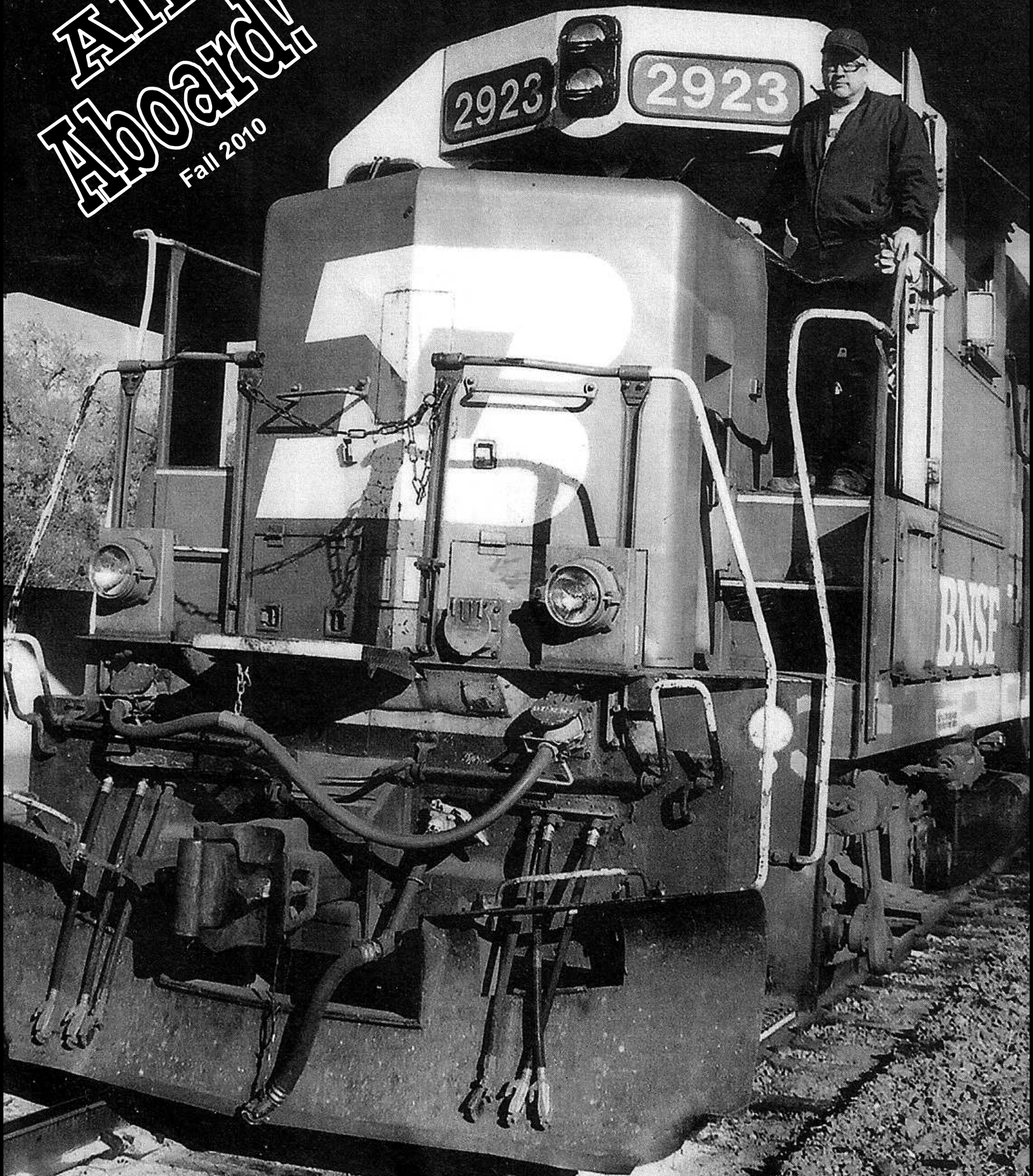


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What is Faith?

