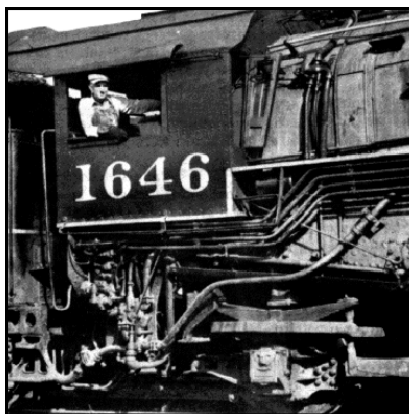


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Luther S. Harkey 1885 - 1949
Founder of the Railroad Evangelistic Association

- 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.
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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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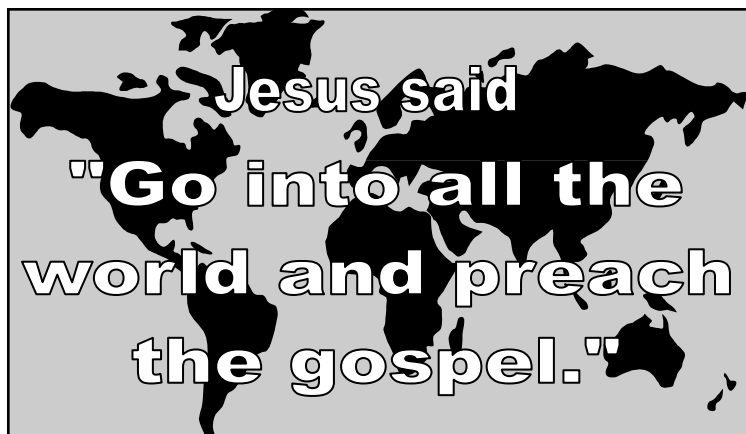
Fellowship Devine

Fellowship: *"the bond of common purpose and devotion that binds Christians together and to Christ."*

John 17:21 talks about the ultimate fellowship with God, the Son and other believers, ***"I (Jesus) pray that they will all be one, just as You and I are one – as You are in me, Father, and I am in You. And may they be in us so that the world will believe You sent me."*** (NLT)

Fellowship with other Christians helps keep you and me in a right relationship with God. We need each other. This Fall we will be having our **70th REA** Convention on September 12-19, 2011. We always have a wonderful time of praying, singing together with uplifting messages and fellowship with one another. If you would like to experience a great time in the quiet hills of Southeastern Pennsylvania then please come and join us. We will begin on Monday afternoon with registration, ending a great week on Friday morning after breakfast. The food is great and the fellowship we share is out of this world. Please make plans this year to join us for our 70th REA National Convention.

See you there!



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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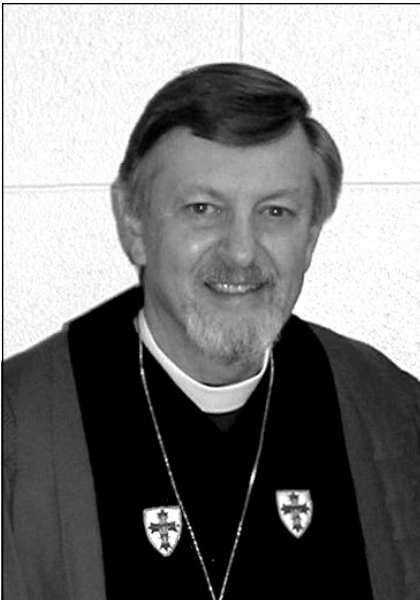
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Righttrack

Raised and educated in a “liberal” theological environment, I had no concept of what it could mean to acknowledge the living presence of Jesus Christ as Lord.



Rev. Richard C. Leonard, Ph.D

Brother Leonard has an incredible collection of mainly steam engine on his web page at www.railarchive.net. Be sure to check it out along with his ministry web site at www.rcleonard.com as he is an author of many Christian books, devotional, poems and articles. Richards wife Shirley also edits a quarterly publication called “Westward Quarterly” of poems at www.wvquarterly.com

The world of railroading has interested me from my childhood. My younger brother and I inherited our love of trains from our father, Rev. Dr. R. D. Leonard, a Methodist minister and college professor. While other dads took their boys camping or to baseball games or museums, ours took us on train-watching expeditions — to roundhouses, yards, shops, passenger stations or just trackside along busy lines. Many of these early trips involved Dad’s favorite railroad, the New York Central. Our grandfather, Don M. Leonard, had been an official of the Boston & Albany, part of the New York Central System.

So railroads were our “thing” while growing up; we played, dreamed and talked trains. Sometimes, during church services while Dad was preaching, my brother and I would amuse ourselves by drawing pictures of steam engines with paper and pencils Mother thoughtfully provided. Walking home from junior high school in Adrian, Michigan, I would pause to watch the switching movements of the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton local freight on the Tecumseh branch, headed by a spic-and-span 2-8-0 with chromium-plated numbers below the cab window. I collected railroad passenger timetables, coaxing them from taciturn station agents at every opportunity and even sending for them — with 1-cent and 2-cent post cards — from passenger traffic departments of railroads, large and small, across the continent.

