The officers of the R&LHS were caught in May, 1997, practicing for a possible entry in Ogden’s Gandy Dancer Hand Car Race. But after careful consideration of trying to pump the hand car along the 900 feet of race track, they made a thoughtful decision to not enter the race. However, 18 other teams did compete during Ogden’s 128th anniversary celebration of the joining of the transcontinental railway. On the hand car are the President of the R&LHS and five Chapter Presidents - a true presidential special! From left to right are: R&LHS President, Bill Howes; Southern California Chapter President, Bob Kredel; Chicago Chapter President, Charlie Stats; New York President, Charles Smith; Southeast Chapter President, Jim Smith; and Golden Spike President, Mike Burdett. Photo by Jim Wilk.

In a related matter, the Southeast Chapter had six representatives at the Ogden Convention. In addition to Bill Howes and Jim Smith, Chapter Treasurer, Jim Wilk, and members Jim Burnett, Roger Simon and Grant Whipple, joined the crowd that witnessed the meeting of the Jupiter and the 119. We had a great time in Utah, thanks to the efforts of Mike Burdett and his Golden Spike Chapter.

From the Southeast Limited, Number 41, June, 1997, Southeast Chapter, Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, Inc.
**Newsletter Notes**

The calm before the storm, or, catching up on some stuff I need to get into print. Some articles can sit just so long before they either must see print or they become too far out of date. I sometimes promise to publish an item only to have it bumped for something either required or newsworthy. The next two issues will get us back into the majority’s field of interest, steam engines.

If you bypassed the Baltimore convention due to the roof collapse or by being too pricey, then consider making tracks, or contrails, to Ogden, Utah, and join in the fun of a good R&LHS convention complete with a ride on the Heber Creeper. Put yourself into the picture at the meeting of CP’s Jupiter and UP’s #119. These conventions aren’t just for the R&LHS brass hats. They are planned with you in mind, so don’t disappoint the convention staff and yourself, come join us, won’t you? Put some fun in your life!

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RAILROADING is a dangerous occupation. Perhaps that is why the Gleiss family settled on the law as a vocation.

In 1897, young A. F. (Frank) Gleis (they spelled it with one “s” then) was an out of work railroader in Tomah, Wisconsin. He decided to go to La Crosse to see if he could find work there, at the yards.

He rode a train to La Crosse, and while in the yards jumped on the rear of a locomotive tender, and slipped as he started to climb. He fell beneath the wheels as the locomotive was backing up. His legs were severed, at the thigh, and the efforts of the railroad surgeon were unsuccessful. He died shortly thereafter. He was 19 years old.

Some 23 years later, Engineer William Henry Gleiss, (the family had added the second “s” by this time), an older brother of Frank, also met his fate on the railroad.

William H. Gleiss was born in 1867 and started work on the railroad at the age of 15 as a trainman. He worked his way up to engineer, an exalted position at the time. In 1918, at age 55, he was one of the oldest, and most respected, engineers on the road.

As one of the most senior on the engineer’s list of the Valley Line Division of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, he had his choice of runs, and he chose No. 3, a regularly scheduled passenger train. He was the engineer on No. 3’s ill-fated May 18 trip.

Over eight decades have passed since that trip. We no longer have access to any eyewitnesses, or anyone with firsthand knowledge of the accident. Time has yellowed those few records remaining, and it seems that some of the critical information has been turned to dust by time. A critical source of information, the train dispatcher’s sheet for that day, has not been located, if it still exists. We are left to conjecture and speculation, and to extrapolate from the sparse information available.

Engineer Gleiss was well respected and had a reputation for being careful. No serious accident marred his entire career. He was not characterized as a runner, one who would push the limits. He was a steadfast, dependable engineer.

So, what happened that fateful May morning?

May 18, 1918, William Henry Gleiss, a locomotive engineer, died at the controls of his engine, attempting to save the lives of his crew and passengers. In an incident remarkably similar to the exploit of Casey Jones, Gleiss remained at his station as the locomotive plowed into an oncoming train near Mauston. He was hailed as a hero for slowing the train enough to allow his crew to jump and to prevent any injuries to the passengers.

Here we mix fact with speculation. The caller called engineer Gleiss earlier that evening, as usual, to take No. 3 from New Lisbon to Tomahawk. He was timetabled out of New Lisbon at 3:25 AM. He left his home on Nott Street in Tomah with the dinner pail his wife always packed and headed for the terminal to inspect his engine.

