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**"Proclaim
 the good news
 of His salvation
 from day to day"**

Psalm 96:2

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- Mission Statement -

The Railroad Evangelistic Association exists to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the entire railroad community worldwide and to promote mutual Christian fellowship among, though not limited to, those of the railroad industry, the model railroad 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.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God: that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also Spiritual death which is separation from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word, and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice. In addition that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed Blood.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified Body of our Lord, in His Ascension into Heaven and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe in "that blessed hope," the personal, premillennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
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.

- The Railroad Evangelistic Association



Dr. Rev. Magead Salloum
President of REA

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Where are you Heading?

Hebrews 11:6

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”.

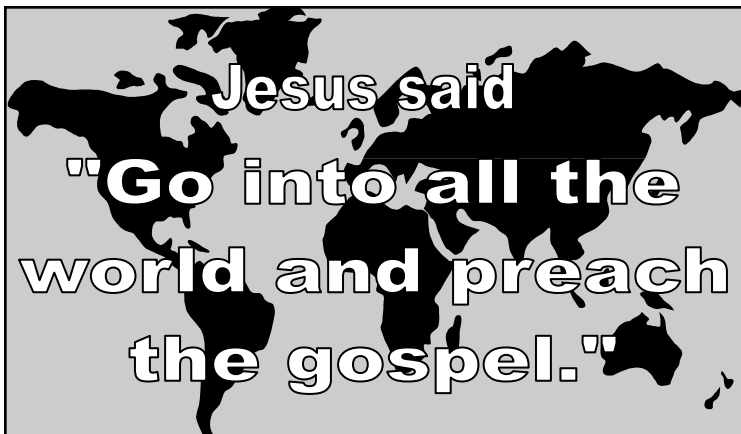
(Also read Hebrews 7-10).

Abraham was going to a “place”, but he didn’t know where it was. He was travelling by faith. Abraham had no idea where he was heading. He just followed God’s instructions. He knew that walking by faith would bring him blessings.

Where are you heading? What is your destination?

Matthew 24:14 **“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”** We are living in the generation which has been called to share this message with the whole world.

Years ago, when Mao Tse-tung was the leader of China, there was great persecution of the Christians. Mao wanted to eliminate Christianity. First, he arrested the Christians. Then spread them all over the country, thinking that they could not meet together, so the church would die. Secondly, he wanted to punish them, so he gave them the worst jobs possible-garbage collectors and grave diggers. On the surface, one would have thought that this evil plan would have worked. However, in spreading out the Christians, he planted Christianity through the entire nation. In making Christians garbage collectors, he gave them access to every home in the country. In making them grave diggers, he placed them in situations where they could share the hope of the Gospel with people who were grieving. Instead of eliminating Christianity, he caused it to grow. God knows what He is doing. No matter how tough the situation that you are going through is, keep walking by faith. God will bring deliverance. (Continued on page 6)



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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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- I am an active railroad employee.
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Christopher L. Harkey

Great grandson of the founder of REA gets on board!

The Lord presented an opportunity for Rev. Paul Campbell as well as my family and myself to evangelize in Washington D.C. on March 8th of this year. This opportunity coincided with **Railroad Day on Capitol Hill**. We had a wonderful time together. I was able to speak with a gentleman from China who shared his love of railroads with me. I presented him with a card that had the sinner's prayer on one side and REA's information on the other.

He was very interested in the work of REA even though he himself was not a Christian. He told me that he will be sharing that card with many of his friends who are railroad conductors in China.