I wish I had been able to record on film some early, memorable scenes of railroad activity during the steam era. Among my first memories are triple-heading Canadian Pacific and Boston & Maine power on the joint line north of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. After a move to Michigan I witnessed New York Central Consolidations with idler flat cars switching the railroad ferry at Mackinaw City. We happened to be there on V-J Day, August 14, 1945, and heard all the locomotives in the joint NYC-Pennsylvania roundhouse blowing their whistles in celebration. A visit to the NYC’s Jackson, Michigan shops arranged by an engineer friend was the occasion for my first ride in a steam locomotive, H10b No. 2345. I was invited to turn some kind of crank on the backhead — a feat I could not accomplish at age seven. Perhaps that was the time I began to have second thoughts about my early career choice of locomotive engineer!

After we had moved to southeastern Michigan I became familiar with vestibule-cabbed Wabash 4-8-4s and 4-8-2s spiriting freight trains through rural countryside in Lenawee County. One day Dad drove us boys to Delta, Ohio, on the NYC main line, where we parked by the station and watched the parade of speedy east-west limiteds on this stretch of tangent track, 68.5 miles west of Toledo without a curve. There is nothing in my memory to equal the sight and sound of those onrushing Hudsons and Mohawks — whistle wailing, rods flailing, smoke trailing low over the cars.

Yes, I wish I had a photographic record of all those memories. Dad, for some reason, was not an avid photographer of trains. But, as I reached my teen years in the early 1950s, I became acutely aware that we were living in the twilight of steam power — and steam locomotives were my primary railroad interest. I borrowed the old Kodak Hawkeye folding cartridge camera that Dad had bought for \$3.00 during the Depression, managed to scrounge a few rolls of No. 116 film, and set out for trackside in the little Michigan town of Bellevue on the Grand Trunk Western’s Chicago-to-Port Huron main line where my father was then serving as the Methodist minister.

The old camera was limited to a shutter speed of 1/60th of a second, too slow to do much with action shots. Worse, it had a light leak in the bellows that caused me no end of grief — beautiful shots were often ruined by streaks of white in critical places. But it was all I had with which to record the steam action of various Michigan lines, some Canadian lines, and then the railroads of central Illinois where we moved in 1954. Finally, around 1957, I acquired my first 35mm camera and was able to photograph some late steam activity, along with diesels, in the Midwest and West in both black-and-white film and color transparencies.

With the end of the steam era my railfan activities took a back seat to other interests, although I still took an occasional photo when I encountered surviving steam or something else of interest. I attended Boston University for my theological degree and for my Ph.D. in Biblical Studies, contemplating a career in academia. That was not to be, however; my first college teaching position ended after three years and I found myself challenged by a pastorate in a small town in western Illinois. It was only then — in 1975, eleven years after my ordination — that I realized I needed to make a big change in my life. Raised and educated in a “liberal” theological environment, I had no concept of what it could mean to acknowledge the living presence of Jesus Christ as Lord. But, coming to the end of my own resources to cope with some things in my personal and church life, I responded to another pastor’s invitation to commit my life to Christ. That was only the beginning of a process of Christian formation that continues today, thirty-five years later.

A few years after turning my life over to Christ, however, I found myself without church employment and took a temporary job with Rand McNally in the Chicago area. This “temporary” work turned into a twenty-year assignment with that company as a transportation data analyst. During that time I spent a few years managing a team assembling data for “Railroad MileMaker,” a computerized rail routing and mileage product which Rand McNally subsequently leased off to a firm better positioned in the rail industry. That was the only employment I ever had that was related to railroads, but my life-long hobby interest in rail transportation was instrumental in what I and my group of analysts were able to do — the product actually worked, and impressed officials of several railroads to whom we gave demonstrations. I took early retirement from Rand McNally in 2001.

Meanwhile, the Internet developed. I had become familiar with computers at Rand McNally and was using them at home. In 1998 I decided to bring my railroad photography efforts out of their basement storage cartons and put them on a web site for others to enjoy. This was the origin of my “Steam Locomotive Archive,” still the flagship section of my now greatly expanded “Richard Leonard’s Rail Archive” (www.railarchive.net). The site is still growing, as viewers send me new material from time to time.

My brother, Rev. David V. Leonard of Binghamton, New York, continued to pursue his train-photography efforts into the diesel era and has let me put some of his work in my Rail Archive. As for Dad, who passed on in 1976, after retirement from the history department of Illinois Wesleyan University he became founding president of the Central Illinois



Shirley and Richard Leonard at the Illinois Railway Museum in 2001.

Railroad Club, and in 1966 he was one of three who signed the incorporation papers for what became the Monticello Railway Museum.

I still chase trains once in a while. My wife and I live in Hamilton, Illinois, where we hear the diesel horns from the busy BNSF River Line across the Mississippi in Keokuk, Iowa. Pioneer Railcorp’s Keokuk Junction Railway passes through Hamilton, and a few years ago I decided to become a railroad “owner” so I bought \$100 worth of Pioneer Railcorp stock. Occasionally I head for trackside to see how “my” railroad is doing. - end



To the left is a Grand Trunk Western RR engine No 6323 at Durand, Michigan. Photo taken by Richard Leonard in 1954.



