The BLET's 2nd National Convention kicked off on Monday October 4, 2010, and concluded on Thursday October 7, 2010. The Convention was a Bylaws and Nominating Convention in the build up to this November's historic rank-and-file election of National Division officers. While they are in session at the Convention, the delegates constitute the governing body of the BLET.

"Being a delegate is not only an honor for any member, it is also one of the most important roles that any member will play," BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce said. "The Bylaws that control our internal governance are 147 years old. They are a living document and a testament to the member delegates who have worked so hard to ensure that our internal rules represent the interests and needs of our membership."

National President Pierce chaired the Convention, staying with the delegates on the convention floor until their deliberations were concluded. "My goal at the convention was to insure that each and every delegate knew that their participation in this proud process was welcome," said President Pierce. "Our BLET delegates were elected by the rank and file membership of their respective Local Divisions and they deserve our full respect and support in this their most important mission. My hat is off to the delegates who took the time to stay on the floor of the convention and work long, hard hours to make sure that BLET is headed in the right direction."

The convention also included remarks from several guest speakers, all of whom are well known friends of the working men and women of America. Teamsters General President James P. Hoffa addressed the group as did Unit President Fred Gibbs in the cab of his train’s lead locomotive. He also took the time to stay on the floor of the convention and work long, hard hours to make sure that BLET is headed in the right direction.

BLET urges FRA to improve cab safety, security

In the aftermath of the tragic murder of CSX Conductor Fred Gibbs in the cab of his train’s lead locomotive, BLET National President Dennis Pierce has called on the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to act to improve the safety and security of locomotive cabs to help protect operating crews. Gibbs was shot to death and his engineer was wounded during an apparent robbery in late June, when an intruder invaded the cab of the controlling locomotive of their train, which was being held in a siding.

In his September 22 letter to FRA Administrator Joseph Szabo, President Pierce highlighted data from the two Teamsters Rail Conference High Alert surveys, showing that most BLET members are unable to secure their cabs from attack, and that little has changed over the past five years.

Gibbs was murdered just four days after public release of the Teamsters High Alert 2 report. The report revealed that 51 percent of train crews surveyed had no way to lock or secure the cab of their locomotive against unauthorized access while occupied. Also, 73 percent had no way to lock the cab while it was unoccupied.

President Pierce offered to develop a PDF-based reporting form that BLET members could access via the website to report specific instances of an inability to secure their locomotive cabs. He also said the BLET would compile and maintain the data from these reports, if FRA was prepared to accept their validity.

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BLET concludes 2nd National Convention

The following Advisory Board officers will be sworn in on January 1, 2011:

• Lee Prutt First Vice President and Alternate National President
• John Tolman Vice President & NLR
• Mike Priester Vice President #1
• Cole Davis Vice President #2
• Steve Bruno Vice President #3
• Mike Twombley Vice President #5
• Willard Knight Vice President #6
• Gil Gore Vice President #7

The following Alternate Vice Presidents will also be sworn in on January 1:

• Jim Nelson Alternate National Secretary-Treasurer
• Rick Gibbons Alternate Vice President #1
• Tony Smith, Alternate VP #2
• Jim Louis, Alternate VP #3
• Matt Wilson, Alternate VP #4
• Billy Lyons, Alternate VP #5
• Mike Tanner, Alternate VP #6
• Ken Kroeger, Alternate VP #7
• Rich Dixon, Alternate VP #8
• Matt Thornton, Alternate VP #9

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CALL TO ORDER: Wednesday, October 6, during the Second National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce calls the delegates to order on the convention floor.

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BLET President's Message

GET OUT AND VOTE IN NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

As your National President, my task is to bring all of BLET’s Departments, Officers and members together so that our true strength is seen and heard every day. That is even more important in this fall’s election. We must take that same “strong will” that we show as individuals every day in the workplace, and make it the “strong will” that we show as a group. We must call our voters this fall for the candidates that will support labor’s cause.