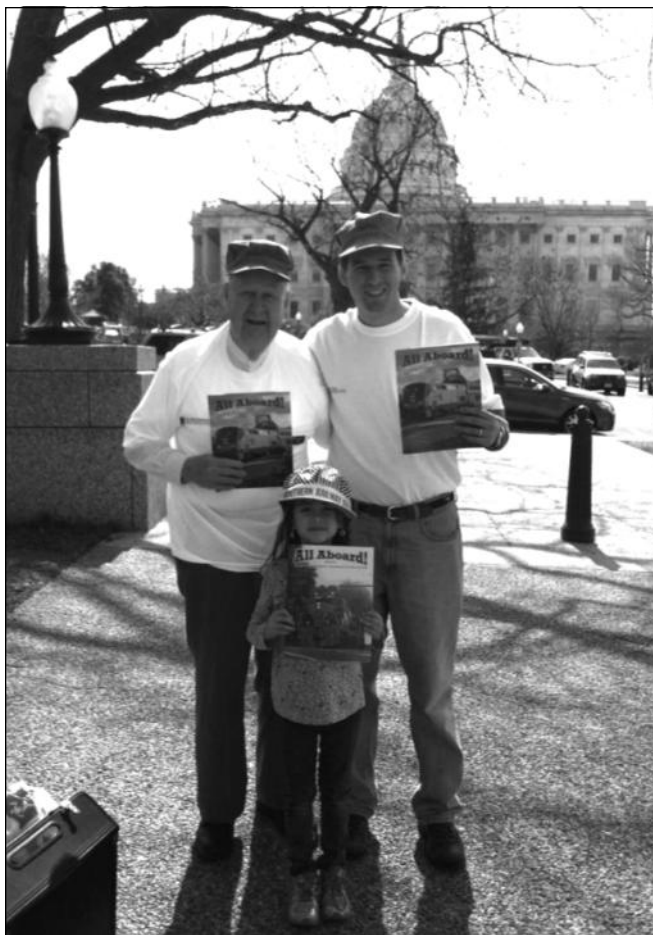
Praise the Lord! I also was able to speak to several Middle Eastern teenagers who were open to the gospel and received one of the cards as well. I also spoke with Claudia Peoples, one of the station managers on the Metro rail. She allowed us to pray for her husband Ronnie who is actively looking for a job.

Rev. Paul Campbell shared with me the rich heritage of my great grandfather and the history of REA. I am excited about the opportunities the Lord has put before



Chris Harkey, great grandson of Luther L. Harkey, founder of REA in the cab of a steam engine at a local RR Museum.

us all to share the gospel with railroaders and their families. Even now as I write this article I am preparing to leave for Panama on a mission trip. While I am there, I will be scouting out the railroad that connects Colon, Panama to Panama City, Panama. I hope to return there soon fully prepared to spread the gospel with the men and women that serve in and around that railroad.



Rev. Paul Campbell, Chris Harkey and his daughter in Washington DC on March 8, 2012 to celebrate Railroad Day on Capital Hill.

I want to encourage all of you that the work we do for the Lord with REA is not in vain. Men and women all around the world are counting on you and me to share the greatest gift with them so that they will receive their salvation. Let's stay on track! We don't want anything to derail us. We have a solid track to follow and an Engineer who is always right, the Lord! I am praying for each of you, as I ask for your prayers that God will allow me the opportunity to participate in the ministry he is already conducting in the hearts of men and women longing to hear the gospel.

“GO YE”



Chris & Holly Harkey

Chris Harkey called me (Joe Spooner) recently with a number of hopes, dreams, plans and ideas for the future of REA.

1. The National Railroad Museum & Hall of Fame in Hamlet NC and the Hamlet, NC own Railroad Depot and Museum, home of the Seaboard Railroad which purchase Atlantic Coastline railroad, the one that L.S. Harkey had worked for, has invited Chris Harkey to be a speaker at their railroad retiree dinner during the "Seaboard Festival" on October 27, 2012. They also said they will distribute our publication! PTL!

3. Also, on March 8, 2012 Chris has also been invited to have a REA presence (Chris is working on a permit from the city for a table) on The Mall in Washington, DC. For "Railroad Days on Capital Hill. (See page 4).

4. Chris's idea is to create an REA "Facebook" page (which he already has), and that he will also maintain. He said he will print us business cards to advertize the Facebook page along with our web page, instead of trying to print and mail hundreds of magazine, Chris feels this would be a much easier and much cheaper (free) way to get the word out to a new generation of "cyber railroaders". I could not agree with him more!

5. He also would like to do a "Twitter" (already has) following as well, that he will also maintain. Once organized, he suggested REA people could send in their favorite scriptures where we could have a new one for each day of the week.

I admit that I do not understand all the ins and outs of Facebook or Twitter and I thank God he is raising up Chris Harkey to do this work. For Chris to call yesterday was an exciting blessing and answer to my concerns for the future of REA.

6. Chris also has a dream that one day REA could purchase a very small piece of property in Sanford, Florida to have as a type of REA Memorial Prayer Garden with a cross made out of steel rails or rr ties or something like that. Is there anything too hard for God?