Jerry Tyler re-connects with the ***Railroad*** ***Evangelist*** magazine after more than 50 years!



Jerry Tyler at the age of 20 with engineer G.M Chase.

Spring 2011



Grand Trunk Western locomotive is # 6313, Inter-City Limited, Summer 1953. Photo by Richard Leonard.

I first become acquainted with the REA magazine, probably in the year 1942. I lived next to the Grand Trunk Western Railroad tracks in Muskegon, Michigan and became acquainted with the engineer, Carl Knauf. He would periodically send me the Railroad Evangelist magazine.

I used to ride in his engine cab quite often. Can you imagine an eight year old hanging around the busy tracks of a railroad and even in my early teens I would catch a ride with him. One day in August of 1955 he called me on the phone and wanted to know if I'd be interested in becoming a locomotive fireman. They were running quite short of manpower in engine service. Thru him, with many thanks, I became a locomotive fireman and occasionally, again, I was with him in the cab, but not as a rider, but as his fireman. I went thru all the necessary mechanical examinations and was promoted to engineer. Sadly, at the time of my promotion they dismissed 89 of us newly qualified engineers under the 'feather bedding' clause. Working on the railroad was a real tough place to become a Christian.

I always admired Mr. Knauf for the person he was. I became a Christian in 1953 and still have the faith today. I am now at the age of 76. Mr. Knauf sent me a paperback Bible, I believe it was from your organization along with a couple of stickers which pictured a steam locomotive in gold and I believe the printing across the locomotive was "The Coming of the Lord Draws Near". I do not know what became of the Bible and the stickers. I had the stickers affixed to the Bible.

My son, who is also a Christian, I was telling him about what I've just written you and I'm truly amazed when I went to my computer and found your organization is still in existence, printing publications.



Carl Knauf the Christian engineer who introduced **Jerry Tyler** to the Railroad Evangelist magazine around 1942.



OUR YEARLY MEMORY TEST

Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, if you don't use it, you lose it! Take the test presented here to determine if you're losing it or not.

1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: 'bread', if you said 'toast' give up now and do something else... Try not to hurt yourself.

2. Say 'silk' five times. Now spell 'silk.' What do cows drink? Answer: Cows drink water. If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat.

However, if you said 'water', proceed to question 3.

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from? Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said 'green bricks,' why are you still reading these? If you said 'glass,' go on to Question 4.

4. Without using a calculator - You are driving a bus from Portland, Oregon to Los Angeles, California. In Portland, 17 people get on the bus and 16 people get off in Fresno. In Ridgecrest, 3 people get off and 5 people get on. In Bakersfield, 6 people get off and 3 get on. You then arrive at Los Angeles, without going back to review, how old is the bus driver?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own age? It was YOU driving the bus!!

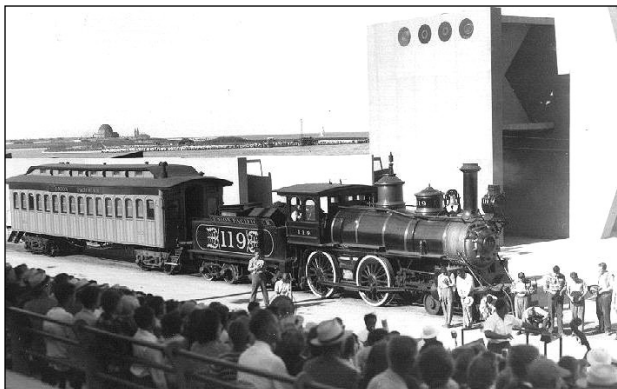
If you pass this along to your friends, pray they do better than you. PS: 95% of people fail most of the questions!

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

Proverbs 17:22 - Living Bible

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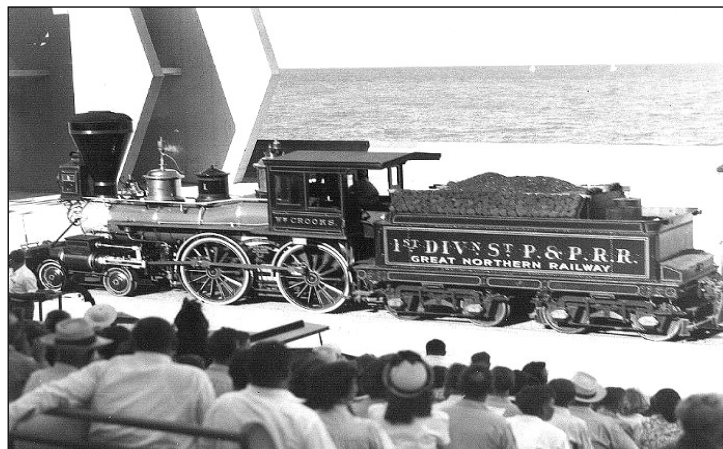
GOING TO THE CHICAGO RAILROAD . . .



