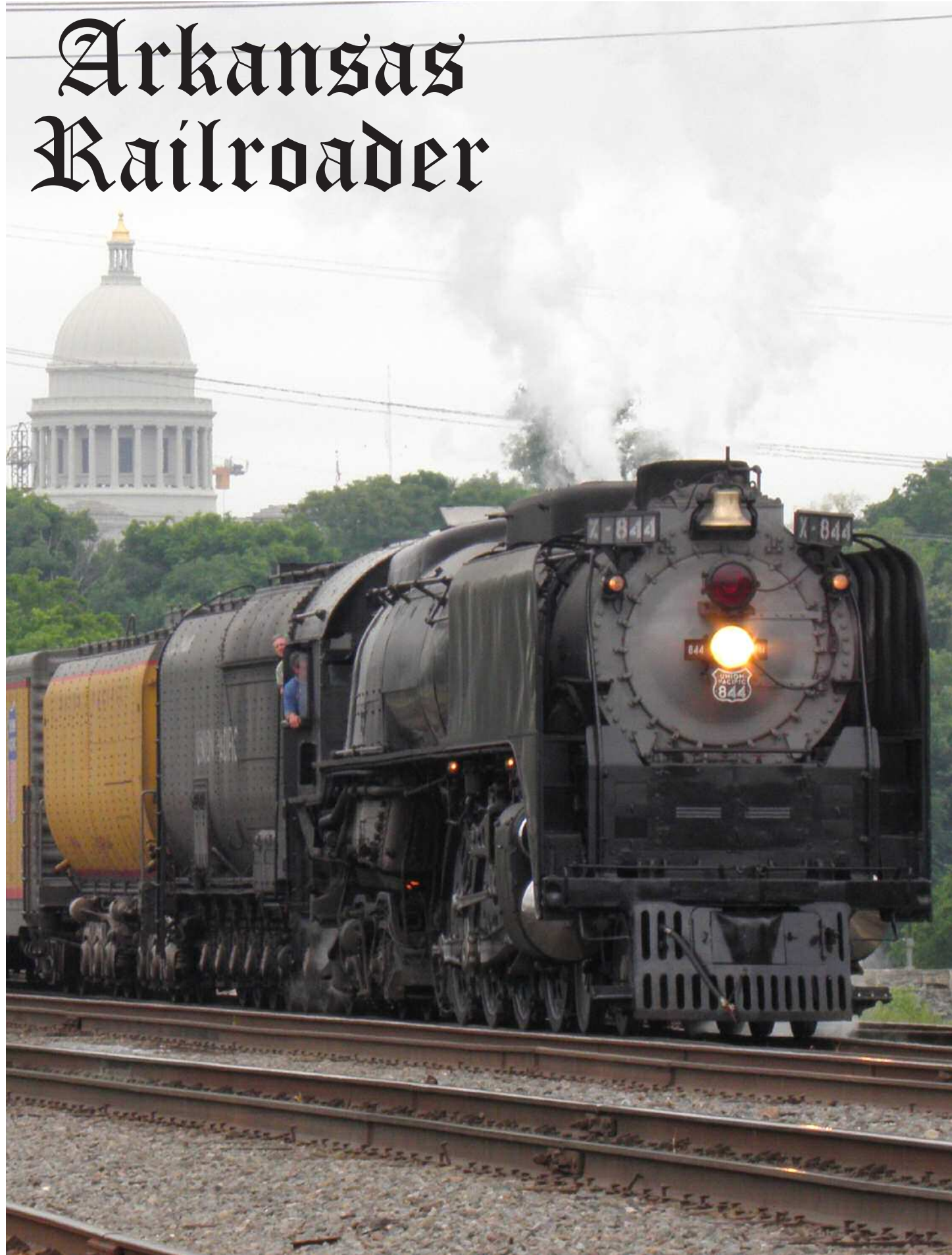


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Then contact one of your officers or board members listed above. That's why we are here.

JOINING THE ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB

The **ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB** is a non-profit organization of railroad and train enthusiasts that was formed in 1969. We meet on the second Sunday of most months at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in trains is welcome! Dues to join the ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB are currently \$20 a year, which includes the monthly *Arkansas Railroader* newsletter.

ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB, PO BOX 9151, NORTH LITTLE ROCK AR 72119. Call 501-758-1340 for information.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Arkansas Railroad Club will be 2 pm, SUNDAY, June 13, 2010. It will be held at Curtis H. Stout, Inc., 2400 Cantrell Road, Suite 100, Little Rock, Ark. Note date change for Mother's Day.

BACK ISSUES ONLINE

Past issues of the *Arkansas Railroader* are online at: <http://www.thundertrain.org/road>. All issues from 1970-March 2008, are available. If you're reading the past issues online, you might want to consider becoming a member. Membership dues help keep the *Arkansas Railroader* going.

COVER PHOTO

Union Pacific No. 844 leaves North Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 23, 2010, after a one day layover. The steam locomotive was on the return leg of its trip to Texas. Photo by Joe Roddy.



Arkansas Railroad Club Makes Donation to Trolley Museum

Members of the Arkansas Railroad Club and the Fort Smith Trolley Museum watch as Arkansas Railroad Club vice-president Doug Harley presents a check for \$500 to Bradley Martin with the trolley museum on May 8, 2010. The museum will use the money to restore Capital Transportation Company No. 305 streetcar in the background. CTC operated in Little Rock, Arkansas. The car was purchased from Birney in 1926. Photo by David Hoge.

ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB NEWS

ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB MEMBER GLENN MOSENTHIN has won an award from the Arkansas Historical Association for his article "The Delta Eagle: A Little Known but Luxurious Train." The article was first published in the *Historical Bulletin* of the Grand Prairie Historical Society and later in the April 2009, *Arkansas Railroader*.

2010 UNION PACIFIC CALENDARS FOR SALE. The 2010 calendar is now available for order. However, we only have 5 copies remaining, so order soon before they sell out. Member Ken Ziegenbein has a photo in this year's calendar. The cost is \$10 plus \$3 for shipping. Order from the Arkansas Railroad Club, P.O. Box 9151, North Little Rock, AR 72119.

SHORTLINE RAILROADS OF ARKANSAS by Gene Hull is still available for \$15 plus \$2 postage per book. Orders may be sent to the Arkansas Railroad Club, P.O. Box 9151, North Little Rock, AR 72119.

A CROSSETT LUMBER COMPANY HISTORY by O.H. "Doogie" Darling is for sale. The book is titled *A History of the Mills, Logging Camps, And Early Forestry Operations of the Crossett Lumber Company*. Cost is \$15 plus \$5.00 S&H per copy. Mail orders

with payment to O. H. Darling, 1203 Chestnut Street, Crossett, Arkansas 71635.

FORDYCE, ARKANSAS: A HISTORY OF THE TOWN, AND ITS FORESTS, TIMBER AND MILLS, by O. H. "Doogie" Darling is for sale. The 135 page book contains maps, railroad logging history and photos. Price is \$25.00 plus \$5.00 S&H per copy. Mail orders with payment to O. H. Darling, 1203 Chestnut Street, Crossett, Arkansas 71635.

MEMBER WEB SITES Fred Fillers website on Arkansas streetcars at: <http://www.fredstreetcars.com>.

Paul Cales' website on the Missouri & North Arkansas http://www.eurekaspringshistory.com/nw_arkansas_rr.htm

Ken Ziegenbein's website at <http://www.trainweather.com>

David Hoge's website at: <http://www.trainweb.org/arkansastrains>

Daniel Gladstone's website at: www.artrains.org

If you like your website listed, send the address to davidhoge@mac.com

MEMBERSHIP LISTS OF THE ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB are available. Either write David Hoge at the club's address or email David at davidhoge@mac.com

TRAIN SHOWS & OPEN HOUSES

ANNUAL RAILRODIANA & MODEL TRAIN meet will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011, at the Arkansas Railroad Museum. Adults \$5.00, children 6-12, \$2.00 and under 6 free. The Arkansas Railroad Museum is located in Pine Bluff, Arkansas at 1700 Port Road. Model train layouts, door prizes and railroad memorabilia. Call 870-535-8819 for more information.

The **Kansas City Southern Historical Society** will hold its annual convention at Queen Wilhelmina State Park near Mena, Arkansas on June 11 and 12, 2010. Contact the society for costs and details.

JACKSON RAILFEST will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 9, 2010, at the Casey Jones Museum in Jackson, Tennessee. The event is sponsored by the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Historical Society and the Casey Jones Village. For more information see www.gmohs.org.

