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## **Norfolk Southern Heritage Locomotives**

Norfolk Southern displayed all 20 heritage locomotives at the North Carolina Transportation Museum over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. At one point they had all 20 on the turntable leads surrounding the turntable with a new NS unit on the table. NCTM ran the units in a parade so people could get photos. If you go to YouTube you can see many videos taken of the event including an interesting time lapse of the round house area during the event.

## **Nickel Plate #765**

Last time I wrote about the NS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary steam trips that have been taking place I mentioned Nickel Plate 765 will be participating in the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary trips. NKP 765 ran from Berkley, Missouri to St. Peter Missouri on Saturday and Sunday September 8 & 9. Two trips each day were scheduled. Larry and I went down on Friday and chased the excursions on Saturday. The NKP 765 was on the West end of the train and since no turning facilities were available NS placed the Wabash Heritage unit followed by the Illinois Terminal Heritage unit on the East end of the train. This was to be the last of the employee trips for 765. The

Tennessee Valley Railway Museum is using Southern 630 another engine from the old NS steam program in the South on employee trips and some public excursions.



### **Nebraska Zephyr**

The CB&Q Nebraska Zephyr which is owned by the Illinois Railway Museum made round trips from Chicago, Illinois to Quincy and return on September 22 & 23. Dana and I made a trip to Galesburg on Saturday to get pictures of it coming into town and leaving town. Unfortunately we were delayed getting there due to a parade in Macomb so the only pictures we got that day was near the hump tower heading to Quincy. The trips were run under Amtrak authority and completely sold out both days. On Saturday there was concern that some fires had been started due to carbon being blown out the exhaust stacks of the E-5, so the trip was late coming back from Quincy. Pictured on right is the E5 coming off of the Quincy Bay Bridge heading back to Galesburg on Sunday.



On our way back to Quincy we saw the Keokuk Junction F-units in Good Hope.



### **Gary Bennett**

**May 5, 1947-August 8, 2012**

When I first started in 2006 Gary was at train club almost every operating session. He would take the bus or catch a ride with another member. He was dedicated to the Boy Scouts and an avid Cardinal fan. Gary didn't say much but I remember if he heard you talking about the Cardinals he would smile.

### **Open House**

Our open house this year is scheduled for November 3, noon to 5pm & November 4, noon to 4pm. Dave Scharnhorst will have his layout set up again along with Hank's tinplate and of course the QSME layout. We could use all the help we can get. Jeff won't be here this year as he took a new job in Carbondale, Illinois and has relocated. Please if you can help we would appreciate it. We are still making plans for a club dinner.

### **We Need Your Help!**

The QSME has run into a problem. We haven't had enough people to have a quorum at the business meetings nor have we had much of a turnout on operating nights. One of the ideas passed around was to change the operating sessions to another night. For the quorum issue we discussed maybe changing the meeting so that the board can carry on without a quorum. We need your ideas please contact us at [qsme@cbqrr.com](mailto:qsme@cbqrr.com) with any ideas on how to solve this issue and on what nights to have an operating session.