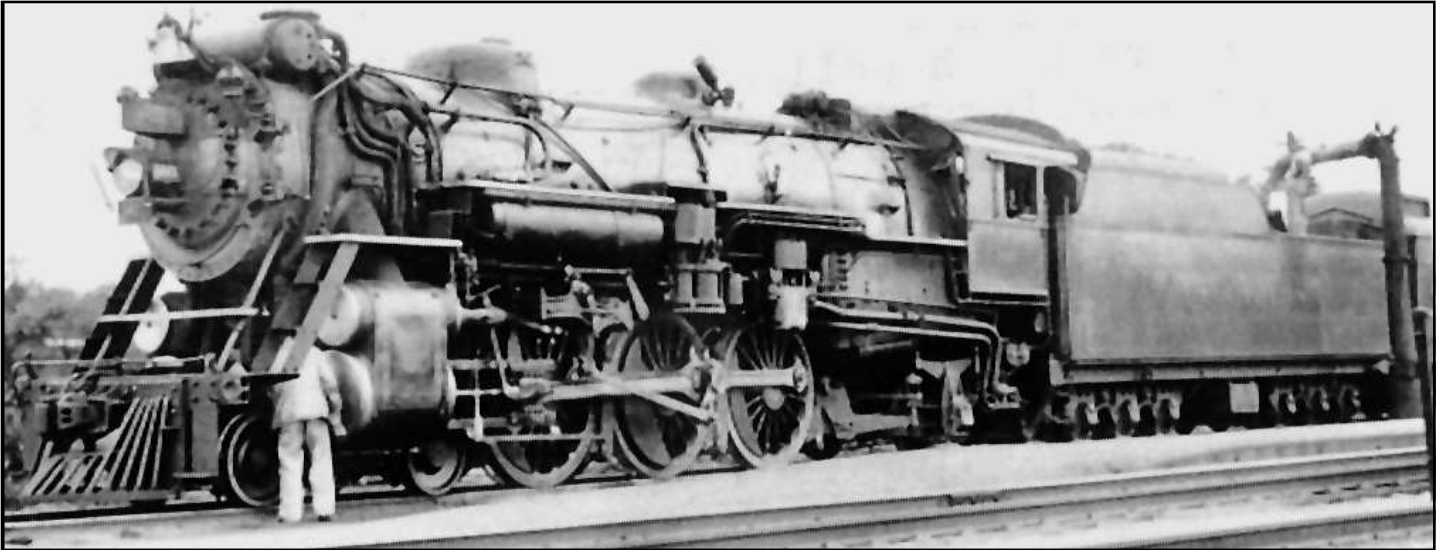
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“Queen of Steam”

The famous Southern Railways engine #1401

Was engineered by REA member Shirley Zureks father,
the late Luther Earl Brown Sr.



Engineer Dave Fant oils the pony trucks of Southern Railway engine #1402 at the Charlotte, North Carolina station in 1937.

Southern Railway #1401 is a steam locomotive that is the sole survivor of Southern Railway's Ps-4 class, which many regard as the most handsome steam locomotives ever built. Today it is on permanent display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Its most famous and historic use was as one of the locomotives that pulled President Franklin Roosevelt's funeral train from Warm Springs, Georgia, to Washington in April 1945. Shirley Zurecks father, Luther Earl Brown, Sr. was the engineer of #1401 who brought President Roosevelt remains back to Washington DC.

The Southern Railway steam engine was a Pacific-type or 4-6-2 (Whyte notation) wheel arrangement. The American Locomotive Company (ALCO) built it in 1926 at ALCO's Richmond works. It pulled Southern's highest-level passenger trains from 1926 until Dieselization in the early 1950s, mostly on Southern's Charlotte Division.

The first class members were built in 1923 and were certainly handsome, but there some notable changes awaited. One of them was in the mid 1920s, when Southern Railway president Fairfax Harrison traveled to the United Kingdom, where he saw Southern Railway (an unrelated company)

and its green-painted steam locomotives. Admiring these locomotives' appearance, he returned to the United States and decided that the next batch of Ps-4s should be painted mostly green, with gold trim and silver smoke-boxes. The 1926 group of Ps-4s, including #1401, caused quite a sensation when they appeared with their new colors.

Today Southern Railway #1401 is one of the many attractions at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

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Joe Spooner, Editor of the Railroad Evangelist magazine is standing next to the “Queen of Steam”, the famous # 1401 at the Smithsonian in Washington DC in 2005.

