

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! Here are a few highlights of recent Chapter activities and news.

This is our last issue of *The Cincinnatian* for 2017. This month we take a trip back to Greene County in the 1950's with Harry Noble. See page 2 for his story.

As we head into next year, it is time to think about what projects and activities we want to tackle. If you know of a good project or activity, please let us know. As discussed at our last meeting, we are going to have a January meeting to get our year off to a good start.

We are now accepting Chapter dues for 2018. Most of our members have already renewed. Donations are always appreciated and form an important part of our annual budget. As a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt non-profit organization, donations to the Chapter are tax deductible to the maximum extent permitted by law. National dues renewals are handled separately and instructions are being sent to all members on how to renew for 2018.

Our Library at EJ is open Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and the busy holiday season is now upon us. Don't forget our ornaments are on sale in the EJ gift shop and several local retail outlets. They make great Christmas gifts!

**Help Wanted!** Linda Rook is looking to step down as Librarian, so we are looking for someone to take over the role. The Librarian maintains our collection and will lead various projects for preservation and archiving of our historic materials. If you are interested, or know someone who would be a good candidate, please contact one of the Officers or Trustees.

Thanks to Adam Fehr and Father Dale Peterka for sharing their stories and photographs with us last month. Don't forget that there will be no December Chapter meeting. We will resume our regular monthly meeting schedule in January, with a program by Dan Finrock.

That's all for now. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season. Look for more news and updates in the January issue of *The Cincinnatian*!

Scott Andes, President

## NO DECEMBER MEETING

Due to our 4th Tuesday falling on December 26th, we will not have a regular December Chapter meeting. Our next Chapter meeting will be in January, with a program by Dan Finrock.

## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

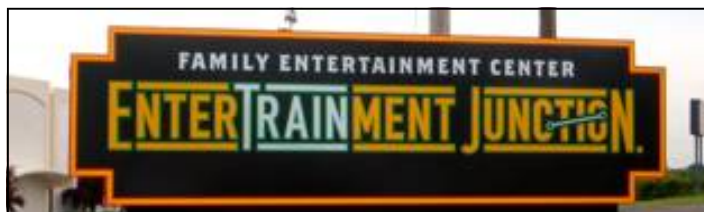
This month we send our Thoughts and Prayers to Chapter Member Cliff Scholes, who is recovering from a recent medical procedure. We hope he has a full and speedy recovery.

Scott Andes, Chapter President

## ADAM FEHR's TRAINS



After intermission on meeting night, we were treated to a short CD program by Adam Fehr (right, pictured with President Scott Andes) of recent local photos. Photo by Richard King.



**RR NOTES – Greene County, Ohio in the 1950s**  
**Off The Beaten Path** by Harry Noble

Monroe Siding was a B&O passing track located between Xenia and Jamestown, once the meeting point of CH&D's afternoon Eastbound and Westbound passenger trains. It was at the top of a two mile upgrade out of Xenia and near Greene County's little grass strip airport. Aptly named Monroe Siding Road crossed here. It was a good train watching spot.

Freight trains to and from Chillicothe typically had double headed Mikado type locomotives, but seldom did we see them use the siding to pass. Dad took photos in color; frugal me in B&W.



Eastbound B&O double header at Monroe Siding. Note concrete phone booth at siding switch. (Fall season.)



Double headers passing at Monroe siding. Ones throwing smoke are topping grade. Two on right have stopped on siding. No wreck about to happen! Note road crossing sign has no crossbucks. (Wintertime.)

There was a derailment here, winter mid 1950s; perhaps caused by a broken wheel. Two big hooks were called in to clean up the mess. The B&O one surely came from Chillicothe; NYC's unit probably from nearby Dayton. Several cars came off the track, including coal hoppers, a boxcar and a tanker. Trucks were lying all about, but there were no major material spills.

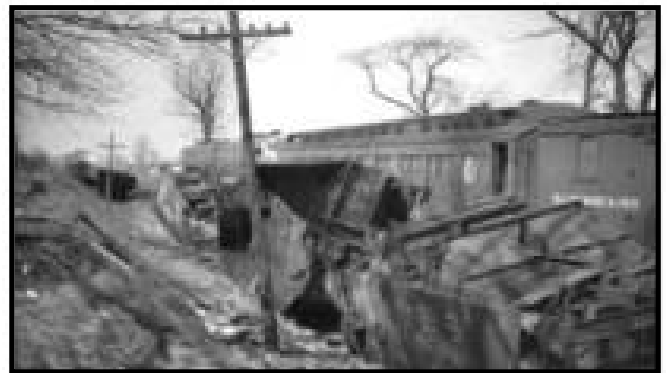
Dad and I hiked into the site after dark. We stayed out of the way and nobody paid us any mind. (It sure would be different today!) The place was lit up by electric lights and several open acetylene flames. The latter were cardboard canisters filled with calcium carbide, punched with holes top and bottom and placed in to a bucket of water. The gas shooting out the top was lit to produce a foot high bright jet flame. We could even take pictures.



