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Luther S. Harkey 1885 - 1949
Founder of the Railroad Evangelistic Association

- Mission Statement -

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

WE BELIEVE

1. We believe in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings. They are the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.
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5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice. In addition that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed Blood.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified Body of our Lord, in His Ascension into Heaven and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe in "that blessed hope," the personal, premillennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost.

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the good news
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from day to day"**

Psalm 96:2

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REA - PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE .

*The grass withers, the flowers fades,
but the word of our God shall stand forever.*

Isaiah 40: 8

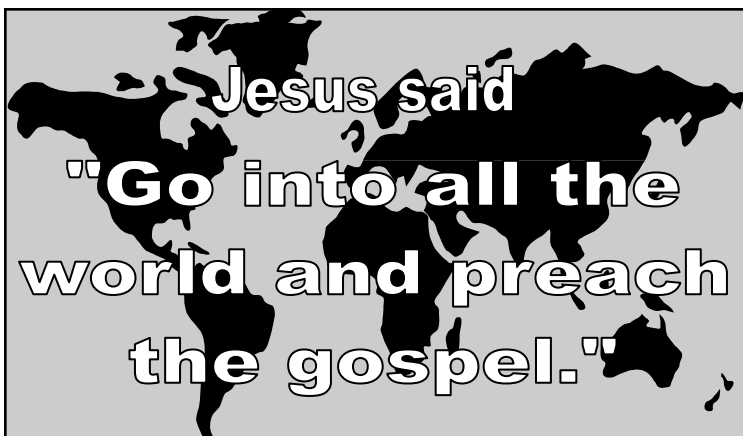
Luther S. Harkey started the Railroad Evangelist magazine in 1938. Why? Because he was a Christian railroad man and wanted the men of the rails to hear the good news about Christ. The Railroad Evangelistic Association was then founded and Incorporated in September 1941. There have been many National Presidents of the REA, these men were the back bone of the REA. They were men faithful to the Lord and REA, Just to name a few that come to mind is: Rocky Agrusti, Elmer Ward, Thomas Rudferd and G. M. Durrett.

This year we'll be celebrating our 70th National REA Convention. Some of the Presidents in this era have been Paul Campbell, Bud Harkey, Alan Harkey, Magead Salloum and Ann Grissom, (REA's first women President). What about the future of REA? It is up to us to see that the REA doesn't wither or fade away. How are we going to do this? By keeping the past and the present alive and praying to God to start new chapters.

Thank you for supporting me for the last two years as your National President. Let's keep the Railroad Evangelistic Association alive for the future railroad communities and their families.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE CONVENTION!

Wilson Riley



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

All Aboard!

Membership in the Railroad Evangelistic Association is open to all who have a desire to reach the entire railroad community worldwide with the Good News of Jesus Christ. For \$15.00 you will receive your REA Annual membership card (\$5.00) and a one year subscription (\$10.00 - 3 issues) to the **RAILROAD EVANGELIST** magazine. REA has no paid staff, all proceeds go to printing and mailing the Good News. Thank you.

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Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad engineer challenges men to become a “DEFENDER”.

WHO ARE THE DEFENDERS

The Defenders are men who have come to understand the marketplace of commercial sexual exploitation. Men who buy sex by the picture or act create the demand that results in the loss of innocence, resulting in the physical and psychological devastation of children and teens. As it is men who are the source of demand, it is men who must end demand. We are men who responded to the startling findings in The National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking; that reveals that over 100,000 children are victimized through prostitution in America each year with the average age of entry just 13.

The Defenders' first step is to take a pledge to not purchase or participate in pornography, prostitution or any form of commercial sex.

We aim to mobilize at least 100,000 men to take the pledge, become Defenders, and commit their hearts, minds and resources in defense of our children. Can we afford to do less to protect our children and grandchildren?



Vern Smith, BNSF railroad engineer from Vancouver, Washington is a founding member of the “DEFENDERS USA”

TAKE THE PLEDGE

Because men create the demand for prostituted kids, better men have to stop it.
We are the better men.