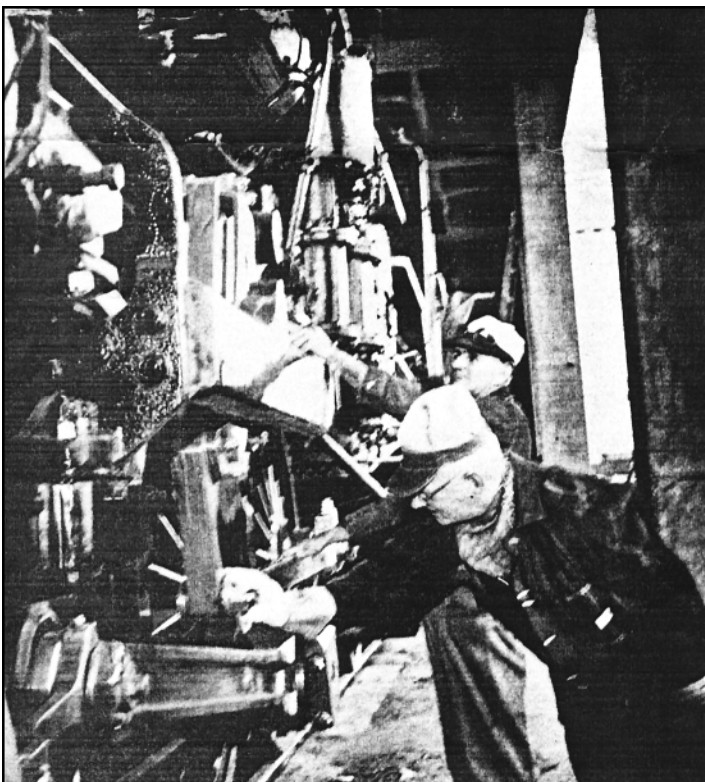
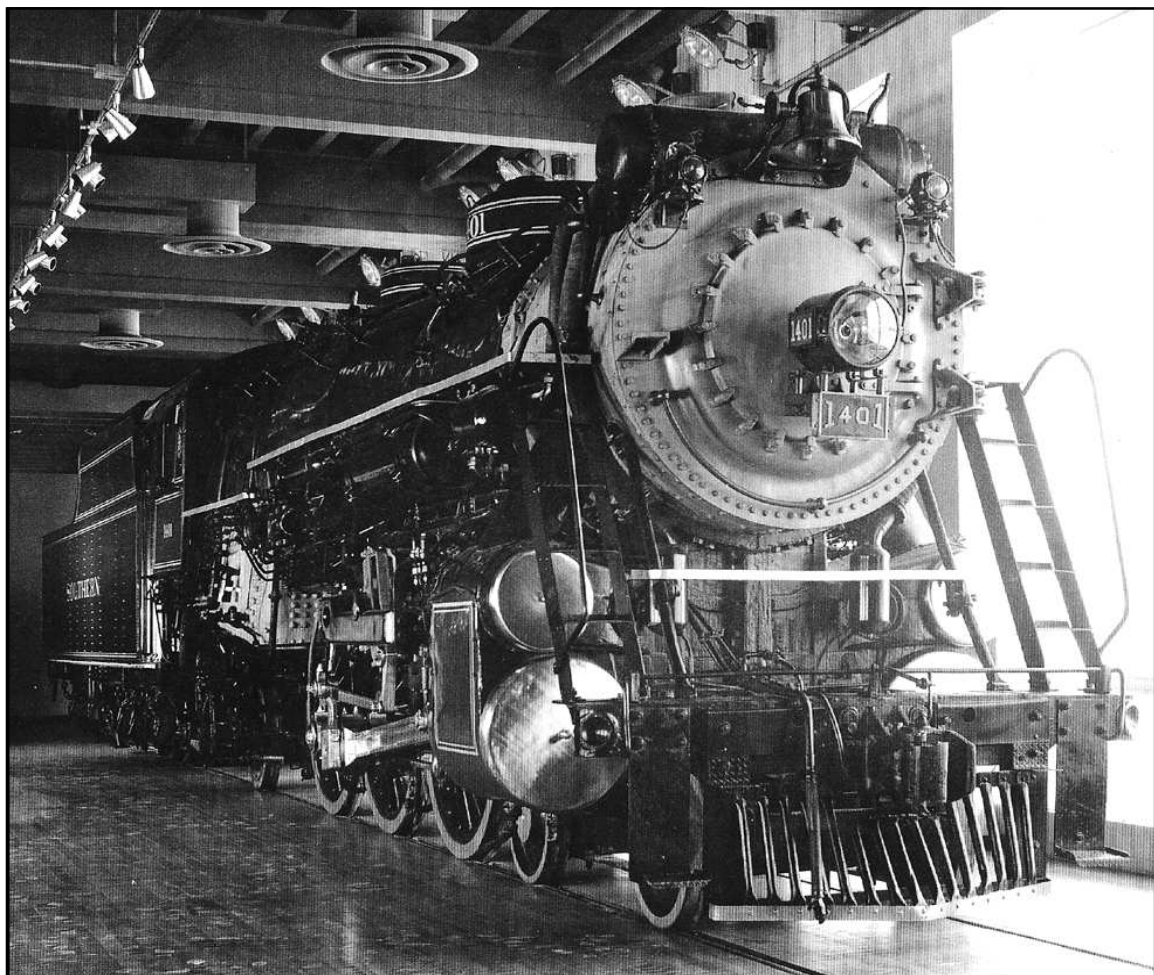


Southern Railway # 1401, the "Queen of Steam" sits in her new home at the Smithsonian when she was first moved there in the Autumn of 1961.

The 1401 is visited by thousands of tourist each year. If you ever get a chance to go to the Smithsonian, give her a visit.

In the photo below are two old time engineers of #1401 inspecting their "old girlfriend" as she was placed in her new home at the Smithsonian in 1961. The man in the rear of the photo is Hilton Sudarth and the other is Luther Earl Brown Sr., Shirley Zureks father.

Below photo courtesy of The Atlanta Journal and Constitution Magazine. Photo by Carolyn Carter. January 14, 1962.



Signs of Spring

Shirley Brown Zurek

*When singing birds
begin to return,
When scholars fear failure
and begin to learn,
When flowers are planted
with deep concern,
When for vacation
we begin to yearn
Then Winter's through
And Spring is new*

*When sprouts of grass
begin to show,
When fragrant breezes
begin to blow,
When whistling farmers
begin to sow,
When tulips and violets
begin to grow
Then Winter's done
And Spring's begun*



REA member Shirley Zurek praying at our annual REA conference held in September of each year.