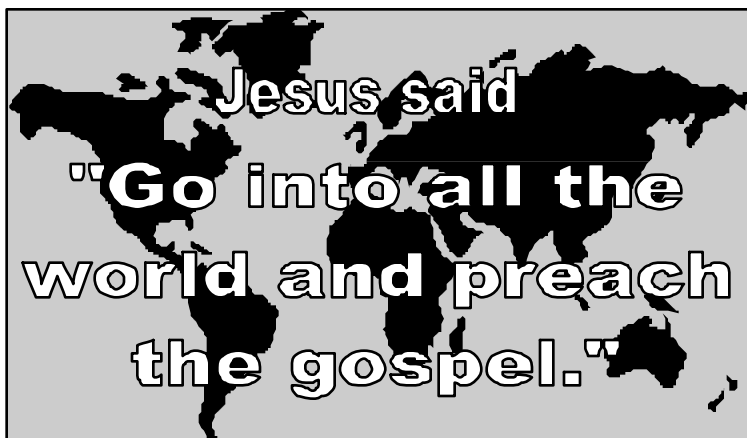
Faith is the acceptance of Christ's Lordship (His God given absolute authority). Faith is one's removal from sin and from all other religious allegiances (1Thess 1:5). Faith is a personal relationship with God that determines the priorities of one's life. This relationship is one of love built on trust and dependence. We receive faith by trusting in the saving work of Jesus Christ. Faith is related to our salvation (Eph. 2:8-9), to our sanctification (Acts 26:18), to our purification (Acts 15:9) and our justification (Rom. 4:5). Faith is also Christianity

in action: **"We walk by faith not sight"** (2 Cor 5:7). Faith is a shield against sin and evil in our lives (Eph. 6:16).

As president of the R.E.A. I would like to wish all our readers a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

God bless each and everyone of you.

- Wilson Riley
President



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 every one 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 as He **"is able to make all grace abound towards you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work"**

2 Corinthians 9:8

"A LITTLE IS A LOT WHEN GOD IS IN IT"

Luke 9:12-17

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SD-9s, NORTHTOWN and the GOSPEL

By John Stewart BNSF Engineer North St Paul. Minnesota



Rev. Steve Seidler, REA ALL ABOARD "Trainman" with John Stewart, BNSF ENGINEER and Mark Lorenz, CP ENGINEER.

My name is John Stewart. I am a railroad engineer for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. I hired out on the railroad in July of 1990. At that time railroad engineers worked on jobs switching cars in the yard or on transfers bringing cars from one yard to another. They worked industry jobs servicing companies along the mainline in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Those jobs are done by switchmen nowadays. They do this by using remote control belt-packs to run the locomotive and move the cars. BNSF still has engineers on train crews, working the Monticello and Hinckley Locals and in the long pool which is where I work. We bring trains to Dilworth, Minnesota, from our home terminal at Northtown Yard in the Cities North-Metro area.

We stay at a hotel in Fargo, North Dakota, and when we are rested, we take another train back to the Twin Cities.

Our crews also have begun the commuter passenger service out of Minneapolis, running to and from Big Lake, Minnesota, with all the stations in between. Sometimes the freight trips will be to take coal cars to the power plant at Becker or a train of empty cars to be loaded at the quarry in St. Cloud or to park the train at Staples. There another crew will pick it up. You might bring your train into the yard, moving your engines to the roundhouse to be serviced and fueled. You might stop right at the yard office or on the mainline, while another crew brings your train further toward its destination. There are coal trains, vehicle trains, merchandise trains, UPS, intermodal, and many more. We work and are called for work at any time of day or night. Getting the proper rest ahead of time is not always easy. Having a normal schedule is usually out of the question and it takes time to adjust to that kind of work. Trips usually last 8 to 12 hours and then we have a minimum of 10 ½ hours rest.

In 1994, my first year as an engineer, we switched in the yard, building trains with engines that were so well designed that we used them until just a few years ago. They were called **SD9s**, built by General Motors in the 1950s. They looked like rectangular green and orange boxes with 6 wheels underneath. They have been replaced by the **SD40s** we had used on road trains not so long ago. Most of the road power we now use to get our trains over the road have been built in this century. A lot of the older units have been stored or traded in for more powerful and fuel-efficient engines.

We start out our long-pool trips by getting the paperwork on our train at the yard office. This informs us all about the weight, length, contents of the cars, what engines we will use, and other things we need to know. A lot of employees are involved with getting our train ready to go before we get to take it out on our part of the journey.



BNSF pre-merger GREATNORTHERN GP-7 roadswitcher No. 675 along with a wood-sided caboose making up a train in the Belknap St. Superior, WI yard in 1958.