Recognizing that men create demand for prostituted children and that better men have to end the demand...and mindful of my own past failure to protect the innocence of kids by tolerating the existence of commercial sex industry that makes them vulnerable.

Today I make the commitment to becoming a better man and my commitment is demonstrated by the following:

1. I will not purchase or participate in pornography, prostitution or any form of the commercial sex industry.
2. I will hold my friends accountable for their actions toward women and children.
3. I will take immediate action to protect those I love from this destructive market.

Will you take the pledge?

Will you sign up to be a Defender?

WHAT WE DO AS DEFENDERS

Every man has influence. Every man has a network of other men that could be engaged in the fight; whether through awareness initiatives, political activism, funding solutions, or all of the above. This battle can only be won through the direct and sustained commitment of better men.

It all starts with awareness. The more men know about child sex trafficking, the more effective we will be in creating and sustaining prevention, restoration, and rescue solutions for victims.

We all started by taking the pledge and telling others why. How we take that message to others starting with our own children, and our friends at church or work is about as different as we are as men.

Some actions include truck stop awareness events, motorcycle group outreach, organized a vigil. They meet regularly to encourage each other.

For more information on the DEFENDERS and to take the Pledge go to www.sharedhope.org

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Linda and Vern Smith on election night in 1994 after Linda won the primary as a write-in candidate for Congress as a U.S. Representative. Linda served until 1999 who founded Shared Hope International in November 1998. Shared Hope was founded to fight sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation and to serve the long-term restoration needs of women and children in crisis. Shared hope is active today in countries that circle the globe. Linda has been featured on Dr. Phil, Bill O'Reilly, CNN, American Morning among many others. **"DO YOU KNOW LACY?"** is a current billboard campaign to raise awareness of child sex trafficking in America. For more information or to get involved contact: www.sharedhope.org

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Norfolk & Southern Railway engineer Paul, to the right, shares a Norfolk & Southern engine up close with his friend and his two young sons.

A Railroader Gives God the Credit

By Diane Pearson, Frankfort, IN

"More than once over the years God intervened and saved me and others from injury or death," said Paul Whitaker, a railroader and friend of mine from Frankfort, IN.

Paul worked for Norfolk & Southern for twenty years. "I will never forget the date of June 26, 1993," he said. "I was the conductor running trackage rights with Conrail into Cincinnati. We had a green light, but as we rounded a bend, another train was in our path. We immediately applied the emergency brakes and stopped within feet of the other train. When the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigated, they concluded that there was no way we should have been able to stop that train in time. I know now without a doubt that God was with us."

Unfortunately, since two railroad lines were involved in that near accident, each blamed the other. Paul was let go from the railroad without pay during the NTSB investigation. "I was very bitter about it," said Paul. "All I could do was go on with my life until it was resolved."

During the time that Paul was off work, his sister had surgery for cancer, and his brother-in-law wanted to be with her in the hospital in Chicago. They needed help running their farm and hog operation, so Paul moved in with them and took over for a while. His sister came home from the hospital the end of August. On September 11, 2006, Paul got a call from the railroad. He was found innocent of any wrongdoing and was reinstated to his job with full back pay.

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CROWNING DAY

The Luther S. Harkey Legacy

By Alan Harkey

Duncan, South Carolina



Luther S. Harkey
Founder of REA

The best I can remember, it was our first train ride. I was 14 and my sister was 10. We had waited for weeks imagining what it would be like. And then the big day came. As our parents led us through the crowds of people in and around Union Station I checked again to make sure the tickets were still safe in my pocket. After all, I was the big brother and my sister was counting on me. The trip from Jacksonville to Sanford would take no more than a few hours but to two very excited kids this would be no ordinary trip. It would be the adventure of a lifetime; a whole week in central Florida visiting family and friends. We couldn't wait! I still recall watching our parent's wave goodbye, as our train disappeared quickly down the tracks. Saying goodbye was hard. It always is for those who leave and for those who are left behind.

