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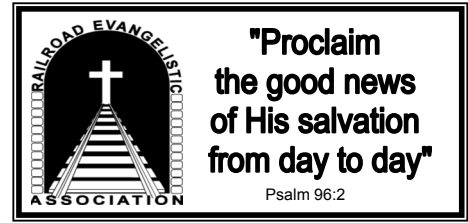
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SIT, WALK, STAND

In the book of Ephesians, there are three key words: sit, walk, and stand.

Sit: Our position in Christ. Paul is saying that God "... *hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*" Ephesians 2:6

Walk: Our life in the world. Our conduct and behavior. Paul said, "*I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.*" Ephesians 4:1

Stand: Our attitude towards the enemy. "*Finally, my bretheren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil*". Ephesians 6:10-11

Our life as a new Christian begins by spiritually sitting, like the life of a baby begins by physically sitting. When we walk or stand we bear on our legs the weight of our body and when we sit down the chair holds our weight. We expend a great deal of energy when we walk or stand. But when we sit, we relax. Throughout life, we can carry additional weight: our burdens. If we give them up to God, we will be able to rest, sit, and enjoy the blessings. "*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*" 1 Peter 5:7

To reiterate that God would like us to begin with resting, he created man on the 6th day. God entered into rest on the 7th day. Therefore, God created man just in time to enjoy the 7th day of rest with Him. So man must first enter into God's rest, then he can go out and work in the strength of that rest.

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Jesus said

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel."

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2 Corinthians 9:8

"A LITTLE IS A LOT WHEN GOD IS IN IT"

Luke 9:12-17

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“OLD RAILROADERS NEVER DIE. THEY...”

In reflecting on Gen. Douglas MacArthur’s famous statement about soldiers, I am drawn to concentrate on railroaders of all stripes; be they rail fans,” hoggers,” or model railroaders. Former railroaders never die, they just lay track in a new and exciting direction. One former railroader who is on-track to new destinations is **REA** member Robert Leidigh (**NYCRR**.) For Bob, there is no RIP track (RR slang for Repair In Place), or holding yard, or side track, or back shop. He left railroading and trucking to take up a better ministry passing out Gospel tracts and playing his violin for God’s glory. This article was gleaned from materials supplied by Bob himself, and an article compiled by fellow **REA** member Jay Glenewinkel. Supplemental information was located on the internet, along with that supplied by the New York Central System Historical Society. We thank them all for their gracious assistance.

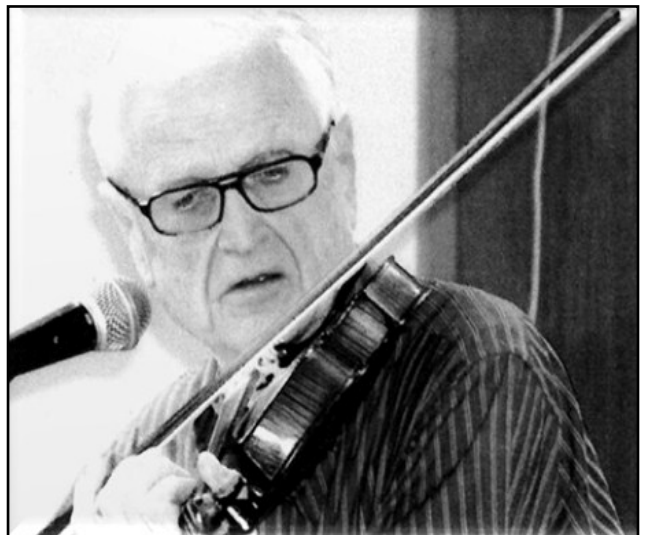


NYC Mohawk 4-8-2, L-2d, #2932 at Terre Haute, IN, in the Spring of 1954.
(Our Thanks to Jeremy Taylor, NYCSHS Collection. See page 16)

