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Luther S. Harkey 1885 - 1949
Founder of the Railroad Evangelistic Association

- Mission Statement -

The Railroad Evangelistic Association exists to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the entire railroad community worldwide and to promote mutual Christian fellowship among, though not limited to, those of the railroad industry, the model railroad hobbyists and the rail fan enthusiasts.

WE BELIEVE

1. We believe in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings. They are the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God: that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also Spiritual death which is separation from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word, and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice. In addition that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed Blood.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified Body of our Lord, in His Ascension into Heaven and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe in "that blessed hope," the personal, premillennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost.

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**"Proclaim
the good news
of His salvation
from day to day"**
Psalm 96:2

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Sow to Grow

This is a great time of year to sow seed. Physical seed sowing is important to sustain us, but did you know that sowing is also a necessity for our spiritual growth? If you sow seed then you will increase. If you don't then you will tend to be poor. It is when we refresh others that we will be refreshed. (Proverbs 11:24-5). To sow means to plant seed by scattering it on or in the earth for growth. When we sow seed into people, not only will their lives change but so will ours. The seed is the word of God (Luke 8:11).

When we sow into people's lives, it is not our job to determine where to sow. We cannot determine if the person we are sowing into is "good ground". Our job is to sow seed everywhere and let God do the work. The bible says in Ecclesiastes 11:6 that we don't know how much any particular seed that we sow will grow. Although some may fall by the wayside, we must continue to sow. Do not try to contemplate if sowing here or there will be a waste of your time. Just sow. Sometimes we may want to quit and have had enough, or we feel taken advantage of, or we do not see the fruit. However, we cannot quit, and we cannot grow weary. (Galatians 6:9) If we shift our focus from our own problems to helping others, then we will reap the rewards, and God will help us and give us the strength that we need. The seed that you sow will come back to you. When Job prayed for his friends, his health came back (Job 42:10). Many times the answer to our own prayers come when we help someone else. There is great reward when we implant into others lives. We are ambassadors for Him. We not only have to trust in the Lord, but we are also charged with doing good (Psalms 37:3). That means we have to take action. The answers for our own lives will come, and our own needs will be met when we stop drowning in our own sorrows and sow seed into others. I am challenging you to make a difference in people's lives, implant the word in them, share the good news, encourage them, teach them, and let your light shine. I look forward to hearing some great testimonies and I hope to see you at this year's convention. What a great time of fellowship, encouragement, and recharging.

Jesus said

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

Your membership, subscriptions and tax deductible donations are greatly appreciated, as they are the only means we have to continue publishing and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to the entire railroad community worldwide through the *Railroad Evangelist* magazine. Your financial gifts underwrite the cost and make it possible for us to send the *Railroad Evangelist* magazine out individually and in bulk supply as our home and missionary outreach. We thank God for each and every one of you who have joined with this railroad literature evangelistic ministry with your prayers and finances.

We pray and trust God will abundantly bless you for your sacrificial giving as He ***"is able to make all grace abound towards you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work."***

2 Corinthians 9:8

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

Luke 9:12-17

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SECOND CHANCE FOR CSX “HOGGER”

Contributing Editor: *Regardless of our differences in the belief that each of us may have, there are truths in which we all believe: 1) Our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ, was Virgin-born; 2) Jesus was crucified and died on the cross for the sins of all mankind; and 3) Jesus rose from the grave bodily, victorious over death on that third day. We all share this greatest gift God has ever given to us. REA member, Jay Glenewinkel, shares with us the story of Harold – a close friend who worked for the CSX as an engineer in Tennessee and Alabama. Photos used in this article were graciously supplied by Mr. Charles H. Bogart of the CSXT Historical Society. SRS*

Harold Rector on the right with friend.



The account of former **CSX** engineer Harold Rector enduring hardship and loss is a story of success. Harold was born in Tampa, FL in 1966, but moved to Chattanooga, TN with his family a short time later. As he grew up in this southern town, he became active in a variety of sports including baseball and basketball. At thirteen, he became a member of his church. Throughout his years in high school, he was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America where he learned basic survival skills.