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe employs Carmen, Yardmasters, Policemen, Drivers, Trackmen, Signalmen, Managers and many others who help us during our tour of duty. Both men and women hold these positions. The dispatchers give us paperwork to know at what milepost we have to call work gangs so their foreman can help us to safely pass through the area. Track gangs may be fixing tracks, bridges and other things that need to be maintained. Sometimes we have to stop and wait temporarily until the necessary work is completed. We also have information to show us what the temporary speed restrictions are at a given location. We have a variety of *Green*, *Yellow* and *Red* signals to direct traffic. The dispatcher will give us at least two track warrants to get us through the territory that requires them. Eagles, deer, raccoons, cows, rabbits and horses keep us company along the way. We visit cities, towns and farms. We see beautiful sunrises, sunsets, harvest moons, thunderstorms, snowstorms, fall colors, kids in fishing boats with the grownups, snowmobilers, and so much more. Unusual September flooding in the upper Midwest has provided all the railroads with operating challenges.

When I was growing up, I played with model trains. My parents took me on train rides. One of my favorite childhood

memories was watching the Casey Jones Show on TV. Being a railroader and riding on trains seemed like a great job. There is still enough of that little boy in me to still look forward to riding the rails as I work.

I have found throughout my career there is something more enjoyable than trains. I have heard this expression many times and I can attest to it - "The best part of my job is the people I work with." Railroaders are your extended family. When one person needs help or encouragement, they don't have to wait very long before one or more *Rails* gladly steps in to meet the need. I have been on the receiving end of these acts of kindness countless times. *Rails* are hard-working, fun-loving people who have many interests and activities outside the job to keep them busy. It is fun to catch up and find out what is new in their lives.



GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY road switcher GP-7, No. 662, pulls a short transfer job from the Belknap Street Yard in Superior, Wisconsin to the Rice's Point Yard in Duluth, Minnesota. This was part of the rail action photographed in the Twin Ports in 1958 by a young rail fan, Steve Seidler (REA Contributing Editor.) All photos were taken with a simple Brownie box

The most important thing I can share with my friends is that Jesus is my Lord and Savior. He wants to save them from hell, like He did me, and take them to Heaven someday. Not only that, but He wants to help them with whatever they have to face in this life. I believe God has brought the **Railroad Evangelistic Association** across my path to help Mark Lorenz and Steve Seidler start a **REA** Chapter in the Twin Cities for railworkers, railfans, model railroaders and whoever God sends our way. Jesus is the answer and we want everyone to know Him.



A GN **SD-9** shoves a string of loaded ore cars onto the huge Allouez Docks in Superior, Wisconsin, in the summer of 1958.

*John, Mark and Steve
wish each of you*

a blessed Christmas in Christ.

*Share Christ with your railroad
friends. Help them onto the
right track to heaven in 2011.*

Agape LOVE

By Kaylene Dongell
Kaylene with her granddaughter, Olivia.

This kind of Love, (agape) is like none other. It cannot be adequately defined – it is indescribable, invisible, invincible, incomprehensible, immeasurable, uncontainable, unfathomable, and extends beyond the limits of our finite imagination.

Every heart desires this love. It is written in our innermost being, and is recognized by every tribe, language, people and nation. We marry for this love, we live for this love, and some have even died for this love.

Agape love is expressed as worship. It is affection, charity, and benevolence. It comforts, heals, breathes new life, gives us hope, conquers fear, and teaches us to care for others. It is unity, compassion, and selflessness, and helps us bear one another's burdens, making us able to forgive. It is humble and meek. It is childlike, and gives us grace and mercy. It brings gladness of heart and strength, and it never fails or forsakes. It is faithful, just, pure, eternal, and never changing. It is peace – tranquil and calm, full of goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness. Patient and kind, it does not envy or boast, and is not arrogant or rude, never insisting on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful, angered by wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Agape Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Agape Love is the Kingdom of God. It is His will for earth as it is in heaven. His Love is truth, the salt and light of the world. His Love is Wisdom – it is righteous, pure and fair. God's Love sanctified and redeemed us. Agape Love reconciles us to God, the true meaning of the word Love, the author and source of all Love, who He Himself is Love.

"He who does not love has not become acquainted with God, for God is love." 1 John 4:8



On our way to REA Dorothy & Joe Spooner stopped off in Scotts Bluff, Nebraska to visit Dorothy's 96 year old Aunt Wilma Wilson standing on a UP Caboose platform at a local park.

Ladies Night at REA



Ladies Night at REA is always a delight. To the left is Ann Grissom, REA Convention Coordinator, Ladies Night moderator and former president of REA leading the evenings program that concluded with our annual REA Auction and Ice Cream Social. Always lots of fun!