"WHEELS-a-ROLLING", so let's get our act together and go to the fair...the Great CHICAGO RAILROAD FAIR of 1948 & 1949. We'll go down to the shore of Lake Michigan in Chicago, where the fair is being held on 50 acres of Burnham Park. It will cost us 35 cents for an Official Guide Book and one whole dollar for admission, including all the attractions, displays, exhibits, food and shows. There are thirty-nine railroads participating, along with twenty railroad equipment manufacturers. If we get there in time for the grand opening, we'll get to see a parade featuring a military band, a replica of a troop train, a contingent of cowboys and Native Americans, and a replica of the *Tom Thumb* (the first American locomotive). The honorary Grand Master is none other than the spry, octogenarian widow of Casey Jones. We will be the first of more than five and one-half million visitors over two summers celebrating 100 years of the railroad industry

in America. The President of the Fair is none other than Lenox R. Lohr, who is also the President of the Museum of Science and Industry, a wonderful place of fun and enjoyment. Why, even Walt Disney and Ward Kimball will attend the Fair and visit Ford's Greenfield Village, inspiring them to develop an idea that will become "Mickey Mouse Park" in California. In his own backyard, Walt operated the extensive Carolwood Pacific RR – a live steam, 1/8" size (1 1/2 inches to the foot) railroad. In Anaheim, Ward operated the Grizzly Flats RR – a residential backyard, narrow-gauge full-sized steam train. Looking at Disneyland, it can be clearly seen how visiting the Chicago RR Fair helped Walt create the magic of his kingdom.

Guess what's on display at the Fair? We will get to see the replicas of many famous pieces of rolling stock. But wait, we will actually see the real...the very real *DeWitt Clinton*; the *Empire State Express No. 999*, and the *Pioneer Zephyr* (both destined to go to the Museum of Science & Industry after the Fair, having set respective speed records), the B&O's *William Mason*, the GN's *William Crooks*, and NP's *Minnetonka* (both going to the Duluth Transportation Museum for their part in opening westward rail expansion), and, from the Civil War, *The General*. We will be able to walk down the dusty streets of the rip-roaring old western mining town, Gold Gulch, and then hop aboard the *Deadwood Central* narrow-gauge RR. A really great experience is CN&W's "Paul Bunyon" exhibit, and while we're there we might even win a prize in their chalk-talk



quiz show. We can visit UP's *Big Boy* in the Spanish American village re-creation and get a free ride on a miniature streamliner. In Santa Fe's real Indian Village we will see real Indian tribes, tribal dances, medicine men, make Indian crafts, and shop at their trading post. Illinois Central has reproduced the New Orleans' French Quarter, and the C&EI replicates "Florida in Chicago". The D&RW lets you walk through a model of Moffat Tunnel, while nine eastern railroads display in the Vitarama Hall with "Genial Joe" and his mammoth scaled model railroad system. The Pullman Company changes their display of the latest in passenger equipment daily. There are the Ice Ballet and the Cypress Gardens Water Thrill shows to excite you. The Western Pacific lets you ride on a San Francisco cable car, and a rodeo show complete with an "Old Faithful" geyser is presented for your delight by the GN, NP and CB&Q railroads.

Now that we still have time to spare, we can sit down in the 6,000 seat Lakefront Theatre and watch the **"WHEELS-a-ROLLING"** Pageant. Tracks are imbedded in the concrete stage with large, three-story high concrete wings stage left and right. The lengthy production begins with a 1673 Prologue of Trails and Waterways, and then takes you through Twelve Scenes of American Railroad History concluding with the *Pioneer Zephyr* actually appearing on stage, as it did on May 26, 1934 at the Chicago World's Fair. You will see conestoga wagons, a Wells Fargo stagecoach, and steam fire engines pulled by live horses. There will also be quite an array of "horseless carriages". There will be an endless parade of various historic locomotives, including President Lincoln's Funeral Train. A cast of singers and dancers provide entertainment. (For a full-color, 30 minute VHS video of the actual pageant, check out 'Wheels a Rolling', 1997, at www.pentrex.com.)

