



Friends of L&N Depot Newsletter

2020 Campaign Kick-off

On January 23rd, 2020 the Friends of L&N Depot hosted a kickoff event to announce the details of the 2020 Campaign. The campaign is simple, the community is being asked to support the historic L&N Depot by joining our 2020 Club. With a goal of 2020 people donating just \$20 the RailPark will generate \$40,400 to use for preservation efforts. The non-profit group will continue efforts in 2020 to add much needed funds to their endowment fund, complete a partial restoration of the Towering Pine Sleeper Car and to fund the installation of phase 2 of the Railroads Go To War exhibit.

During the event we shared the success of the 2019 Save The Depot campaign which included the creation of an endowment fund and recorded \$150,000 in donations, event sponsorships and event ticket sales. During 2019 the RailPark unveiled commemorative and nostalgic posters each month. The poster reveals served to build awareness of the nonprofits need for community support through volunteers and donations.

Donor Recognition Program

The Friends of L&N Depot want to acknowledge and thank its donors for their gifts of money, in-kind services, and volunteer hours in support of the Historic RailPark & Train Museum.

A Founders Plaque along with plaques noting the donors of "monetary and in-kind" gifts and "volunteer hours" is now on display at the L&N Depot. The "monetary and in-kind" gifts and "volunteer hours" plaques are cumulative and will be updated annually after the end of each calendar year.

Patrick & Jennifer O'Rourke are the sponsors of the Donor Recognition Program. We sincerely thank them for their donation.

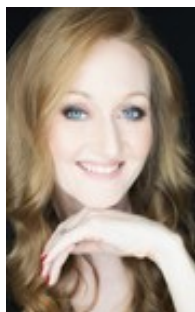
An unveiling of the plaques took place at the 2020 Campaign Kick-off luncheon and was installed in their permanent locations afterwards.

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From the Director



Another year has passed and the L&N Depot is still here. Our efforts to Save the Depot were a real success. The community stepped up big time to support us. Now, as we move forward into the next decade, we want to make it a celebration.

We will be paying homage to the roaring 20s by honoring the DECADE THAT MADE US. Our L&N Depot was built in 1925 and turns 95 this year. We have many milestones that we will observe throughout the year as we use our campaign to continue to build awareness of our mission. As we work to preserve history through telling the story of passenger travel, we must continue to add to the foundation of our organization.

The 2020 campaign initiative is the creation of our 2020 Club!

We are asking 2020 of our friends and supporters to donate \$20. This simple act will generate over \$40,000. Joining is simple, fill out the card found in this newsletter and make a commitment to preserving Bowling Greens history.

This year we will...

...continue our efforts to grow our endowment fund.

...complete phase 2 of our Railroads Go To War exhibit that will be revealed at our annual fundraiser.

...restoration projects will continue for the Towering Pine Sleeper Car.

We ask you, our friend to join our 2020 Club and celebrate the DECADE THAT MADE US!

*Jamie Johnson,
Executive Director*



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CAMPAIGN FOR THE HISTORIC RAILPARK & TRAIN MUSEUM



2020 CLUB CAMPAIGN

YES, I WILL JOIN THE 2020 CLUB AND SUPPORT THE DEPOT!

OUR GOAL: We are asking 2020 of our friends to donate \$20 this year.
Club members will receive a personalized keepsake ornament just in time for Christmas 2020.

I would like to add ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 **CLUB MEMBERS** for @\$20 each for a total of \$_____

On the back of this card please write the name as you would like it to appear on your ornament for each club member.

I would like to make my donation by: ☐Cash/Check ☐Credit Card-Include Card #, exp. date and CVV Code on back of this card

Name_____ Company (if applicable)_____

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Historic RailPark & Train Museum * 401 Kentucky Street * Bowling Green, KY 42101 * historicrailpark.com * 270-745-7317



2020 CLUB MEMBER INFO

Each **CLUB MEMBER** will receive a personalized keepsake ornament. Please print the name(s) as you would like it to appear on the ornament. The maximum number of characters is 20 including spaces.
Get one for everyone in the family, in memory, as a gift or with your company name!