Noah was building a huge ship on dry ground. He had no concept of "a flood", since it did not rain in those days. This ship was 450 ft long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high (four and a half stories high). At that time, there were no cranes, no forklifts, no available machinery to move this huge ship to a lake or to the sea. It took Noah 100 years to build it. I don't know about you, but if I knew something like a boat or a house would take 100 years to build, I would have some problems with that. But Noah didn't. By faith, Noah built the ark. He saw what others did not see. He saw through the eyes of faith. What do you see? Where are you going? Are you focused on what you see with your eyes, or are you walking by faith? Are you willing to lay everything on the line for God, and allow Him to use you in ways you have never been used before? Let me tell you what is happening in the realm of the Spirit right now. God is shaking this world and the powers that be. God is getting ready to advance His kingdom one last time, before Jesus comes back.

Frank, who was 8 yrs old, was looking forward for weeks to this particular Saturday. His father had promised to take him fishing, if the weather was suitable. There hadn't been any rain for weeks, and as Saturday was approaching, Frank was confident of the fishing trip. But wouldn't you know it? When Saturday morning dawned, it was raining heavily and it appeared that it would continue all day. Frank wandered around the house, peering out the windows and grumbling more than a little. "It seemed like the Lord would know that it would have been better to have the rain yesterday rather than today," he complained to his father, who was sitting by the fire place, enjoying a good book. His father tried to explain to Frank how badly the rain was needed; how it would make the flowers grow and bring much needed moisture to the farmers crops. But Frank was adamant. "It just isn't right," he said over and over again.

Then, about 3 pm the rain stopped. There was still time for some fishing, and quickly the gear was loaded. They were off to the lake. Miraculously, the fish were biting and father and son returned with a basket full of fish. At supper, when the fish was ready, Frank's mom asked him to pray. Frank did, and concluded his prayer by saying: "and Lord if I sounded grumpy earlier today, it was because I did not see far enough ahead."

Let us walk by faith and total trust in God. Amen.





Harry Hassler, REA member and retired from the Transit Police Association is a volunteer Chaplain for the Amtrak Police and the NY City M.T.A., Harry is standing in front of Grand Central Terminal, NY. He distributes REA tracts as part of his ministry. Harry is a rail fan enthusiast who likes photography and "riding the rails".



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.*

The above poem was sent in by REA member Harry Hassler. "The Spiritual Railway" is anonymous poem written on a tombstone in the cemetery of Ely Cathedral, England in memory of two railway men who died in a train accident in 1845.



Jesus said,

***"I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me."***

John 14:6

Dear God, We love you and we praise you

Father. Thank you for keeping America free

even though we don't deserve it.

Forgive us Father when we forget to thank

You for our young men and women who fight

to keep the wars from our shores and for

the fact that we are privileged to

just be born in America.

Father, continue to watch over us and our Armed

Forces around the world and keep us all safe and

free..... in Jesus precious name we pray...

Amen

The above prayer was sent in by REA member Harry Foreback, also NARVRE Area 3 Director from Cumberland, MD.

Red Skelton's

Recipe for the Perfect Marriage.

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship: She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers in California and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."
8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"
10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was? Always.
12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months, I don't like to interrupt her.
13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust".

Can't you just hear him say all of these? I love it: they were the good old days when humor didn't start with a four letter word. It was just clean and simple fun? And he always ended his programs with the words, "GOD BLESS". - Sent in by Geneva Campbell, Sec/Tres of the Alexandria, Virginia REA Chapter.



Lucille Knock and "Willie Lump-Lump" on a Red Skelton show in May 1954.



Bible answers by Sunday School children:

- >Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- >The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- >Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
- >Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- >The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
- >Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
- >In the first book of the Bible, Guinnesses, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
- >It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
- >Samson slew the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- >Moses died before he ever reached Canada.
- >The people who followed Jesus were called the 12 decibels.
- >Jesus was born because Mary had an Immaculate Contraption.

Do you have any favorite one-liners or humors things for our "Laugh Track" that you would like to share with our readers? Send them in.

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

MU'ed - HITCHED - COUPLED

IF THE RAILROADS HAD WEDDING VOWS FOR THEIR LOCOMOTIVES

We are gathered here today in accordance with the FRA, AAR, STB, and other regulatory bodies to unite these two units in MultiUnit service. If anyone takes exception, file your grievance or get in the clear.

Do you take this woman to be your trailing unit, tying down your pin lifter forever, and permanently restricting yourself from interchange service, even with newer, freshly-painted units, remaining coupled despite flat wheels, sticking brakes, even unto bad orders and major derailments, until you are both rendered unto scrap? If so, signify by sounding your whistle as prescribed by GCOR Rule 5.8.2, example 4 (two short whistle blasts).