Have you ever wanted to witness to someone, but you were not sure what to say? That is what happened to me at the mall back in 2003. I had such compassion to witness to the lost, but I was not sure how to do it. I went through the Evangelism Explosion course and went witnessing successfully door to door. Then the Lord led me to start witnessing at the mall. But when I got to the mall, I didn't know what to say or who to talk to. There were people everywhere and no doors to knock on. It was then that I realized that the hardest part about witnessing is just getting started. Through fear and not knowing what to say, the devil often stops Christians at the onset, so they cannot even start witnessing and then no one gets saved. So I prayed: **"Help me, God. How do I transition or railroad a conversation from an everyday conversation onto the Gospel track?"**

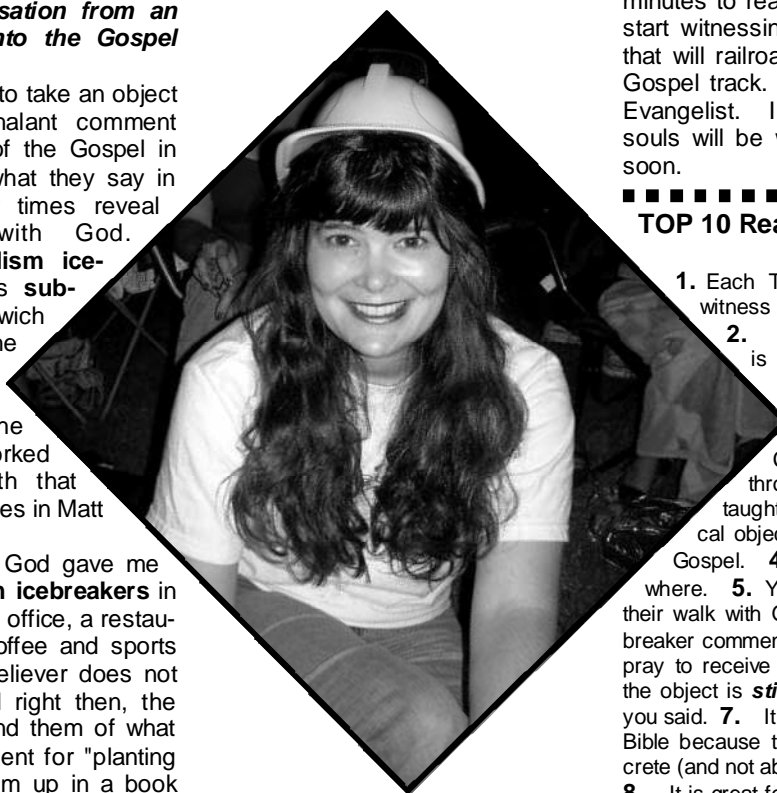
Then He showed me how to take an object and simply make a nonchalant comment about how it reminds you of the Gospel in some way. Then listen to what they say in response, which will many times reveal where they are at with God.

The first **object evangelism ice-breaker** God gave me was **subway**: "This subway sandwich reminds of how Jesus is the **Way** to heaven and He was the perfect **Sub** for my sins when He died on the cross..." A teenager, who worked at Subway, got saved with that one! Jesus did this many times in Matt 13 with parables.

Over a two year period, God gave me over 400 **object evangelism icebreakers** in 50 different places like at the office, a restaurant, at the store, around coffee and sports and trains too. If the unbeliever does not receive Jesus as their Lord right then, the object is **still there** to remind them of what you said, so they are excellent for "planting seeds" as well. I typed them up in a book called, **"I Want to Witness, But What Do I Say?"**

I tried to get endorsements by twelve big name preachers, but since no one knew me, no one took the time to read it, let alone endorse it, so I got discouraged many times. One publisher accepted me, but they wanted \$4,000 to publish it, which I did not have.

"Train tracts are the RAILROAD to REVIVAL"



**Susan
Mulford**
Tulsa,
Oklahoma

Then in August 2007, God told me to reformat the book into tracts that contained the icebreakers that would train Christians how to witness. I call them **Train Tracts**. There are 50 different ones. Then God told me to create a website for them. I was not a computer geek, so this was very difficult, like going up a huge mountain! I remember **the little engine that could** who kept saying: "I think I can!" whenever I heard a train blow his horn from the historic US Route 66 which is right near my house in west Tulsa, OK. Step by step, God gave me the grace and the wisdom I needed. Finally in August 2008 I launched: **www.traintracts.com!** With God's help, "I knew I could!" I still want to get the book published, but what is great about train tracts is that they only take a few minutes to read. Then Christians can boldly start witnessing to the lost with icebreakers that will railroad their conversations onto the Gospel track. I thank God for the Railroad Evangelist. I pray that a huge harvest of souls will be won because Jesus is coming soon.

TOP 10 Reasons to use Train Tracts

1. Each Train Tract gives you courage to witness because you will know what to say.
2. It is not an "in you face" method. It is natural, conversational, indirect and easy to use.
3. Witnessing using train tracts is really witnessing the way that Jesus Christ did it. He taught the people through using parables. He rarely taught the crowd without using a physical object to illustrate some aspect of the Gospel.
4. Train Tracts can be used anywhere.
5. You can gauge where they are in their walk with God by their response to your ice-breaker comment.
6. If the unbeliever refuses to pray to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the object is **still there** to remind them of all that you said.
7. It is a great way to teach children the Bible because the train tracts are filled with concrete (and not abstract) examples of spiritual ideas.
8. It is great for youth that are on fire for God because the train tracts are like new wineskins and they will try new ways of witnessing.
9. Pastors, Church Leaders, Bible School teachers and missionaries will like the train tracts because they are not only wonderful icebreakers, but they are filled with great illustrations for their Sunday sermons.
10. The approach enables you to be led by the Spirit of God because it is so flexible. According to 1 Corinthians 14:1, God wants us all to flow in the gifts of the Spirit.



"I Want to Witness, but what do I say around Trains?"

By Susan Mulford

The hardest part about witnessing is the transition from an everyday conversation onto the Gospel track. One way to do it is through relating the Gospel to objects around you like Jesus did many times in Matthew 13. The following ice breakers will train you how to railroad conversations onto the Gospel track around trains.

Riding Trains - I like riding trains to get to where I need to go because you don't have to worry about traffic lights, changing lanes or going the wrong way. There's just one track to ride on to get to my destination. It reminds me of Jesus. He is the way, the truth & the life and there's no way to heaven, but thru Him. John 14:6

Train Tracks - As I look down at those train tracks, they remind me of a ladder. If they were vertical, it would be like a ladder that would take you up to heaven. But the truth is, you can't get to heaven on a train. You can only get there on a salvation prayer... So are you on the right track with Jesus?