Upon graduating from high school in 1985, nineteen-year-old Harold traveled throughout Nevada spreading the Gospel. After two years he returned to Tennessee where he remained an active member within his church. He attended college for general studies from 1987 until 1989. It was in this time frame that Harold met a woman who was to become his wife. Harold left college in pursuit of a different lifestyle, one that would separate him from Jesus Christ. Decisions were made to place work, money, and worldly pleasures ahead of God. He stopped

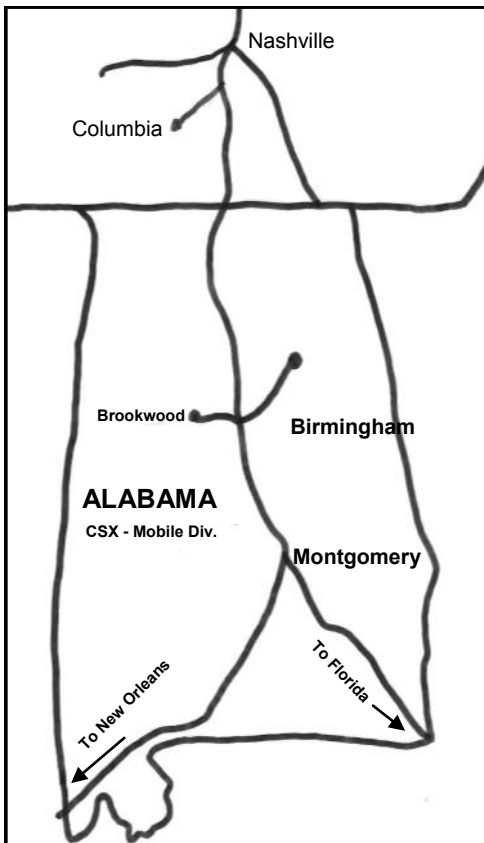
attending church shortly before he was married. Harold floundered in this world without proper direction, even though he had married and later had three children.

Several members of Harold's wife's family worked for **CSX**, so this helped him secure employment with the railroad in May, 1997. Harold immediately began his railroad career in train service as a conductor. Shortly after he hired out with **CSX**, he moved his family to Birmingham, Alabama. In May, 1999, after serving almost two years as a conductor, Harold went to **CSX**'s locomotive training center in Cumberland, MD. He spent six weeks in the classroom and then returned to Birmingham for OJT (on the job training.) He worked with other engineers, learning the territory of the four primary routes to which he had been assigned. These routes included: 1) Birmingham to Nashville; 2) Birmingham to Montgomery; 3) Birmingham to Tuscaloosa (coal route); and 4) Birmingham to Gadsen. Harold received his certification in November, 1999 and began his duties as train engineer.



Unit 6013 working the Montgomery Yard.

For his first six years as engineer, Harold worked on the Extra-Board. He worked locals and yard service, including Colera Yard (between Birmingham and Montgomery), the Decatur Yard, and various yards in Birmingham. His duties were not limited to just yard service as he frequently ran trains on **CSX**'s 200-mile S&NA North Division from Boyle's Yard in Birmingham to Radner Yard just outside of Nashville. He also worked the 100-mile S&NA Division from Boyle's Yard to the S&N Yard in Montgomery. Trains in both the S&NA North and South Divisions operated in CTC (Centralized Traffic Control) territory.



From time to time, Harold would also run trains over to Brookwood, a distance of about 30 miles. He also ran coal trains over the old Gadsen line of about 70 miles. Both routes operated in DTC (Direct Traffic Control or Track Warrant) territory. However, on the line to Gadsen, signals were installed on the coal line to eliminate hand-thrown switches. Movement was still handled by dispatchers. **CSX** ceased operations on the Gadsen Branch in 2005 and later sold the branch line. Eventually Harold would move into coal train service. This gave him more money and more time off to spend with his family. Many of these coal trains that Harold moved required helper units. Since **CSX** did not use DP (Distribution Power), the helpers would require a second train crew. Harold worked both the head-end locomotives as well as the helper units.

Throughout his career as engineer, Harold has been behind the throttle of all types of power; from GP38-2s in the yard, to SD40-2s on the short freights, to the GE ES44AC units in coal train service. When Harold was asked if he had a preference in locomotives, he said the GE ES44AC units were ideal with the heavy coal drags. He was quick to reply that the old faithful SD40-2 was the best power for any other type of train. Harold also mentioned that during a test, the AC units would take as long as four seconds to load while the SD40-2 and the SD70Ms would load almost immediately.

Whenever Harold was not behind the throttle of a motor somewhere in Alabama, he was spending as much quality time as he could with his children. He often volunteered with the local Parks and Recreation Board. He was an umpire for little league baseball and helped with various fund-raising initiatives. As much as Harold loved working for the railroad, his time behind the throttle took its toll on his family life. In 2005, he returned to college in hopes

of securing a better future, but that proved to be too difficult. In 2007, Harold left college and resigned from the **CSX Railroad**, thus bringing to an end his ten-year railroad career.