And, do you promise to pull this unit up ruling grades, using throttle and brake wisely to prevent rough train handling, broken knuckles, and pulled drawbars, applying sand as necessary to prevent wheel slip, so that you both crest the hill together, regardless of the trailing tonnage? If so, signify by sounding your whistle as prescribed by GCOR Rule 5.8.2, example 4.

And do you also promise not to cut away from the trailing unit, even when her side sheets have rusted through, and her paint job is faded? If so, signify by sounding your whistle as prescribed by GCOR Rule 5.8.2, example 4.

Now, do you take this man to be your lead unit, tying down your pin lifter forever, and permanently removing yourself from interchange service, even with newer series, high adhesion, high-horsepower units, remaining coupled despite flat wheels, sticking brakes, even unto bad orders and major derailments, until you are both rendered unto scrap? If so, signify by sounding your whistle as prescribed by GCOR Rule 5.8.2, example 4. Do you also promise to remain coupled to your lead unit, even when he has a couple of traction motors cut out, and can no longer develop full horsepower? If so, signify by sounding your whistle as prescribed by GCOR Rule 5.8.2, example 4.

Now, as a token of your intent to M.U., make the joint and stretch the slack.

By the power invested in me by the General Manager, Superintendent of Operations, and the Road Foreman of Engines, I now pronounce you permanently coupled. You may cut in the air!

Credit: THE FUSEE Publication of the Thousand Lake Region, National Model Railroad Association Spring 2011, Volume 57 Number 3

The above humorous parody was made possible by understanding that God's law of marriage is between man and a woman. God ordained that only a man and woman could be hitched...coupled...or "Mu'ed." To tamper with or alter this most foundational relationship in society is to suppress the truth of God's Word. Marriage is held by God in high honor and any sexual deviation from this eternal coupling will be treated by God as immoral and unrighteousness. Read Hebrews 13:4; Leviticus 18:4,5; Proverbs 12:4; and especially Romans 1:18-32. Even in inventions, tools, and business we have copied God's program. Plumbing has male-female connections. Electrical circuits are complete only thru a male-to-female plug. The fire service moves water only thru male-to-female hose couplings. We had best honor God!

In addition to being hitched to my wife for 46 wonderful years, here is my all-time favorite MU'ed coupling:



The **SOO LINE** coupled a pair of EMD, SW9s to work the Twin Ports in the 1980s. These switchers were built in the fall of 1953. No. 2118 was lettered for the Zenith City, "Duluth," and No. 2119 for her sister city, "Superior." As they were MU'ed, the locos were tireless workers on both sides of Saint Louis Bay. Several manufacturers make a SW9 in HO. The main body and stacks are white. The nose, cab, and running platforms are red. For the red/white/blue lettering, go to:

www.scalerailgraphics.com -- set #31045



CANINE RAILWAY MAIL CARRIER

On July 27, 2011 in Washington DC, the U.S. Postal Service unveiled a stamp dedicated to "Owney," a stray dog who became the mascot of the Railway Mail Service late in the 19th century. The terrier mix appears on the stamp in a painting by artist Bill Bond of Arlington, Virginia.

The real-life Owney was a stray dog who wandered into the Albany, New York, post office in 1888, where postal clerks took a liking to him. The clerks let him stay the night, and he fell asleep on a pile of empty mailbags. Owney began to ride with the bags

on Railway Post Office (RPO) train cars across the state . . . and then the country! He followed mailbags onto trains and began riding with them across the country. The Railway Mail Service was a dangerous business at that time, but legend says no harm came to workers on the trains Owney rode.

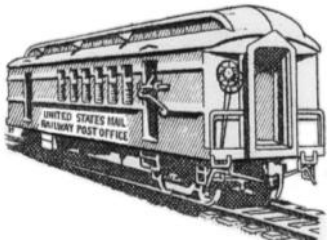
The RPO clerks adopted Owney as their unofficial mascot, marking his travels by placing medals and tags from his stops on his collar. Railway mail clerks considered the dog Owney a good luck charm. At a time when train wrecks were all too common, no train Owney rode was ever in a wreck. The Railway mail clerks adopted Owney as their unofficial mascot, marking his travels by placing medals and tags on his collar. Each time Owney returned home to Albany, the clerks there saved the tags. Owney was known throughout the world for his journeys. He began to travel extensively around the United States after befriending the post office clerks in Albany. Owney visited small towns as well as large metropolises in nearly every state as he accompanied mailbags being carried by the Railway Mail Service. His international travels were hallmarked by his trip around the world in 1895, which was sponsored by the postal clerks.