Providing a special musical number, left to right is Rosalind Ragonese, Bev Salloum, pastor Bill Glass and REA new comer Lillian Edwards on.



To the right is Dorothy Spooner, the newly elected REA Treasurer.

Left is Marlene Sampson, who is also the president of the Malaga chapter of REA.



Right is Bonnie James, a new comer to REA along with her husband Craig.

Left is Carol Clifton, who, along with her daughter Mary, loves working for the Lord is distributing our "All Aboard!" publication wherever they go.

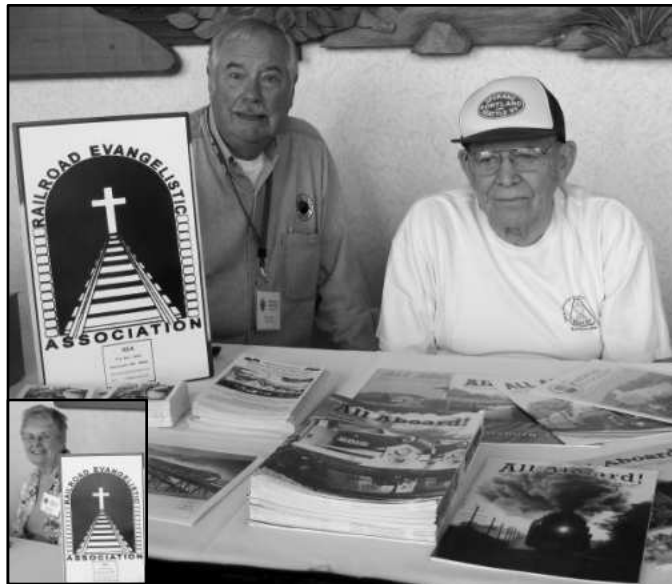


Above is Susan Deane, Amtrak reservationist, and to the right is longtime REA member Shirley Zurek.



Northern Pacific and the Seattle, Portland and Spokane Railway Historical Societies share joint convention.

This past July 14-17, 2010 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Valley, WA REA was represented by Paul Myhre, REA Promotion and Publicity board member and Bob Hunziker of Prosser, Washington. Paul is a past SP&S railway employee. Bob is a Northern Pacific Historical Association member, Rail fan and REA member. Following is a report Bob Hunziker sent.



Just to let you know, we had a good experience regarding our REA table display as part of the joint convention of the NP Railway Historical Association and the SP&S Railway Historical Society. Paul and I staffed the table along with my wife Mary, (inset) who was most helpful in putting on the REA display. People were talking with us and taking lots of the hand-out literature. The current issue of **"All Aboard"** really went fast...Paul decided to grab 12-15 of the remaining copies and set them aside because he wants to use them at a future meeting.

I was registered at the convention as part of NPRHA and Paul was registered as SP&SRHS. As people were coming by our table, I was watching for those bearing registration name badges identifying them as SP&S Ry. These folks are all serious rail fans and/or history buffs. It was a natural thing to introduce them to an actual, in-the-flesh SP&S Ry veteran (Paul - date of service to 1955) because there aren't too many of them left! These folks were absolutely delighted to get to meet and talk with a real veteran of "their" railroad! They were absolutely delighted to be introduced to Paul! He was a real attraction, attention-getter, believe me! And that gave Paul an opportunity to speak up about REA. One individual visiting the table went and got another of his fellow convention-goers...this second guy has made it a long-term project to chronicle all the names and dates of service for all of the workers who ever served on the SP&S Ry. He had a binder containing hundreds and hundreds of such names together with their railroad work assignments, along with autographs of many of them. Needless to say, he had Paul add his name to the veteran list of autographs, and was thrilled to obtain yet another signature.

It was a fun and enriching experience and very satisfying to see the Name and the Word of the Lord go out from that obscure table at a railroad convention!

The Summer 2010 **"All Aboard"** was especially well-suited to the Spokane Valley event. Nicely done!
Blessings as you serve Christ,
Bob Hunziker
Prosser, Washington



THE PERFECT JOB

>My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned ...couldn't concentrate.

>Then I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it, mainly because it was a so-so job.

>Next I tried working in a muffler factory but that was too exhausting.

>I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.

>I attempted to be a deli worker, but any way I sliced it, I just couldn't cut the mustard.