Over the years, I have been reminded of that fact many times. Shortly after learning he had terminal cancer, my father made an audio recording for his family. I was with him when he made it. Over the course of one afternoon, I listened as Dad reached back into his past carefully retrieving one memory after another; memories of growing up as a boy, memories of serving on a Navy supply ship in World War II, memories of his first job on the railroad, memories of his children and grandchildren, and of course memories of his father. You see, in Dad's eyes,



Rev. Bud Harkey
Son of Luther S. Harkey

Luther S. Harkey was more than just a father and a railroad engineer. He was a man driven by a singular passion; a passion for souls. As a little boy, my Dad would sometimes sneak out of bed at night to find his father kneeling on the floor praying earnestly for his own family and for railroad men up and down the line who were lost and hurting. He would pray like that for hours to the point that the toes of his shoes wore out long before the soles. It was a picture that would stay with my Dad all his life; the picture of his own father waging "war on the floor" for those God placed in his charge. During the final months of my father's own war with cancer, as his physical strength began to drain, his prayer life seemed to strengthen. We watched in wonder as men, women and children who heard about his illness came for one last visit and a final blessing; a doctor from Orlando, a group of musicians from Tallahassee, fellow pastors and of course family and friends.

One by one they came and one by one they were reminded that God's strength is sufficient; that His power is perfected in our weakness. On the night Dad slipped into heaven, Sara Ann and I were there by his side. It was a precious, sacred moment. As he passed from our hands into the hands of Jesus, it seemed as if time itself had come to a stop. I was a little boy again and Dad and I were building a model plane together, going to a Cub Scout meeting, munching on cinnamon toast as we watched our favorite Saturday morning cartoons. One memory led to another; my first day of school, my wedding, the birth of our first child.

And now years later, standing there next to Dad's bedside I was reminded that in the good times and in the bad, he had always been there for me weaving his life into mine in ways only a father can.



Rev. Alan L. Harkey
Son of Rev. Bud Harkey

Alan L. Harkey is a leadership professional specializing in ministry management, team building, major gift fundraising and vision development. Since 1987 he has worked with a variety of Christian groups including; the *Christian Broadcasting Network*, *Coral Ridge Ministries*, *Christian Blind Mission International* and *Feed the Children*. In addition to his work with various para-church organizations, he is a certified life coach and currently serves as pastor of Life Spring Community Church in Duncan, South Carolina. Alan and his wife, Janet, have two children and three grandchildren.

Early Beginnings of REA



The above photo was taken August 27, 1940 at the California Avenue Coach Yards in Chicago, Illinois. Luther Harkey, (third from left, standing) with his son Bud, (kneeling, first on the left) met with a group of Christian railroad men to share the vision of the Railroad Evangelistic Association.

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"I was out of work for close to ninety days," said Paul. "During that time God used me to help my sister's family when they desperately needed it, and then my job was restored. It also gave me some precious time with my sister, who died a few months later."

God's timing is always perfect because in September 2006 Paul attended a three-day spiritual retreat called the Walk to Emmaus. It changed his life. God showed Paul in unmistakable ways how He had been with him throughout the years when he didn't recognize it, especially during those three months at his sister's.

"I never gave God the credit until then for that gift of time with her," said Paul. "God took that bitter experience and turned it into a blessing."

Paul learned that God is always at work around you, whether you realize it or not, even whether you are a Christian or not. When you accept Christ, He will make Himself known to you very simply, as He would to a child. As you respond to Him in a simple childlike trust, you will find a whole new way of looking at life and you will recognize God's hand in everyday circumstances.

Paul retired from the railroad in December 2006 and has devoted his life to following Christ. He is now a leader in a prison ministry in Frankfort, IN, and is pursuing a call into pastoral ministry.

Diane Pearson is a Christian writer, speaker, and teacher from Frankfort, IN. Contact her at dipearson@comcast.net or www.dianepearson.org.



STATEMENTS YOU ARE NOT LIKELY TO HEAR IN MOST CHURCHES.

>Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew!

>Pastor, I was so fascinated by your sermon that I didn't even notice it lasted an hour and a half.