Soon after leaving the railroad, life would prove to be difficult for Harold and he got caught up in the ways of the world. In 2008, Harold was arrested and sentenced to a long prison term. The pain and anguish that one suffers is almost too much for one heart to bear. Harold was away from his children and after being locked up for only one year, his wife passed away. However, going to prison has turned out to be one of the best things that happened to Harold Rector. Harold confessed all of his sins to God, and in turn, received the LORD's forgiveness. 1 John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This is one of our best gifts. This does not remove the consequences of being a sinner, but does mean one is forgiven. "What was intended to harm me, God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done." Genesis 50:20 (NIV)



It is now approaching four years that Harold has been incarcerated. He has learned to fully trust in Jesus and depend upon Him completely. Among the lessons he has learned: 1) "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13), and 2) "My God will meet all (our) needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19 NIV). Harold is a devoted Christian, though his beliefs may be somewhat different. He is active in multiple chapel programs and is enrolled in several Bible Study correspondence courses. He attends Bible Studies every night of the week and leads the study every Thursday evening.

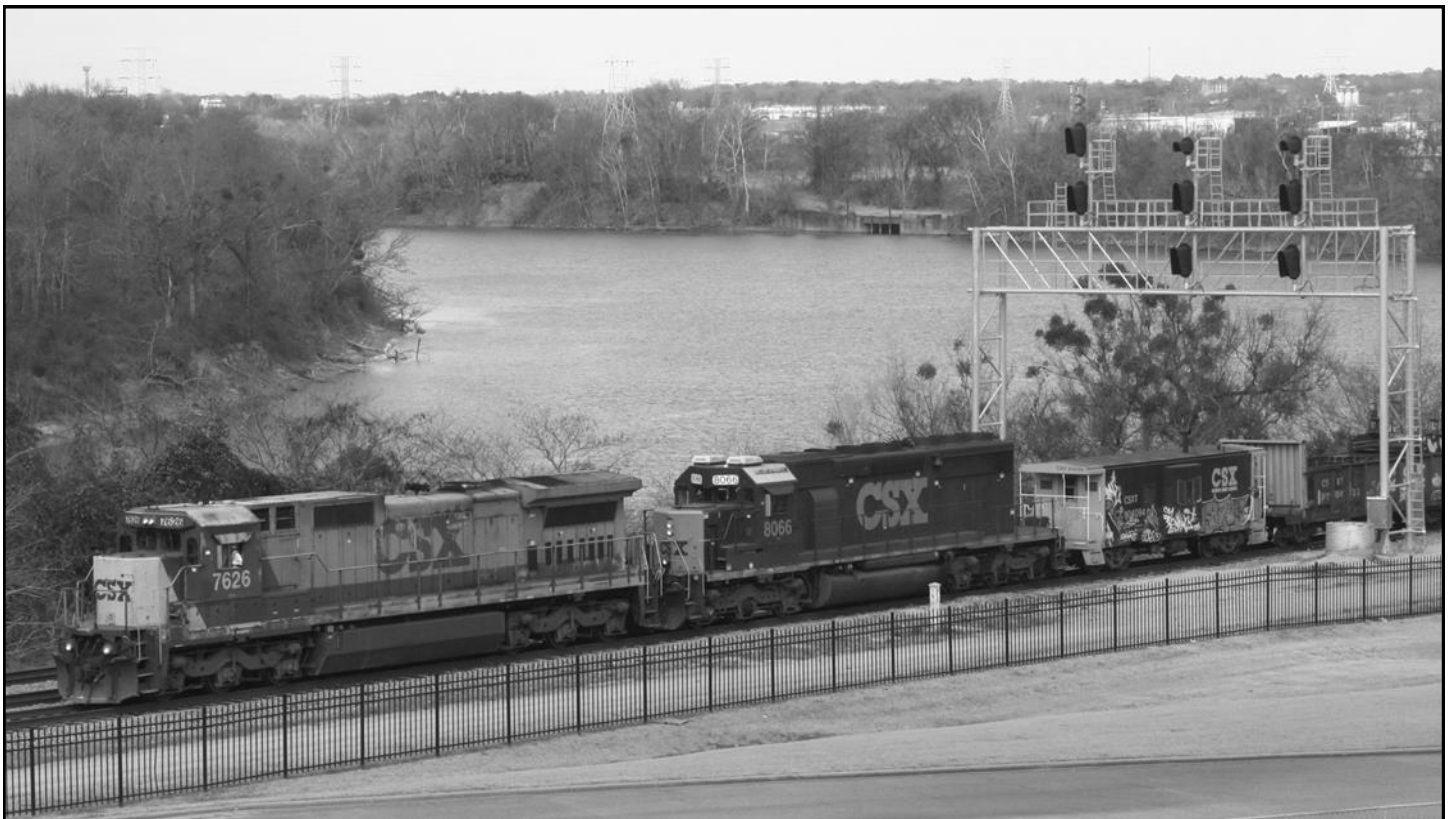


4013 and road units at Montgomery Yard, Alabama

Harold has latched on tightly to his second chance. He remains in contact with his children and even gets a visit every so often. Once Harold is released, he plans to create a ministry to help former inmates to rebuild their lives. He wants to establish new goals and stay close to God. What are you doing with your life for God? Harold knows that he has been given a new chance at life with God, and he vows to never go astray again.