... FAIR ON A MINIATURE LAYOUT

By Rev. Stephen Seidler

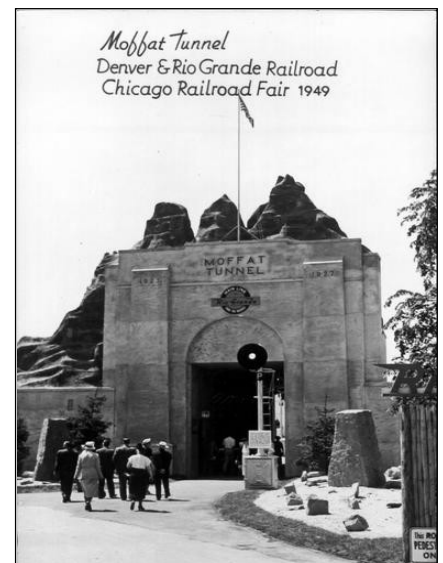
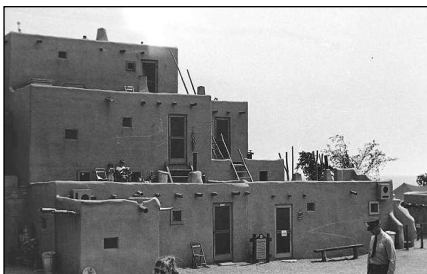
Wait a minute! Wait, just one minute! I distinctly remember the Chicago Railroad Fair because as a very young boy, I personally experienced the thrill and joy of the fair. My Aunt Lil, a true rail fan, took me to the Fair. I even have my original Official Fair Guide filed away for safe keeping. Although I have lasting memories filling my mind, I was too young to have a camera, so I have no pictures of my own. I owe a great deal of credit to my father and his new Argus camera, to photos in the public domain, and to Dr. Richard Leonard. His website, www.railarchive.net, lists our **REA** as a link. I also thank the following photographers: Emma June Bangert, Paul F. Thompson, and Harry G. Preece for their fair photos and Lyman Humphrey for his fair transparencies. In looking over all the wonderful pictorial remembrances, a great idea came to mind. I have not seen this idea in print, but I cannot help but think someone else may have thought of it. **CREATE THE CHICAGO RAILROAD FAIR IN SCALE MINIATURE.** HO scale would be perfect, but you might have more room in N scale. These websites will provide a wealth of info, scale objects & figures, and many historic models:

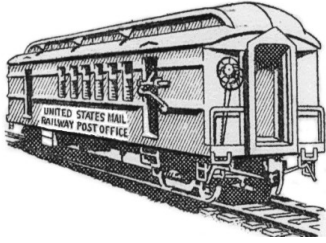


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Start with a table-top layout on a 4x8' sheet of plywood. You will not need any elevations as the fair was on 50 acres of Lakefront. I would prefer a layout of 4x16' as it would approximate the actual Fair. The Pageant stage would be across the back with left and right stage wings made

of extruded foam, covered with Sculptamold. Lay track at the rear and in front of the audience, then cover it with a layer of Sculptamold, sanded and painted grey concrete. Holding tracks would be placed off stage. One track circles the entire layout. The various railroad venues of the Fair could be crafted on individual pieces of 1" foam (blue or pink) so that you could interchange various viewing blocks. There were 37 venues, so you cannot include all of them on your Fair diorama. Pick the ones you like best. Then you can pick figures and paint them in period costumes – using them in the venues and on stage. You have quite an assortment of “horseless carriages”, wagons, fire equipment, and rolling stock to choose from and that is what makes this project so fascinating. Instead of placing all your favorite pieces of rolling stock from different railroads on a shelf, you can operate them on this Fair module. You can proceed thru the entire “**WHEELS-a-ROLLING**” pageant by running the *Tom Thumb*, or the *Pioneer Zephyr*, or the *Minnetonka*, or a *Wells Fargo* stagecoach across your miniature stage. Bring in *The General* or even *Lincoln's Funeral Train* for a somber moment, then stage the “welding of the rails” at Promontory Point with your own scale *Jupiter* and *No. 119*. Bring in the miniature figures for a fire parade; wagons westward ho!; an Easter Parade with gas-buggies; or any particular part of the pageant that suits your fancy. You now have a miniature stage on which to let your imaginations, your fancy, and your railroad budget operate. Change it daily, weekly or monthly as you are now in charge of the Fair layout.





LETTERS

From our REA MAIL BAG

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Greetings REA,

Enclosing my renewal and a gift to help keep the magazine printing Gods word. I stayed in Joliet, Illinois for a night. It rekindled my memories as a 10 year old boy in 1948 where I stayed in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Perry, who was the second president of the Railroad Evangelistic Association. They were so gracious to me and my parents, Herman and Velera Rose. They had a zeal for Christ and REA. They, along with Mr. L.S. Harkey persuaded my Dad, Herman Rose to become editor of the Railroad Evangelist magazine, a job he carried out for forty years, with my mothers help and later my step-mothers help after my mother died.

I am happy you are carrying on the RE magazine and will keep you in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Philip Rose
Lawrenceburg, IN

Greetings,

I am a volunteer Chaplain for Amtrak police, New York City Retired Transit Police and the M.T.A. Could you send me additional copies of the tract "The Station" as I can pass them out on the Long Island Railroad, Penn Station and Grand Central Station in New York City. When God opens the door, I share the message of Salvation.

Thank you and God bless you.
Harry Hassler
Massapequa Park, NY

Dear REA,

Looking forward to the new Spring issue of the Railroad Evangelist magazine. Looking at the photos of the last REA convention takes me back to the days we use to attend the convention. So far this year I have memorized Psalm 1, 100 and 121. I enjoyed reading the biography of Billy Graham and the auto-biography of Franklin Graham. Thank you for sending the REA stickers.

In Christ,
Dorothy Steffen
Minot, ND

Greetings,

Thank you for printing the Good News!
In His grace,
Marvin Duvall
Berkeley Springs, WV

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Dear REA,

This is to say you are doing a great job in editing the Railroad Evangelist magazine. You may be sure that our prayer is that you retain the strength and courage to present Gods grace to railroad employees.