An 1895 New York Times article described how Owney's journeys began: "When the mail is sent to the station, Owney jumps on the wagon, and stays there until the last bag is thrown into the car. If he feels like taking a journey, he then jumps aboard the car, barks good-bye, and away he goes. Once on the train he is the guest of the clerks at the railway post office along the road."

Owney's body is preserved at the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum. A group of postal employees raised money for Owney to be preserved. In 1904 the Department included Owney in its section of the World's Fair exposition in St. Louis, Missouri. In honor of Owney's presence at the fair, a group of Cleveland, Ohio, postal clerks commissioned a souvenir spoon designed for Owney. The design, produced by the Webb C. Ball Company, shows a railway train car in the bowl of the spoon and an illustration of Owney along with his name on the handle.

BUDD ZEPHYR UPDATE: Additional information was supplied on my picture of the "Flying Yankee" Zephyr, (rear cover of **ALL ABOARD**, Winter 2011) by **REA** member Carl Somme of Berlin, NH. Carl was involved with the initial stages of its restoration at Glen, NH. This Zephyr was brought from Edaville on Cape Cod, close to 200 miles, on 4 or 5 flatbed semi-trailers. It was acquired by Bob Morell, owner of "Story Land" and "Heritage" in Glen. Some work was done there, but completed at the Concord & Claremont shops in Claremont, NH. The initial run was in 2009. It was turned over to the State of New Hampshire as a historical item. The restoration was privately funded. As the "Flying Yankee" it ran from Boston to Portland to Bangor, ME. It also ran as the "Mountaineer" from Boston to the White Mts. in New Hampshire. In its day it amassed close to 3,000,000 miles! It has been pictured in a variety of railroad publications. It was definitely something to be preserved historically.

The BUDD stainless-steel Zephyrs were the railroads answer to compete against highways and airways in the 1930s. "Zephyr" is in honor of the Greek God of the *WEST WIND*. The CB&Q "Pioneer Zephyr" #9900 with its Winton 201 A diesel-electric motive power averaged 112-mph on its inaugural run from Denver to Chicago. 9 Burlington Zephyrs were built. The "Pioneer Zephyr," after appearing at the Great Chicago Railroad Fair (see **ALL ABOARD**, Spring 2011), was brought to the Museum of Science & Industry in Chicago in 1960. It is a fully interpretive exhibit upon entrance to the museum. The RPO section built into the engine unit is a unique feature of the Zephyrs.



LETTERS

From our REA MAIL BAG

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Dear REA,

Just a note to let you know I am still in the race! I met a man at our church on Sunday who is a railroad photographer. I told him I would pay for a membership and subscription for him.

Keep up the good work.

Bill Mosley

Pennsville, NJ

Greetings,

My husband, Allen Leo Landers was an engineer for 50 years with Burlington Northern and Amtrak. He now has Alzheimer's so we don't get out much but he sure enjoys the REA magazine.

God bless,

Barbara Landers

Hillsboro, OR

Hello REA,

The REA is a big help in getting the good news of Jesus Christ to all railroaders and their friends.

Sincerely,

Harry Foreback **N.A.R.V.R.E.**

Cumberland, MD

Dear REA,

I look forward to each issue of the "All Aboard!" magazine to see how I can use my model railroad as a witness.

Thanks for the work you are doing.

Sincerely,

Don Smith

Visalia, CA

Hello,

I would like ten copies of the next publication of "All Aboard!". I will place them in the lunch rooms and call office in Roanoke, VA as I am a dispatcher with friends in the mechanical department who will help place these in the lunch rooms of the Car and Loco shops. I also have some friends that will place them in the call office for the T&E employees.

Thank you,

Jim Davis

Roanoke, VA

God bless the USA



& God bless the REA



Greetings REA,

The Summer 2011 "All Aboard!" is excellent. I especially enjoyed the story about Paul Whitaker, "A Railroader Who Gives God Credit" by Diane Pearson. The poem, "Riding the Rail" by George Samaduroff, Jr was very good also. Please sent me some gold foil REA stickers. Now is the time to get on board with God. I am an old PRR Clerk - New York Division, also WW II Marine Corps. Keep us the good work God bless America!

Sincerely,

Martin J. Mc Intyre

Monroe Township, NJ

Dear REA,

Thank you so very much for those steam locomotive gold foil stickers! Awesome! I grew up in Austria. My Grandfather worked on the Austrian Federal Railroad and was fascinated with steam locomotives from birth!