TRAIN DINNER RIDES

THE ARKANSAS & MISSOURI RAILROAD will operate the Fort Smith Trolley Museum's Summer Dinner Train on Saturday, July 10, 2010. Train will board at 4:45 p.m. at the trolley museum and operate to Winslow, Arkansas. Several classes of dinners are offered ranging from the parlor car at \$150 per person (no child price offered) to caboose class at \$75 per adult and \$50 per child. Coach class is \$40 per adult and \$25 per child. Contact the museum at 479-783-0205 for tickets.

INFORMATION NEEDED

THE ARKANSAS MIDLAND RAILROAD is looking for photos of the Missouri Pacific's Delta Eagle at the depot at Helena, Arkansas. If you would like to share the photo with the railroad, contact David Hoge at davidhoge@mac.com or 501-590-5172.

BRIAN WALLER WITH THE E.S. & N.A. R.R. HISTORICAL & RESTORATION SOCIETY is looking for plans or blue prints for a trestle on the old Missouri & North Arkansas line, 1.5 miles east of the present-day wye north of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Also, Brian is trying to schedule work days on the trestle in April and May. And Brian is also attempting to purchase a small building in Berryville for use as an office. If you have any information, would like to work on the trestle or donate money for the building please contact Brian at elsax3@juno.com.

First in Arkansas Railroading

Over the next few months we will be reprinting articles from the *Arkansas Gazette* and its predecessors which document some of the “first” in Arkansas railroad history. Since your editor was not alive 150 years ago, we’ll have to rely on the original reporters as to whether these were some of the first. The last spike article contains some additional “unrelated items” simply tacked onto the original article.

First accommodation train

Daily Arkansas Gazette July 1, 1873.

The first accommodation train on the Cairo and Fulton railroad left the city yesterday morning at 5 o’clock, in charge of Conductor Ben. Bowland. This train is a freight, and carries a passenger coach for the accommodation of way travelers between this city and Moark, and will no doubt be liberally patronized.

Description of wood lines at Searcy

Daily Arkansas Gazette July 8, 1873.

From long list of short items.

The *Searcy Record* gives the following description of the wooden railway, which unites that place with the Cairo and Fulton railroad.

Last Saturday we took our first trip on the road and in the freight car, and were delighted with its movements--only this, it was slow. Being heavy and new, this could not be avoided, but as the boxing becomes smoother and the mules more used to the track, and the strips smoother we think even this car will make the time in thirty minutes. The trip was made inside of an hour--four miles. We noticed some of the rails (oak timbers two by five inches and fourteen feet in length) were laid the flat side down and spiked to the cross ties, which dispenses with the iron rod that they got to put through the rails when the thin edge was down, to keep them steady and in their places. It seems to work well and does away with several hundred dollars of expense. Between the rails the dirt is thrown up for a footpath for the horse pulling the car. The road we look upon as a success, and our people and the public generally will find it a great convenience.

First car load of freight

Daily Arkansas Gazette August 12, 1873.

The first car load of freight from this city (Little Rock) to Fulton, the terminus of the Cairo and Fulton railroad, will go down today. It was purchased yesterday by Charley Howard, and will be shipped to Howard & Co. It goes by rail to Emmett, one hundred and ten miles, and thence to Fulton, twenty four miles, by wagon.

Last Spike on the Cairo & Fulton

Daily Arkansas Gazette September 2, 1873.

Latest From Fulton

Driving the Last Spike -- Sharp Practice to Who Wears the Honor -- Man Shot Etc.

From passengers who arrived in the city last night from Fulton, the following interesting facts relative to that fast town, were gleaned:

By an unforeseen circumstance, the driving of the last spike on the Cairo and Fulton railroad, was not accomplished Saturday night, but came off at 11:22, Sunday morning. Capt. H.W. Willford, foreman of the track laying party, selected Charles Howard, a man in business in the town, to do the honors, but as he was busy superintending the men, it was driven by one of the party. At the instant the spike went home, Marengo Joe, who stood on the end of the track, fired his revolver into the air, as a signal for the driving of the last spike in the calaboose, built by the citizens of Fulton, The ‘boose has been christened “Hotel de Marengo Joe.” As soon after the event as possible, the saloon keepers rolled out their whisky and ice-water, and free drinks were all the rage.