☐1 _____

☐2 _____

☐3 _____

☐4 _____

☐5 _____

KEN HINES, SR.

As remembered by Dick Webber January 19, 2020

On August 28, 2019, Historic RailPark & Train Museum lost a real friend, long time board member, former President and Secretary, worker, and supporter, at the death of Ken Hines, Sr.

I'm not sure who recruited Ken, or when he first appeared on our scene, but he is listed in the Historic Rail Committee volunteer roster of June 12, 2002, as interested in serving as a docent, or "miscellaneous work". "Miscellaneous" turned out to be the key word.

Ken's gift for planning, his organizational skills, and his tenacity were soon noticed resulting in an invitation to join the Board on April 23, 2003.

One of our early projects was preparation of the caboose as a party rental/tour feature. By the summer of 2003 Ken wasn't happy with our progress so he volunteered to lead. He quickly formed a plan, recruited some helpers, lined up vendor donors and completed the job by the end of 2003.

In January 2004 the Board formed an Operations Committee, including Ken. Early challenges were tour management, utilities, landscaping, and securing a space from which to operate. As head of the planning committee he formed a comprehensive plan in March 2004 to build a waiting room, office, museum and gift shop in the 1000 square foot colored waiting room. Ken then worked with PRIDE Director, Paul Schnoes, to improve operating understandings between the two agencies. Ken enlisted Architect Dave Gottfried to draw up plans.

Ken was a member of the assessment teams traveling in 2005 to Bellevue, Ohio in search of an engine, 2006 to Versailles KY to buy the RPO, and 2010 to Louisville to acquire the Hospital car.

Ken created a 9-month operational plan, "Operation Success", to organize, develop, and manage a Museum, Gift shop, and staff needed for public opening. Approved by Board September 6, 2005.

Besides his gifts of planning and pushing Ken was also a hands-on guy. From poking packed gravel from long unused tracks at Glasgow Depot with a spud bar, sweating in a hot caboose, to installing some 600 screws in the sides of the engine at Evansville shops Ken was there to lend a hand with whatever needed to be done.

Ken's terms as a Board Member expired in 2014 and he could not be re-elected. However, the Board recruited him to come back in November 2016 to enhance our fund-raising efforts. As with everything else he did, that was successful, too!

Thanks Ken!



Photo of Ken Hines and Dick Webber.

Spotlight: Riverview, other facilities help maintain area's rich heritage

Article published in The Daily News, Bowling Green, KY.—page 4A—Saturday, November 16, 2019

By Amy Disparte, Guest columnist

History is the story of people as a nation, a community, a family or an individual. It tells us how they lived, what they accomplished, what they believed, how they failed and how they fought for freedom, laws and ideas. It takes a full accounting to present the whole picture—where we have been, who we have become and where we are going. It is our identity, the foundation for our beliefs and it helps us recognize truth—important at a time when we are bombarded with information.

Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., assistant and “court historian” to President John F. Kennedy said, “It is useful to remember that history is to the nation as memory is to the individual. As persons deprived of memory, they become disoriented and lost, not knowing where they have been and where they are going. So, a nation denied a conception of the past will be disabled in dealing with its present and its future.”

This portrait of our past is more than facts and figures—a good thing since facts and figures on a piece of paper don't resonate with many. It takes a story to create an emotional response. We want to feel some of what people in the past were feeling because it helps us to understand the choices they made. This is called historical empathy and it leads to a desire in many to move beyond emotion in order to touch and experience the past.

But we can't time travel, so where do we find this connection? How do we offer it to others? As Dr. L. Michael Trapasso, emeritus professor of geography at Western Kentucky University says, “It is impossible to go back in time, but it is possible to go back to place.” The answer, of course, is heritage. (Continue on pg. 5)

ROMANCE at the RAILPARK

Enjoy a romantic, nostalgic evening with a 1920s flair in celebration of the roaring 20s. Join us for live music in the lobby, dinner served on our restored rail cars and a movie in our private theater.