Love in Christ,

Rev. Guenther K. Fritsch

Erial, NJ

Hello REA,

Already looking forward to the REA convention in September. This past December our church had a dinner to help raise funds for Ranch Hope. Ranch Hope is a camp for troubled youth. They have both a boys home and a girls home. (See their web page for more information at www.ranchhope.org). Below in the photo is Ranch Hope founder Rev. Dave Bailey and his wife Eileen. I, (Carol Clifton) am on the right. Our Malaga REA Chapter also presented them with a check and a copy of our "All Aboard!" magazine.

I am having some physical problems but I know God is with me. Love Him so! God bless.

Carol Clifton

Millville, NJ



Rev. Dave and Mrs. Eileen Bailey of Ranch Hope with REA member Carol Clifton this past December.



Photo by Jay Glenewinkel

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Dear REA,
Around October I wrote and inquired about the "All Aboard!" publication. You sent me some back issues and introduced me to Rev. Stephen Seidler. For this, I am forever grateful and in your debt. Since day one I have become good friends with Rev. Seidler and have become interested in REA as well. Most importantly, I have rediscovered my faith in the Lord and I am slowly working my way back to His path. I never knew my love for train would guide me to this wonderful journey across the rails of righteousness. Thank you for the glorious gift of friendship and hope.

Sincerely,
Jay Glenewinkel - 56817280
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Ft. Worth, TX 76119

Greetings REA,
I have enclosed a D.O.C. check to renew my membership and subscription to REA. After reading the back cover of the Winter 2011 issue I wrote to Rev. Seidler and gave him further information on the B&M's "Flying Yankee" and its restoration. Thank you very much, In Christian fellowship,
Carl Sonne 77049
NCF 138 E. Milan Road
Berlin, NH 03570



The two letters above and their addresses from Carl Sonne and Jay Glenewinkel are in prison and would like to correspond with those who would be interested in doing so.

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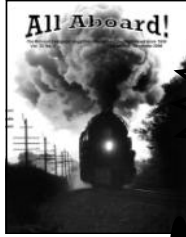
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A sculptured ice train on display in the dinning hall of the NARVRE convention in Spokane, Washington.

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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.

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

Sharon L. Wickliff by Lorraine Creamer
Sharon L. Wickliff by Carol Clifton
Sharon L. Wickliff by Joe & Dorothy Spooner
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Henry Dyck by Joe Spooner

"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.

NEW REA MEMBERS and/or subscribers since November 2011. Pastor Robert Glass, James Davis, Richard Melzer, J.B. Messer, Steve Barry, Lester Igou, Lewis Lester, Pastor Guenther Fritsch, David & Roselee Wiegand, Pastor Robert Watson, Pastor Charles Barwick, Jim Rossiter, Joe Swindell, Ron, Bakalar, K.K. Johnson, Charles Mitchell, George Bollinger, Steve Bowmen, Alan Corbitt. **Welcome Aboard!**



Cover photo by **Rev. Stephen Seidler** of this EMD #5771, resplendent in Denver & Rio Grande yellow with black and silver trim, is working hard to lift the "California Zephyr" from Denver into the Rockies. Almost to the Moffat Tunnel, she is captured in the South Boulder Creek Valley west of Tunnel 29 at Pinecliffe, CO - 37.04 miles west of Denver at an elevation of 7,966 feet. Steve Seidler got this 35mm shot in the late 1970s, by hiking down from Colorado highway 72 to double-trackside where there is a long passing siding. The photo was shot at Pinecliffe, CO, just off Highway 72, and west of Tunnel 28. There were originally 30 tunnels on the route from Denver to Moffat Tunnel. Tunnels 9 and 23 no longer exist, so

though there is a tunnel 29 and 30, only 28 tunnels can be counted today. The motto of the DR&G was "Thru the Rockies...Not around them." West of Denver the Moffat Route leaves the Great Plains and begins travelling up the massive Front Range escarpment of the Rocky Mts. Tracks wind their way up South Boulder Creek thru extremely rugged and remote canyons, snaking thru 28 tunnels, as the trains climb 3,000 feet of elevation in 40 miles.

