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## MIDLAND TRESTLE REPAIRS PROCEEDING APACE New Bridges Mean New Era for Midland!

By Mike Fox

At the Annual Membership Meeting February 28, 2009, it was announced that, under the sponsorship of Franklin County, KS, Midland had applied for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds to repair six of Midland's eight timber trestles. A seventh trestle was included as a bid alternate. In May last year KDOT, who is administering the funds, approved the entire amount requested of \$293,000.

Three bids were opened at a regular meeting of the Franklin County Commission January 20th of this year, and the contract was awarded subsequently to the low bidder, Clayton Railroad Construction, LLC of West Union, Ohio. Including two change orders, the project includes repairs to seven trestles at Mile Posts 18.2, 19.5, 20.4, 21.7, 22.9, 24.8 and 25.7. The total cost of the project will be \$292,000.

The completion of this project will allow Midland to resume scheduled excursion passenger train service between Norwood and Ottawa Junction, KS. This service was instituted in 2004 but had to be curtailed in 2007 because defects were discovered in the trestle at Milepost 24.8 near Sand Creek Road. Subsequent inspections revealed work was required at the other trestles included in the project. When that work is completed,



**MUDDY, BUT IMPORTANT WORK.** Bridge contractor building forms for the pouring of concrete piers under Sand Creek bridge, immediately south of Sand Creek Road crossing. April 10, 2010. More pictures page 2.

Midland's trestles will be in the best condition in decades and prepared for many years of safe train operations in the future.

Clayton Railroad Construction began work at MP 24.8 in late February and since that time work has also begun at MP 19.5. Depending upon weather conditions, all repairs are expected to be completed by mid-June!

## Egg Hunt Ridership Largest Ever



**THE LITTLE ONES KNOW** what's important – trying to find those Easter eggs! 4/3/10. Pictures & story on pg 3.



**SAND CREEK BRIDGE REPAIR.** Bridge contractor employees working to complete forms for concrete piers. The opening of this bridge will enable Midland to once again operate to Ottawa Jct.

## 2010 Train Schedule Announced

(Effective with start of regular operations, Thursday, June 17th)

### Train Service to Return to Ottawa Junction!

#### Saturday/Sunday/Holidays (Beginning June 19th)

[Trains will operate Sunday, July 4, Independence Day]

Lv Baldwin 11:00 AM Ar Ottawa Jct 11:55 AM

Lv Ottawa Jct 12:05 PM Ar Baldwin 1:00 PM

(Ottawa Jct service pending re-opening south end of our line)

Ottawa Jct. Fares \$15 adult/\$7 child

Lv Baldwin 2:00 PM Ar Norwood 2:25 PM

Lv Norwood 2:35 PM Ar Baldwin 3:00 PM

Norwood Fares \$10 adult/\$5 child

#### Thursday (beginning June 17th)

Lv Baldwin 10:30 AM Ar Norwood 10:55 AM

Lv Norwood 11:05 AM Ar Baldwin 11:30 AM

Fares \$10 adult/\$5 child

## Trestle Repairs Begin



**CAN'T USE THIS BRIDGE!** Bridge damage is very evident on the Sand Creek Trestle. A splintered Batter Pile in a pier can be seen. The closing of this trestle shut down operations to Ottawa Junction in 2007.



**REPAIR WORK JUST BEGINNING** at Sand Creek Bridge, MP 24.8. A temporary support is in place and a pier, foreground, has been removed for replacement.

## Day Out With Thomas Returns

By Leo Handzlik

Thomas the Tank Engine will make his ninth consecutive visit to the Midland Railway on June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 & 13. Sir Topham Hatt and friends will offer rides with Thomas for aspiring engineers and their families and fill the Midland grounds with other activities that will provide lots of smiles to last a lifetime.

Last year we had over 12,000 smiling riders and this year shows promise to exceed that number.

Thomas is for Midland not only the major fundraiser to keep our track maintained and equipment operating, but also an outstanding opportunity for all the members to work

together for a common purpose. The six days when Thomas is maintaining his busy schedule of trips is but the end result of literally months of planning and weeks of preliminary work.

The Day Out With Thomas Committee initially met in January and is continuing to meet and schedule and order everything we will need from tents to paper towels. But as in years before, we will need everyone to pitch in to help cut grass, set up fencing in the boarding areas, clean the cars and wash the windows.