Submitted by: Jay E. Glenewinkel

Photographer Jay appeared in an article on "Screaming Eagles" in the Fall 2012 issue of **The Railroad Evangelist** publication **ALL ABOARD** on pages 8 and 9.



Units 7626 and 8065 with caboose passing Civic Center at Montgomery, AL.
Notice the unfortunate "tagging" on the wide-vision caboose



Photo by Lisa McHugh

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Feel Downcast? Take Vitamin **D** "Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart"
Psalm 37:4

Feel Anxious? Take Vitamin **E** "Everything by prayer ... let your request be made known unto God."
Philippians 4:6

Remembering Failures? Take Vitamin **F** "Forgetting those things which are behind." Philippians 3:13

Have the blues? Take Vitamin **G** "Giving thanks always for all things unto God" Ephesians 5:20

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Philippians 4:13

Feel weak? Take Vitamin **J** "Joy of the Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10

Feel yourself Slipping? Take Vitamin **K** "Kept by the power of God" 1 Peter 1:5

Bad Temper? Take Vitamin **L** "Love is not easily provoked" 1 Corinthians 13:5

Feel Gloomy? Take Vitamin **M** "My mouth shall show forth thy praise" Psalm 51:15

Feeling Unsure? Take Vitamin **N** "Name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it and is safe." Proverbs 18:10

Bothered by Satan? Take Vitamin **O** "Overcome the Devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony" Revelation 1:11

Tounge Trouble? Take Vitamin **P** "Praise shall continually be in my mouth" Psalm 34:1

Feel Disturbed? Take Vitamin **Q** "Quietness shall be your strength"
Isaiah 30:15

Circumstances Bad? Take Vitamin **R** "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice" Philippians 4:4

Doubting the Word? Take Vitamin **S** "Scriptures cannot be broken" John 10:35

Bored with Life? Take Vitamin **T** "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" 2 Corinthians 9:15

Down in the Dumps? Take Vitamin **U** "Upheld by the right hand of God" Isaiah 41:10

Hindrances In the Way? Take Vitamin **V** "Violent shall take it by force" Matthew 11:12

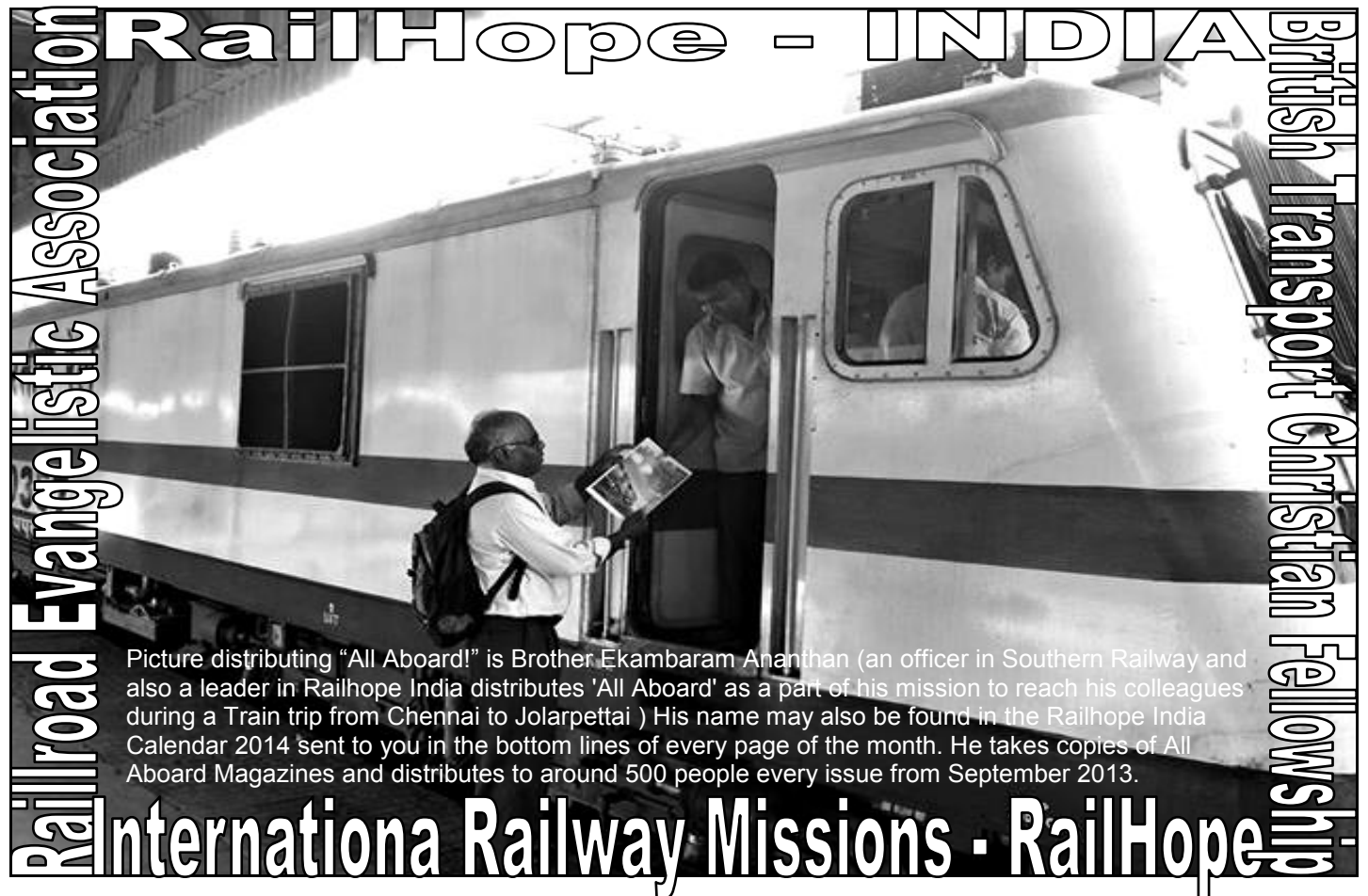
Faint-hearted? Take Vitamin **W** "Word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones" Jeremiah 20:9