We are not sure as to what engine he was to run. The Valley Line at this time still had American (4-4-0) locomotives, and the roster available, shows that Atlantics (4-4-2) were used, and we know that 10 wheelers (4-6-0) were used to haul many passenger trains at the time. The only locomotive scrapped in June 1918 was an Atlantic (No. 131), but as to the cause, there is no record.

Gleiss would have signed the register and checked his watch and then seeing that the fireman had watered and coaled the engine, would have backed down and coupled onto the train, which had been waiting. He would have conferred with the conductor, and again checked watches.

The record indicates that he had received no train orders, and being a scheduled run would have received the proper clearances and upon signal from the con-
ductor would have pulled out of New Lisbon for his unknown destiny.

He left New Lisbon on time, heading west. He actually headed north, but in those days the timetable showed only east and west, so north would have been west, and south would have been east, confusing only to non-railroaders.

He might have been reported to the dispatcher at Necedah, some 12.3 miles from New Lisbon, as the Valley Line crossed the Chicago Northwestern and Omaha line at that point. He was up into marshy country, it was dark and fog had started to become a factor. There were no speed recorders at that time, and we have no way of knowing whether he reduced speed from the 26 mph allowed by timetable. One could speculate he might have, in light of what followed.

No. 72, a southbound (east) scheduled freight, was due out of Babcock at 1:01 AM. and was due at Sprague at 2:10 AM. For whatever reason, he was running late. The timetable in effect at the time required him to clear the main line at least five minutes before the scheduled arrival time, by timetable, of No. 3, which was due at Sprague at 4:11 AM.

Sprague had no one on duty at that time in the morning.

No. 3 received no indication or signal passing through Necedah of anything ahead. He properly could assume the track ahead was clear. Traveling west (remember, north) toward Sprague, there is a gentle curve of some one degree, which begins about a quarter mile south of the siding, and bends to the left, or fireman’s side. The depot stood on the west side and was just north of City Highway E, which crossed the main and the middle of the siding.

A northbound engineer would not have a clear view ahead upon entering this curve. The fireman might have had seen, if he were looking into the dark and the fog, would be pure conjecture.

We know that No. 72 had arrived and was taking the siding for No. 3. The passenger train, being of superior class, had the rights to the main.

No. 3 came around the curve and could first see the headlight of No. 72. Trains taking a siding for another train keep their headlight burning until in the clear, and then dim the headlight. Gleiss probably saw the bright headlight and understood the situation.
He immediately threw the train into emergency and tried to stop. He called to his fireman to jump, which he did. Gleiss had closed the throttle and must have been blowing warnings with his whistle, when the engine plowed into the 16th car of No. 72 and destroyed it, and three other cars.

The engine of No. 3 was derailed and the tender jammed into the cab, crushing Gleiss between the tender and the backhead, killing him instantly.

The combination baggage and mail car of No. 3 was also derailed, but thanks to the whistle warning, the postal employee and baggage man and his assistant were able to jump clear and were only slightly injured. The passengers were shaken up but uninjured.

The freight locomotive ran around the passenger train, coupled on to the rear and returned it to New Lisbon. With the New Lisbon Main fouled, No. 3 was routed through Tomah to Babcock and on to Tomahawk, albeit substantially later than expected.

The only fatality was the engineer on No. 3, Gleiss, who stayed at the throttle, trying to save his train and the passengers. For some reason, there is no ICC accident report, on this incident. The only descriptions found have been in newspapers in the area.

Gleiss had the biggest funeral ever seen in Tomah to that time.

Gleiss has two living grandchildren—Ann Mulvaney of Sparta, Wisconsin, and Helen Boldon of Rochester, Minnesota. Others were William J. Gleiss, Mary Phalen and Margaret Handeyside. See page 6.

Mystery Photo

“Taken in 1904” That’s all that it says on the back of this print. No engine number, no railroad or industry name, no air brakes, no headlight, no automatic coupler, no builder’s plate (but look at the smoke box). Maybe from a gravel pit, says Charley Stats. It is not 3 foot narrow gauge, but maybe 3’6” or something odd, but it is a small engine according to the man’s height. The sand dome appears to be a later add-on. Your guess?? Cernak collection.