Red Caboose - People are so glad when they finally see the red caboose because they know the train is about finished passing by and then they can cross over and get on their way. It reminds me of Jesus Christ who died for our sins shedding His red blood on the cross saying, "It is finished." The old covenant Law is finished and now we have a new covenant based on God's amazing grace. Those that pray to receive Jesus as Lord can cross on over into heaven... So are you ready?

Waiting - As I wait for this train so I can cross the tracks and go on my way, it reminds me of how Jesus died on the cross for my sins, so I could be reconciled to God and go on my way to heaven.

Steam Engine - The steam from that engine reminds me of the power of the Holy Spirit. He came to live on the inside of me when I prayed to receive Jesus as my Lord. He connects me to God causing me to have a relationship with Him... So have you got that Steam in you?

RR Crossing Gate - The red and white striped crossing gate reminds me of the red stripes on Jesus' back. Before Jesus died on the cross, the soldiers whipped Him 39 times leaving red stripes of blood. It was so horrible, but because of His suffering, the Bible promises in 1 Peter 2:24: "By His stripes we were healed."

Train Horn - The train whistle that calls people to get on reminds me of the trumpet call in Rev. 8. The trumpet blows to warn the lost to repent now and pray to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord - to get on that Gospel train because He is coming back soon to rapture or "catch away" all the Christians to take them back up to heaven for all eternity... So are you on that Gospel train?

Train of His Robe - When I see a train, many times Isaiah 6:1 goes through my mind: "I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted and the TRAIN of His robe fills the temple with glory ..." When you pray to receive Jesus as Lord, then you are on the right track with Jesus and the train of His robe, or the Holy Spirit, will fill you with His glory.

SALVATION PRAYER:

"Heavenly Father, I believe You love me and that Your Son Jesus Christ shed His blood for me on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead. Jesus, I repent of my sins and I ask You to forgive me and come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. Thank You for forgiving me, for saving me from hell and giving me eternal life in heaven. Now fill me with the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!

Jesus thanks you for witnessing!

All these object evangelism ice breakers are written by Susan Mulford, but ideas are given by God. For train tracts on 50 other topics visit: www.traintracts.com. E-mail a testimony of how this train tract trained you to transition a conversation onto the Gospel track: susan@traintracts.com

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-PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE! -



MODEL Railroader

This page is dedicated to **The Model Railroader** who wishes to share their skills with the membership. Send your photos and story along with personal information to the Contributing Editor's address on page 2. Material will be returned upon request.

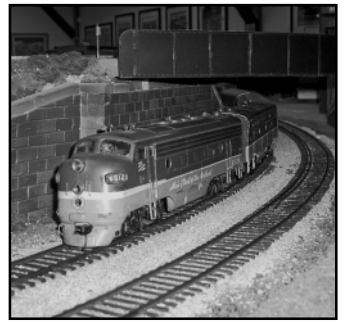
TWIN CITY MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM

In 1939 local Railroads provided TCMRM with space in the St. Paul, Minnesota Union Depot to educate people about travel by rail. The layout they built lasted 40 years. In 1984, AHW Corporation invited the club to be part of a new Railroad theme project in Bandana Square, formerly known as the **Northern Pacific's** "Como Shops". The main feature now is a 3,000 square foot operating O Scale (1/4" = 1 foot) model railroad. The TCMRM takes pride in recreating scenes and landmarks from the Twin Cities and Minnesota as it was in the 1940s & 50s when steam and diesel shared the rails. The club also has a gift shop and the regions largest collection of railroad art.

Your "tour" begins with a spectacular reproduction of the St. Anthony Falls Milling District complete with the 1874 "Washburn 'A' Mill," the 1880 Milwaukee "Short Line Bridge," and the 1886 Minneapolis Union Railroad "Stone Arch Bridge." Weaving its way across the Mississippi River, via the "Third Avenue Bridge," is the beautiful electric streetcar line. It is modeled after the 1891-1954 Twin City Rapid Transit Co. streetcar system which was powered by the Mississippi River's hydroelectric dams – the first of their kind built in the U.S. at the Falls in 1882.

Your tour will move you along the Mississippi River as it flows beneath the high river bluffs of SE Minnesota. Leaving the river behind, you will come to Mattlin – a quintessential rural Minnesota town. Mattlin is particularly soulful during TCMRM's famous "Night Trains" show when its streets and buildings are dimly lit with its own soft lighting.

Next you will stop at the recreation of the 1914 "Great Northern Station" – one of six passenger depots which once operated simultaneously in downtown Minneapolis. At its peak, 125 trains used this depot each day! It was demolished in 1978.



The final stop on your tour is the freight yard modeled after the Minnesota Transfer switching yard located in the "Midway" area between St. Paul and Minneapolis. Formed in 1883, it was a true "non-profit" enterprise equally owned and operated by the nine mainline railroads that once plied the rails in Minnesota: Chicago, Burlington

& Quincy; Chicago Great Western; Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific; Chicago & Northwestern; Great Northern; Minneapolis & St. Louis; Northern Pacific; Rock Island; and the Soo Line.

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Many years ago, in a small house on the banks of the Hudson River, there lived a man with his wife and two children – a daughter and a little son. He was in charge of the train bridge, a large swing bridge near their house that he had to open in order for big boats to pass by and close so trains could cross the river. Since he could not leave his post during the day, his daughter would carry his lunch over the bridge to him when she was able.

One day, however, his daughter could not make the trip to the little house on the other side of the bridge where her father sat at the controls, so mother asked the little boy if he thought he was now big enough to take Daddy's lunch to him. He had always wished to go along with his sister someday, and felt very honored to be asked to do this job alone. He assured his mother that he would be very careful and do a good job, so she kissed him and sent him on his way.