Please join me this fall in exercising your right and obligation to vote. If you are not registered to vote, register now. Take the time to be an educated voter. Study the issues in detail, and get to know the candidates beyond their sound bites and slogans. Then cast your vote for the candidate who truly represents labor’s interests and issues. If you will be working on Election Day, make arrangements to vote early, or vote absentee.

The voice of the individual becomes the voice of the many when we all speak in unison. Be a part of that voice this fall. Be a part of our effort to take labor’s cause to the Statehouse and to the halls of Congress. GET OUT AND VOTE!

Fraternally,

DENNIS R. PIERCE

Open enrollment coming soon for important health care reform changes

Starting in the next few weeks, employees covered under the Railroad Employees National Health and Welfare Plan and the National Railway Carriers and United Transportation Union Health and Welfare Plan (the Plan) will receive Open Enrollment packets from Railroad Enrollment Services. It is imperative that every employee open the packet to read the important Plan changes effective January 1, 2011. Furthermore, it is also vital that each employee reads the instructions on how to complete the Federal U.S. Social Security Numbers (SSNs) for covered dependents (See page 4 of this issue for more details on SSN collection).

On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the “Act”). As a result, the Plan will make certain changes effective January 1, 2011. Removal of lifetime limits and addition of certain dependent children to age 26 are two of the major areas of improvement for BLET members. These changes are scheduled to become effective for this Plan on January 1, 2011.

Effective January 1, 2011, the following will be implemented under the Plan. During Open Enrollment, Railroad Employees will be given a 30-day special enrollment period to take advantage of these provisions. Please note: the deadline for enrolling is November 3, 2010.

Currently, the Plan contains a lifetime maximum benefit of $5,000,000 per each individual. Beginning on January 1, 2011, lifetime maximums will be eliminated for any individual who reached or will reach a lifetime maximum prior to December 31, 2010. The Plan will begin paying any claims incurred by that individual on or after January 1, 2011. (Note: any claims incurred prior to January 1, 2011 that exceed the maximum will not be paid.)

Additionally, the Plan will be extending coverage to certain dependent children to age 26, regardless of student, marital, residence or financial dependence status of the dependent child. The 30-day special enrollment period is being provided for certain children that are not currently enrolled in the Plan, or who are enrolled in the Plan but will lose their dependent eligibility on or before December 31, 2010. Coverage for any children added during this special enrollment period will be effective on January 1, 2011.

Your personalized annual open enrollment materials will arrive in the mail in a few weeks. The package will contain further details along with a special Dependent Add Form. Please review the materials and follow the instructions included in the packet to enroll your eligible dependents up to age 26. The completed Dependent Add Form and other required materials must be postmarked no later than November 3, 2010 in order to have the eligible dependents covered by the Plan.

If you have questions regarding these changes, please call:

Aetna: 1-800-842-4044

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield: 1-886-267-3320

UnitedHealthcare: 1-800-842-8905

You may also visit the BLET website for more information: www.blet.org
Bryan Aldridge reelected by acclamation in Kentucky

Bryan Aldridge was reelected by acclamation to continue serving as Chair- man of the Kentucky State Legislative Board at quad- rennial meetings in Frankfort, Ky., from September 1-2, 2010. Brother Aldridge, 36, has been a member of BLET Division 78 (Louisville, Ky.) since September 1, 2003. He was elected 1st Vice Chair in October of 2006, and was elevated to Chairman in Sep- tember of 2008 following the passing of Brother Tommy Mayne. He is a CSX locomotive engineer. Also elected by acclamation were: Second Vice Chairman Terry Stotts, Division 110 (Ludlow, Ky.); Secretary-Treasurer Dan Maynard, Division 271 (Russell, Ky.); and Alternate Secretary-Treasurer David Martin, Division 508 (Fulton, Ky.).

BLET National President Dennis Pierce attended the meeting on behalf of the National Division, along with Vice President & National Legislative Representative John Tolman and National Vice President Willard Knight.

"Congratulations to Brother Aldridge and the other Officers on the Kentucky State Legislative Board," President Pierce said. "I know they will continue working hard on behalf of their Brothers and Sisters in the proud commonwealth of Kentucky."