The ownership of the spike was the next great question and Sheriff Bull with crow bar in hand removed it, afterwards showing it to his friends with the greatest satisfaction. After exulting for some time, he met Charles Howard, who informed him that his was not the last one driven, that one of the middle ones was driven last, and that he owned that. The matter was finally settled by Howard becoming the possessor of both. He placed them in his satchel which he placed in his room at 11 o’clock Sunday night. At 11:30 Marengo Joe, by some hocus pocus, became the owner of the coveted treasure and is today their proud possessor. Charlie wonders whether or not Joe obtained them by his mysterious three card monte.

The end of the track is within thirty paces of the north bank of Red river. Capt. Wadleigh and Dr. Lewis were present at the celebration and Sheriff Bull, of Washington was there soon after. A young sport named Jimmy Burns, was shot there Sunday night, with a double barreled shot gun, by a colored man. One of his sides was riddled with shot. The shooting is said to have been accidental.

Business is excellent there at present, and those who are fortunate enough to have stores, are making plenty of money. There is considerable sickness in and around Fulton, mostly swamp fevers. Thirty-one of the force on the bridge, are down with it.

A day or two since Billy Ward, of Fulton, of prize fighting notoriety, had his face badly beaten by a wagon-spike, in the hands of a colored man. He was mistaken for another man.

Union Pacific’s Lynn Nystrom Dies Suddenly

From Bob Krieger on Trainorders:

“Last night in the latter evening my best friend and former colleague, Lynn Nystrom, of the steam crew, passed away of a massive coronary at home. Having met Lynn in 1972 as I joined the ranks of railroaders on the Rock Island, we became very good friends. Over the years Lynn and Mary have become a huge portion of my life. They have been there for me through thick and thin. He and I were among the few who were a part of the 3985 restoration committee and at that point became involved with the steam program to an extent. Eventually Steve Lee selected Lynn and I to be his firemen on the trips and finally full time steam crew.

Lynn and I model railroad together from N scale to HO to Lionel O27 to 1:1. Mary has been a close part of my life also and she has been an integral part of the steam crew manning the concessions car trip after trip.

Living with Mary in Cheyenne is her mother, Fran. Lynn is also survived by two sons, Todd and Scott and their families. May our thoughts and prayers be with them in this time of need.

It is never easy to say goodbye in cases like this but for me it is hard to have lost a best friend and I will hold him and his cheering humor in my heart forever.

Lynn is in a better place now and may we join him one day. As Lynn would say, “Let’s get a beer!”

Lynn Nystrom’s Obituary

Born: April 13, 1941 Died: May 05, 2010

Services: A funeral service will be conducted on Monday, May 10, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the Schrader Funeral Home with Father Thomas Cronkleton, Jr. officiating.