As he approached the big bridge, he felt a little unsure, but seeing where his father was at the other end gave him fresh courage. Carrying the lunch basket which was almost as big as himself, he slowly made his way down the tracks. His father, realizing it was now approaching noon-time, looked out the window to see if his daughter was on her way, and was surprised to see his little boy coming in her place. He was happy to see how big his little boy was getting, and lovingly watched him take his small, careful steps.

On and on the little boy trudged, looking only straight ahead, when to his father's horror a train whistled for the bridge. The signal down the tracks let the train know that the bridge was already closed, so it did not slow down. The father quickly realized that his son was in the very middle of the bridge, and would have no chance to escape the oncoming train. As the train came into view, the father thought that he could save his son by opening the bridge – but that would cost the lives of all those on the train. Bravely, he held the bridge closed, and the speeding train made it safely to the other side.

The people on the train were saved, but at the great cost of the Bridgeman's son. Saving those people cost the father his only son, and it cost the son his life.

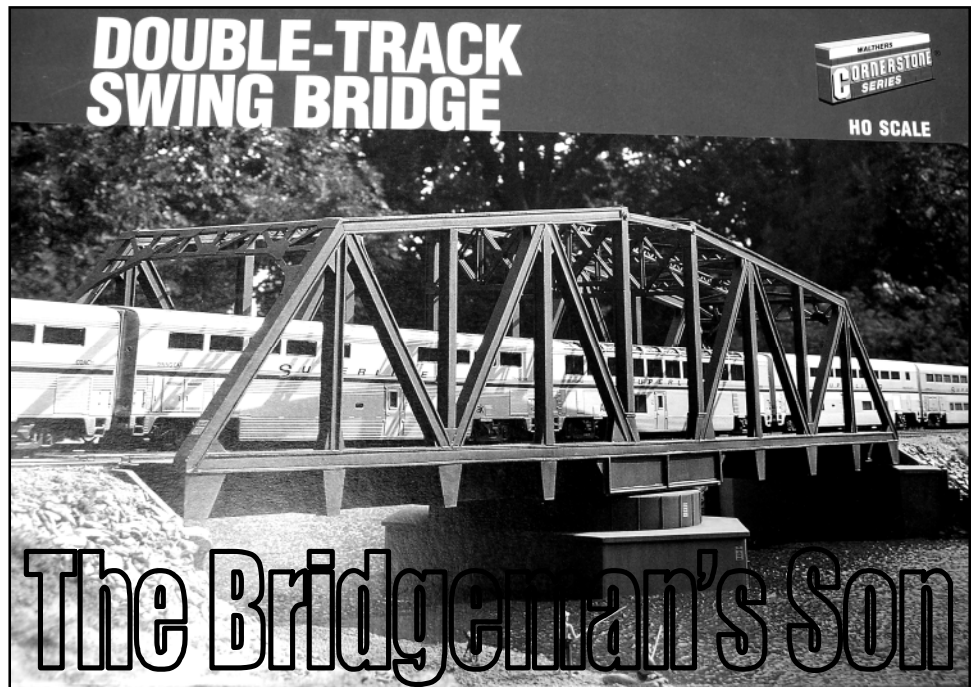
This story was reportedly often told by the famous evangelist D.L. Moody as a powerful illustration of the loving sacrifice God made when ***“the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world”*** (1 John 4:14). Just like the Bridgeman in the story, God ***“spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all”*** (Romans 8:32). In His great love for us, God chose to give ***“His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”*** (John 3:16,17).

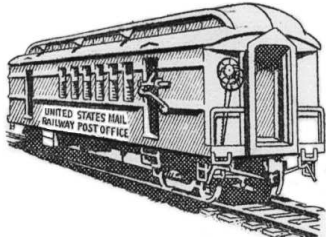
When God saw our terrible, lost condition brought on because of sin, He (the righteous Judge) knew the sentence of everlasting punishment that was ahead of us. He also knew the *one* way for us to be saved from that judgment, so He sent His only Son to become our Savior, Jesus, by suffering sin's judgment – in our place – on the cross of Calvary, has provided salvation and pardon for all who will accept it.

Those on the train that day probably never knew that their lives were in danger, or the great price that a father had paid to save them. I hope you will not ignore the great danger facing YOUR soul: ***“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”*** (Hebrews 9:27). Consider the cost paid by the Father and the Son to offer salvation to you. There is no need for you to bear your burden of sin any longer, or face its required punishment. Jesus paid the price for YOU; all YOU need to do is trust Him today as your Savior.

“God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life.” (1 John 5:11-13)

The **TRAINMAN** uses the above story when he speaks to school children, or even among adults. I take along an HO scale model of a double-track swing bridge. (Available through www.walthers.com, as their Cornerstone Series #933-3088, at \$69.98) I also use an identical bridge on my HO layout in modeling the Interstate Bridge between Duluth, MN and Superior, WI in the 1950's. The above story is available as Gospel Series No. 34 tract, “the Bridgeman's son”. It is an excellent tool to pass out at train shows, or place in your railroad correspondence. Contact MOMENTS WITH THE BOOK, PO Box 322, Bedford PA 15522-0322 or www.mwtb.org. The story is in VHS format: THE BRIDGE, from Gateway Films; Vision Video, Box 540, Worchester PA 19490 or www.gatewayfilms.com. It is convincingly dramatic!





LETTERS

From our REA MAIL BAG

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The best of greetings to all from the Railroad Museum of Minot, North Dakota!

We are proud to have your former president, Jake Steffen, as one of our founding members. His widow, Dorothy, calls me every few months so I can pick up copies of "All Aboard" to give away at the museum. We rejoice in the message of the Lord and the magazine is popular here.

God's Blessings to you and a huge thank you to Dorothy!

Sincerely,

Ted Bolte, Secretary

Board of Directors

railroadmuseum@srt.com

Dear REA,

One of my mentor's, your President, Rev. Paul Campbell, has been a blessing to me and my family for over 25 years. I have never met a more loyal Christian than Paul and his faithful wife Jenny. They walk the walk and talk the talk. I know Jesus is so proud of Paul. Because of his devotion to Christ Jesus I want to send in a years subscription for my brother-in-law. Keep up this great work for the Lord. I love the Railroad Evangelist magazine!