Feel Hesitant? Take Vitamin **X** "Wax bold" Acts 13:46

Struggling in your Christian Life?
Take Vitamin **Y** "Yield yourselves unto God"
Romans 6:13

Lazy and Lacking Initiative? Take Vitamin **Z** "Zealous of good work"
Titus 2:14

"Co-Laborers with Christ"



Picture distributing "All Aboard!" is Brother Ekambaram Ananthan (an officer in Southern Railway and also a leader in Railhope India distributes 'All Aboard' as a part of his mission to reach his colleagues during a Train trip from Chennai to Jolarpettai) His name may also be found in the Railhope India Calendar 2014 sent to you in the bottom lines of every page of the month. He takes copies of All Aboard Magazines and distributes to around 500 people every issue from September 2013.



The above photo is Brother Christopher, Secretary / Railhope India with Brother Francis Vijaya Mohan, President / Railhope India receiving the very first copy of the new Railhope India

calender from Mr P.K.Banerjee, (COS/ICF) Stores Department Head of Integral Coach Factory of Indian Railways, Chennai, India. Photo to top left is Brother Arulraj with Dr. Sam, son of a retired railway officer with Malaysian Railways. The photo was taken at a Railway Museum in Malaysia this January. In the photo to the right is part of the group who gathered for the Annual Christmas Carol Service in Integral Coach Factory(ICF), Chennai on 20th Dec 2013.





IRM Annual Report 2013

Ueli Berger, IRM President

The International Railway Mission (IRM) is an umbrella organisation which connects railway personnel far beyond any country's borders. Because of new members coming from India and New Zealand (to name a few) the IRM has set a new, more global course! The IRM Conference and Recreational week, held in Balatonszárszó, Hungary in August 2013, was undoubtedly a highlight to remember. 180 participants from 11 different countries attended!

Challenges and surprises

A very warm welcome to Norway and India; two new members of the association. For the first time, New Zealand was represented at the IRM conference through Mr and Mrs David and Indira Balla attendance. The Hungarian association (KVE) organised excursions bringing the country's historical and cultural diversity closer.

For example we viewed Lake Balaton from Tihany, in Budapest we marvelled at the buildings and their architecture and in Balatonfenyves we danced with the locals.

The realisation, during the planning of the conference, that the hotel "Soli Deo Gloria" in Balatonszárszó was overbooked brought its challenges. Many thanks to all who graciously came along side in this awkward situation and also gave their support when unexpected surprises in the conference schedule called for "team players".

Many thanks also to all who contributed untiringly to the success of the conference. For me all in all the best IRM conference yet! "Soli Deo Gloria" (to God be the glory).