>Personally, I find church services much more enjoyable than golf.

>I've decided to give our church the \$500.00 a month I use to spend on online gambling.

>Hey, is everyone here already? Lets start the service early!

>Pastor, the church has voted to send you to this Bible seminar in Cancun.

LETTERS TO GOD FROM CHILDREN.

Dear God,
I think the stapler is one of your greatest inventions!

Dear God,
If you watch me this Sunday, I'll show You my new shoes.

Dear God,
You don't have to worry about me because I always look both ways.

Dear God,
We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said You did. So, I bet he stole Your idea.

Dear God,
I would like to live 900 years like the guy in the Bible.

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

Proverbs 17:22 - Living Bible

The Model Railroader

The Green Ridge and Big



Typical “snowbirds” leave the Northern cold climate and retire to communities in Arizona and Florida. The Minnesota Prairie Chicken loves the snow and never migrates south. This is true of a group of dedicated model railroaders who retired at the Green Ridge Village in Newville, PA. This Christian retirement village erected a building in January 2003 to house a model layout. The instigator was Bill Moyer, who along with his wife, had left behind a full basement of trains. The **GR&BS** HO layout developed over the next six years in a train room approximately 44” wide by 36” long. Almost all of the layout can be viewed close-up since the aisles are designed for handicap accessibility and there are low-level dioramas for children. A separate N-scale train layout is located in one corner of the main room.

The layout is HO, or 1:87th scale and currently has about 2010 feet of track – the equivalent of nearly 33 real-life miles of track. There are over 220 turnouts (switches), both electrical and “Caboose” hand thrown. Multiple trains (10-15) can be operated at the same time from twelve different control panel locations. Any train can run on any track. Miniature street lights illuminate all the houses and industries. The **GR&BS** frequently operates a “night time” viewing scenario.

The HO layout reflects the local Cumberland Valley Railroad of the 1950s. The names of communities dispersed through the layout are taken from towns along the Cumberland: Newville, Dillsburg, Carlisle, Middlesex, Kingston, Alton, Goodhope, Shippensburg, and Oakville are on the upper level. White Hill, Waynesboro, Pen-Mar, Marks, and Richmond are on the lower level. In Richmond, children will be fascinated to watch “Thomas the Tank” engine running along with his many other locomotives and friends. In the 1950s, most engines were still steam. Therefore, most of the engines are coal-fired steam engines, but diesels in this transitional era show up on this layout.

Industries include an oil refinery, a meat packing plant, a chemical plant, several coal mines, a pickle factory, a milk processing plant and a brewery. There are many smaller industries, new home constructions sites, several farms and orchards, an extensive lumbering area, a lakeside resort, many community parks, recreational facilities, and other open spaces. The buildings are a mixture of 1960s Plasticville and paper cut-outs, along with various wood and plastic kits. The background scenery on the walls is a mural of local scenes painted by resident artist, Bob Ramp.



Spring Model Railroad

By Rev. Stephen R. Seidler

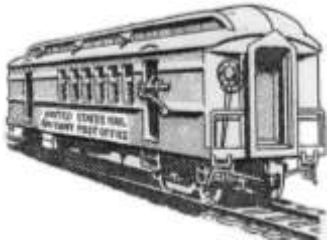


Joan & Bill Moyer provided the inspiration for the layout and Bill was in charge of all wiring and block control. Bill prefers steam, but will run a diesel to the surprise of the other members. The Ladies of the club are responsible to conduct all open houses. Resident members of the **GR&BS** club include: Al Williams - responsible for the track design; John Rhodes - setting up a walk-around "Can You Find?" walkway quiz; Phil Avery - building the benchwork; and Dale Brown - chief engineer and operator.

During its annual convention, REA attendees have visited the **GR&BS RR**. The layout building is at Green Ridge Village (210 Big Spring Rd, Newville PA 17241) between Gilliland Manor and the maintenance buildings. You can get in touch with club members by calling the model railroad building at 717-776-8226. The club is registered with the **NMRA**. It was a joy to "talk trains" and share model railroad ideas for this story with fellow model railroader, Bill Moyer. The photos in this article were taken from a personal CD supplied by our Editor, Joe Spooner.