John Clifford

Manassas, Virginia

Hello,

We are going to try and get up to the REA convention this year even if it is for only a day or so. Hope to see you and hope you are doing well.

Charles & Mary Green

Greetings,

I am writing to tell you Sam and Connie Museum have moved. Dad is 98 and Mom is 95, they are well. God has provided a lovely place for them and they are happy. They love reading the Railroad Evangelist magazine.

Thanks so much,

Sharon Shult

New York

REA,

Thank you for including my drawing in "The Station" pamphlet. It is a joy to have my art work used in promulgating the Gospel.

In Him,

Edward F. Griffith

Binghamton, NY

To Whom it may concern,

I have been a rail fan enthusiast for several years and recently heard about your association. Sending check for subscription and membership.

Sincerely,

The Rev. J. Albert Starr

Arlington, Virginia

Dear REA,

The Golden Railroaders of Tallahassee meet once a month at the Old time Country Buffet on the first Monday of the month. I gave them the latest issue of the Railroad Evangelist magazine at the last meeting and they appreciate getting them. I told them if they ever feel generous they could send in a donation. On the way through the parking lot to my car I was able to give out six more magazines to some college students. The I went to the North Florida Christian School to give the magazine to a railroad enthusiast who is a teacher and coach there. He gave them to his railroad friends and was delighted to be able to do this for me.

Love in Christ,

Sara Harkey

Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Friends,

I was glad to see Philippians 4:6&7 in our last magazine. That is the verse the Lord gave me following my concern the way our country is going. My pastor said he didn't like for me to be so troubled over our situation, he said, "God is still on His throne." After I prayed about it, the Lord gave me Philippians 4:6&7,

"Be anxious for nothing,

but in everything by prayer and supplication,

with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Praise God, as the scriptures says,

"My God shall supply all our need according to His riches by glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

Thank you for all your work in getting out our good magazine and promoting our organization, The Railroad Evangelistic Association.

Yours in Christ,

Dorothy Steffen

Minot, North Dakota

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find check for membership and subscription to the Railroad Evangelist magazine. I am a retired railroader with 40 1/2 years with the Southern Pacific at Sacramento, California and the Western Pacific and the Union Pacific at Portola, California. I like trains and somewhat have a hobby. I am a Christian and thank God everyday for His blessings.

God Bless,

James J. Cox

Bella Vista, California

Hello,

I found a Railroad Evangelist magazine on the lead locomotive on the Barstow, California to Tulsa, Oklahoma run. Sending my Subscription and membership fee.

John McCabe

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

NYO&W Caboose Hop

by
REA member
Ted Griffith



Railroad Evangelist Around the World

I had the opportunity to attend my first International Railway Missions Conference in East-borne, England in 2007. What an incredible time I had. It is advertised as a "Vacation/Conference" as you have all day to sightsee, relax and visit with a IRM service in the evening. I would encourage you to begin planning to attend if you are able. Both Dorothy and I also want to go to Finland in 2010.

- Joe Spooner



Photo of Rolf and Irena Wilhelm taken at the I.R.M conference in England 2007. Below is the engine Rolf drives, (engineer) for the Swiss Railway. Rolf is also the president of the Swiss Railway Missions.



British Transport Christian Fellowship

Dear REA,

Thank you for the recent, copy of "All Aboard" which as usual I thoroughly enjoyed reading.

Thanks for your good wishes, things are going well with me on my travels around England by boat; after spending last year in Cheshire and North Wales. I am heading toward Stratford-on-Avon this summer. My **model railway** on the boat is progressing slowly, partly due to laziness over the rather cold winter we have had, when keeping warm has been my main concern, but I have recently built a fold-down extension with extra tracks on it, to give the trains somewhere to run to. My main cabin where the railway is located is only 12 feet long and 6ft 6ins wide and this has actually given me about 10% more space, I can now run the trains to a time-table, however I have not yet started to do any scenery, but when it has got to that stage where it is more presentable I will take some photographs and send them to you. The British Transport Christian Fellowship continues to thrive; in September this year our Annual Conference will be at St. Ives in Cornwall, one of England's most popular tourist areas with spectacular coastal scenery. We are now more closely associated with the Railway Mission which has chaplains ministering to railway workers all over Britain, as well as with the London City Mission which has chaplains working at most of the main terminal stations in London and also in the surrounding areas. Your prayers for the work being done amongst British railway staff would be greatly appreciated. Yours In Our Savior's Name, Peter Brookes
BTCF - General Secretary
Nottingham **ENGLAND**

Choice Christian Greetings!

I hope that you will be in good health. I have got the Railroad Magazine. It is really wonderful. Thanks also for sending **Right Tracks**. We will translate these **Right Tracks** into our language **Urdu**. We will give to thousands of people. I know that when people will read these Tracts, people will be Blessed and many will accept Jesus Christ as their Personal Savior and many will change their lives. Praise the Lord! All Glory to the Lord!

Pastor Naeem Sadiq,
Director of Prayer Ministries International
PAKISTAN

Grandpa John Lunn - "Gods Engineer" of England likes to start them young!

Years ago at the tender young age of 15, John Lunn emigrated to Canada with his family. Things soon looked up for him when a new classmate introduced him to 10 1/4 Steam engines and he hasn't stopped since! John once worked for the Canadian-Pacific Railway. Upon his return to England John worked for the British Rails. Apart from that John is a member of the Bluebell RR, (bluebellrailway.co.uk) and is working on various projects in the "Horley Miniature Railways Consortium". Also see web page: www.sdlrs.com.



Greetings!

I will greet you from the **Finnish Railway Mission** in FINLAND. Now we have the honor to have the International Railway Mission conference here in Finland in the summer of 2010 and we would like to invite you also to come over to Finland and participate in this event. What do you think about this idea? It would also be good to have several more coming from Canada. Then I have also another idea, concerning the young people if some of them would like to be pen pals with each other in the future.