God bless,
Dave Rose
Greenfield, IN

REA,

Keep up the good work. You are producing and excellent magazine. May God bless you.

Paul Cockerham
Orchard Beach, MD

Dear REA,

Thank you for the latest issue of the Railroad Evangelist magazine. I am enjoying the contents and have found that the members of my AARP chapter are also happy to receive a copy.

Blessings,
Shirley Zurek
Alexandria, VA

Congratulations!

I want to celebrate with you. I miss all of you and I want to keep in touch, I also like the stickers with the message as it is and always will be in changing lives for 70 years.

Love in Christ,
Holly Harris
Vienna, VA

Dear REA,

I attended NARVRE in Spokane, WA where Paul Myhre is faithful to distribute the Railroad Evangelist magazines. My husband was a Telegrapher and later a Towerman for the UPRR.

Ruth Haglund
Spokane, WA

Greetings REA!

I was asked to speak at a large retirement complex on the Baptist Chapel Cars. I had many opportunities to share the gospel, as Boston Smith did through his Chapel Cars. I left about three years of "All Aboard!" with their library. I have probably shared REA with over a dozen pastorates recently and since they all had railroaders in their midst, they were excited to learn of our ministry. Some of my former students are connecting with me via Facebook over my Gospel railroad ministry. I trust the Lord will allow me to see this expanded.

Railroading with the Gospel,
Rev. Stephen R. Seidler
"The Trainman"
Owatonna, MN

Jesus is the Main Line
The Railroad Evangelist

Toronto Transit Commission Christian Fellowship

"BEING A WITNESS IN THE WORK PLACE"

Toronto Transit Commission plays a vital part in the city, having over 13,000 employees working from its 75 or more locations consisting of shops, car houses, garages, transportation, collectors, plant, wheel trans, IT, Accounts, administration, health & safety, and security. Most locations have three shifts. TTC covers the whole of Toronto, which has people from the ends of the earth.

The presence of prayer in this Commission can be traced back to the very beginning of its existence. Chris Walker, a retired TTC operator, writes "In 1981, while driving my bus out through the gates of Birchmount, I was stopped by a small group of TTC



drivers handing out Christmas cards to all the operators. Upon reading the card I realized that these men were Christians, and had fellowship at Wilson division. Next year, in 1982, I was saved by Amazing Grace. A few years later I moved back to Mal-



vern from Russell car house, where I met a driver named Don Hicky who told me about a meeting of believers – a group which I quickly and eagerly joined. We regularly met on a bus on track 9, where we would have a study time and prayer for all on the TTC."

The lunchtime prayer fellowship at Harvey shop every Tuesday in the Street Car and Bus Maintenance area opened the door for many seekers to talk privately about their spiritual questions and needs, and gave us the opportunity to talk about our Lord Jesus Christ and His love.

God opened doors for us to distribute donuts and coffee before Christmas with a personalized Christmas card. For some, as one said,



this would be the only card they would get during the season.

Operator Michael Cameron, from Malvern Division, states that when driving the Bus, the steering wheel is his pulpit and his route is his parish. His daily life is the sermon that the people are listening to and God is bringing forth spiritual fruit.

Bruce Bryer from Collectors has had many opportunities to testify after work hours with associates and passengers. Rovel, Cynthia, Winston, Rob, Patricia, Taiwo, Shawn, Dolly, Steve, Brad, Clement, Andrea, and many others in TTC share the joy of walking with our Lord Jesus Christ.

TTC Christian fellowship transcends union and management boundaries, job positions, denominations, nationalities, gender, and age and holds on to the Bible as the inherent infallible Word of God. It is a prayer support movement that prays for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in each believer, and for a witness in every location, shift and office.

Jesus said:

***"The harvest is plentiful,
but the labourers are few."***

***PRAY that the Lord of the harvest will
send forth labourers into His harvest"***

Matthew 9:37-38

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- >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.
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-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

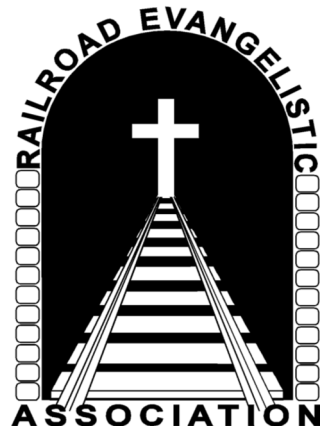
"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

"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."





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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.

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



Lonnie & Lola Blackley by daughter, Ann Grissom and family
Frank Burda by Martin J. McIntyre

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

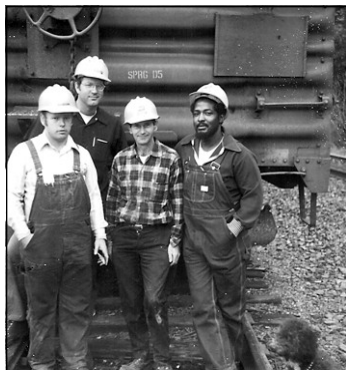
Thank you for your on going support in helping to keep the gospel of Jesus Christ to be published and proclaimed through the printed page.