Barbara Stuart

She pened ‘Ask Barbara’ for Railroad Magazine during the 1950s. She died October 22, 2003 in Washington DC. She was a Cincinnati native.

— The Cincinnati Inquirer.

More Mystery photos. Do you recognize this yard? Write or e-mail (CliffVDY@Juno.com) the Editor if you do.
It takes a certain vision to look at a virtual hovel and see a beautifully restored train station. It takes perseverance to see such a vision through to reality. Delaware Water Gap borough officials and rail restoration advocates are demonstrating that special diligence by making small but substantive strides toward restoring the historic Delaware Water Gap train station.

— Pocono Record July 16, 2003

Dozens of visitors stopped by the station July 12, 2003, many of them viewing for the first time the shabby shell of what was, nearly a century ago, the busiest train station in the Poconos. A dramatic change has occurred at the once-grand structure. It has been rescued from the very brink of collapse, a temporary roof placed over the decaying timbers to stave off further weather damage, the discarded junk that filled it since it closed three decades ago now cleared away. Whether its champions will achieve their goal of a full restoration remains to be seen, but they have gained Monroe County Commissioners’ approval of a $40,000 Community Development Block Grant for an engineering study to determine how the building should be restored. The study will pave the way toward applying for actual renovation funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Delaware Water Gap train station is more than just a beautiful old building in want of restoration. It played a major role in Monroe County’s history as a resort destination. The station was the first location many visitors saw once they entered Pennsylvania, and in its glory, it stood surrounded by flowers and fringed surreys, charming conveyances that transported rail passengers to the dozens of resorts, hotels and boarding houses in the Gap and beyond. The Gap itself grew into the focal point of the tourist industry. Spur lines carried tourists to eastern Monroe and Mountain destinations. Resorts grew and prospered elsewhere as a result.

Americans’ growing dependence on the automobile resulted in a long, slow decline of rail traffic. Passenger service ended in 1970 and years of neglect brought it to its present precarious state.

But a few people have recognized that the old station’s history and the heritage it represents have earned it a special respect and value. As an added benefit, a restored station would be another destination on the greenway recreational trail system now under development that eventually will link Smithfield, Delaware Water Gap, Stroud Township and the Stroudsburgs.

Borough officials and members of the Lackawanna Chapter of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society deserve applause for their hard work and perseverance. Interested supporters may make out contributions to: Treasurer, Lackawanna Chapter R & LHS and send them to G.W. Herkner Jr., 73 Deer Ridge Rd., Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920.

A Steamtown Fall Excursion to Slateford was derailed just beyond the Delaware Water Gap station, Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003. No one was injured but three days later they were still trying to fix the track. Photo by John Manbeck.
WANTED - Information on Bela di Tierfort (sp?) industrial artist. He sold me a Rock Island steam locomotive painting in 1940 from a 5th Avenue shop. What was his later career and reputation? Robert B. Shaw, 18 Cedar Street, Potsdam NY 13676–2020.

INFORMATION - Copies of Baldwin erecting cards of three-foot gauge engines from 1875 to 1905. If interested, contact Wayne Lincoln, 1871 Park Drive, Los Angeles CA 90026-1837. (323) 663-6970 <line3191@earthlink.net>


WANTED - Tickets & passes from railroads, trolley, ferry, bridge, turnpike, etc. US only. Mostly pre-1930. Dan Benice, PO Box 5708, Cary NC 27512. (919) 468-5510.

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Central Pacific Jupiter #60 and Union Pacific #119. Drawings by William Plunkett, © 1969 NMRA.


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In One More Train to Ride: The Underground World of Modern American Hoboes, author Cliff Williams (“Oats” to hoboes) has compiled life stories, songs, poems and drawings of contemporary American hoboes. 168 pages, 6½ x 9¼, paper, $17.95. Indiana University Press, 601 N Morton Street, Bloomington IN 47404-3797. (812) 855-8817.

The Moffat Tunnel: A Railfan’s Perspective (62 pages - $29.95 ppd)

American railroads opened up the country with a profound impact on technology, business, politics, and culture. This Reference guide includes seven essays, 15 biographies, 23 participants’ own words, timeline, bibliography. American Railroads in the Nineteenth Century by Augustus J. Veenendaal is for those interested in this period of US history. 226 pages, 10 photos, 6½ x 9½, hardbound. Greenwood Publishing Group, 88 Post Road West, Westport CT 06881.