Best regards to You all.

Onni Lysti
Suomi, **FINLAND**

Dear REA,

Thank you for your last issue of your Magazine "All Aboard"!

It was very interesting to read how your ministry works among railroad industry, model railroad hobbyist and rail fan enthusiast.

God bless!

Ueli Berger
President
International Railway Missions
Kaiseraugst **SWITZERLAND**



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Seventeen Principles of Kingdom Living

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Stafford, VA

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Jesus said,

"I must preach the kingdom of God"

PRINCIPLE # 6

Set your budget in such a way that it blesses the Kingdom: Always remembering that God's main purpose for blessing is to allow you to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Genesis 12:2-3 and Acts 1:8.

Live simply so that others can simply live by coming to know the truth. Let the budget you have be submitted to the Lord so that you can give as much as possible to Kingdom work.

It is very easy to give with the wrong motive and that is why in Matthew 6:33 addresses how vital it is to give with the right motive and to be free from fear and worry that drives people to mammon (greed).

Proverbs 3:9 **Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase;**

Malachi 3:10 **Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. 11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts.**

Ask the Lord to guide you in all that you give and be sure that He is telling you to give before you give or you may end up suffering as you have done a good thing instead of God thing.

Father, in the name of Jesus, it is my desire to honor you in all I do including my finances. You have provide me with income and for this I truly appreciate Your blessing upon my life to be able to live the lifestyle You have allowed me to live. Help me to be a good Stewart of all You have allowed me to have that in everything I do will be pleasing in Your sight. I desire my time, talent and income that I give back to You in service for the well-being and increase of Your Kingdom to come and your will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven, may Your name and Your Kingdom increase in Jesus name. Amen.

Seventeen Principles of Kingdom Living was developed and taught for businesses at an International Christian Chamber of Commerce Convention and can easily be applied to our individual lives as well. The entire five session teaching on CD and work-book is being made available to you for a gift of any amount to REA. Send your check to:

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WAKE UP!
WAKE UP!



WAKE UP before it is too late, only you can decide where you will spend eternity. Because of your sins, you will spend eternity in Hell.

BUT there is **GOOD NEWS**, God truly does love you and wants you to choose eternal life. God has given us in His word five incredible promises from His book, the Holy Bible, they are:

1. God promises to forgive you when you truly confess your sins to Him. ***"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to clean us from all unrighteousness."***

I John 1:9

2. God promises that anyone who comes to Him will never be turned away. ***"the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."***

John 6:37

3. God promises to receive you into His family. ***"But as many as receive Him, to them He gave to the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."***

John 1:12

4. God promises you will never come into judgment if you place your faith in Him. Jesus said, ***"he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."***

John 5:24

5. God promises eternal life to all who put their faith in Him. ***"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."***

I John 5:11,12

Don't depend upon your feelings.

The promise of God's Word, the Holy Bible, not our feelings, is our authority. Christians live by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word. The train diagram illustrates the relationship between **fact** (God and His Word), **faith** (our trust in God and His word) and **feelings** (the result of our faith and obedience) John 14:21.



The train will run with or without the caboose. However, it would be useless to attempt to pull the train by the caboose. In the same way, we, as Christians, do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

*(see page 15 for graphic credits)



CROSS OVER

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

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



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*"Weeping may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning."*

Psalms 30:5

IF there's is a WILL... THEN there is a way you can continue to help keep the gospel of Jesus Christ going into all the world through the Railroad Evangelist magazine. Please consider including REA in your will.

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"I'm Going Home on the Morning Train" by Rev. Paul Campbell is one of the most unique collection of railroad and gospel songs ever produced and one day, I believe, will be a collectors item. - Editor

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I believe in Jesus

*I believe in Jesus
I've read the words He said.
Feel it in my heart and
I know it in my head.
You know He talks about the man
Who had to work all day,
And another man just
An hour for his pay.
Well they both got the same amount
And it's hard to understand,
But when you're following the Lord
You just have faith and hold his hand.*

*I believe in Jesus
I've read the word He said.
Feel it in my heart and
I know it in my head.
He tells about a women,
They say she was not good.
And the crowd they would
have stoned her,
Oh yes for sure they would.
Jesus said those who have no sin,
Let them cast the stone.
And away she walked
So freely on the ground.*

*Do you believe in Jesus?
Have you read the words He said?
So what do you believe and
What words have you read?*

By Nathan B. Spooner
Grover Beach, California

Chapter News

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The ALEXANDRIA REA CHAPTER March 2009. Rev. Paul Campbell opened with prayer at 6:30 pm. All sang "At the Cross". We had 25 members present and all enjoyed a covered dish dinner. Bro. Campbell and Robin sang and played "Because He Lives". All sang "He is Lord". "In times like these we need an Anchor". "He got the whole world in His Hands". Domenic Ricci prayed for the offering before it was received. Bro. Paul Campbell prayed for Domenic Ricci for healing. Robin and Bro. Paul sang "Through it all". Phil Han-num shared. We are to be like little children to be able to love. Bro. Paul spoke on Gal. 5:23, of the Spirit of the Lord. We must love one another. Matt. 5: 11,12 Bless those who persecute us. Joy unspeakable and full of glory. John 15 Fruit of the Vine. Matt. 6:18 God's Church. Free at Last - from sin. Bro. Paul prayed. Then we all sang "Jesus Savior of my Soul". Bro. Paul Campbell closed with prayer. And then he called on Bro. Roland Harris to close our meeting.

MALAGA, NJ For more information call Marlene (new REA chapter president) at (609) 561-6922.