Our most important work day will be Saturday, May 22nd. We look forward to seeing you help work for the railroad. If you have questions about how you can help, please call Leo Handzlik at 913-402-5376.

## NEWS WE CAN USE

If you have an article or editorial you would like published, please send it to Charles Pitcher, Editor of *MILEPOSTS*, either at his e-mail: [charlespitcher@comcast.net](mailto:charlespitcher@comcast.net) or c/o Midland Railway, P.O. Box 5, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006-0005. Attn: MILEPOSTS.

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# Easter Egg Hunt Trains Carry 938 Riders

By Mike Fox

On Saturday, Apr. 3, Midland operated its popular Easter Bunny Trains for the fourth straight year. Under the able leadership of Tom Wheeler, Midland's Vice President, this was the best year yet with picture-perfect weather and ticket sales of 938 handled by Janice Deitrick and Sue Pratt. Four trains were operated with the first three trips completely sold out!

Lots of hard work went into this successful special event. Loren Litteer cleaned up the depot; Tom Wheeler and Bob Hruska cleaned the train, and Dee and Roger



**DOUG HAYS** (left) watches a family visit the Easter Bunny, while **Rob Clark** (right) hands them a treat.



**IT WAS A LITTLE COOL** in the shade of the depot as early morning passengers boarded for their hunt.



**THE TICKET LINE FORMED** early, stretching south well into the parking lot. This year every one got a ticket.



**TRAIN CREW SWITCHING** NYC 8255 onto the Easter Egg Hunt train as conductor Leo Handzlik watches.

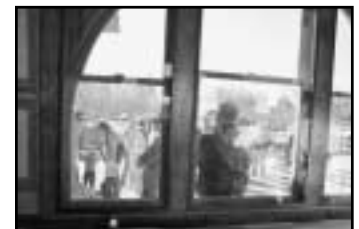
Clark and Doug Hays obtained the supplies and presided over the Easter Egg hunts at Norwood.

On the trains, Leo Handzlik served as Conductor, Dan Dawson as Engineer, and Scott Thomas as Fireman. They were assisted by Owen Berner, Mike Beem, Zach Smith, Rob Clark, Jennifer Dawson and Marvin Sudduth.

Finally, Christyne Hays played the unsung and unseen role as the Easter

Bunny delighting lots of happy children!

Thanks to all that helped. It was a great way to start the season.



**LOOKING OUT** from the depot, crowds gather to ride the Easter Egg Hunt Train.



**PASSENGERS WAITED PATIENTLY** as the train was loaded to capacity for the third run of the Egg Hunt Train.

# Dawson, Thomas Conduct Rules and Safety Classes

The annual Rules & Safety classes were held at 1 pm, March 27; and 2 pm, April 11. Your Editor and approximately 25-30 members attended the March 27 meeting.

trestles will be in the best shape ever since we've owned the railroad. Operating crews are cautioned to read new Special Instructions regarding going over bridges.



**DAN DAWSON (L)** and **Scott Thomas (R)** conduct the Rules and Safety Class March 27, 2010 at Baldwin Depot.

Dan Dawson welcomed everyone to the Rules Class and announced that Doug Hays was to have conducted the meeting, but his father-in-law (Denice Hays' father) had passed away and he was unable to attend. In his absence, Scott Thomas conducted the class, and referred everyone to follow along in their 4/2/2000 edition of General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR).

Other announcements included that a new Midland timetable #5 is due out soon in time for the 2010 operating season. Also, Mike Fox talked about the bridge repair project – that seven of our eight trestles would be worked on with 100% federal money to be used. Even the bridge at County Line Road, MP 18.2, will be included. Currently, work is underway at Sand Creek. It is expected that by June or July, our

The meeting lasted about two hours. Each of the 50 test questions were reviewed and answered jointly by the entire class. At the conclusion, Jennifer Dawson expressed our compliments to Scott Thomas for the great job he did conducting the class on such short notice.

A second Rules & Safety class was conducted on April 11.

## Radio Update Deadline Reprieved

Here is an update of information we brought you regarding our two-way walkie-talkie radios (Page 3, *MILEPOSTS*, December, 2009).