March: Black History Month

We salute and bless all our black brothers and sisters who are employed in the railroad labor force.



Burlington Northern RR employee **Arthur LaPoint** in the photo above. Below, working on the BN RR Camas, WA section in 1978, left to right is Glenn Record, Joe Spooner, John Thiel and Arthur LaPoint.



The Spiritual Railway



*The line to heaven by Christ was made,
With heavenly truth the rails are laid;
From earth to heaven the line extends,
To life eternal, where it ends.*

*Repentance is the station house,
Where passengers are taken in;
No fee is there for them to pay,
For Jesus is Himself the way.*

*The Bible is the engineer,
It points the way to heaven so clear,
Through tunnels dark and dreary here,
It does the way to glory steer.*

*God's love the fire, His truth the steam,
Which drives the engine and the train;
All you who would to glory ride,
Must come to Christ in Him abide.*

*In first, and second, and third class,
Repentance, faith and holiness;
You must the way to glory gain,
Or you with Christ can never reign.*

*Come, then poor sinner, now's the time,
At any station on the line,
If you repent and turn from sin,
The train will stop and take you in.*

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Pastor Campbell opened the meeting in prayer and blessed the food. We all sang "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Phil Hannum and his trumpet, followed by "How Great Thou Art". Phil then took prayer requests, and afterward shared something written about Americas Presidents.

Pastor Campbell took the evening offering. Three members of our congregation celebrated birthdays in the month of February.

Our President, Wilson Riley spoke about the different views various American Presidents had concerning God and our country.

We are blessed by Paul Campbell's thoughts.

Due to inclement weather, Pastor Campbell suggested adjourning early today.

Respectfully submitted in Jesus' name.

(I want to thank Danny for his job in my absence.

- Jane Hessler).

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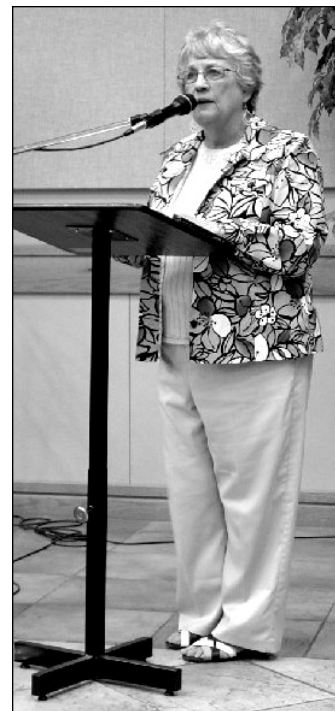
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Juanita Nobles in the above photo was taken around the time of the story she wrote, "My Train Adventure". Her two children as they appeared around that same time at upper right corner.

To the right is Juanita Nobles today at one of her speaking engagements.



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really big, and though the children were getting rid of lots of energy running around, I couldn't run after them to keep them safe. I called the seminary my husband attended, and one of his friends came and took us to his house here the children could play while we waited. Eventually my husband arrived to pick us up, and we were all safely together again. – end

Juanita Nobles is a retired reading teacher and the wife of a retired Baptist pastor. She also was an adjunct professor for Missouri Baptist University and Southwest Baptist University, teaching education courses to teachers seeking master's degrees. She holds both the Bachelor and Master degrees in Education. She received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching in Miami, Florida, in 1972 and was awarded third place in a fiction writing contest by the Heart of America Christian Writers' Network in 2010, in Overland Park, Kansas.

Juanita has written two books, and has contributed articles to several magazines; among them are *Mature Living*, the *Storyteller*, *Living*, and *Celebrate Life*, with her stories of life experiences and devotional material. She is a regular contributor to the local newspaper, *St. Louis Suburban Journal*, for a column titled "Opinion Shapers."

Juanita and her husband Marvin served twelve Baptist churches in Missouri, Texas, and Florida. After retirement, they served as volunteer builders for churches, going in their RV with several other couples to work to provide church space to congregations with little money. They have four children and eight grandchildren, living in Texas, Missouri, and Germany.

Check out her book at www.nobleschristianbook.com or read her blog at www.authorlady123.blogspot.com E-mail: mjnobles@charter.net

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The above commuter train crossing over the Alster river "Lombardsbrücke" bridge in Hamburg, Germany. Your editor walked across this bridge nearly every day when he lived in Hamburg in 1968. The photo is from the International Railway Missions calendar, November 2010. Photo by DB AG / Guther Jazbec.

For centuries and throughout the world, bridges have been built to get from one side of a gap to another. Also throughout the centuries man has attempted to build a spiritual bridge to cross the gap from man to God. The bridge man has attempted to build through human effort continues to be futile. Some think that if they are good enough they can make it to Heaven, others think that if they do good deeds and don't hurt anyone, that will get them to Heaven, and others think their religion will do it for them. The Bible is clear, it says, ***"There is a way that seems right to a man, but it ends in the way of death."*** (Proverbs 16:25)



Joe Spooner at the Alster river in Hamburg, Germany, December 1968.