Dale Brown, Joan and Bill Moyer





LETTERS

From our REA
MAIL BAG

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REA,

I enjoy the magazine very much, please send me some gold seal stickers. I started out on the B&O railroad in 1954 and retired in 1997 to take care of my sweet Mother. I worked in Cincinnati, OH and Covington, KY. I know the Lord, I was saved at 10 years of age. Thanks for the great work you do to show the world that God saves and keeps and is in control!

Sincerely,

Jim Noel

Florence, KY

REA,

We praise God for the work your do. We always enjoy the "All Aboard!" magazine.

Serving Him,

Carl & Tammy Stevens

Republic, WA

Friends,

I picked up a copy of "All Aboard!" at a church that is new to me. Your ministry peaked my interest. Please send me information as I use the railroad but have never been an employee.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Bebout

Utica, NY

Hello REA,

I am a retired Engineer from the CDX Railroad and I learned of REA from Harold Turner, area Director of **NARVRE**, District 1.

Have a blessed day and a happy forever!

C.G. Boone

Stapleton, GA

Greeting REA,

I've had a busy schedule and have been unable to attend my local chapter meetings at Malaga, NJ. I appreciate that I've continued to receive the "All Aboard" magazine. May God continue to bless everyone in REA.

Sincerely, Jesse Cline

Vineland, NJ

Dear REA,

Thank you for your dedication and noble calling of REA of reminding and rekindling the Christian aspiration of "proclaiming the good news of His salvation". We will be praying that you will have a great REA convention in September.

In Christian love,

Faith Rose

Cincinnati, OH

Dear REA,

I am really excited about the Summer 2011 issue, but have already started work on my pages for the next issue. I have been in touch with a pastor in Indiana who has allowed me his HO layout to enhance the church ministry and further the cause of Christ in his community. His open house was recently featured on the front page of the local paper. He has sent me a CD full of good pictures along with his thrilling testimony.

Railroading with the Gospel,

Rev. Stephen Seidler

Owatonna, MN

"The Trainman"

Dear REA,

Please send me more of "The Station" tract as I hand them out to railroad employees at Grand Central Station and Penn Station in New York City. I also give them out to Subway employees. Below is a photo I took at Jim Thorpe, PA. Jersey Central Railroad Station.

God Bless,

Harry Hassler

NYCT Police Chaplain



God bless the USA



& God bless the REA



The Railroad Evangelist

How a Swiss train driver found the right track



Alain Petitmermet
Honorary Rail Pastor with RailHope
of Switzerland Railway Missions

Even as a youth, Alain Petitmermet, now an engineer with the Swiss Railway SBB, sought spirituality. But when his search veered him into the dark world of the occult, he eventually realized that he was on a dead end track. He began to read the bible, and the more he read, the more his eyes were opened. That's when he found God.

Alain tells his story:

"I wasn't raised in a traditional Christian family. Having been born in 1962, the 60's and 70's fostered many questions in my mind about my existence. What is life all about? Why am I here? Searching for answers, I developed an interest in the occult and supernatural. But down every alley I went (and they were all more like alleys than paths), doubts about the existence of God arose. I wanted to experience a spiritual relationship, but because I could not find God I continued searching.

In 1988, during my Railroad Engineer training in Geneva, I was invited to spend an evening with friends. Among the guests were a spiritualist and a healer from France. We criticized the church mercilessly, accusing it of being a 'bastion of the obscure from medieval times'. But on the way home I somehow realized that I had been deriding an institution that I really knew nothing about. The very next morning I bought a bible to fill in my lack of knowledge. The more I read, the more I understood that my ideas had been baseless and totally wrong! The biblical revelations seemed so very clear to me, clearer than anything I had ever read before! Within days I burned all my books on spiritualism, mysticism, and the occult.

I was closer to finding the way to God, but I wasn't sure how to proceed. So I turned my attention toward un-

derstanding the bible, and quickly discovered a key: the Cross! There was a deeper meaning there, and I had to learn more about Jesus' death!