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Moonglow
by Lee Witten

Those of you attending the R&LHS Wasatch and Junction City Express convention in Ogden will have the opportunity to see a historic prototype domeliner car from the Train of Tomorrow.

The Train of Tomorrow was built by General Motors in the mid 1940s. It consisted of an E power unit and 4 domeliner cars. The rear lounge car was named the Moonglow and is the only car of the original train that still exists. The Ogden Union Station presently owns the remains of the car and is trying to raise funds for its restoration.

In 1980 a group from the Promontory Chapter of the NRHS made a trip to Pocatello. Among them was Dan Kuhn, a scheduled speaker at the R&LHS convention, who was shown a dome car in a Pocatello scrap metal yard. He instantly recognized it for what it was and decided right there that this car must be preserved. It wasn’t until 5 years later after ongoing negotiations with the scrap yard owner that the Promontory Chapter was finally able to obtain the car. The ownership of the car was transferred to the Ogden Union Station who agreed to take on the responsibility for its restoration.

For a while, the car resided at Hill Air Force Base where some preliminary preservation measures were taken including a primer coat and the removal of interior furniture and broken windows. However, funds raised so far have been exhausted and the car sat idle for several months. Ogden City donated an engine house at their new business complex, a former Army Supply Depot. The Moonglow was moved there and is now at least protected from the elements. On Friday, June 11, members on the Golden Spike Historic Site tour will be given a tour of the Moonglow. Then on Saturday night our guest speaker at the banquet will be the author of a major manuscript about the Train of Tomorrow, Dr. Ric Morgan.
Railway & Locomotive Historical Society  
2004 Annual Meeting  
“Wasatch & Junction City Express”  
June 10 – 13, 2004, Ogden, Utah

Events Schedule

Thursday, 10 June 2004:

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm  Check-in Registration at Marriott Hotel
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Board of Directors meeting, Dumke Room, Ogden Union Station
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  Hospitality Social, Dumke Room, Ogden Union Station
Dinner on your own.

Friday, 11 June 2004:

8:00 am – 1:00 pm  Golden Spike Tour & Reenactment with lunch provided
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Tour of Old Grade, Thiokol rocket display, Corrine, Brigham City Depot and Moonglow Observation car (Train of Tomorrow)
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  Dutch Oven Dinner at Ogden Union Station, speaker Daniel B. Kuhn (Historian, photographer & railroader)

Saturday, 12 June 2004:

8:00 am – 10:00 am  Travel up Weber Canyon to Heber, Utah
10:00 am – 1:00 pm  Ride the Heber Valley RR to Vivian Park and back, lunch provided
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  Travel down Emigration Canyon to Salt Lake City
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm  Ride TRAX System and see their maintenance shops
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  No Host Cocktail Hour at Marriott Hotel
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  Annual Banquet, speaker Ric Morgan, “Train of Tomorrow”

Sunday, 13 June 2004

9:00 am – 11:00 am  R&LHS Business Meeting Breakfast & speaker, all attendees invited
11:00 am – open

Transportation between SLC Airport and Ogden, Utah

No trains or airlines come to Ogden, Utah, so plan on renting a car or taking a shuttle between Salt Lake City and Ogden. One can ride the bus but that takes a bit of time. Also, the hotel doesn’t provide a courtesy van between the airport and their hotel. The following information was current as of 1 December 2003.

Arrow Transportation, 1-888-277-6976. $35 each way for one person, more than one person, $15 each way if van is half full or full. Make reservations 24 hours in advance.

Express Shuttle 1-800-397-0773. $27 each way for one person, $11 each way for each additional person in the party. Make reservations 24 hours in advance.
Hotel Reservations

The Golden Spike Chapter has reserved a block of 20 rooms for R&LHS members at the Marriott Hotel, 247 24th ST, Ogden, Utah, until 20 May 2004. The room rate is $69 (plus tax) single or double. Be sure to mention that you are with the R&LHS. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. The telephone number is 1-888-825-3163. BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY 20 MAY 2004 FOR THE $69 RATE. Other accommodations are available and will be included in the information package you will receive after registration.

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Valerie G. Steffen, Lead Park Ranger, Golden Spike National Historic Site, has provided this historic photo. But we would like for you to be in the picture of the recreation of this scene to be held Friday, June 11, 2004, while the R&LHS celebrates its 83rd year on the 135th year of the completion of the transcontinental railroad. Be there!