>I became a professional fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.

> After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a historian until I realized there was no future in it.

> My last job was working at a coffee shop, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.

>So I retired and found I'm perfect for the job!

**"A cheerful heart
does good like a medicine"**

Proverbs 17:22 - Living Bible

PROTOTYPE PICTURES

• (equals) • ➔

By Rev. Stephen Seidler



Norfolk & Western Railway, #2145 at Hagerstown, MD in the early 1950s. This massive Y6b, with a 2-8-8-2 wheel arrangement, was built in their Roanoke Shops and saw service hauling coal from Bluefield down to the docks at Norfolk. Shots like this give you extremely important pictorial info to enable you to weather scale models. The work car in the background gives you lettering information. It pays to be well read on locomotive specifications. Since this locomotive was built during World War II, I knew the N&W used cast aluminum to forge the headlight. In the late 1950s this locomotive was being scrapped on River Road in Cincinnati. I was able to inform the scrapper they could not use the headlight since it was aluminum and so I was allowed to remove the light. As a teen at the time, I did not have proper tools so I used a piece of steel bar to break off the four large bolts. When I got the headlight down and into my father's station wagon, the scrapper realized I was in earnest and asked if I would like the engineer's seat out of the cab. Climbing up, I found the seat bolted down, but used the steel bar to break those bolts to free up the seat. Inside were all the boiler inspection sheets on #2145 from its last service before "end-of-the-line." The headlight and engineer's seat now sit outside my train room. Visitors young and old like to take a turn sitting in the engineer's seat. I re-wired the headlight from 35v steam generator to 120v household current, replaced the 300-watt bulb with a 75-watt clear bulb, and polished the reflector. Now it will warm you from five feet away. The headlight is mounted on a rolling stand so I can take it when I speak as "The Trainman." I use it to tell the story of how Queen Victoria, a believer, was saved when God sent a moth into the headlight on her train and the waving "arms" slowed, then stopped the train 200 yards before a trestle washout.



Chicago & Northwestern passenger train with an E-unit on the front end, arriving from Chicago. This shot was taken at the C&NW Depot near Railroad Avenue in Duluth, Minnesota with my "trusty" Brownie camera in 1959. Note the imposing dark brick depot in the background. The Great Northern and Northern Pacific had their own depot just a block west of this depot. Information gleaned in this shot tells you only one locomotive was needed to bring this train in at this time. The station platform was built on a curve so they could fit the station surroundings into the available land. Building this curved platform would be a nice modeling challenge. Note the under-roof detail – "t" crossbeams and bell lampshades with a single bulb. I cannot remember why I was fortunate to be in town to take this shot on this day as we usually picked up my father 30 miles prior to the train entering Duluth.

➔ PHOTO-OPS WITH MANY 1950's DETAILS

By Rev. Stephen Seidler



MISSABE (DM&IR) road unit #130 hauling freight through a passenger platform. Note the late 50's model Chevy pick-up waiting at crossing.



Duluth Union Depot (GN and NP) abounding with platform details and track layout. Nice touch with small boy and his sister waiting for a train.



Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Alco road units in bright yellow & green with red stripe, nearing pulp wood loading dock at Poplar, Wisconsin.



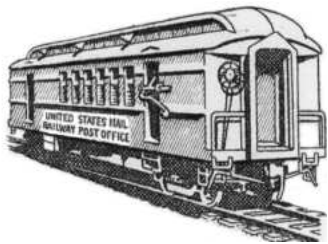
Short CN&W train behind single E unit, alongside Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific RDC-3 with its green & yellow striped nose. Note track weeds.



Duluth Union Depot & Transfer Co. #5 in bright yellow with red stripes. Good for placing details on this model available from several sources.



Milwaukee (CM&STP) unit #63-A idling at NP's Rice's Point Yard. Each unit would have distinct details so look closely around the engine's face.



LETTERS

From our REA MAIL BAG

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REA,

This is to renew my subscription plus a donation. We enjoy every issue as all those who received them. Sure need God's Word over the whole country. Repentance and revival will get our spiritual leaders motivated.

In His service,

Gerry Olesen

Spring Hill, FL **N.A.R.V.R.E member**

Dear REA,

Mary and I visited the California RR Museum in Sacramento last June and we had a great time visiting family and seeing all the Western Pacific railroads that Cliff worked for.