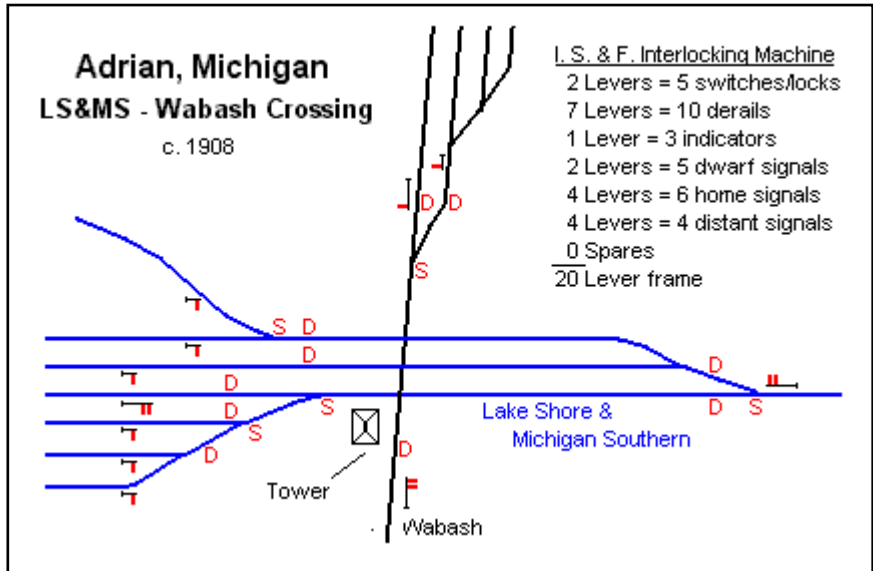
Our soldier/railroader is **REA** member Robert Leidigh of Bryan, Ohio. In the 1920s, before the Great Depression, Bob’s grandparents and his father lived on a farm in Wabasha, near Red Wing and Winona, Minnesota. They moved to Ohio and Bob was born in the late 1930s. Growing up in Bryan, Bob’s story is one of perseverance, dedication and faith. At the age of fifteen, he took an interest in music and started to learn how to play the fiddle (violin). It did not take him very long to perfect his craft. Bob said, “The LORD affected my very young manhood, but I wanted to play with Country & Western groups in bars and dance halls. This is a ‘no-no’ if you are to be separated, holy or for the LORD. It is a bad example.” He did perform with a variety of different C&W bands on the radio. As Bob grew older, he discovered a bigger and better way to utilize the musical talent God had provided for him. He then changed his tune and began playing with various Gospel music groups.

Shortly after Bob finished high school in the early 1950s, he enlisted in the United States Army. For the next few years he would serve his country stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, 80 miles northwest of Austin. After completion of his service in the military, Bob returned home to Ohio. He landed a job with the **New York Central Railroad**.

Bob’s career as a **NYC** railroader was just beginning in the 1950s as the end of an era was fast approaching for the railroad. His job assignments varied from working at the Toledo (Ohio) Yard Tower to serving as bridge operator over the Maumee River. He saw his fill of boats loaded with grain and iron ore. He moved up in rank, and up in location to southern Michigan. Bob was primarily assigned as the WB Tower operator in Adrian, MI. WB was one of three towers in Adrian. It was here that he was in charge of the interlocking levers to align the switches, signals, phones, and train movement where the **NYC** crossed the **Wabash RR**. The mainline of the Toledo/Lake Division was jointly operated with the **Wabash**, and at one time intersected with the **Cincinnati Northern** over which coal was moved north to the Jackson Yards. The mainline of the **NYC** (former **Lake Shore & Michigan Southern**) from Toledo, OH to Elkhart, IN intersected at Adrian with the **Wabash** and **DT&I** (former **Detroit, Lima & Northern**) railroads. When not pulling interlocking levers in the Adrian Tower, Bob often practiced on his violin. He remembers



the massive **NYC** locomotives thundering past on the diamonds, as their *chug-a-chug-a-chug* gracefully faded into history. The whine and hum of the sleek diesels resplendent in their Gray/Black/White livery was not as impressive as steam. However, they were taking center stage - beginning to dominate on the iron road. It was clear that change was in the air and that everyone and everything would be impacted.



Bob worked on the **NYCRR** extra board – on call. He was a tower operator in the late 1950s. As the 1960s rolled around, the **NYC** began to install CTC (Centralized Traffic Control.) The mainline was then operated from a Dispatcher Panel in Toledo, thus eliminating the need for an interlocking tower. The Adrian Tower, WB, was taken out of service and eventually torn down. The stone foundation of the tower is still visible in the southwestern corner of the diamonds. As a result of CTC, Bob was laid off from the railroad. A short time later he found employment with a trucking company. Between the railroad and driving trucks, Bob was actively involved in the transportation industry for a number of years.