Former BLET International President Clarence V. Monin also attended the meeting. He introduced Jeff Donohue, a candidate for the Kentucky House of Representatives in the 37th district. Brother J.T. Little, Chairman of the Tennessee State Legislative Board, at tended as a guest speaker. He gave a presentation on Switching Operations Fatality Analysis (SOFA) and its true meaning. Brother Tim Braden, who serves the CSX Western Lines General Committee of Adjustment as Secretary-Treasurer and Junior Vice General Chairman, also attended. He is also Local Chairman of Division 271.

Bob Buckner, the Federal Railroad Administration’s Operating Practices Inspector for Kentucky, also attended as a guest. Several Legislators from both sides of the aisle addressed the delegates sharing their views on issues that affect the members in Kentucky.

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Teamsters Rail Conference supports Barrows nomination

The Teamsters Rail Conference Policy Committee, in a unanimous decision, will support submitting the name of Brother of Railroad Signalmen Interna- tional Secretary-Treasurer Walt Barrows for nomination to the post of Labor Member, United States Railroad Retirement Board.

Walt Barrows was recently reelected to the post of International Secretary- Treasurer of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen. He was first elected to the position in 1999, after serving as General Chairman of the Norfolk Southern General Committee and Grand Lodge Trustee. Barrows began his railroad career on the Norfolk and Western Railway in 1974. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust.

The Policy Committee, which an- nounced its decision earlier today, is comprised of members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, both divisions of the Rail Conference of the Interna- tional Brotherhood of Teamsters.

"Walt Barrows is the most qualified person for this important post and will serve all of Rail Labor admirably," said Dennis R. Pierce, President of the Teamsters Rail Conference.

Perry K. Geller Sr., Teamsters Rail Con- ference Secretary-Treasurer, added: "The Teamsters Rail Conference is glad to sup- port Walt. We believe he will do a great job and look forward to his appointment." If nominated and confirmed, Barrows would replace outgoing Labor Member V.M. "Butch" Speaman on the three-member board. Speaman announced in July that he would be retiring at the end of the year.

The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, headquartered in Chicago, IL, adminis- ters a federal retirement benefit program and other benefits for the nation’s rail- road workers.

The Rail Conference of the Interna- tional Brotherhood of Teamsters repre- sents more than 80,000 hardworking men and women throughout the United States.
2011 Fees Objection Policy

1. Employees’ Rights
   - Any employee covered by a union or agency shop agreement in the United States has the legal right to object to the deduction of Union Fees. Employees have the legal right to object to the deduction of Union Fees at any time.
   - Employees who choose to object have the right to be apprised of the percentage of the reduction, the basis for the calculation, and a right to challenge these figures.
   - The right to object may only be made by individual employees. No appeal objections will be honored.
   - Nonmembers wishing to continue their objection from year to year must renew their objection at the beginning of each year.

2. Publication of Policy
   - The fees objection policy shall be published annually in the BLET’s newsletter or in the minutes of the National Convention.
   - A copy of the objections policy shall be published in the BLET Journal.

3. Making Objection Known
   - Objecting members shall provide notice of objection to the National Secretary-Treasurer and the appellant(s) of the objection.
   - The objection notice shall be received by the National Secretary-Treasurer postmarked no later than September 30.
   - Objectors shall pay reduced monthly fees based on the percentage of the reduction as determined by the objection.

4. Major Categories of Chargeable Expenses
   - Social activities and union business meeting expenses;
   - Legal expenses to comply with federal law;
   - Expenses of litigation related to collective bargaining agreements;
   - Expenses for legislative and administrative activities to facilitate collective bargaining agreements;
   - All fees for the education and training of officers and staff; and
   - Fee of interest.

5. Determination of Chargeable Share
   - The BLET shall determine the percentage of the reduction that will be chargeable.
   - The BLET shall give an opinion concerning the adequacy of the severance amounts maintained pursuant to Section 10, and later will verify the existence and the audits of money in any escrow account.

6. Report of Chargeable Share and Basis for Determination
   - The BLET shall provide a description of the procedures and methods used in determining the chargeable share.
   - The BLET shall provide a description of the methodology used in determining the chargeable share.