Love

Carol & Mary Clifton Milville, NJ

Dear Brethren at REA,

I am sending in our membership to keep "All Aboard!" coming. We really are blessed with the testimonies. We have met Steven Seidler and if we lived closer to the folks in the Minnesota Railway Fellowship, we would be there with them when they met. May God bless you with abundant fruitfulness as you preach the gospel through the magazine.

In Christ our Savior,

Roy & Renee Grosser

Eubank, KY

Greetings REA,

Pray all is going well. WE pray the Holy Spirit will strengthen, equip and guide you as each issue is prepared. Thank you for the work you are doing.

God Bless you,

George & Marlene Sampson

Winslow, NJ

REA

As usual, the Railroad Evangelist magazine a most enjoyable, informative and spiritually uplifting issue.

Regards,

Norman Seidemann

Pennsauken, NJ

Dear REA,

I especially liked the last issue of "All Aboard!". The testimonies were so interesting.

Yours in Christ,

Dorothy Steffen

Minot, ND

TAKE NOTE!

In our last issue, Summer 2010, Dorothy Steffen challenged herself to memorize the entire chapter of John 14. She has done it and she is 95 years old! That ought to encourage all of us to do our best to memorize God's word that we may hide it in our heart. (Psalm 119:11)

Dear Friends,

Send a gift for 100 stickers, "The Coming of the Lord Draws near". Please make sure I keep receiving "All Aboard!" Thank you and God bless REA.

Sincerely,

Bob Blaisdell, Jr.

Champaign, ILL

Dear REA,

I received the "Coming of the LORD" labels over the weekend, along with my supply of ALL ABOARD. Thank you so much. I have already depleted about half of my supply, praying that they will be effective as in previous issues. God is truly blessing this ministry and I hope all in REA realize we must keep on keeping on! I think we may only know in eternity all who have been impacted by the Gospel thru REA. I trust you keep encouraged for all your efforts.

Rev. Stephen Seidler

Owatonna, MN

"Old Friends" Meet at REA Convention for the first time in over 40 years!



Above is REA member Susan Deane who invited Harry and Lillian Edwardson, (to the right Susan) to their first REA convention. To the right is Odd and Mildred Aarstad. The Edwardsons knew Odd and Mildred Aarstad many years ago but lost touch over the years.

The Edwardsons knew Odd and Mildred where going to be attending the REA convention but Odd and Mildred didn't know the Edwardsons where going to be there, so it was quite a pleasant surprise when they first spotted each other at lunch time, what a happy reunion it was!

Keep spreading the word!



To the left is Allan Carpenter of Norfolk, Virginia. This was Allan's first time attending a REA convention. He found out about it when he picked up a copy of the Railroad Evangelist magazine at the last **N.A.R.V.R.E.** convention that was held this past May in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. You can find more information about **National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees** at www.narvre.org

Keeping Track of Railroad Ministries around the world



In the above two photos is **Hanna Jordan of Germany**. In the photo to the left Hanna is carrying the American flag during the flag presentation of each country represented at the International Railway Missions conference that was held in Turku, Finland this past July. REA is honored to be a part of what God is doing through railway ministry worldwide. In the photo to the right, Hanna is working in the German Christian Railway Missions booth at an International **InnoTRANS** held in Berlin this past September. **InnoTRANS** is an industrial railway exposition that draws people from all over the world. Both IRM and REA was represented as well. If you look closely, you will see that on the 3rd shelf down, the second magazine in is the Railroad Evangelist magazine - "**All Aboard!**". They were all given away.

Hanna works as a cartographer for DB Netz. Her work includes working the GIS (geographic information systems) which produces maps that are used in case of emergencies. Hanna has been involved with the German Railway Missions since 1994. She also does the graphic layout for their railway journal, "Zug zum Ziel". You can see their web site at www.cv.de.de, go to "Publikationen" then to "Lesenswert".

Hanna said that while helping at the **InnoTRANS** railway fair in Berlin (as she gave out railway calendars, journals and evangelistic books, magazines and pamphlets to people from all over the world) it was a "wonderful challenge to share the gospel to all our railway colleagues".



IRM Council and Representatives.

International Railway Missions met this past August in Turku, Finland. There were representatives from Great Britain, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Estonia, Hungary, Netherlands and Finland. If you would like a free copy of the IRM Bulletin, a beautiful 36 page, full color, 6 x 8 publication, write REA and we will send you one. See IRM web page at www.railway-mission.eu.