Beyond his varied and interesting work history, Bob has endured his share of heartaches, including the passing of his first wife in 1988. His faith in the LORD kept him strong, and through his love and devotion for Christ, God guided Bob through the grieving process. Bob’s prayers would be answered when he met a beautiful lady by the name of Carolyn. She, too, had lost a spouse. Robert and Carolyn shared this painful experience together with God’s help. A little over a year later, in 1991, they joined hands in Holy Matrimony before God, their families, and friends at Eastland Baptist Church in Bryan Ohio, where twenty years later they still serve together.

Today, after 60 years, Robert Leidigh is still playing his fiddle. Bob struggled with the LORD over playing in night clubs among alcohol and women, but he wanted to play in band on stage. The LORD convicted him and found him personally wanting. Bob went to an altar call and repented of his sins. He was wonderfully saved (born again). Bob says, “Now our band has a rule, NO ALCOHOL - praise God!” At 79 years young you will find Bob playing with three gospel groups. They play in rest homes, senior centers and churches around Bob’s hometown. Preacher Wally James Cosgren often comes over from Omaha, Nebraska. He, James Avery, and Bob get together to play and record their music. Several years ago they made a CD with the “Country Pals”. Bob and Wally recorded a cassette tape, “Praise Strings”. It is personally delightful to sit back and listen to the beautiful arrangements they did on well-known hymns. Another cassette, equally rewarding, was recorded with Margaret Shadel on piano, Wally on guitar and Bob on violin. Whenever and wherever they can sing and play, their goal is to celebrate and glorify God.

Robert Leidigh is more than a believer in Christ, he is a doer. He doesn’t just pray for rain. When he is in need, he says his prayers and prepares his fields for the rain that he knows the good LORD will provide. “Preparing his field for rain” is a quote used in the book and motion picture “Facing the Giants” created by Sherwood Pictures. Bob is privileged to have the LORD as his Savior and Guide in this troubled world in which we live. Bob says, “Trust and obey, for there is no other way!” When Bob is not playing music you will find him



Adrian, Michigan WB Tower for the crossing of the **Wabash** and **NYC (LS&MS)** Railroads. This view is from the North side, showing the unusually tall chimney

and Carolyn down at the Bryan Amtrak Depot, at a shopping mall, a county fair or some other festival. While Carolyn reads, Bob enjoys watching trains, then greeting people and proclaiming the Word of God to them. They try to pass out tracts about once a week. Bob uses tracts from World Missionary Press Inc., P O Box 120, New Paris, IN 46553.



WB Tower operator, young Bob Leidigh, relaxing between trains in the late 1950's.

As a small token of Robert's appreciation for God and the ministry of the Railroad Evangelistic Association and *All Aboard*, he has written a short verse that he would like to share with our readers.

I saw a red cardinal
Singing at the top of the tree.

Cardinal, oh cardinal
With your song on so high,
You praise God
So why can't I?

A little is a lot
When a little is all you've got!

Note: The **New York Central Railroad** became a part of the **Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail)** in 1970. In 1999 **Conrail's** assets were divided between **CSX** and **Norfolk Southern**. **CSX** currently operates the line through Adrian, MI. The **Norfolk Southern** currently operates the mainline that runs through Bryan, OH.

NYC'S M-497

Bob and Carolyn Leidigh reside in Bryan, Ohio, which is also home to the Ohio Art Co. – better known as the makers of the "Etch-A-Sketch." Bryan was the scene of the U.S. Rail Speed Record for a passenger train set on July 23, 1966. This is recorded on a plaque at the Bryan AMTRAK depot. The **New York Central RR** already held the rail speed record, set on May 10, 1893, with their Engine #999. It is currently on display at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Illinois. The "EMPIRE STATE EXPRESS" reached a speed of 112.5 miles per hour. In 1966, **NYC's** M-497 covered a 300 foot section of track (the length of a football field) in 1.112 seconds. The M-497 was a 13-year-old



RDC-3 Budd car with a fabricated shovel nose painted blue. It was nicknamed "The Black Beetle." Mounted on the roof in a B36-H bomber engine pod were two J47-19 General Electric jet engines. The record-setting speed through Bryan was 183.85 miles per hour!