7. Challenge Procedure
   - Each person entitled to receive the BLET report may challenge the validity of the calculations by filing an appeal with the National Secretary-Treasurer.
   - Appellants shall be permitted to file written statements with the arbitrator in support of or opposing the appeal.
   - The arbitrator shall give full consideration to all written statements filed in support of or opposing the appeal.

8. Arbitration of Challenges
   - The arbitrator shall have the right to clarify any factual or procedural matters affecting the arbitration in order to fulfill the need for an informed and expedited arbitration.
   - Each party to the arbitration shall bear its own costs.
   - The arbitrator shall have the right to award prevailing parties a pro-rata portion of the arbitrator's fees and expenses.

9. Payment of Reduced Fees
   - Objectors shall pay reduced monthly fees as established by the BLET.
   - If an objection is successful, the BLET shall give an opinion concerning the adequacy of the severance amounts maintained pursuant to Section 10.
   - The BLET shall provide a description of the procedures and methods used in determining the chargeable share.

10. Escrow or Disputed Funds
    - All monthly fees paid by objectors shall be placed in an interest-bearing escrow account pending final determination of the chargeable share.
    - objectors shall be disbursement to objectors and the Union in the event of a decision by the arbitrator in favor of the objectors.
    - The arbitrator shall have the right to make such determinations as are necessary to resolve the dispute.

Note: If you do not receive a notice from Railroad Enrollment Services, please call 800-753-2692. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to provide missing dependent SSNs and/or HCNs, which will be maintained in a secure and confidential manner as required by federal law. For additional information regarding the new CMS federal law pertaining to this requirement, visit http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/.

If you have questions or need another copy of the notification sent to you, please call Railroad Enrollment Services at 800-753-2692. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to provide missing dependent SSNs and/or HCNs, which will be maintained in a secure and confidential manner as required by federal law.
Several hundred BLET members gathered at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh, Pa., for the 72nd annual Eastern Union Meeting Association (EUMA). Tom and Sue Caruso hosted the 2010 EUMA, along with several hardworking members of their Arrangements Committee. EUMA organizers made arrangements to honor fallen BLET members during the 2010 EUMA, including Brother Andy Monheim. Monheim was a member of BLET Division 700 (Braddock, Pa.) who was killed in the line of duty on March 16, 2010, while working for the Union Railroad in Pittsburgh.

On behalf of the Monheim family, BLET Division 700 member Bill Dopico accepted a United States flag from the Carusos, which had flown over Capitol Hill. The office of Congressman Mike Doyle, special guest speaker during EUMA opening ceremonies, helped to acquire the flag for presentation to the Monheim family. EUMA organizers also remembered fallen BLET Brothers and Sisters during a dinner cruise. BLET National President Dennis Pierce concluded a special memorial ceremony honoring the BLET’s fallen members by tossing a wreath of flowers into the river.
BLET National Division Electronic Communications Policy

Official communications between BLET members and the National Division require a hard copy of the correspondence, bearing a signature, being received by the National President to be considered an ‘official communication.’ This is to provide that the actual question(s) are addressed, and ensures that when official interpretations are made they have reference to a specific request and can be used in future correspondence.

The volume of e-mails received makes it impossible for the National President to answer all unofficial communications. Therefore, it is the policy of the BLET that e-mails addressed to the National President will be reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate officer or staff for a timely response; however, an e-mail message is not considered an official communication.

Moreover, anonymous e-mails and e-mails that do not provide sufficient information concerning the sender to enable National Division staff to confirm the sender’s membership status will not receive any reply or acknowledgement. This policy is intended to allow the National President to be aware of the opinions and suggestions of the membership, while at the same time providing a timely response to the member’s unofficial communication, if a response is necessary, without needlessly expending limited BLET resources.