Someone said, that "religion is man's attempt to reach out to God, whereas Christianity is God's attempt to reach out to man". The bridge God has made available to each and every one of us is expressed through His love for us. He sent His Son Jesus Christ to be that bridge for us by dying on the cross for your sins and mine. Jesus Himself said, ***"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"***. (John 14:6)

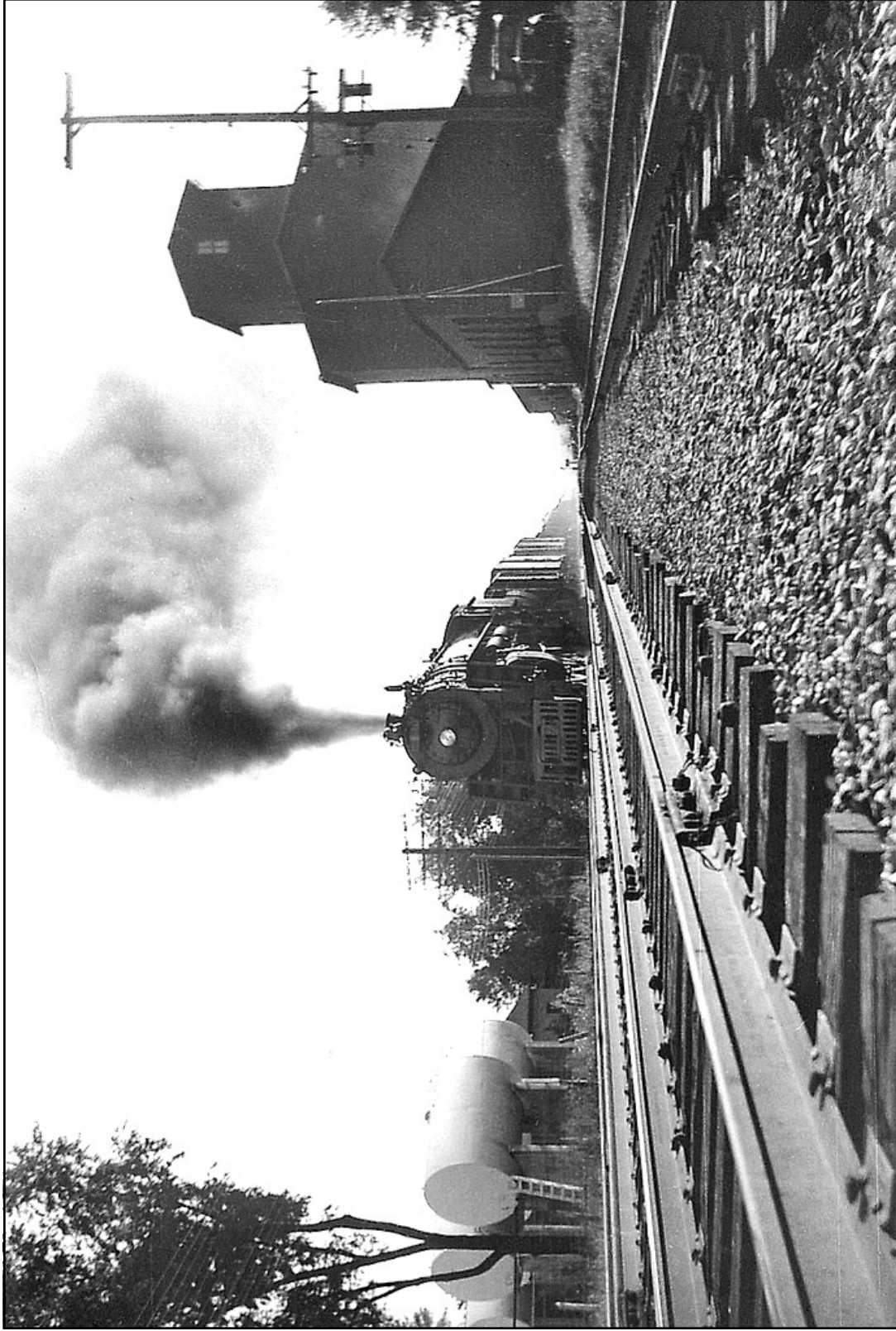
C.S. Lewis, in his book "Mere Christianity", says "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be insane or else he would be the 'Devil of Hell'. You must make your choice. Either Jesus was, and is, the Son of God or else He was insane or evil. Let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to".

Christians believe that Jesus is who He said He was, the Son of God and that through His sacrificial death He has bridged the gap between Heaven and earth so that one day we will dwell in Heaven, that place of eternal ***"righteousness, peace and joy"***, (Romans 14:17). Jesus is inviting you, the reader, to take that very first step of faith on the bridge that leads to eternal life. For more information on taking your first step, see page 12.

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 received will be returned upon request. For further information or questions contact the editor.

The splendid photo shot to the right is that of a Grand Trunk Western freight train with engine No 6333 was taken at Bellevue, Michigan in 1952 by Rev. Richard Leonard. See his story on pages 4 & 5 of this issue.



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