One night I dreamt that a man was standing over me, so close that I could feel his breath on my face. This experience was very real, and I knew immediately that this man was Jesus. I later realized that God had sent the Holy Spirit to me that night so that I might be able to understand the gospel. I became more and more enlightened in both mind and spirit until one evening I cried out with all my soul 'I've found it! This is what I have been searching for! Jesus died for my sins! He gave His life because of His love for me!' After this realization I searched for and found other Christians to help me learn, and eventually was baptized.

Some time later I decided to become a pastor and left my job to study theology. But, after one year of study, I realized that I had much more to learn, and I returned to my profession as railroad engineer.

Today I can testify with all my heart that Jesus is the truth. Faith in Him is the only way to God. How sad and tragic when a person either does not know this or chooses to ignore it. Currently I'm a Rail Pastor with the Rail Hope Association of Switzerland, where I spread the Word and help in establishing local Rail Hope groups within the French speaking areas of Switzerland. I am finally both a railroad engineer *and* a pastor."

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Located on the conference grounds: golf, tennis, basketball, hiking,
volleyball, playground equipment plus a whole lot of peace and
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- >Historic Carlisle - US Army War College - 10 minutes.
- >Gettysburg - About a 30 minute drive.
- >Hershey - About a 45 minute drive.
- >Strasburg RR community - A little over an hour drive.
- >Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster - A little over an hour.
- >The heart of the Amish in Lancaster - A little over an hour.
- >National Civil War Museum - Harrisburg - About 30 minutes.
- >Washington D.C. - About 2 1/2 hour drive.
- >Valley Forge / Philadelphia - About 3 hours

-PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE! -

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."





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"



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

Thank you for your on going support in helping to keep the gospel of Jesus Christ to be published and proclaimed through the printed page.

Fast Train to Glory

By Faith Rose



*Going on a fast train to glory, make no mistakes about it,
Nothing slow about it...going on a fast train to glory.*

*Going in the sky, going by and by, going on a fast train to glory,
we will sing the praises of God and thank Him for blessing us
with hope in this life, with the joyest promise of everlasting life
by belief in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*



Carol Clifton and her daughter Mary visiting the California RR Museum in Sacramento last year. They both enjoy model railroading as Carols late husband Cliff was an avid Model Railroader who worked for the Western Pacific Railroad as well. Both Carol and Mary are committed REA members who have spread the word of God through the Railroad Evangelist magazine for many years. May God continue to bless their efforts in reaching out to the entire railroad community.

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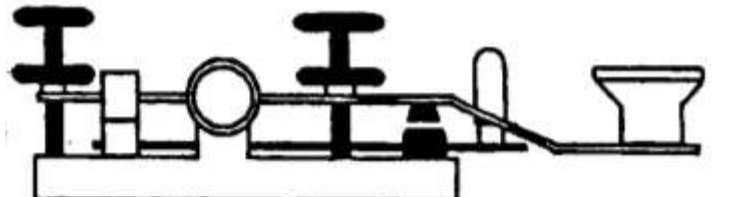
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ALEXANDRIA REA CHAPTER. MAY 2011

Rachael Rose {first secretary that REA has had} has passed away where she was living. The Rev Paul Campbell officiating.

Bro. Paul Campbell opened our meeting and prayed for our delicious covered dish dinner. Phil Hannum played several numbers on his trumpet. We had 25 members present. Prayer requests were taken and all prayed for Rachael Rose's family and our Nation. Prayer for all the flooding in the South. He prayed for all requests and then closed in prayer. Bryon and Henry took the offering.

Bro. Wilson Riley talked about all coming to the National Convention. He said that our founders son, Alan Harkey, will be one of our speakers at the convention. Christine Young was our speaker tonight. The Power of the textbook. Then Jen Schmitt continued and shared about herself and how she came to come to read the Bible. We all have voices, to share our testimony. We all recited John 3:16.

Roland Harris prayed and closed our meeting at 8:15 pm.