Global thinking and regional acting

Global changes require functional structures in order to allow for healthy future growth. At the IRM's annual general meeting in Balatonszárszó new Statutes and specific job descriptions were passed. The IRM is now legally capable of acting on conclusion of a contract and no liability for individuals remains. In future, the IRM General Meeting will take place annually and be comprised of IRM board members and IRM representatives. Like many other organisations or churches, the IRM does not live from documents and traditions, but most of all from people who are willing to live out their Christian faith in the workplace and in everyday life.

During the IRM conference week in Hungary, calendars were distributed in maintenance railway depots, railway control centres and railway stations, proving that a good product meets with thankful takers. We need to go to the people.

The principle **"go - give - connect"** stands the test of time. Even the apostle Paul lived out the principle of teamwork: **"I planted the seed, Apollo watered it, but God made it grow"** (1.Cor. 3:6). Team work that follows God's principles functions!

We need each other in order to focus on what unifies us and is the center of our faith **"Jesus Christ"**. That is why the IRM has an interdenominational character. Besides the Apostles' Creed which sums up the most important beliefs of our faith, the following rule applies in our cross-border IRM "family": In the essentials - **unity** In the non-essentials - **freedom** In all things - **love**.

For more information visit our website www.railway-mission.eu

Next International Railway Mission Conference Germany 2016

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> If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

>The soul purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

>The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

>The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

>A penny saved is a government oversight.

>Don't take life too seriously, as there is no getting out of it alive.

>Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

>When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.

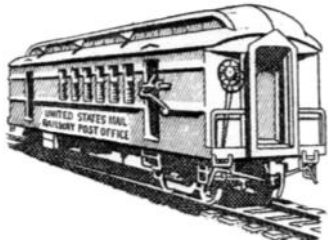
>The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

>Exercise for older adults:

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room on each side. With a 5 lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax. Each day, you will find that you can hold this position for just a little bit longer. After a couple weeks, move up to a 10 lb. potato sacks. Then to 50 lb sacks. After you are able to hold out the sacks at this level for one minute then put a potato in each sack.

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

Proverbs 17:22 - Living Bible



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From our REA MAIL BAG

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REA,
Thank you for shipping the 50 copies of "All Aboard!", they are being distributed in the Ccentral Pennsylvania area to fellow railroaders. Looking forward to the Spring issue. May God continue his blessings upon you and REA.
Godspeed,
Bill Seigford
Lancaster, PA

I am a Model Railroader and I belong to two different clubs locally. I am also a lay preacher ministering in Nursing Homes jumping at every chance I get to preach the word of God.
Gripped by Him,
Cal Swenson, Jr
Burnsville, MN

REA,
On Friday (September 20th) I will be 99 years old. We had a great Bible Study from the pastor of Redeemers Lutheran Brethren Church who told a story about his sin who was very ill and nit expected to live. Some folks from the local Assembly of God church came over, prayed over his son and he was healed! The Doctors were baffled. I am still reading and memorizing scripture.
With love,
Dorothy Steffen
Minot, ND

REA,
We are sorry we missed the last REA convention. My husband Harry sister came from Norway to visit us and she doesn't speak english. My husband and his sister had a wonderful time speaking in Norwegian remembering their childhood. Sending some scriptures about "Spiritual Vitamins", (see page 7).
Sincerely yours,
Lillian Edwardson
Glenside, PA

REA,
Greetings Brethren! Could you please send me some tracts and stickers. Keep up the good work!
Steve Delano
Mohave Valley, AZ



PS (Past Seventy)

Geneva Campbell
Stephens City, VA



The old rocking chair is empty today, For grandma is no longer in it, She is off in her car to her office or to shop, And buzzes around every minute...

No one can shove grandma back on the shelf, She is versatile, forceful, dynamic, That is not a pie in the oven, my dear, Her baking today is ceramic.

You won't see her trudging off early to bed, From her place in the farm chimney nook, Her computer is clickety-clack through the night, For grandma is writing a book...

Not one single backward look does she take, To slow her steady advancing, She won't tend babies for you anymore, For grandma has taken up dancing...

She's not content with crumbs of old thoughts,, Or meager or second hand knowledge, Don't bring your mending for grandma to do, For grandma has gone to college...



Rev. Stephen Seidler, Associate editor of the Railroad Evangelist magazine "All Aboard!" is a long time member and faithful supporter of REA. Brother Stephen is an incredible gift and blessing from God to REA with his vast knowledge of both Railroads and Model Railroading.