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Jesus said...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 2:16,18

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

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

The Bible says:

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

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

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

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

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

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





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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.

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Lola Blackmen by daughter, Ann Grissom
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*"Weeping may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning."*

Psalm 30:5

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Seasons Greetings from the REA Alexandria Chapter represented at the national REA convention



Left to right in front is Allan Carpenter (adopted Alex member), Helen Booterbaugh, Shirley Zurek and Jane Hessler. Back row, left to right is Wilson Riley, Don Robey, Paul Campbell, Bryan Goodwin and Doris Robey.

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MALAGA REA CHAPTER represented, left to right are: George Sampson, Bonnie James, Marlene Sampson, Craig James, Susan Deane, Mary Clifton, Carol Clifton and Shirley Zurek.



SYRACUSE, NEW YORK area REA members and visitors are left to right, (across the back is) S. Aulraj, REA International Railroad Evangelist (from Chennai, India), Tom Hawkins, Daniel Burke, Pastor Robert Glass and Pastor Magead Salloum. The three Ladies in front, left to right are: Cathy Maalouf, Rosalind Ragonese and Beverly Salloum.



Left to right is Dale Brown, Joan & Bill Moyer and Pastor Jeffrey Kettering who took about 20 REA members to the **Green Ridge and Big Spring Railroad** HO-scale model train layout in Newville, Pennsylvania. Dale, Joan and Bill were kind enough to come and open it up for our REA group. Look for a story on this huge and beautifully done HO scale model railroad layout in the future issue of the Railroad Evangelist magazine - **"All aboard!"**

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REA Chapter or a REA Fellowship in your area see our web
page www.RailroadEvangelist.com or write the Editor.

Green Block



In railroad terms, "green block" tell the engineer the track ahead is all clear, proceed going forward. God has also given a "green block" for REA to continue to go forward ***"Proclaiming the Good News of His salvation form day to day"*** (Psalm 96:2), through our Railroad Evangelist magazine, ***"All Aboard!"***.

I have heard from many REA convention attendees that have said they felt this "was one of the best REA conventions ever!" I agree wholeheartedly. I believe this REA convention was "one of the best" and was as a direct result of all of you who have been praying for REA. There was a new fresh sense of the encouraging presence and power of the Holy Spirit, thank you for all your prayers!

Let us pray and ask the Lord to increase our "labor force" as we continue to co-labor with God for committed workers to catch the vision of REA, for our publication to have a greater impact in the railroad community and that many would come to the knowledge of the truth and receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. For this is the reason we exist: ***"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"*** (Mark 8:36).

Join us at our next REA convention, September 12-16, 2011 as we celebrate 70 years of Railway ministry!

- Joe Spooner



WELCOME to our first time visitors to our National REA Convention in September. Left to right across the back are Bryan Goodwin, Allan Carpenter, Tom Hawkins, Daniel Burke, Craig James, Lillian and Harry Edwards on. Two ladies in front are Cathy Maalouf and Bonnie James.



Left is George and Marlene Sampson from Winslow, NJ. Marlene is president of the Malaga (NJ) Chapter of REA.



REA members and friends attending the 2010 REA National Convention in Carlisle, Pennsylvania this past September. You are invited to attend next year as we celebrate 70 years of Railway Ministry. Pray, Plan and Prepare to join with us September 12 - 16, 2011. You will have a great time!

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. Currently the **Railroad Evangelist** magazine is published three times a year. Typed material is appreciated. Material sent in will be returned upon request. For further information or questions contact the editor.



What a pleasant surprise awaited me (Joe Spooner, RE editor) when Pastor Jeffrey Kettering of the Newville Assembly of God Church, (Newville, Pennsylvania) introduced me to Mr. "Tyke" Wagner, owner of Wagner & Sons, a quality antique and collectable shop in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Pastor Jeff told me that he was flabbergasted when he visited Wagner & Sons and their model train shop earlier in the week and mentioned to Mr. Wagner that REA was having a convention. To Pastor Jeff's surprise, Mr. Wagner pulled out a copy of the Railroad Evangelist magazine and showed it to him. Pastor Jeff took me to Carlisle to meet Mr. Wagner, where I took some photos to share with our readers.

In the top photo, Mr. "Tyke" Wagner is running his model train set for us. Pictured on the bottom left is Mr. Wagner in front of his shop, holding up the Summer 2010 issue. The bottom right photo shows Pastor Jeff (on the left) with Mr. Wagner.

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