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In a scene from April 1951, the steam to diesel transition period on the L&N is in full swing at South Louisville. Left to right is the tender of J-3 number 1576, J-4A number 1913, F7A number 820, and brand-new GP7 number 550. Another steam locomotive is behind the 550, but the number isn't visible. Notice the GP7 does not have MU capability. That feature will come later. —Jack Fravert photo



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JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S ATURDAY
DECEMBER 2019 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			New Year's Day	lst Qtr	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	Full 10	11
12	13	14	15	16	Last Qtr	18
19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24 New	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	FEBRUARY 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29





Storied "Short Line" engineer Joe Morton had his train moving slowly northward to DeCoursey in early 1977 when he encountered a southbound coal train pulled by several GE U25Cs at East Louisville. With his head brakeman momentarily at the throttle, he stepped outside on the front deck with his 35mm camera. Ahead is MN Tower, the junction with the C&O line to Preston Street, and a busy location for switchers working several rail-served customers in the immediate area. —Joe Morton photo



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FEBRUARY 2020

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JANUARY 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MARCH 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31					1 1 st Qtr
Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
Full	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	Last Qtr
16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21	55
New 23		25	26	27	28	29



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GE 70-tonner number 98 is about two miles west of the end of the branch at Hartsville, TN, on November 19, 1977, as it crosses a highway at Stovall Gap. One of two on the roster, the 98 was repowered at South Louisville in 1966 with an 800 HP Alco 6-251B diesel prime mover (200 more horsepower than the GE prime mover). The rebuild required raising the hood considerably. It was sold to Tropicana in 1980 to switch orange juice. —David M. Johnston photo

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MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S ATURDAY
1	Ist Qtr	3	4	5	6	7
Daylight Saving	Full 9	10	11	12	13	14
Time begins (clocks forward)	Last Qtr	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	St. Patrick's Day New 24	25	26	Spring begins 27	28
29	30	31			FEBRUARY 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	APRIL 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30





Corbin to Louisville fast freight number 264 has just passed Parksville, KY, on the Lebanon Branch, on March 22, 1975. The "LB" was once an important link between the two "sides" of the L&N system—a key link in St. Louis-Louisville-Corbin-Norton-Tidewater, VA, through freight service, a route for coal moving to the west from the Cumberland Valley Division, and a convenient means to shuttle power between South Louisville and Corbin. Some 80 miles between Mount Vernon and a few miles east of New Haven were abandoned in the late '80s. Two dead-in-tow repowered Alco S4s trail the road power. —Dan Finfrock photo

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APRIL 5050

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S ATURDAY
MARCH 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2	3	4
Palm Sunday	6	Full 7	8	9	10 Good Friday	-11
12 Easter Sunday	13	Last Qtr	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 New	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	1st Qtr		MAY 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



Once assigned to the L&N's premiere intermodal "Tote" trains, U25B number 1615 is digging in at Morton's Gap, KY, coming off the Earlington bypass in May 1974. The HD main line via Madisonville is the line on the left. This is most likely a unit train loaded on the Morganfield Branch at Providence, KY. It's destined to a Tennessee Valley Authority power plant at either Gallatin, TN, or Widows Creek, AL. —Jerry Mart photo

MAY 5050

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JUNE 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30				1	2
3	4	5	6	T Full	V-E Day (1945)	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	Last Qtr	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 New	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	1st Qtr 29	30
	Memorial Day					





A fire on the Chickasaw Bogue drawbridge has resulted in train 408, the northbound Pan-American, adding two white extra flags during its November 29, 1969, station stop at Mobile, AL. The train will be detoured as an "extra" over a connecting railroad. Number 753 was the last of L&N's 16 E-6 units from 1942 still in service. She was retired on February 10, 1971. —Philip Kotheimer photo



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MAY 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 2425 26 27 28 29 30 31	1	2	3	4	Full 5	D-Day (1944)
7	8	9	10	11	12	Last Qtr
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Summer begins
New 21	55	23	24	25	26	27
1st Qtr	29	30				JULY 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31





The photographer was a passenger on northbound train 6, the *Humming Bird*, as it picked up speed north of Birmingham at Black Creek, AL, on July 11, 1964. Extra 844 South is a through mixed freight from Radnor (Nashville). It will be yarded at Boyles Yard, just ahead. At this point, number 6 is seven and a half miles north of the passenger station at Birmingham. —*Richard Baldwin photo*



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JUNE 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			1	2	3	Independence Day		
Full 5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
Last Qtr	13	14	15	16	17	18		
19	20 New	21	22	23	24	25		
26	1st Qtr	28	29	30	31	AUGUST 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		





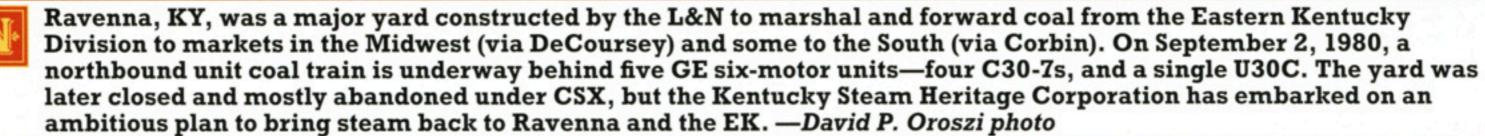
The un-signaled, directional-running double track of the Cumberland Valley Division between Corbin and Harlan Junction, KY, was constructed in the mid-'20s to facilitate the expeditious movement of long, heavy coal trains. This summer of 1954 northbound train from Lynch to Corbin will likely take the wye at Corbin, with a second M-1 placed on the point for movement up the "KY." Here, the 9500-ton train is rolling at track speed through Ponza, KY, a few miles railroad "south" (east) of Pineville, KY. —John Krave photo, digital colorization by Ron Flanary, courtesy of Kalmbach Media