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God Bless the REA



I believe it is only the blessings of Gods amazing grace that we are able to celebrate 70 years of Railway Ministry. What an incredible joy it is to know we are part of Gods plan and purpose in reaching the entire railroad community with the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

Reflecting back over the past 70 years, recognizing Gods faithfulness in raising up individuals, such as yourself, who have made it possible to keep the financial wheels rolling year after year. The National REA Annual Convention has also created life-long friendships that have greatly blessed and enriched our lives and by being blessed of God for allowing us to be a part of this unique railroad evangelistic literature ministry.

As we look to the future, let us keep our focus on the cross and on the lost. Let us also be mindful of the privilege, honor and responsibility we have to keep our hand to the gospel plow believing God for a harvest of souls through the Railroads Evangelist magazine as we go forward sowing the gospel seed as co-laborers together with Him to **"proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day."** (Psalm 96:2)
May God continue to bless the REA.

- Joe Spooner

REA Prayer

*Father,
in the name of Jesus,
with the help of the Holy Spirit,
we ask for an increase of
dedicated workers to catch
the vision of REA.
We ask that the Railroad
Evangelist magazine will have a
greater impact in the worldwide
railroad community and
we ask that many will come
to the knowledge of the truth and
receive Jesus Christ as their Savior
and Lord. In Jesus name. A-men*

||||||| Riding the Rail for 70 Years |||||



DW&P RDC unit idling at Duluth, Minnesota – 1959. (SRS Photo)

George Samaduroff Jr. is a dear Brother in the LORD and a college buddy, (of Rev. Stephen Seidler). He was famous for playing hymns on two pop bottles – melody on one side of his mouth, harmony on the other. Lately, he has been writing hymns and composing occupational poetry which has become popular and highly prized. I asked him to compose a special poem for this 70th anniversary issue. George was born of Russian immigrants in the San Francisco Bay area and was exposed to the music of Glen Miller, the Dorsey Brothers, as well as the great classics. He started piano lessons at the age of 6, writing his first song at the age of 10. At 16 he attended the Billy Graham Crusade at the San Francisco Cow Palace. It was there that he received the Lord as his personal Savior. He attended Pillsbury Baptist Bible College in Owatonna, MN. He took additional courses at Tennessee Temple in Chattanooga, TN, where he currently resides. Now that he is retired from insurance, he finds time to be creative. He desires that his poems and songs will be a blessing to all.

Riding the Rail

People love to ride the train, to eat, relax, and enjoy the terrain. The beautiful sites of the countryside; riding the rail, it's such a delight. You have more freedom traveling by train; you're not cooped up in an aeroplane. Time for dinner, I'm ready to dine; the food is great and the coffee is fine. I remember I rode on the Union Pacific, leaving my skis and heading southeast. It was an experience, to say the least; we came to a town called New Orleans. I stayed in a place called the YMCA, and then made it on time on the Rock Island line. Back on the rail we're heading northeast, on to "Bama", then Tennessee.

There's another train called the "Gospel Train," this is the one calling everyone: All aboard! Cries the Father above, All aboard! Cries His precious Son, All aboard! Cries the Holy Spirit; for this is the Triune, the great "Three in One." It travels the rail that is straight and narrow; onward it goes to Heaven above. The ticket is paid, Oh, let me explain; God saw lost men, condemned, and depraved. He sent His Son, His begotten Son, who "tasted death" for sinners undone. It's love that sent His only Son, to die on the tree to set men free. That wondrous love and the precious blood was what He gave so men could be saved. Don't turn away the provision He made; you'll regret it come that Judgment Day. So, reserve a place, for the price is paid, and get on board on the "Gospel Train."

Revelation 22:17 Hebrews 2:9

By George Samaduroff Jr.