**ADOPTE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO ON JULY 22, 2010.**

BLET URGES FRA TO IMPROVE CAB SAFETY, SECURITY

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Additionally, the FRA was asked to take the following steps:

- Revise its interpretation of 49 C.F.R. Sec. 100.3 to include malfunctioning and uninstalled cab locking devices as “conditions that endanger the safety of the crew”, and issue a Safety Advisory to that effect.
- Revise the Task Statement for the Locomotive Safety Standards Working Group of the FRA’s Railroad Safety Advisory Committee to include the development of standards for securing locomotive cabs.
- Make locomotive cab securement a prominent feature in FRA’s final report on cab conditions, which is mandated by Section 405(h) of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008.
- Empower operating crews with the right to manage their locomotive consist so that an air conditioned locomotive cannot be on the point whenever any locomotive in their consist is so equipped, to reduce exposure caused when crews are forced by heat to leave cab windows open.
- Revise outdated glazing requirements.
- If we have always believed that we will never have secure rails until we have a secure cab,” President Pierce said. “In the wake of 9/11, the airlines banded up their cockpit doors to provide a secure workplace and environment for pilots and the traveling public. It’s way past time for locomotive cab doors on all locomotives.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE: HTTP://WWW.BLET.ORG/SECURITY**

**FLORIDA HIGH-SPEED RAIL**

One of the major initiatives supported by the Obama administration has been the development of high-speed rail network. President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden recently met with Brother Dave Laverty, Chairman of the BLET’s Florida State Legislative Board, regarding high-speed rail in the Sunshine State. Earlier this year, it was announced that Florida would receive $1.25 billion in Federal funding to build a true high-speed rail line connecting Tampa on the West Coast with Orlando in the middle of the state, eventually going south to Miami.

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Teamsters Canada Rail Conference holds Second National Convention

Some 165 delegates and a gallery of almost 150 guests and invited international visitors opened the second quadrennial national convention of the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) here on September 21 under the banner of “Building the Future.”

The convention delegates here today represent the interests of almost 93 percent of all rail workers in Canada,” TCRC National President Dan Shewchuk said. “This is surely a significant event, which has been in the planning process for a year and a half.

“It pleases me to see the many new first-time delegates here in attendance at our convention,” he continued. “With only 45 remaining delegates out of the 160-plus registered, there are many new faces at the convention, and I welcome their energy and enthusiasm. They will be able to form lasting friendships and bonds that will strengthen our great Union.

Two members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen were on hand to address the TCRC delegates. BLET National Vice President Merle Geiger received a standing ovation for his address to the delegates. In addition, BLET Member Chuck Anderson, who serves the National Division as Director of Communications, delivered the opening session invocation.

President Shewchuk said the theme for the TCRC’s 2006 convention was “Moving Forward Together,” something he said the organization has certainly fulfilled. “Over the past four years, the Rail Conference has increased in size from approximately 4,000 members to over 10,000 members fulfilling the true multi-craft Union envisioned by our members in 2006,” he said.

BLET Vice President Merle Geiger, who is currently the senior BLET Vice President on the Advisory Board, represented the BLET on behalf of all Brothers and Sisters in the United States. He presented greetings from National President Dennis Pierce, who could not attend due to ongoing preparations for the BLET Second Quadrennial National Convention in Reno in two weeks. Brother Geiger referred to the long-standing relationship between rail trade unionists in Canada and the United States.

“Even though we have moved forward as separate entities, our history, our common interests, our good communications and an excellent relationship will keep our Organizations forever bonded,” he said. “We will always be special Brothers amongst Brothers.”

To further illustrate his point he said, “I happened to receive a copy of our Locomotive Engineer and Trainmen newsletter in the mail last week. In the history section was a picture of the earliest Brotherhood convention photo available from our vaults and it just so happened to be a picture of our 1896 convention held in Ottawa, Ontario, which was the Organized labor’s first ever large-scale convention held outside the United States. The meeting in Ottawa was in honor of our Canadian Brothers and Sisters.”

The delegates rewarded his remarks with a standing ovation, and he received numerous congratulations afterwards, which was a further expression of the friendship that exists between members in Canada and the U.S.**
BLET launches close call reporting system at Amtrak

A confidential, risk-reducing approach to safety

Amtrak and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) will begin working together to improve safe train operations under a joint Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C3RS) at nine locations throughout the United States.

