

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

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SHREVEPORT, LA

*Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Year*



## **William D. Newell, KCS Roadmaster**

This interesting painting was donated to us in January by Peggy Newell in Shreveport. It is of her late father-in-law, W. D. Newell, who was a long-time KCS employee, holding many jobs including Roadmaster. Note that he is wearing a suit and hat, which was common attire for the “boss”. It was painted by artist Lloyd Hawthorne, who was well known because of his painting of Capt. Henry Miller Shreve standing on logs directing the work of clearing the “Great Raft” in the Red River. The large color painting (46 inches by 51 inches) is now in our Shreveport Railroad Museum.

***Check out this web site for current world-wide steam locomotive locations and photos:***

**[www.steamlocomotive.info](http://www.steamlocomotive.info)**

## **Upcoming Events**

- Feb. 21      RRVRS Meeting – 7 p.m. in the Library at The Glen Retirement Village, 403 East Flounoy Lucas Road. For information or directions call (318) 470-5933.
- March 7      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

## The President's Message

Hello Railfans !

This is the second newsletter in this new format we are using to reduce costs. It should save us about 50 cents per copy for printing. Since postage stamps have gone up again, it will still cost us 49 cents per copy to mail them. Over half of our members receive the newsletter by email, and it is in full color. If you would like to receive yours by email instead of snail mail, please let Dave know at [DDBland@aol.com](mailto:DDBland@aol.com)

Since our last newsletter we have received donations which will be good additions to our collection. A lady by the name of Dee Thompson called Dave and brought a cigar box of small paper items, pins, annual passes, time tables, etc. and left it at the museum. Also, Peggy Newell, whose father-in-law was a KCS road foreman, donated a large painting of him in a Fairmont motor car. It is a beautiful portrait which is an asset to our museum.

Last week Gary and I picked up the engineering drawings of the property on N. Common Street next to the Shreveport Water Works Museum. Rick Raley from Mohr and Associates is working on the layout drawings as this goes to press.

Also, Liz Swaine is working on something big for us that I will discuss at the next meeting. I sure hope she can pull it off!

Well, that's about all for this month. Hoping to see you at the next meeting.

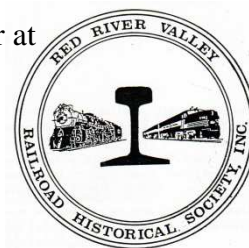
Happy Railroading!  
Russell

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