It was incorrectly reported that radios need to be reprogrammed to a 6 KHZ bandwidth during the year 2010. New information received from member John Kleinschmidt indicates the mandated revision by FCC is now due **January 1, 2012**, and Midland Railway's radio frequency will go to a 12.5 KHZ narrow band spacing (instead of 6 KHZ).

In the meantime, it is still very important to contact John Klein-

### MIDLAND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Visit [www.midland-ry.org](http://www.midland-ry.org) for these and other exciting 2010 special event dates.

**June 4-5-6**–Day Out With Thomas (first weekend)

**June 11-12-13**–Day Out With Thomas (second weekend)

**June 17**–First Day of Regular Train Operations [Thursday]

**June 20**–Fathers' Day

**July 4**–Independence Day

**Sept. 4-5-6**–Labor Day Weekend/Midland Railfest

**Sept. 17-18-19**–Scouting Weekend

**Oct. 8-9-10**–Scouting Weekend

**Oct. 16-17**–Maple Leaf Festival Weekend

**Nov. 5-6-7**–Scouting Weekend

(Railway reserves the right to alter schedules, change fares and equipment as conditions may warrant.)

schmidt at his *corrected* e-mail address of [gd2btall@kc.rr.com](mailto:gd2btall@kc.rr.com) advising him your radio's make and model so he may determine if your radio may be reprogrammed in time for the 2012 operating season.

## Our Condolences

Recently, Denice Hays' father (Doug Hays' father-in-law), and Mel Wilson's infant granddaughter passed away. The entire Midland membership wish to express our sincerest, heartfelt sympathy for these two families.

# 2010 BOY SCOUT TRAIN CAMPS

The first Boy Scout camp scheduled for March 12-13-14 was cancelled about a week prior due to locomotive and weather issues beyond Midland's control.



**BOY SCOUTS WORKING** as a team, spiking in a tie during Train Camp, Nov. 17, 2009.

The harsh winter probably caused leaks in the main air line of locomotive No. 524; No. 142 had been out of service since the fall of 2009; and No. 8255 was having an oil leak repaired.

Thus on March 6, it was decided to cancel the first camp for the following weekend. And, as it turned out, the weather didn't cooperate that week-



**MEMBER BLAIR ADAMS** supervises Boy Scouts during Nov. 17, 2009 Train Camp. Here, boys are "plugging" a crosstie, making it ready to slip under the rails and be spiked into place.

end either.

However, the weekend of April 9-10-11 was just gorgeous, and 120 eager Boy Scouts from Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri participated. As usual, the boys receive Operation Lifesaver, safety

and railroad industry lectures; as well as the actual hands-on experience of inserting crossties into our track.

Another camp is scheduled this spring for April 30-May 1 & 2; and three more camps in the fall.



**TRAIN CAN'T MOVE** until ties are installed, boys," says Kevin Jones, supervising Boy Scouts during the Nov. 17, 2009, Train Camp.



**EAGER YOUNG HANDS** raise to answer a question posed by Operation Lifesaver presenter Charles Pitcher.



**OPERATION LIFESAVER** presenter Charles Pitcher makes an important point.



**PRESENTER CHARLES PITCHER** reminds his audience to Look, Listen & Live.

# Members Gather for 2010 Annual Meeting

On a beautiful afternoon of February 27 a large turnout of Midland members gathered at the Kansas City

Kansas Community College Conference Center for its 27th Annual Meeting. Mike Fox called the meeting to order at 3 pm.

Mike reviewed significant challenges we had had in 2009...

- ◆ He thanked everyone who helped at DOWT, especially recognizing Dee Clark, treasurer; Mike Pratt and Ivan Voorhees for set-up.
- ◆ Discussed why we eliminated Sunday trips in 2009.
- ◆ Reported that Maple Leaf weekend ridership fell; but Halloween ridership remained strong.
- ◆ Our Boy Scout Program has become an integral part of Midland.
- ◆ An FRA inspection took no exceptions to our operating practices, while some slow orders have been eliminated.



**Mike Fox**

will be the first repaired. KDOT also included our bridge at MP 18.2 (County Line), so Midland's bridges will be in the best shape they have been in decades!

- ◆ Bill Pendleton was recognized for his efforts getting rail and ties from the City of Lawrence.

### Old Business

FRA made a mechanical inspection of our locomotive maintenance, and we have made a list of defects to be repaired.