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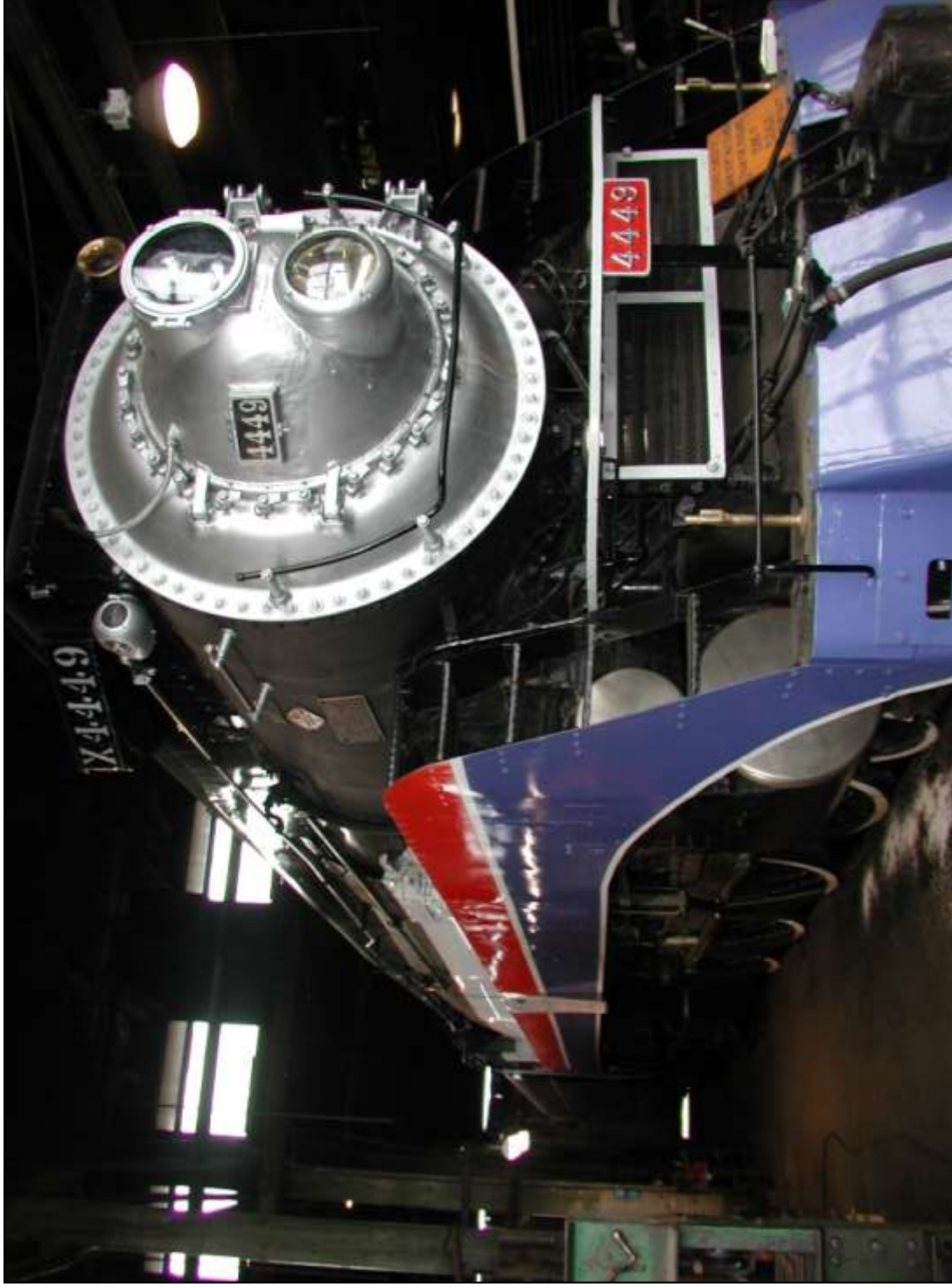
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America is still the home of the brave and the land of the free. As REA celebrates 70 years of Railway Ministry, may God also continue to Bless the REA in reaching out with the greatest message of freedom there is, in that ***"while we were still sinners Christ died for us"*** (Romans 5:8b) To the right is the famed "Freedom Train" #4449 at rest in the Brooklyn yards in Portland,OR.



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