C3RS enables operating employees to confidentially report close calls that occur anywhere the Amtrak employees work—specifically, employees working in rail yards in Boston, New Haven, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, and Seattle.

The agreement was signed by Amtrak, the BLET, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and United Transportation Union (UTU).

The goal is to encourage management and employees to identify potential risks so that specific safety countermeasures can be developed and implemented. Under the pilot program, employees can make voluntary and confidential reports of close call incidents without concern for disciplinary or FRA enforcement action.

Examples of reportable close call incidents include a wide range of issues all the way from leaving a piece of equipment unsecured up to incidents of a train operating beyond its track authority.

Close call events will be reported to NASA, which has years of experience with the risk-reduction approach to safety and will process the information to maintain the confidentiality of the reporting employee. Then, a Peer Review Team with representatives from Amtrak, FRA, BLET, and UTU will analyze the close call incident to determine appropriate corrective action.

The BLET has been the leading rail labor union to work with the FRA during the development and initial launch of C3RS in 2002. The program was started in 2002 when the FRA formed the Close Calls Planning Committee to study the value of a reporting system in the railroad industry.

The BLET inked a similar C3RS agreement with New Jersey Transit in April of 2008, and has additional close call reporting agreements with Union Pacific and the Canadian Pacific Railway.

BLET was represented in the negotiations by Amtrak General Chairman Mark Kenny, who was assisted by several Amtrak members.

BLET National President Dennis Pierce said, “I want to congratulate Brother Kenny and those who are bringing this program to fruition. Working together to address systemic safety issues we can make the railroad a safer place, not only for Amtrak’s passengers, but also for the hard working professionals of the BLET and UTU.”

Plan ahead for 2011 BLET regional meetings!

BLET members making vacation plans for next year are encouraged to consider attending one of the BLET’s regional meetings in 2011.

These multi-day meetings combine the best of the Brotherhood—networking, education and training, and family fun—all in one place. The meetings provide an excellent opportunity for members to meet their elected leaders and to engage in face-to-face question and answer sessions. It also allows them to exchange ideas and information with their fellow BLET Brothers and Sisters.

The 2011 meetings are as follows:

June 12-16, 2011
68th Annual Southeastern Meeting Association
Asheville, N.C.
Hosted by Brother Dewey Brown at the DoubleTree Biltmore. For details, email: dbrown@ble267@yahoo.com.

August 2-7, 2011
73rd Annual Eastern Meeting Association
Long Island, N.Y.
Hosted by the members of BLET Division 269 at the Hyatt Regency Long Island, Hauppauge, N.Y. For details, email Jim Brown (bleco542@optonline.net) or visit www.ueama2011.org.

August 21-27, 2011
San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Hosted by Brother Mike Galvani and the members of BLET Division 664 at the Embassy Suites Hotel-San Luis Obispo. For details, email Brother Galvani (migalvani48@wildblue.net) or call (805) 927-3967.

September 18-22, 2011
El Paso, Texas
Hosted by Larry & Becky Schneider and the members of BLET Division 192 at the Camino Real Hotel. For details, email Brother Schneider (lschneider7@earthlink.net) or visit the SWCM website, bletswcm.org/index2.html.

Sales of EUMA video to support scholarship fund

A highlight video of the 2010 EUMA convention, which was shown at the banquet, is available for sale. The DVD includes full coverage of the opening ceremonies as well as the awards and scholarship announcements made during the banquet. Each DVD is $24.95, which includes shipping. Ten percent of the total sales will be donated to the EUMA scholarship fund.

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Nickel Plate Steam
Nickel Plate Road 2-8-4 Berkshires No. 765 blasts over the Cuyahoga River north of Peninsula, Ohio, during an evening excursion trip on September 18, 2010. The powerful locomotive, owned by the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society, was loaned to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a few weeks in September. It is the largest operating steam locomotive east of the Mississippi River and was built by Lima Locomotive Works in 1949. It stands 15 feet tall and weighs 404 tons.

Photo courtesy: Michael Harding