Duncan Hines Dining Car:

Dinner for 2 or 4—\$125 per couple

Towering Pine Car:

Dinner for 2 -Private Seating: \$135 per couple

Presidential Car:

Dinner for up to 6—\$450 for group

LIMITED SEATING-RESERVATIONS ONLY

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A FUNDRAISING EVENT

Dinner & Movie Times

Evenings February 14th & 15th

Dinner: 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:15pm

Movie: 5:30pm

Dinner Selection

Chicken Piccata

Marinated Beef Tips

Butter Crusted Tilapia

Meal selection made at time of reservation.
Complete menu is available online.

Additional Options

Appetizer options along with roses will be available

Cash Wine Bar

Local wines will be showcased by Reid's Livery Winery



The objects from our past physically connect us to our past. They add to the story. When we can see, touch and feel an object from the past, it creates empathy and understanding. It brings history to life.

Our Bowling Green history is important—and significant. Our cultural heritage is well-preserved and accessible. Others want to learn about us, from us, and visit our community to experience our past. It's also enjoyable to interact with a storyteller, that individual who had the narrative in his or her DNA or simply understands its significance. Historical tourism, of course, is good for the economy.

Several institutions in Bowling Green, collectively, paint a compelling portrait of our community—the important full accounting I mentioned earlier. They present, protect and preserve our heritage in order that anyone can experience our history. Their contributions are immeasurable.

- The Kentucky Museum on the campus of WKU tells our entire story and offers an extensive collection of objects from our past. Additionally, they provide a wonderful special collections library that is available to the public. Whether you are looking for the “big picture” or minute detail, the Kentucky Museum should be your first step.
- The Historic RailPark & Train Museum showcases our railroad history, including the important contributions made by the L&N during the Civil War, in a first-class museum. It also offers an exciting collection of trains and railroad memorabilia to explore.
- The African American Museum details important contributions made by African Americans to our city. These individuals rose above many odds to achieve and succeed.
- Riverview at Hobson Grove, is a historic home and museum that introduces visitors to the Civil War in Bowling Green and the elegance of Victorian society. The first building in Warren County to be placed on the historic register, it remains Bowling Green's only historic house museum.
- Lost River Cave preserves our natural history, showcases karst topography and offers visitors an exciting opportunity to explore the cave on an underground river. It is surrounded by a beautiful 70-acre nature park of trails, wetland and meadows.
- The Aviation Heritage Park has a growing collection of aircraft to explore and experience. It details the important contributions area residents and veterans have made to the aviation industry.
- The National Corvette museum displays the renown sports car, made locally, and chronicles its evolution since 1953. The car's power, beauty and history entices people to Bowling Green from across the globe.

They all matter. Our portrait is complex—we come from a diverse group of people who ushered us into the 20th century and enabled us to evolve into a modern center of culture, education, hospitality, automotive technology and aviation excellence.

If all you know of history is a collection of facts and figures, you've missed the excitement. Fortunately, heritage is alive in Bowling Green. We are proud to preserve it, enjoy it, learn from it and pleased to share it with others. History matters. Come see for yourself what we are all about.

- Amy Disparte is a docent and member of the Friends Board at Riverview at Hobson Grove. Riverview is proud to proclaim Dec. 9 as “Riverview at Hobson Grove Heritage Day” and is pleased to welcome city and county officials to Riverview for a sampling of our Victorian heritage.

Annual Membership

*Thank you for being a
Friend of the L&N Depot!*

\$35 Train Master

- Admission to railcars and museum for one person, for one year
- Free quarterly newsletter
- 10% gift shop discount

\$65 Yard Master

- Admission to railcars and museum for four people, for one year
- Free quarterly newsletter
- Early invitation to special events, including Polar Express
- 20% gift shop discount

\$100 Engineer

- Admission to railcars and museum for eight people, for one year
- Free quarterly newsletter
- Early invitation to special events, including Polar Express
- 20% gift shop discount

\$150 Conductor

- Admission to railcars and museum for eight people, for one year
- Free quarterly newsletter
- Early invitation to special events, including Polar Express
- 20% gift shop discount
- 10% rental space discount
- Admission to over 680 NARM museums (North American Reciprocal Museum Association) for one year