"My spirit is like a freight train"

by Geoff Taylor
Bakersfield, California

***Like a freight train
on a straight-forward course,
I've reached the end;
without undue remorse.***

***Some have tried to stop me,
but to them I said 'heck no.'
When a train like me is movin',
'the grave is where I go.***

***My wife and kids are freight cars.
I'm pulling them through life.
They make the train-load heavy.
I wish I lived life twice.***

***But I just keep on pullin',
I will never quit nor fear.
Because my family needs me
to pull them through the years.***

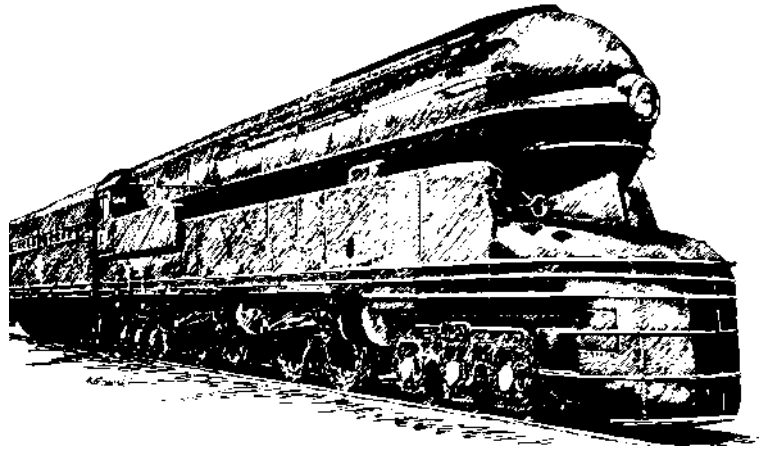
***I cannot quit this journey.
I never want to stop.
I was made to pull straight forward.
Someday I'll reach the top.***

***The wheels grind, the axles moan
the air brakes are a hissin.'
The grade is steep, my fuel's low
but ain't no coupler slippin.'***

***And when upon that mountain
This train will cease to be
I know my friend Lord Jesus
Will be waitin' there for me.***

***To say "good pull !;
you strong and faithful brute.
You've made your destination
and fulfilled your uphill route."***

***My spirit is a freight train
With his glory I'll be shod
None on earth can stop me
I was made to pull for God.***



Welcome to all railroaders!

"The Fellowship of the Eternal Order of Railroaders for Jesus" welcomes you all to a brand new ministry for the hard working, God-fearing, God-seeking railroader and all who are involved in today's railroad industry. My ministry is a ministry of God's Love, Mercy, Comfort, Forgiveness and Encouragement. It is also a ministry of intercessory prayer, praise and worship, corporate and private.

My beloved railroading brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, this is a ministry that uplifts and brings God's Word in an honest, uncompromising way to edify and encourage the hearer. Never to condemn anyone!

It is my sincerest hope and prayer that the Fellowship of the Eternal Order of Railroaders for Jesus will bring joy, laughter, healing, comfort and encouragement to all of God's railroaders.

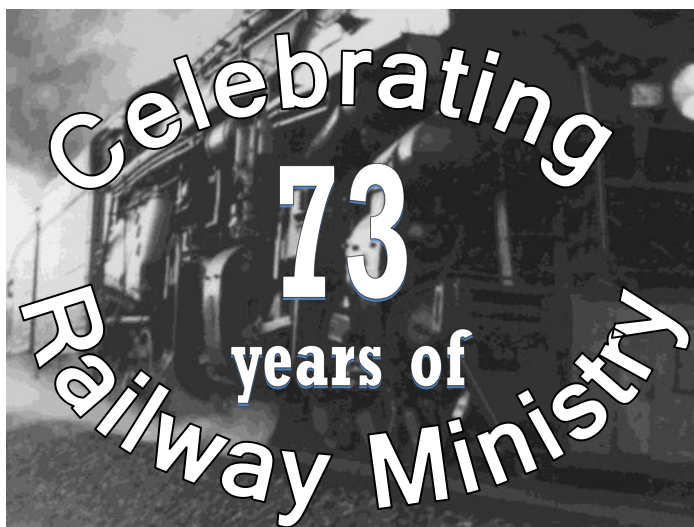
And so, my beloved railroaders in Christ, join me won't you? Join me in lifting up the Name of our precious Savior, Jesus Christ High and when it's all said and done we will all ride on the last train to Glory together to our final Destination: Heaven. Thank you so much for your time. It is greatly appreciated and may God continue to richly bless you, your loved ones and friends in every endeavor that you set your hands.