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AUGUST 5050

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	SEPTEMBER 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30					1
2	Full 3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	Last Qtr	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 New	19	20	21	22
23	24	1st Qtr 25	26	27	28	29
30	31					







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SEPTEMBER 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S ATURDAY
AUGUST 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1	Full 2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	Last Qtr	11	12
13	14	15	16	New 17	18	19
20	21	Autumn begins	1st Qtr 23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			OCTOBER 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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Bound from Nashville to Memphis on the former NC&StL via Bruceton in October 1978, this train (northbound by railroad direction) led by the L&N's first GP38 is passing Colesburg, TN. Fortuitously for the photographer (and us!), the lead unit is briefly illuminated in the evening sun as a storm gathers to the east. —Steve Forrest photo



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OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S ATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			Full 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	Last Qtr	10
11	Columbus Day	13	14	15	16 New	17
18	19	20	21	22	1st Qtr 23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Full 31 Halloween





On a rather frosty January 31, 1960, L&N FP7s 600 and 611 are soaking up the morning sun near St. Louis Union Station. The duo brought train 54, the *Humming Bird/Georgian* connection, in from Nashville and Evansville a little earlier. They'll depart with number 93, the southbound (by railroad direction, east by compass) counterpart, in the late afternoon. L&N's passenger service to St. Louis survived until the coming of Amtrak on May 1, 1971. That appears to be a PRR E-7 in the background. —Lou Marre photo

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NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Daylight Saving Time ends (clocks back)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Last Qtr	9	10	Veterans Day Armistice Day (1918)	12	13	14
New 15	16	17	18	19	20	1st Qtr
22	23	24	25	Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	Full 30				OCTOBER 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	DECEMBER 2020 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



Appropriately named South Tunnel, TN, on the Main Stem between Louisville and Nashville, is on a tough 1.37 percent climb for northbound trains. Milepost 153 (from Louisville) is located between the two bores, Little South Tunnel and Big South Tunnel. In the early '70s, a mixed freight is in an all-out battle as its mix of EMD and GE four-motor hood units crawl up the hill. —David L. Inglert photo, David P. Oroszi collection

DECEMBER 5050

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 2020 Su M Tu W Th F 5a 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		1	2	3	4	5
5	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (1941)	8	9	10	11	12
13	New 14	15	16	17	18	19
20	lst Qtr Winter begins	22	23	24	Christmas Day	26
27	28	Full 29	30	31		JANUARY 2021 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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Three brand-new EMD SD35s are coming through downtown Nashville pulling a unit coal train off the Henderson Subdivision on August 29, 1965. The three shiny SDs will come off at Kayne Avenue to be replaced by five four-motor units. The coal is destined for Florence, AL, on the NF&S, and six-motor power is banned there. —Theo E. Sommerkamp photo

2021

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa
1 2	123456	123456
3 4 5 6 7 8 9	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	7 8 9 10 11 12 13
10 11 12 13 14 15 16	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
17 18 19 20 21 22 23	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	21 22 23 24 25 26 27
24252627282930	28	282930 31
31		
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa
1 2 3	1	1 2 3 4 5
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11 12 13 14 15 16 17	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
18 19 20 21 22 23 24	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
25 26 27 28 29 30	23242526272829	27282930
	30 31	
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa
1 2 3	1234567	1234
4 5 6 7 8 9 10	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	5 6 7 8 9 10 11
11 12 13 14 15 16 17	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	12 13 14 15 16 17 18
18 19 20 21 22 23 24	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	19 20 21 22 23 24 25
25 26 27 28 29 30 31	293031	2627282930
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
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	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	
	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	
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The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Historical Society was organized in 1982 for the purpose of collecting, preserving, and sharing information and material relating to the L&N, its predecessors and its successors. The Society is a nonprofit educational organization, incorporated in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and functions strictly with volunteer members serving as officers.

The Society publishes a quarterly magazine, The L&N MAGAZINE. Each issue contains articles of historical interest, reviews, and current news of the former L&N system. Rosters of equipment, technical data, and historical and modeling information are just a few of



the topics covered in the pages of the magazine. It is intended to be a nearly academic publication, and the basis for eventual further research.

The Society also produces specialty publications, such as profile diagrams, passenger car data and diagram books, authentic limited-edition models of L&N equipment, and many

other items, including this calendar.



The Society's archives are located in the restored L&N passenger station in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Though

not a part of the L&NHS, the depot houses an outstanding museum and a fully restored 1950s L&N passenger train outside. Refer to the website for more information.

The Society hosts an annual convention each fall, always in a former L&N location, and members are encouraged to attend.



If you are not a member, we cordially invite you to join with us as we recall the splendor of *The Old Reliable*. The membership term runs from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Upon receipt of your registration and payment, you will receive a membership kit acquainting you with the L&N and the Society. Three-year memberships are also available. See the website for more detailed information.

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FRONT COVER: With bell clanging, E-6M number 774 leads the northbound Humming Bird, train 6, into its morning station stop at Biloxi, MS. At the time, the L&N's Gulf Coast MNO&P Division still did a bustling passenger business. Number 6 was one of six daily trains. The depot was brand-new at the time (May 1965). Under an ultimatum from the City of Biloxi, L&N demolished the ancient and poorly maintained passenger station, replacing it with this modern but utilitarian structure, complete with umbrella shed. —Jim Roberts photo



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One of the first E-units to be painted gray and yellow was E-7M number 780—in late 1963. Almost six years of service took its toll, however. On July 31, 1969, the unit has just been released from the paint shop at South Louisville and is back in service at 10th Street. The paint is so fresh, it's still not completely dry. —Tom Smart photo, Lou Marre collection