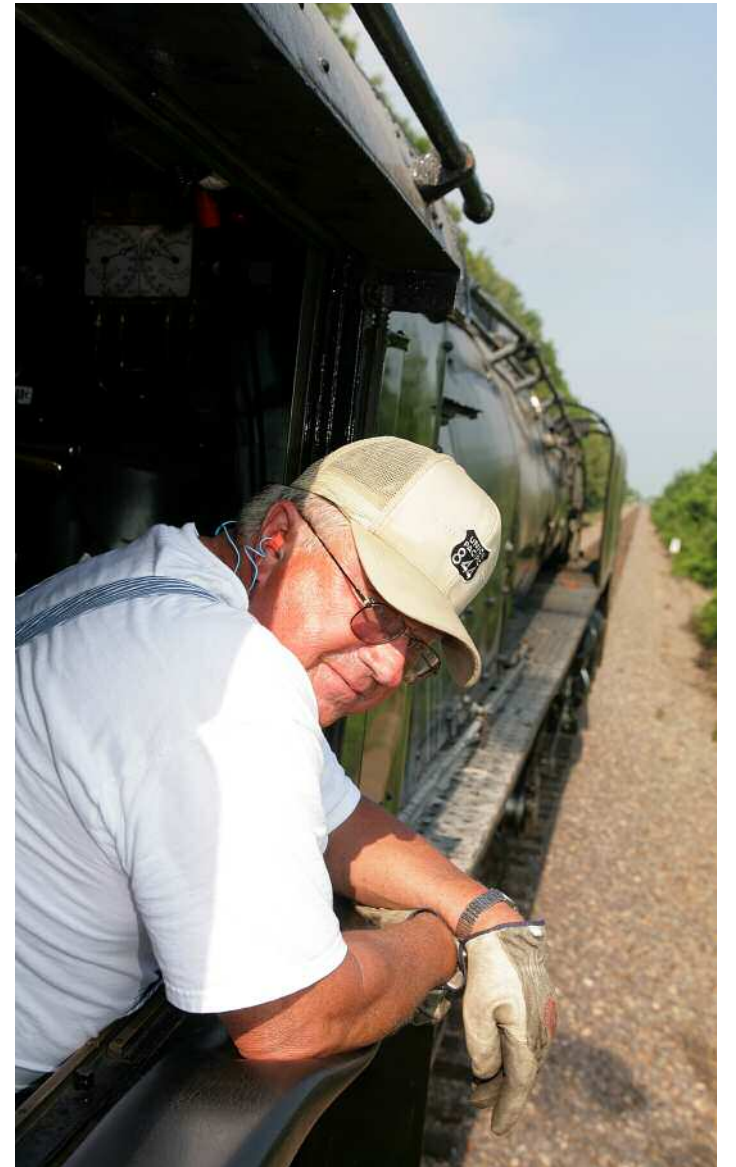
Visitation: Monday, May 10th from 8:30 a.m. until service time.

Lynn passed away on May 5, 2010, at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center at the age of 69 years old.

Lynn was born on February 13, 1941, in Rock Rapids, Iowa, to his parents, Merle and Viola Nystrom (Nordmann). On December 12, 1969, he married his wife Mary F. Nystrom (Brandolino).

Lynn had two children from a previous marriage, Todd Nystrom and his wife Joann of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and Scott Nystrom and his wife Lise of La Mesa, California. He had 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Lynn is survived by his wife Mary; mother-in-law Frances Brandolino; his sons and their families; Lynn’s aunts, Harriet Stansberry and Margaret Nordmann; and numerous cousins and in-laws by marriage. He was preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law, Joseph Brandolino; and his uncles, Harold and Edward Nordmann.



Although Lynn Nystrom’s usual place in the cab of 844 or 3985 was the fireman’s side, Lynn was the engineer on occasion. Here he is at the controls of Union Pacific No. 844 at Spadra, Arkansas, on May 27, 2006. Photo by David Hoge

During Lynn’s life he was a Navy veteran (radar tech) during the Vietnam War, policeman at San Diego CA, policeman at Albert Lea MN, Special Agent for the Rock Island Railroad in Chicago IL 1968-1977, and a switchman/brakeman, fireman, and engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad; and during the years of 1989 to 2010, he was a fireman/engineer on the Union Pacific’s prestigious Steam Locomotive Crew. For all who knew Lynn he was beloved by all as a friend to the railroad and railfan community.

Memorials: Expressions of sympathy in Lynn’s memory are welcomed with the organizations in which Lynn was an integral member: The Union Pacific Historical Society, P.O. Box 4006, Cheyenne, WY 82003-4006, The Laramie County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1043, Cheyenne, WY 82003-1043, The Sherman Hill Model Railroad Club, 836 Custer, Cheyenne, WY 82009, The Cheyenne Christmas Parade Committee, P.O. Box 1462, Cheyenne WY 82003-1462, The Scottish Society of Southeast Wyoming.



Ticket stubs from the collection of Philip Moseley.