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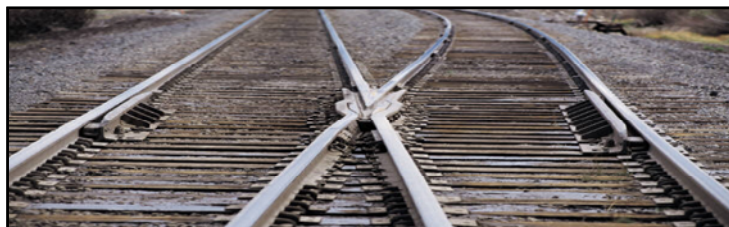
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>Little Richard was overheard praying one day: "Lord, if You can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am!"

> Every time I try to keep up with the Jones'; they refinance!

> Two cannibals' were eating a Good Humor Ice Cream man when one cannibal turned to the other cannibal and said, "does this taste funny to you?"

>So far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent for which I am very grateful. Now God, I am getting out of bed and I'll probably need more help.

>You know when your getting old when...

- your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.
- You and your teeth don't sleep together.
- You hear snap, crackle, pop at the breakfast table and you're not having cereal.

>The importance of walking...

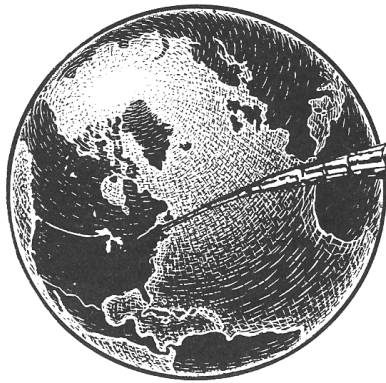
- I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
- My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60...Now he is 97 years old and we don't know where he is.
- I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them up.
- I joined a health club last year, spent about \$400.00 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.
- Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years of Age to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home costing you \$7000.00 a month.
- Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I have to wash my mouth out with chocolate.

>Kitchen Life

- My next house will have no kitchen! Just vending machines.
- Help keep the kitchen clean - eat out!
- No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
- Countless number of people have eaten in this kitchen and gone on to lead normal lives.
- Thou shalt not weigh more than your refrigerator.

"A cheerful heart does good like a medicine"

Proverbs 17:22 - Living Bible



*"Oh Lord, You know I have no friend like You.
If Heaven is not my home, then Lord what shall I do
The angels beckon me from
Heavens open door, and
I can't feel at home in
this world anymore"*

Yes, it is true, this world is not my home, I am just passing through...and so are you! One of these days, perhaps in a moment or two from now we will board that "Eternity Express" that will take us to our final destination.

Yes, it is true, in comparison to eternity are lives our so very short. James 4:14 tells us it is like a "vapor". ***"For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."*** Knowing that our life could end at any time, it should keep us in an "always ready mode". For we never know when Christ will come for us.

My wife and I recently attended a funeral of a young man not yet 30. He left home that morning with his mother telling him, "you need to sell that motorcycle; it is going to be the death of you". That afternoon a drunk driver was making an illegal U turn and the young man on his motorcycle collided with the drunks vehicle.

I personally do not know where this young man stood in his relationship with Jesus Christ but one thing is for sure, one day, according to the Bible, Matthew 25:31,32 we will all stand before the Judgment throne and we will hear one of two things: ***"Well done good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord...Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world."*** (v23,34). Or we will hear the words, ***"Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels...these will go away into everlasting punishment"***, (41,46a).

Until that day the Bible tells us in the King James Version, Jesus tells us that we are to ***"Occupy till I come."*** In other words we are to keep busy about the Fathers business in spreading the Good News of His love and grace through the Railroad Evangelist magazine.

God has given REA a powerful tool in reaching the lost, the printed page. In an article written by Milton Martin, called, The Power of the Printed Page, he states in part that, "The way to reach the most people in the shortest periods of time is with the printed page...If God trusted the revelation of the Living Word to the written Word, then so can we. We have one task. It is to evangelize the human race with the only Gospel God ever gave.

The size and urgency of our task demands the use of the mass media of literature. 'He is not willing that any should perish.' Neither am I! Are you?"

This one thing we must continue to do: proclaim the liberating joy that comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Clearly, there is no other scripture that states it as clear as John 3:16: ***"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*** His love for us, no matter who we are or what we have done cannot escape the incredible everlasting love He has for each of us. His word clearly tells us He is ***"not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance,"*** (II Peter 3:9b).

Repentance is simply coming to the place of acknowledgement in saying, "yes God, You are right, and I am a wrong;" (I John 1:8 & 10) Now, be willing to turn and abandoned your sinful lifestyle and receive Gods total love, cleansing and forgiveness of everything you have ever said, thought or have done. Totally forgiven and forgotten! It is just like being 'born again', a brand new beginning can start for you today; ***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold; all things have become new."*** (II Corinthians 5:17). It is for this reason Jesus came; His cousin John the Baptist met Him with the words, ***"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."*** (John 1:29). Now, ***"To Him (Jesus Christ) who loved us and washed us from our sins with His own blood...to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."*** (Revelations 1:5,6).

Remember, this world is not our home, we are just passing through. I pray that we will all be ready to board the "Eternity Express" when we hear the call: "ALL ABOARD!"

My prayer for you is that you will personally experience the liberating joy that comes from knowing all your sins are forgiven and forgotten when you repent, receive and confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. (I John 1:9 and Romans 9:9&10).

- Joe Spooner



Publication Guidelines for the Railroad Evangelist magazine

We are always looking for original railroad related photos, drawings or paintings. We also are looking for stories, articles, personal testimonies (300 - 800 words) or poems that would be of interest to our readers of the **Railroad Evangelist** magazine. Please submit your material six weeks prior to the next publication date. Currently the **Railroad Evangelist** magazine is published three times a year for January, May and September. Typed material is appreciated. Material sent in will be returned upon request. For further information or questions contact the editor.

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Elmer Morse

REA member, the late Elmer Morse was the engineer on this photo shoot of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway, engine #860 in May 1962. The train was stopped by a Road Foreman to take this photo of the SP&S #860 crossing Burr Canon bridge along the Snake River as it was traveling from Spokane to Pasco, Washington.

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