From Surgery to the Savior

"The girl who wouldn't die!"

Courtesy Roloff Evangelistic Association

The operating room: *A railroad track.*

The surgeon's knife: *Wheels of steel.*

The Surgeon: *An Amtrak engine on a ninety-mile-speed track.*

The patients: A fourteen-year-old girl and a seventeen-year-old boy. Twenty-nine pounds were found of the boy and little Beth was left to bleed to death with one leg amputated; yet she wouldn't die. Let's let Beth tell the story.

"I started on drugs when I was about ten and then I started listening to rock music. At first it was just soft rock, and then my life started revolving around it and it got harder and harder. Then I started listening to the words and doing what they told me and I started on drugs and smoking and living in immorality.

August 2nd was my birthday and I had just turned fourteen. On August 21 I ran away with a young man of seventeen. We were on drugs and living in sin. We had been gone for three days and had broken into a woman's house and stolen her car. I just remember that we were walking and the next thing I remember was waking up and seeing the lights of a train coming toward me and realizing that I had gotten hit by a train and that the second train was coming toward me. I rolled off the railroad track and lay there from 12:00 midnight until 4:00 in the morning. Some men heard my screams and they came and got me.

They rushed me to the hospital and I was there for three months. The boy had been killed instantly and one of my legs had been cut off by the train.

When I got my new leg and went home my life didn't change. My parents loved me and prayed for me, but it didn't matter. I didn't care about them and my heart was bitter against God and I hated God and I hated my family. My life at home was just a nightmare. I ran away again and was sleeping on the streets and any place I could find. I would sleep on the beach. I went to a half-way house and was there for two weeks. My parents came and got me and brought me to the Bethesda Home in Mississippi and I also rebelled there. I hated it there and I hated the girls when they prayed for me that the Lord would save me. But finally the Lord burdened my heart and He brought me to my knees and He saved my soul and since then my life has changed. He has given me a new desire and a new song in my mouth to sing praises unto Him. I just love the Lord so much and I want to serve Him all my life. The peace and joy I was searching for, I never found through drugs or through rock music; it was after I got saved that I found the real joy and the real peace and the real happiness I had been searching for all my life. I love the Lord with all my heart and I want to serve Him all my life. He IS the answer." ***"He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."*** John 6:37

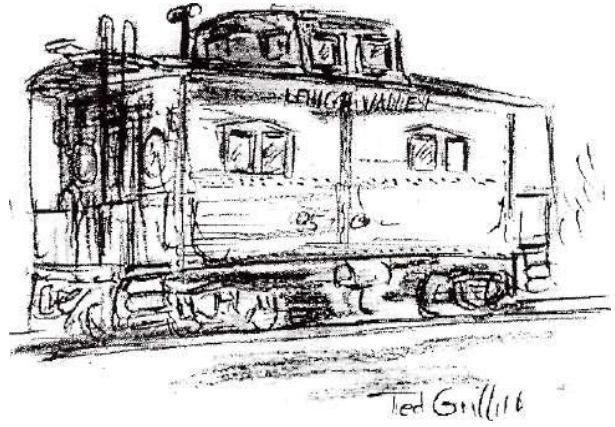
Louis "Casey Jones" Penningroth

Railroad Romantic - Home with the Lord



"Casey Jones" Penningroth, REA member and lover of the Illinois Central Railroad went home to be with the Lord on March 5, 2013 at the age of 95. Casey had a love affair with the IC RR from a young age. Even though he never actually was employed by the IC RR, over the years he developed a good relationship with the crew and they let him do what any die-hard railfan would want to do and that is to sit behind the throttle of a steam locomotive.

The photo to the left Casey is addressing the 1988 REA Convention held in Winona Lake, Indiana.



Home on the Rails

There's a wee little car and it silently steals
 O'er the rails like a bird on the wing.
 And this nice little car to the trainmen appeals,
 So its heartiest praises they sing.
 And they hook up this car at the end of the train,
 Where the motion is easy and loose,
 Let us chant a few notes with a catchy refrain.
 To the snug little home like caboose.