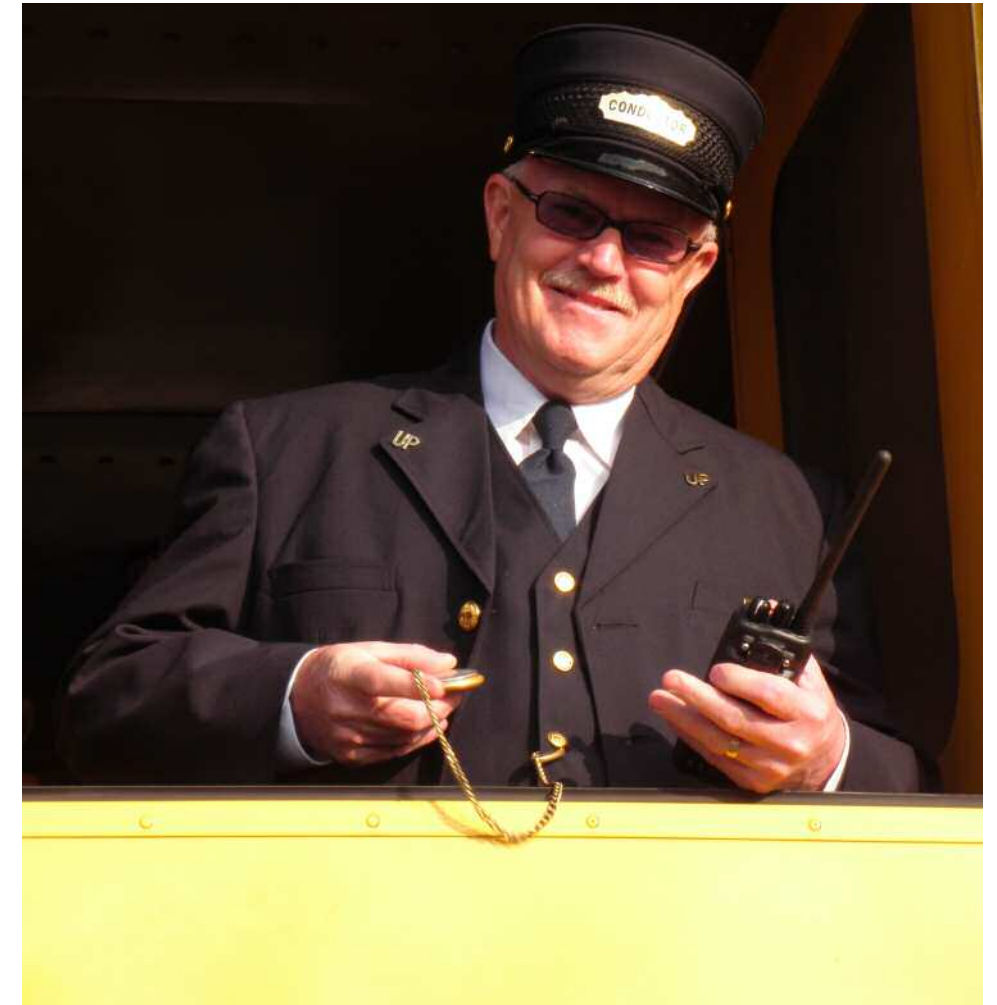
Union Pacific No. 844 is greeted by a crowd on the platform at Union Station in Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 21, 2010. Photo by Joe Roddy.



(Above Photo) Union Pacific No. 844 arrives for a service stop at Russellville, Arkansas, on April 23, 2010. Photo by John C. Jones. (Left Photo) Union Pacific No. 844 prepares to leave North Little Rock on the morning of April 23, 2010. Union Pacific employees watch from the roof of the Downing B. Jenks shop. Photo by Joe Roddy



(Above Photo) Union Pacific No. 844 at Conway, Arkansas. Photo by Ricky Shuttleworth. (Left Photo) Conductor for Union Pacific No. 844 at North Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 23, 2010. Photo by Joe Roddy.



(Above Photo) Union Pacific No. 844 lets off steam as the locomotive leaves North Little Rock, Arkansas on April 23, 2010. (Left Photo) Running gear of Union Pacific No. 844 at night while parked behind the Union Pacific office on Fourth Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas. April 22, 2010. Photos by Ken Ziegenbein.



Union Pacific No. 844 crosses the Lavaca River north of Bloomington, Texas on April 13, 2010, on its way to Harlingen, Texas. Photo by Ken Ziegenbein.



Union Pacific No. 844 arrives in Texarkana on April 21, 2010. Photo by John C. Jones.



Union Pacific No. 844 passes Little Rock's Union Station on April 21, 2010. Photo by Joe Roddy.

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Students arrive at the Missouri Pacific depot at Russellville, Arkansas, to see Union Pacific No. 844 on April 23, 2010. Photo by Ken Ziegenbein.



Union Pacific No. 844 at Russellville, Arkansas, to see Union Pacific No. 844 on April 23, 2010. Photo by John C Jones.