

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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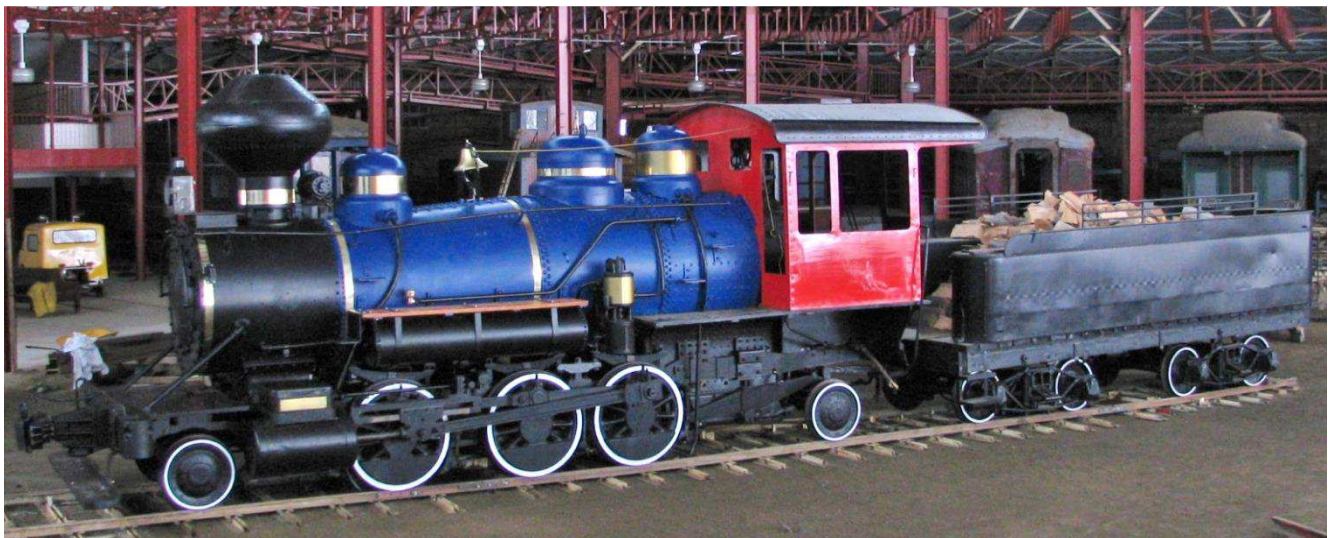
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SHREVEPORT, LA

Our 33rd Year

It's a Long Way From Rapides Parish to British Columbia !



Engine 69, a wood-burning 2-6-2 Prairie Class locomotive, was built by Baldwin in 1914 for the Calcasieu Long Leaf Lumber Co. of Lake Charles. Later it was sold to the Rapides Gravel Co. in Woodworth, LA. In June, 1958 it was rusting away in Rapides Parish (top photo) and being considered for use at a proposed museum in Alexandria. That use never developed, and it was sold several times until it reached Alberta Canada. In 2005 it was purchased by a couple in Revelstoke, British Columbia. They cosmetically restored it (bottom photo) and it is now on display at their Three Valley Gap Heritage Ghost Town & Round House in Revelstoke. This year it is celebrating its 100th birthday !

Upcoming Events

- April 18 RRVRHS Meeting – 7 p.m. in the Library at The Glen Retirement Village, 403 East Flournoy Lucas Road. For information or directions call (318) 470-5933.
- May 2 First Friday Railroad Photography Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Water Works Museum/ Railroad Museum – 142 N. Common St. – call (318) 458-3123 for information.
- May 3-4 Cotton Belt Train Show – Tyler, TX – (903) 595-7232
- May 10 Visit NationalTrainDay.com for more details on this year's National Train Day
- May 17-18 Third Annual Jefferson Train Days - Go to www.jeffersontraindays.com

The President's Message

Hello Railfans !

Last Saturday I had an unusual and very rewarding experience escorting 6 railfans from England at Camp Minden to look at our ex-Santa Fe steam engine no. 1140. They are spending 21 days in the U.S. visiting all the known steam engines in the southeast part of our country. They said that the past several years they have been coming over to look for preserved, displayed and operating steam engines. On this trip they landed in Miami. Friday they were in Monroe and Ferriday. Saturday they were in Shreveport and headed south to the Southern Forest Heritage Museum in Longleaf. Dave had gone over to Camp Minden last week to check on our equipment stored there and to see about getting them in. He was told there would be no problem but when we arrived at the guard gate we were told that since they were from a foreign country they would have to fill out several forms and be approved by the camp commander. I made several phone calls and contacted Col. Hennington, explained to him the situation and he approved their entry. Society member Jim McClure was with me.

On another matter, Gary Fox has heard from the state highway department and they have approved our use the small triangle of land next to N. Common Street adjacent to the city plat. Also, SWEPCO has approved our request to slope the land on their right-of-way. Things are moving right along.

Liz Swain called and said the beer-tasting event held at several historic downtown locations was a complete sellout and a great success. We had a booth at the event along with the Shreveport Water Works Museum and Shreveport Historic Preservation Society.

Faith Pease, one of our newest members, has sewed some of our patches on the caps Gary purchased and they will be for sale at our next meeting. I hope to see you there.

Happy Railroading!

Russell

Are You Up-to-Date on Your Dues ?

Please send a check or money order for \$20.00 with this membership form to Bill Hasheider at 6813 Despot Road, Shreveport, LA 71108

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