And you wouldn't believe what a nice little home
 the boys have at hand with its many details.
 It has teacups galore for the drink one enjoys,
 As it glides o'er the long, shiny rails.
 And a stove it can boast, to impart the good cheer.
 That is born of a chill winter night,
 Yes, a closet or two with a few dishes near,
 For the grub that's the trainman's delight.

And this wee little car that is built so compact,
 Has advantages more than you know.
 It has two sturdy desks with reports closely packed,
 Each beneath an oil lamp's mellow glow.
 And it even has beds (they are bunks, if you please),
 Where the boys saunter off to sweet dreams.
 Oh, this wee little car is a place of great ease;
 It's a railroader's home, if you please

- Casey Jones Penningroth
 New Athens, Illinois

Louis "Casey Jones" at the throttle of the legendary "City of New Orleans" that ran from Chicago to New Orleans.

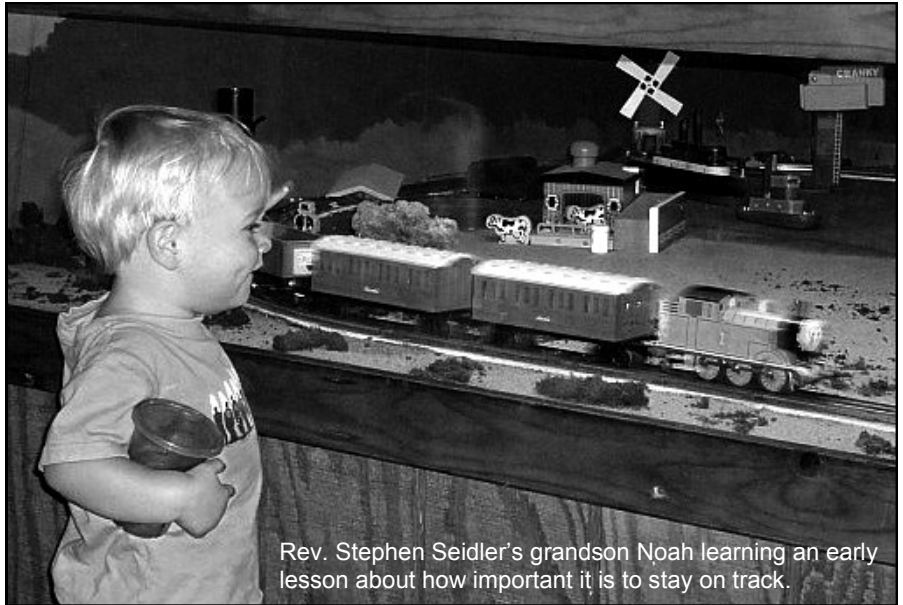


Louis "Casey Jones" standing in front of and ready to board Train # 25, The Southern Express that ran from Chicago to Memphis. The photo was taken 8:32 am on October 14, 1951 at the passenger station at Centralia, Illinois. The engine is a 4-8-2 Mountain type # 2439.

Train up a child

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

Proverbs 22:6



Rev. Stephen Seidler's grandson Noah learning an early lesson about how important it is to stay on track.

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN TO WALK WITH GOD

We live in a time when there is no longer an option of shielding our children from the events and values of the world. Here are some simple, time-tested guidelines for parents who desire to lead their children in the ways of God.

PARENTS, WE MUST WALK WITH GOD

We need to know God and be tuned in to who He is and what He wants if we are to be effective at anything, but especially at parenting. Only as we remain in a close relationship with God will we be channels of His presence to our children. We walk with God by spending time with Him in Bible study, prayer and worship. Our children will imitate us in many things. Walk with God, and we will set an example for our children.

Jesus said to his followers: ***"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the 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 15:4-5

PARENTS, WE MUST NURTURE OUR CHILDREN

Nurturing our children is more about what we do than what we feel. Here are some practical ways to nurture our children:

- Spend time with them doing the things we and they enjoy.
- Hug and hold them often.
- Gently and consistently control bad behavior starting at infancy.
- Encourage and praise good behavior.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

PARENTS, WE MUST TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT GOD

Children have a great capacity to learn about God. We can take advantage of this:

- Read Bible stories at meal time and bed time.
- Find Christian teachers to teach them the ways of God.
- Relate the words of God to situations that we face each day.
- Take them to church with us.
- Be specific about their need for a Savior and God's plan of salvation.