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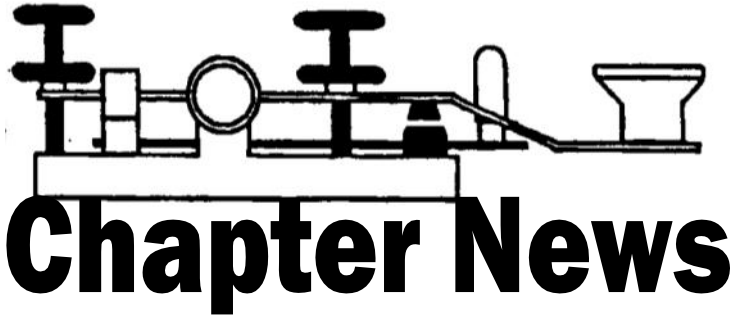
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ALEXANDRIA REA CHAPTER. FEBRUARY 2012

Rev. Paul Campbell opened our meeting in prayer, then led in the chorus, "God is so good." We then sang "Amazing Grace" with brother Paul leading. Helen Booterbraugh's daughter shared a little about Helen's recovery that she is still in the hospital and receiving the best of care and that gives us a lot of hope. Brother Paul also mentioned about Chris Harkey becoming more involved with REA and has set up an REA "Facebook" site along with one on "Twitter" as well. New things are happening in REA, keep praying and plan on coming to the REA convention in September.

Brother Paul spoke from I Peter 2:21 that just as Christ suffered we are able to follow in His example in knowing that Jesus Himself understands all that we go through and not only what we go through but is there with us in our times of suffering and of sorrow. We can learn to draw close to Him during our difficult times that we experience while here in this life. Paul closed by singing, "Oh how I love Jesus, because he first loved me".

Brother Paul called on Roland Harris to close our meeting in prayer.

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A classic postcard shot of Amtrak's "Coast Starlight" that travels the West coast from Seattle, Washington to Los Angeles, California. Photo postcard sent in by N.R. Seidelmann.



Remember **Helen Booterbraugh** in your prayers. She is in the Hospital after having a fall. Helen has been a longtime REA members and attends the Alexandria REA Chapter.



Train

up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

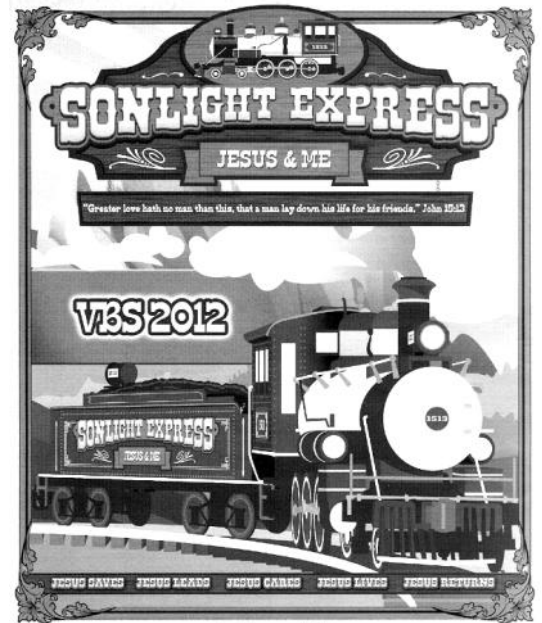
Henry Joseph Christensen, at 7 months, is attending his very first Great American Train Show in Portland, Oregon this past February with his grandpa. Henry is Joe & Dorothy Spooners first grandchild and he represents the future of REA.

To say the least, I am excited about the future of REA. Not only because my grandson, Henry, really enjoyed his first train show but what God is doing in REA, let me share a few of the exciting things God is doing. It seemed to all get started with a phone call from REA's founders great grandson Christopher Harkey, (see pages 4 & 5). Christ wants to get involved in REA in a way I know little of. Christ began a REA "Facebook" page and a "Twitter" page that will be able to touch an entire new generation of the world-wide railroad community. I also received another phone call from a young man from Southeastern Michigan who wants to begin a REA chapter in his area. Another man called and said he wanted to receive 200 issues of our magazine all because Sara Harkey was faithful in handing out our publication to a group of retiree's called "Golden Railroaders" in Tallahassee, Florida. Another man called and said he wanted to start receiving 10 issue of each publication.

God is better than good! It has been a prayer of mine for a number of years that it would be good for REA to develop a Vacation Bible School program with a railroad theme. You can't believe how excited I was when REA member and editor of our Model Railroad and Rail Fan page, Rev. Stephen Seidler sent me information on the "Sonlight Express - Jesus & me" VBS curriculum by Bogard Press with a railroad theme! The material is exceptionally high quality and my local church cannot wait to use it this Summer! For more information on this curriculum visit their web page at www.vbs.bogardpress.org, you will not be disappointed.