Member Information

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Address: _____

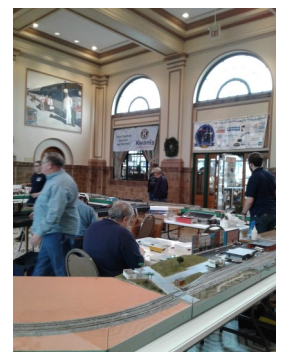
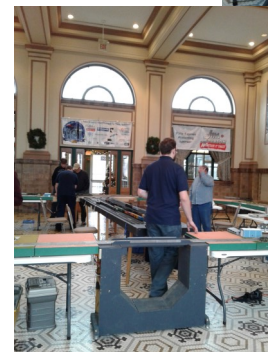
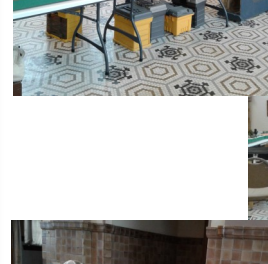
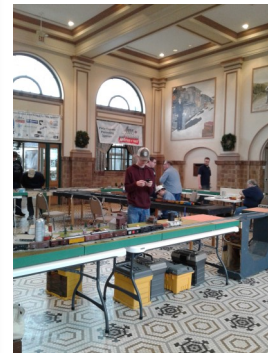
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Phone: _____

☐ New Membership ☐ Membership Renewal

Please make check out to **Historic Railpark** and mail to:
401 Kentucky St. Suite B. Bowling Green, KY 42101
You can also purchase a membership on our website!

Photos from the December 2019 sHOW Modular Model Railroad Club's “Festival of Trains”



Save the Date for these Events:

Romance at the RailPark

FEBRUARY 14 & 15 - Valentines Dinner on the Diner catered by **Cambridge Market**.

Model Train Show & Sale

FEBRUARY 22 - Hosted by sHOW Club.

Magic Dinner & Bourbon

MARCH 13 – Enjoy dinner, magic show & bourbon flight by **Heaven Hill Distillery**.

Brunch with the Bunny

APRIL 11 - Brunch, story time & egg hunt.

Sip & Putt Mini Golf Scramble

APRIL 17 – Putt-Putt through our museum and train cars. Day offering for corporate challenge, evening for the party crowd.

Dinner Theater

MAY 28-31 – *Forever Plaid* in partnership with PTK.

February 14th & 15th	March 13th	April 17th
 <p>an unforgettable experience with the one you love</p>	 <p>A curious blend of spellbinding entertainment, fine food and drink. - SINCE 2013 -</p>	 <p>RAILPARK SIP & PUTT SCRAMBLE</p>
Tickets for these events available at HistoricRailPark.com or by calling 270-745-7317		

Congratulations—Cory Burdette

Congratulations to Cory Burdette on being promoted to the position of Visitor & Administrative Coordinator at the RailPark! Cory began working at the RailPark in August 2017 while a student at WKU. Since that time he has successfully worn many hats, working in the gift shop, leading tours, and helping with events and fundraisers. He also works with the L&N Historical Society. In his new position, Cory will be working with the Executive Director on various projects, membership, coordinating volunteers for RailPark events, managing the gift shop, and coordinating the schedules of docents.



Cory was born in Ryazan, Russia, adopted by Charlotte Burdette, and came to the USA when he was ten months old. He grew up in Owensboro, Kentucky. In 2014, Cory graduated from Owensboro Catholic and went on to complete an Associate in Arts degree from Owensboro Community & Technical College. He then moved to Bowling Green and began his bachelor's degree program with a double major in history and social studies. Cory graduated from WKU in 2019 with his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Social Studies. Cory's interests and hobbies include acting in local theater, composing and performing music, reading, and enjoying quality time with friends and family. Cory looks forward to "getting to know" co-workers and visitors to the RailPark!

Contact Cory at 270-745-7317 or visitorservices@historicroilpark.com with any questions you have on membership and volunteering. Join us in congratulating Cory in his new role at the RailPark!



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For the latest information on events and happenings at the RailPark, follow us on social media. The RailPark proudly boasts a 17,500 person social media audience.



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Thank you to our business members!

**Gold
Spike**



**Silver
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Business memberships are available and they come with great benefits! Please call Jamie Johnson at **270-745-7317** or email director@historicroailpark.com for more info.