



MidSouth Chapter Program Announcement



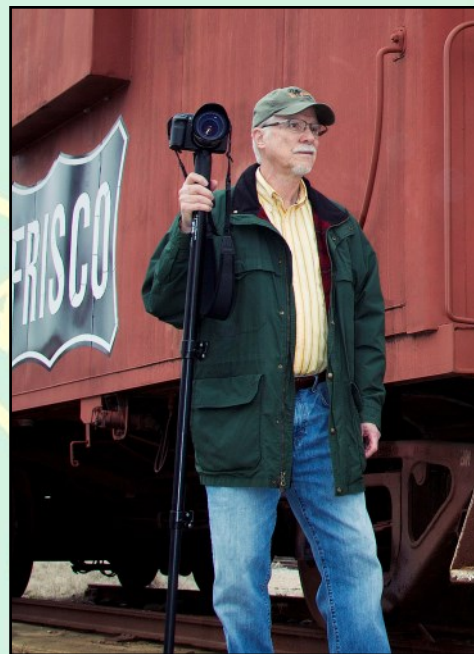
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May Program

David Hurt, a photographer for all seasons (and reasons)

The image of a railroad photographer with camera and monopod is a classic pose. It brings to mind a 1948 photo of Frank Ardrey as a young man, standing proudly with his large box camera beside a Southern Railway Mountain locomotive in Durham, NC.

Fast forward 70 years to 2018, and we see another well-traveled rail photographer, David Hurt, standing beside a favorite subject with camera at the ready. David's photography spans 31 years, and includes both film and digital media covering a wide variety of subjects. While trains are preferred, he also shoots fire trucks, old courthouses and movie theatres, and landscapes.



Photographer David Hurt



Editor's favorite David Hurt photo of SR F's with a Chattanooga excursion on the AGS

Growing up in the small west Alabama town of Vernon, David's first memories of trains was along the Frisco Railroad that passed through nearby Sulligent. He got his first camera in 1977 and started riding and chasing Southern Railway steam and diesel excursions around Alabama. Chasing steam was fun, but his favorite locomotives to photograph were the Southern green-and-gold FP7s pulling excursions and business trains.

Over the years, David's persistent presence at trackside and his demonstrated photographic skills earned him invitations to ride aboard numerous Operation Lifesaver trips and several Burlington Northern "Service by Design" trips.

For our program at the May 19 meeting of the Mid-South Chapter, David will present a slide show of his favorite images entitled "Behind the Lens—31 years of Railroad Photography." The depot will be open at 1:00 for members and guests to mix and mingle in the agent's office or out on the newly renovated train watching platform. The meeting will begin at 2:00PM and refreshments will be served, thanks to the hospitality of Lamont Downs and Pat Honsa.

Your editor is on vacation. The Summer 2018 edition of *The MidSouth Flyer* will be distributed in June.