Let us continue to pray for Gods favor of increase of REA's influence into all the world. We are just beginning to scratch the surface of the world-wide railroad community. Let us continue to **"Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day."** Psalm 96:2

In His grace & service,
Joe Spooner



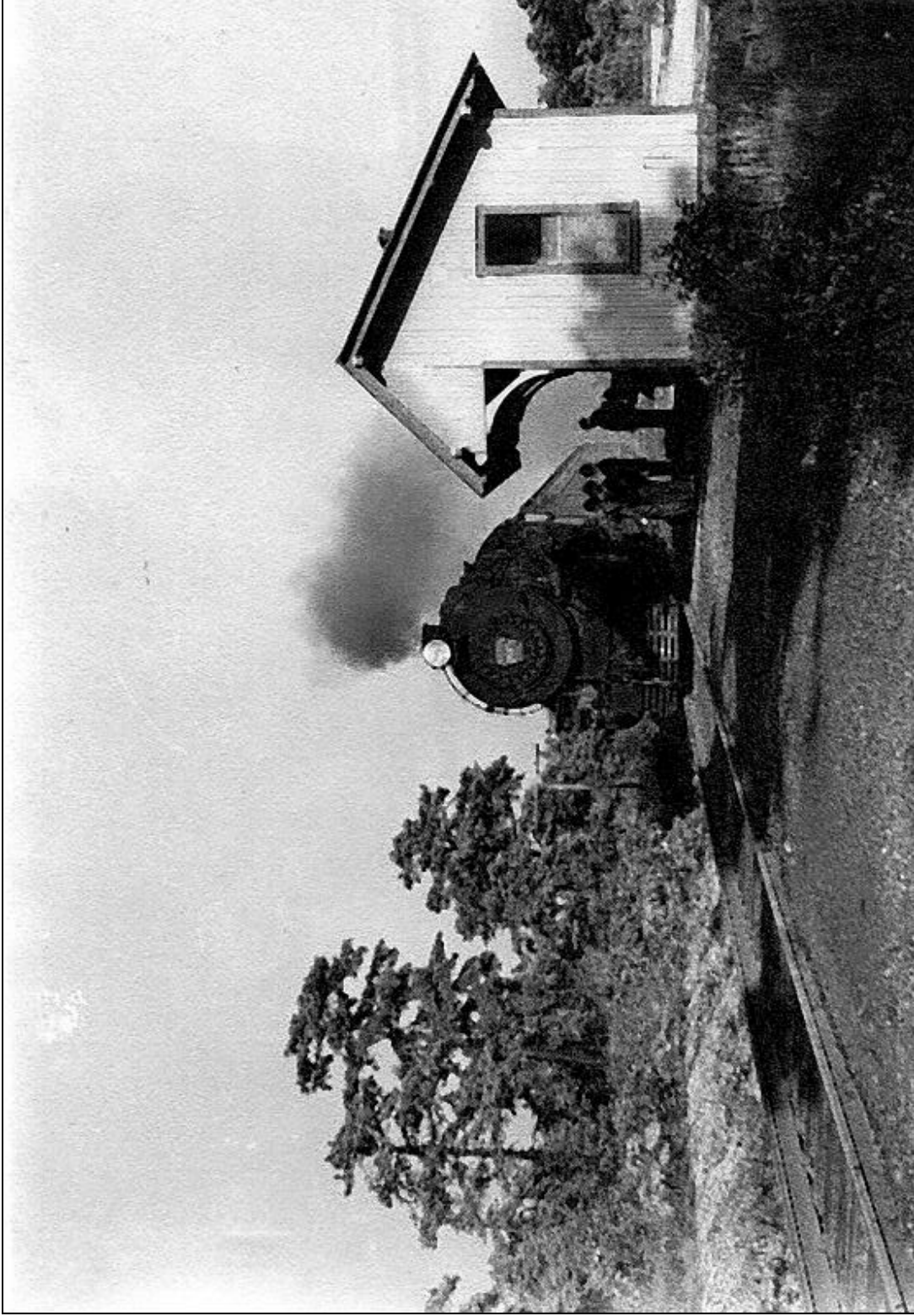
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The photo to the right was sent in by REA member, Wilson "Butch" Jacobs from Boothwyn, PA, and attends the Malaga REA Chapter. The photo was taken of Keswick Grove Station, New Jersey by one of relative of his. Butch use to walk these tracks with his father back in the 1960's.

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