Our children need to know that Jesus loves them.

Jesus said to them, ***"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. . . And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them."*** Mark 10:14-16

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up". Deuteronomy 6:6, 7

PARENTS, WE MUST PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN

God delights in our prayers. We must ask Him for protection from evil; healing from disease and sickness; wisdom; insight into His plans for our lives and the lives of our children; and His favor and presence.

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;" Colossians 4:2

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us".

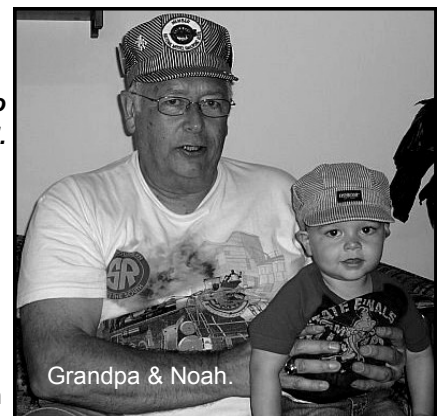
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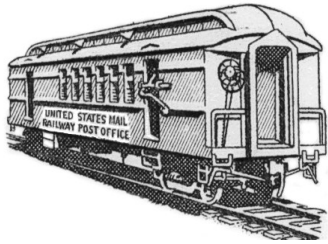
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Geoff Taylor
Bakersfield, CA

REA,
Thanks for your faithfulness. Keep up the good work.
Dorothy Steffen
Minot, ND

REA,
Could you kindly send me some "The Station" tracts and
some REA membership applications to give out? I give
the tracts out to railroad employees when I ride the rails.
I am planning on going to the REA convention this year
and I am looking forward in meeting everyone.
God bless and keep up the good work.
Harry Hassler
Massapequa Park, NY



Photo by Harry Hassler - N/B #7 train leaving 69th Street New York City.

REA,
Would you please use the en-
closed offering to send me 20
more of the All Aboard maga-
zine and to cover the expenses
of this Godly ministry. The
FALL 2012 issue of "All Aboard"
was one of the best issues ever.



For me, Rev. Seiders "Railfan /
Model Railroader" column was a nostalgic train ride. I was
born in Texas and lived my early years in the Lone Star
State. Like "Screaming Eagles" photographer Jay Gle-
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bisected Ward Street right in front of my Grandparents
house in Marlin, Texas. In 1957 at the age of 6, I sat
down in the locomotive engineers seat for the first time
during the station stop of Miss Katy's Texas Special in
Waco. Also, during that era of black and white television
I never missed an episode of "Casy Jones".
Yours in Christ.
David Wiegand
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Three more Heritage Series locomotives, the Chicago &
North Western, Southern Pacific, and Denver & Rio
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and the railroads that have made Union Pacific what it is
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National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2nd



*"It is the
duty of all
nations to
acknowledge
the
providence
of Almighty
God"*
-George Washington

"In His name the nations will put their hope"

Matthew 12:21



International Railway Missions

President Ueli Berger invites you to attend the I.R.M.

2013 Vacation/Conference at Balatonszarszo
about two hours by train from

Budapest, Hungary

August 1-8, 2013

Excursions will run during the week to places of interest. You will also be able to meet many Christian railway brothers & sisters from many different countries. Find detailed information and brochure at their website: www.railway-mission.eu



>Once a man asked God if 1,000 years was just a second to him. God answered, "Yes son, a thousand years is just a second to me." The man then asked if a million dollars was just a penny for him. God answered, "Yes son, a million dollars is just a penny to me." The man then asked, "Well then, could you give me a penny?" God answered, "Of course son, just wait a second."

>An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to cremated, and second she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me at least twice a week."

>It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffeemaker.

>I've sure gotten old. I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement and new knees. I've fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I've had bouts with dementia, have poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92 and have lost all my friends. But thank God, I still have my driver's license.