Our 2009 expenses were less than in 2008. We renegotiated depot rental with the Santa Fe Trail Historical Society, bringing facility costs down.

For 2010, four Easter train trips will be operated April 3; DOWT will be June 4-6 & 11-13. Leo Handzlik will be this year's event director. Also in 2010, Sunday and Ottawa service is expected to return. Membership, and new product development to be reviewed for 2010.

Ernie Griffin reviews ridership report vs. revenue reports and suggests running on Sundays again in 2010.

Leo Handzlik advises that membership count was down in 2009 vs. 2008.

Dee Clark reviewed 2009 Financial Statement – income, \$371,403; expenses, \$400,864; for loss of \$29,461.

Grants from other sources discussed, and a question was raised if we have ever been audited – should we have an

audit performed?

Dee Clark says we use an outside accounting firm for accounts and tax forms.

Bob Hruska questioned marketing

expenses and asked for a breakdown between regular and DOWT marketing expenses.

Mike Pratt gives Operations Reports. Only major incident was a crossing accident. Thanks everyone working on equipment, operations, locomotives and track work – did fantastic job this year.

Boy Scout program has been very helpful, and thanked all the people working behind the scenes.

Bob Hruska discussed marketing, needs cooperation for DOWT. Will be contacting pre-school programs to increase DOWT ticket sales, and will be distributing flyers for DOWT. We have a display board at Great Plains Mall in Olathe; need help to promote Easter train. (Continued on page 7)



**Mike Pratt**



**MIKE FOX** addresses the membership at the Annual Meeting February 27, 2010.

- ◆ We did receive the grant for trestle rehabilitation – an engineering firm evaluated all bridges, and KDOT authorized grant money to make repairs. Sand Creek trestle



**DIGGING IN!** Members partake of the delicious BBQ dinner held at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Midland memberships approved during early 2010 include:  
Approved as of first quarter 2010

**Gary E. Kampfer**

Lawrence, KS (Family)

**Dalton Boggs**

Liberty, MO (Youth)

**Sean L. Parker**

Eudora, KS (Associate)

## Highway 59 Opens Over Midland

That portion of the new 4-lane U.S. Highway 59 in Franklin County opened late this past winter. Kansas DOT has been constructing the new highway between Lawrence and Ottawa for some time now.

Most notably, the new overpass over Midland track, just north of Reno Road, gives travelers a bird's-eye view of our right-of-way. Check it out on your next drive down to Ottawa!



**A NEW VIEW OF OUR TRACKS!**  
*Standing atop recently opened Highway 59 overpass, looking south toward Ottawa Junction. From up here, our track looks great!*

## Railroadiana Planned for Railfest

By Charles Pitcher

Every railfan has a box or boxes of historical railroadiana stored in their closet, basement or attic – and I am sure Midland members are no exception. For this year's Railfest Weekend [September 4-5-6] I am proposing to display such personal items on board RPO car KCS 30, while enhancing greater membership participation as well.

This summer, please dig deep into your collection and look for any rail artifacts you may have that are unusual, rare, old, and above all, would be of interest to our passengers. Assemble them and contact me at [charlespitcher@comcast.net](mailto:charlespitcher@comcast.net) or c/o Midland Railway in Baldwin City. We will display your collectibles in lockable glass display cases on KCS 30 during the three-day period, then return them to you at the conclusion of the event. You are welcomed and encouraged to ride along and be on hand to answer our visitors' questions about your collection.

Switch locks, lanterns, dining car china & silver, model trains, timetables, tickets, photographs, menus, old calendars, posters, brochures, old magazines and books are just a few examples of artifacts to display.

It has been about 40 years since

many of the great American passenger trains have disappeared, and it should be our duty to educate this new generation of people about railroading's past. So research your historical collection, bring your prized possessions and join the crew on-board KCS 30 for this year's Railfest Weekend September 4-5-6!

## Annual Meeting

*(Continued from page 6)* ... Have a restricted marketing budget to work with this year; will cut down on *KC Star* advertising; will do promotions with KCPT, KMBC and *Topeka Capital-Journal*.

Tom Hamilton reviews equipment. In 2010, he plans to take coach 2507 out of service for major repairs. FRA says we must change out electrical cords under the cars. On CBQ 7301, most brake beams are back; hope to get car back in service.