Cheryl Lengyel email: csx2014@yahoo.com
Fort Myers, Florida

The Salvation Poem

Jesus, You died upon the cross	-Romans 5:8
And rose again to save the lost	-John 3:16
Forgive me now of all my sins	-1 John 1:9
Come be my Savior, Lord, and Friend	-Romans 10:9
Change my life and make it new	-2 Corinthians 5:17
And help me, Lord, to live for you	-Colossians 2:6

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-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"



Nellie Ashmen
by George & Marlene Sampson
Nellie Ashmen
by Malaga Chapter, NJ
Jerry Thurston
by Joe & Dorothy Spooner

*"Let not your heart be trouble; you believe in God,
believe also in Me. In My Fathers house are many
mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you"
Love, Jesus (Matthew 14: 1,2)*



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

NEW REA MEMBERS from November 2013 to February 2014

Clarence Anderson, Jr, Cheryl Lengyel, John Oughton, Dale Rood
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Thank you for your Faithfulness

For the last three years, each January, REA has sent out an appeal letter asking you to help us financially in order that we would be able to produce the Summer Railroad Evangelist magazine "All Aboard!" without having the stress of not having enough funds to have it printed and mailed.

The reason this is the first time I have chosen not to mail out an appeal letter is because of the cost in doing it. It cost REA approximately \$1,500.00 to do the mailing. When you have the cost of two different envelopes, letter, color bookmark, then postage, it all adds up, plus the many, many hours of preparing, mailing then responding, so I have said all this to say this; to help save the cost and the many hours involved in the process is the reason for this REA magazine appeal.

REA continues to believe this "little" railway literature evangelistic ministry is important to God as we increase our vision to the entire railroad community world-wide with the Good News of new life in Christ is available to all, as He is ***"not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance."*** (II Peter 3:9).

Please consider this to be a good time to renew your subscription, send in a subscription for a friend or simply make a donation so we will be able to print and mail our Summer 2014 issue without a financial hardship.

God bless you as we continue to co-laborer with Christ in reaching our railroad community with the Good News. We still believe, ***"A little is a lot when God is in it."*** (Luke 9:12-17). Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord through REA.

In His grace and service,

Joe Spooner Secretary-Treasurer REA.

Please make your check or money order payable to REA. Thank you.

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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



Christ, My Engineer

By
 Milton Hartman
 Houston, Texas

*The Bible with God's holy words,
 Is one long Glory train;
 My faith lies in the Engineer,
 Jesus is his precious name.*

*Each word of love is one cross tie,
 Underneath each rail of gold;
 Each scripture reads of peace through God,
 To save a wayward soul.*

*Each spike is one chastisement,
 That youth must face each day;
 To bring into the line of light,
 Love in God's righteous way.*

*Love is the price of righteousness,
 To ride the rails of gold;
 I accepted Christ, my engineer,
 To save my wayward soul.*

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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seem." Hebrews 11:1

Kingdom Train

"Deep calls unto deep" (Psalm 42:7).

This verse captures the essence and summarize the life and ministry of my friend and former pastor Jerry Thurston who went home on the Kingdom Train this past January 2014.

It was while my wife and I were attending Life Center Open Bible Church with pastor Jerry Thurston here in Vancouver, Washington in 1992 when I received a call from Ann Grissom and Esther Peterson asking me if I would become the editor of the Railroad Evangelist magazine. At the time of their call I hadn't been involved in REA for about eight years as I no longer worked for the railroad, had gotten married and was employed at Nabisco, Portland, Oregon Bakery. The telephone call came "out of the blue" and it took me by surprise and I really didn't know how to respond. I asked Ann and Esther to give me one week to pray about it. After five days of praying and seeking His will concerning this matter I felt I receive a resounding "yes" from the Lord and you have been stuck with me since!

During this time in 1992 I was personal going through a difficult time in my spiritual journey. Pastor Jerry and I would meet often to walk, talk, receive counsel and pray together. Jerry was there for me during this difficult time and I appreciated it so very much that he took the time to help me walk through it.

I have never regretted the decision I made to accept the position as editor of the Railroad Evangelist magazine as I know for certain REA is important to God and only eternity will reveal all we have accomplished as a small group of believers who love the Lord and all things railroad!

The photo to the left of pastor Jerry Thurston sitting in a lawn chair on the beach at the Oregon coast as the sun is setting contemplating the vastness of Gods overwhelming goodness and love He has for each one of us, as "Deep calls unto deep" it is only fitting that I dedicate this issue of the Railroad Evangelist magazine to my friend and former pastor Jerry Thursday who recently boarded the Kingdom Train home.

I won't forget him.

Joe Spooner, editor
The Railroad Evangelist magazine



*In loving memory of
Jerry Thurston.*

*A wonderful
husband, a loving father,
supportive friend,
and wise shepherd.*

You will be missed.

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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.

The photo to the right is a J-3a #5441 4-6-4 Hudson on Train # 414 at Lebanon, Indiana in the Spring of 1954.

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