>Tithe if you love Jesus! Anyone can honk.

>Beat the Christmas rush, come to church this Sunday!

>The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

*"A cheerful heart
does good like a medicine"*

Proverbs 17:22 - Living Bible



TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2013:

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Today, we share with you ten predictions that are true!

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

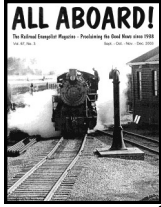
Isn't it great To Remember Who Is Really In Control, and that; **"the Word of the Lord endures forever."** (1 Peter 1:25) We hope you found this encouraging and will share it with friends. Sometimes we need the reminder of just "WHO" is really in control.

'Til the nets are full, keep on fishing!

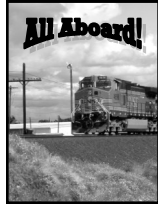


DB: "Deutsch Bahn" or German Railway. The photo was taken by Daniel Saarboug at the Stuttgart, Germany Main Train Station. Daniel is a member of the International Railways Mission who is a professional photographer and graphic artist who lives in Germany.

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- >Strasburg RR community - A little over an hour drive.
- >Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster - A little over an hour.
- >The heart of the Amish in Lancaster - A little over an hour.
- >National Civil War Museum - Harrisburg - About 30 minutes.
- >Washington D.C. - About 2 1/2 hour drive.
- >Valley Forge / Philadelphia - About 3 hours

-PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE! -

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 everlast-
ing life. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who
does not believe is condemned already, because he has not be-
lieved 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."*





CROSS OVER



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"

- Dan Granizo by Shirley Zurek
- Dan Granizo by REA Alexandria Chapter
- Ruth Hoth by REA family
- Gerald Schuler by wife Olive Schuler
- Raymond C. Young by REA family
- Louis "Casey Jones" Penningroth by REA family

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5

NEW REA MEMBERS from November 2012 to February 2013.
Dennis Gerard, Bill Seigford, Herbert Pedigo, R.D. Hoffman, Roe Merry
Welcome Aboard!

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.

National REA Chaplain Rev. Paul Campbell wrote:

I spoke at Danny's Home Going Memorial Service with a number of REA members in attendance. Danny was a quite person as we learned after his death that he played the guitar and the saxophone along with being very good on the computer. I shared the smile he had for everyone despite the hardship of being unable to walk, being confined to a wheelchair. I read from Hebrews 9: 27 (28), *"And it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment. So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."*

Danny was a member of the Church of Christ that he attended each Sunday and Wednesday. Many of the church members attended and there was a time of refreshments and fellowship following the service. Don and Doris Robey also came and gave to Danny's mother, Audry (Bonnig) Baseman; photographs of Danny attending the REA Convention for the last five years along with a check. Yes, Danny is gone but not forgotten and one day we will be reunited.



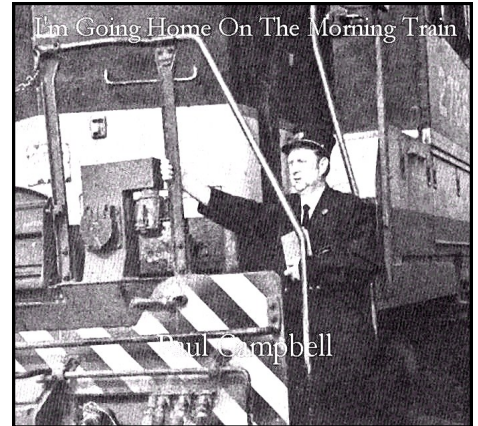
Faithful REA member Dan Granizo
October 21, 1953 - January 4, 2013.