Fox says 90% of work is done by 10% of the people – anything you can do to help.

### New Business

By-Laws recommendations: (1) The \$75 one-time initiation fee to become a Regular or Sustaining member may be an impediment; therefore, resolved to waive this ini-

tial fee. (2) Members wishing to upgrade to voting status are hesitant to do so as they are uncertain when they may exercise their voting privilege. After the Board has approved their status, they may then vote at next general or special membership meeting. Vote taken and approved.

Two board members appointed to the Board in 2009 – Mike Beem and Roger Clark – were both affirmed.

General Ballot – Mike Fox, Leo Handzlik, Art Davis, Ernie Griffin; and nominated from the floor, Denice Hays. Incumbents Mike Fox and Leo Handzlik were reelected.

Fox recognized David Johnson, Mark McDowell and Doug Blackwood for special work they have done in the past.

Meeting adjourned 4:55 p.m. Members enjoyed a delightful BBQ dinner after the meeting.



**NEWLY RECONSTRUCTED** "Cement Track" siding, Baldwin.



**A COLLECTION** of Midland's maintenance-of-way machines on the newly reconstructed "Cement Track" siding, Baldwin City.

## Cement Siding Back Intact

Thanks to all the Maintenance of Way volunteers who reconstructed the "Cement Track" siding during this past winter, including Mike Fox, Mike Pratt, Blaire Adams and Cole Crockett. With its completion, the

two Rock Island locomotives (630 & 652) were moved to our Elm Street storage yard awaiting shipment to Iowa; and all the MOW work equipment has been assembled on the siding in one convenient place.

## OTHER AREA ACTIVITIES

### National Train Day

May 8, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM at the historic Truman Depot and Amtrak station, 1111 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Depot open house, railroad displays (Amtrak, UP, C&A, KCS), model train displays, Amtrak information, etc.

### Railroadiana Auction

May 28-29-30, from the collection of Steve and Sherri Stich, Great Plains Gallery, Lone Jack, MO  
[www.dirksoulisauctions.com](http://www.dirksoulisauctions.com)

### Abilene, KS

Our neighbor, The Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad, will operate their ATSF No. 3415 4-6-2 steam locomotive 10 AM & 2 PM, 5/29/10; 2 PM 5/30/10; 10 AM & 2 PM, 5/31/10. For more information, [www.salinafyi.com/marketplace](http://www.salinafyi.com/marketplace)



**ROCK ISLAND 630 & 652** are now stored at Midland's Elm Street Yard, awaiting shipment to Iowa. 3/27/10.

## Midland Participates in Channel 19 Auction

For three hours beginning at 8 pm February 1, Midland members Mike Fox, Lizann Kesse, Tom Wheeler, Ernie Griffin, Bob Hruska and Christyne Hays answered pledge calls for KCPT Channel 19's winter fund-raising auction.

The program show was, of course, "Great Scenic Railway Journeys:

Celebrating North America's Steam Railways."

**Check Midland's Website  
for schedule changes  
and breaking news.  
[www.midland-ry.org](http://www.midland-ry.org)**

## Ernie's Back in the Saddle Again

After being unable to do too much for the past 16 months because of a leg amputation, Ernie Griffin, now decking a full beard, climbed into the cab of Locomotive #524 on March 31, 2010 to do some last-minute switching for the Easter Train.

This was done almost 20 years to the day from when he first climbed up into the same engine to get certified as an engineer. Ernie said it's as though he never left, just like putting on an old pair of slippers.

He plans on helping out quite a bit this year.

### **ANOTHER FORM OF NOSTALGIC TRANSPORT**

Editorial by Charles Pitcher

It was smooth, sleek and fast; and arrived in Kansas City this past winter. You're thinking maybe the ATSF's *Super Chief*, KCS's *Southern Belle*, MP's *Eagle* or UP's *City* trains? No. It was a former TWA Lockheed L-1011 Tristar jumbo jet airliner.

To the younger generation, this is the new nostalgic form of transportation – airplanes, not trains. What looks like a modern jet is really an old, retired aircraft! Built in 1974, it will become a museum piece with the Airline History Museum at Kansas City's Wheeler Downtown Airport.