Night shot of NYC crane No0 at West end of wreck. Note broken axle lying on the ground.



B&O crane at East end of wreck, next day.



B&O diesels showing crane at East end of site.



Cranes have about met. Nearest is NYC

The track was cleared and opened quickly, as you can see the cranes have about joined in one of the next day's photos. Final cleanup took a week.

A bike path is all that's left here of the old B&O.

# NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, meeting of the Cincinnati Chapter NRHS was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Scott Andes. There were 20 members and 3 visitors present in our EnterTRAINment Junction (EJ) Library.

Scott greeted Fr. Dale Peterka, who was returning to give our evening's program. Fr. Dale explained that he was trying a new approach; a 20 minute talk followed by 35 slides. Subject: Kentucky Transportation- How they got there. All material from the internet! (Secretary: Fr. Dale did this NRHS Newsletter last century.)

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the *The Cincinnatiatian*.

President: Scott said that his proposed January meeting e-mail received many positive responses. So, we'll give it a try - on the usual 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, at 7PM. Also, he has obtained some Operation Lifesaver coloring books; these he passed out when last working the Library. This is the last meeting for Harry as recording secretary. (*Editor's Note: The assembled crowd gave Harry a round of applause in appreciation for his service.*)

V.P.: Don advised the Newsletter mailing would occur at 1:00 PM on December 16<sup>th</sup> in this Library. He expressed his thanks to those responsible for producing the Newsletter.

Secretary: No comment. (I will now add thanks to all our members for putting up with me and for the kind remarks about my newsletter articles. I'll continue the latter.)

Treasurer: Dave reported we have adequate funds on hand; without having to tap the Schwab account this year.

National Director: Scott mentioned the upcoming NRHS meetings and the dues renewal letters expected soon, then deferred to Frank, who reported that our Chapter dues for 2018 are mostly in.

Trustees: Don said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Bernie was absent. Frank announced that the Hixon prints are now all framed. But, some frames still need varnish.

Library and Old/New Business: None.

Announcements: The Hi-Railers will be in St. Bernard, with their layout, this weekend. Location is City Hall off Vine Street. Dan noted the Columbus artifact show is a week from this Saturday. Also, Cliff Scholes is in West Chester hospital, room 204.

Adjourn for refreshments at 7:20 PM.

A short program on CD presented Adam Fehr's Trains, 2017. Photos were from the Cincy and Kentucky area.

Fr. Dale took the stage at 7:52 PM. His story begins in 1750 when a fellow named Walker led a party into Kentucky to encourage settlement. D. Boone made three trips starting in 1767. Nicholas Roosevelt did a boat survey down the Ohio and by 1825 there was thriving boat traffic. Later, a dam and canal with locks got boats around The Falls of the Ohio River.

The L&N RR was formed in 1850. IC came in 1890, crossing the Ohio River on a 20,000 ft bridge. In 1836 the Virginia Central merged to become the C&O. The Cincinnati Southern was proposed in 1835; completed by 1880, with 23 tunnels. It was leased to the CNO&TP.

Macadam roads (rolled crushed rock) were developed by 1820. By 1913 there was the Lincoln Hwy (E-W) and Dixie Hwy (N-S). Bowman Field airport was formed in 1919. It was used by B-17s in WW-2; followed by commercial traffic in 1947.

Color slides followed. End 8:36 PM.

Submitted by Harry Noble, Secretary

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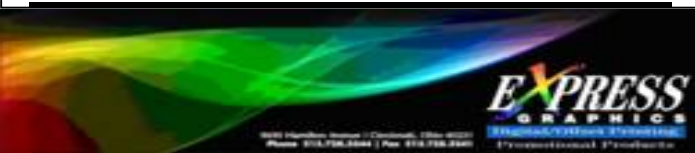
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

Tue. Dec. 26 NO Regular Chapter Meeting

### JANUARY

Thu. Jan. 11 Newsletter Mailing Lunch - 1:00 P.M.  
EnterTRAINment Junction, West Chester, OH

Sun. Jan. 21 Dayton All Trains Swap Meet  
Warren County Fairgrounds, Lebanon, OH  
Hours 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Tue. Jan. 23 Regular Chapter Meeting & Program 7:00 P.M.  
EnterTRAINment Junction, West Chester, OH

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### November Meeting Program “Coming to Kentucky”



**Guest Speaker Father Dale Peterka (left) and Chapter President Scott Andes (right) pose after Father Dale’s program on early Kentucky modes of transportation. Photo by Richard King.**