Life's Journey

*Life is like a journey, taken on a train,
with a pair of travelers at each window pane:
I may sit beside you the whole journey through,
or I may be seated elsewhere,
never knowing you;
but if fate should place me to sit at your side,
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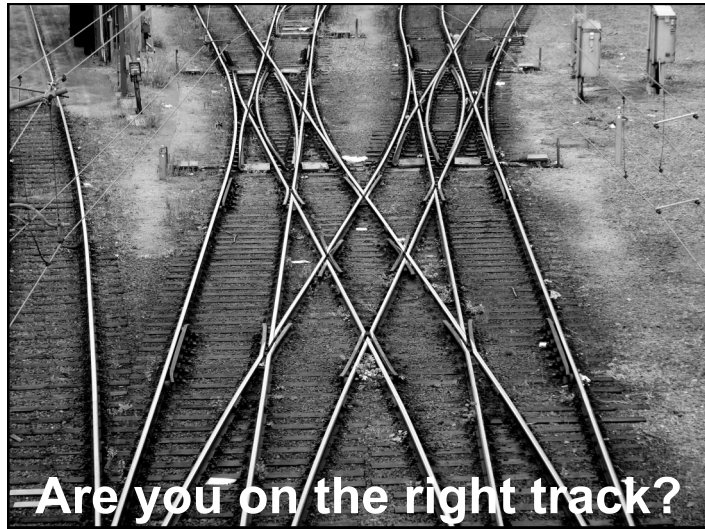
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Are you on the right track?

Jesus said,

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

John 14:6

Malaga NJ REA Chapter



MALAGA, NJ REA Chapter visiting the Patcong Valley Model Railroad display earlier this year. From left to right is Carol Clifton, Kay Reese, Mary Clifton, Ruth Lounsberry, Ron Reese, standing is Jack and Ann Schaser. Women seated, didn't get her name, sorry.



Continued from page 3

Now that we know that we need to first rest in the finished work of Christ, (which He has accomplished by coming to this Earth, dying on our behalf, and rising again) we are now able to walk the Christian walk, and hold the right conduct so we may receive His blessings. Paul exhorts the believer to "... put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:24

Paul goes on to advise the believer, "... be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32

At times our prayers are hindered because we neglect to walk according to the Word. The promise is to those who walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

When you receive the abundant blessings from walking uprightly, you need to hold your ground. Don't let the devil steal God's blessings from you. James 4:7 says "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Submitting yourself to God has to do with your walk with God. Resisting the devil means you have to stand against the devil or wrestle or fight for what is rightfully yours from God. With this, know that you are able to overcome the enemy, the problems, the trials, and the burdens.

Christ in you is greater than the circumstances that you are in. Don't let your confidence dwindle from the weight of the burdens. Sit with God, walk with Him, and you will be able to stand against all impossibilities! -end

CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY
 Colossians 1:27

No Greater Love

A friend of ours once told my wife and myself that she thought she could never love any children more than her own, then she had grandchildren and it all changed as there is a very special love for grandchildren that only a grandparent can understand. Being a fairly new grandfather myself I found it to be totally true. I have such a heart-felt and heart-filled love for my little Henry that I have never experienced before. I am overwhelmed with such a joyful love for Henry along with a heart filled with gratitude to my Heavenly Father for allowing me to experience a love much greater than I have ever known. For the first time I have a glimmer of insight into how much love God has for each of us by sacrificing His only begotten son Jesus to take our place on the cross so we could one day experience His incomprehensible love for all eternity.

In 1973 when I was introduced to Jesus, embraced His love and become **“born again”** by the regeneration of the precious Holy Spirit of God, something changed in my life, I had become a **“partaker of His divine nature”** (II Peter 1:4) ...**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant**

mercy has begotten us, (me), again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, (Me)...(I Peter 1: 3&4).



Joe Spooner with grandson
Henry Joseph Christensen

If you have never personally experienced the all encompassing love of God in your life; He wants you too, He is waiting for you to invite Him into your life, **“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and He with Me.”** (Revelations 3:20). You and I are the **‘anyone’s’** and He is now waiting for you to open the door of your heart and invite Him in, He will come in and change your life as He did mine. As a help you can turn to page 12 and read what Jesus says about Himself.

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down ones life for his friends. (John 15:13) This is what Jesus did for you, for me and for the entire world. I know I

love my grandson with all my heart and would willingly lay down my life for his. I get it. -JS

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We are always looking for original railroad related photos, drawings or paintings. We also are looking for stories, articles, personal testimonies (300 - 800 words) or poems that would be of interest to our readers of the **Railroad Evangelist** magazine. Currently the **Railroad Evangelist** magazine is published three times a year. Typed material is appreciated. Material received will be returned upon request. For further information or questions contact the editor.

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