The point I'm making is, we must remember that many people now-a-days have no personal memories of traveling by train; but rather, only by air or car. So this summer, please help our passengers experience something new when riding the Midland rails, and remind them of another nostalgic time when most Americans traveled town to city by rail – long before the L-1011 was ever invented!



**ERNIE GRIFFIN** at the throttle of Engine #524  
April, 1990.

*Congratulations!*

(The Kansas City Star Magazine, 4/25/10)

Midland member Aubrey "Deek" Deitrick and his lovely wife Pat Deitrick celebrated 50 years of marriage April 2, 2010.

Married in 1960, they moved to Liberty, MO in 1963 and were blessed with three children – Janice (also a Midland member), Donna and Carl. They will celebrate with a family dinner and a trip to Hawaii in August.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Deitrick!

## **Lawrence Track Material Donated**

By Mike Fox

Do you remember the old expression from the TV show, "The A-Team" – "I love it when a plan comes together!" Well, thanks to Midland member Bill Pendleton, the plan finally came together in August, 2009.

For several years, Bill has been pursuing the donation of the remaining track material on the former Santa Fe Lawrence Branch in Lawrence, KS. His persistence finally paid off when last summer the City of Lawrence offered to donate the approximately 2,500 track feet of rail, ties and other track material located between 17th and 23rd Streets. But of course, there was a "catch." The material had to be removed quickly to allow for construction of a hiking and biking trail on the old right-of-way.

In typical Midland style, Roadmaster Cole Crockett put together a plan. It was clear that Midland volunteers alone would not be able to salvage the material in the available time. To get the job done, Mike Pratt

located a temporary personnel source in Topeka and Cole found the needed rental equipment, dumpsters, etc. Mike also arranged to borrow a flatbed semi-trailer to move Midland's backhoe to the work site and later to move it and salvaged material back to Baldwin City. Several other Midland volunteers – including Blair Adams, Rob Clark, Tim DeMott, Mike Fox and Greg Murray – pitched in to make the project a success.

After about four weeks of hard work, Midland sold some \$17,000 of unneeded material (\$185/Long Ton) that paid for the equipment rentals and temporary labor, with several thousand dollars left over. In addition, Midland brought to Baldwin City 250 good relay ties, joint bars and tie plates for track repair, and a number of landscape ties that can be sold.

Many thanks to the City of Lawrence, Bill Pendleton and the other Midland members who made it happen!

# Hamilton Offers Priority List for Equipment Maintenance

By Tom Hamilton

Engine 142 – Replaced bad wiring on control stand and replaced voltage regulator; replace all filters

Engine 524 – Clean radiator top. Repair cab heater. Replace piping, windows, air filters, change oil. Repair air and water leaks.

Powerwash and paint cab interior. Engine 8255 – FRA write-ups; speedometer. Repaired oil leaks and rehabbed cab interior

Coach 801 – Centerplate, shim. Install electrical outlets for lighting mount outside car at both ends. Side bearing clearance. Grease handbrake. Slack adjusters. Window sills. Replace broken windows.

Coach 803 – Grease handbrake. Aisleway dip in the center of the car. Shims for center plates. Side bearing clearance. Replace broken windows

Coach 2507 – Repair brakes  
Coach 441 – Vertical handrail BL side. BL leaf spring, cross bolt

rusted out, repair crossing plate  
Coach 7301 – On-going repairs to rebuild trucks. North door knob. South center plate

Navy Ballast Hoppers – Repair brakes  
Santa Fe Caboose – Make emergency repairs

## Mechanical Department Comments

By Tom Hamilton

I would like to thank everybody that come out to help work on the engines and cars, especially members Dick Bell, Rob Clark, Mike Pratt, Cole Crockett, Gregg Murray, Bob Walker, Jim Butcher and Mike Fox.

I am hoping we make enough money from DOWT this year to fund rewiring Katy 142. It has been down quite a bit with electrical problems

and needs to be rewired. We need two reliable road engines to cover the inevitable breakdowns and requirement of running multiple trains for special events and charters.

Not to mention the 7301 project and repairs to both Boy Scout bunk cars, I always hope for some funds for air conditioning one of the Canadian coaches as well as someday getting a shop and a drop-pit.

## Midland Milepost

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**A VIEW FROM SUMMER 2009**, of how much debris had piled up under our bridge at MP 18.2 near county line.



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