

THE RED-EYED RAVEN GAZETTE

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WELCOME!



Welcome to the June issue of the Red-Eyed Raven Gazette! Hope you enjoy it!

Wait a minute? Where's the May issue?

I wish I had a big story to tell about why there was no May issue. I could say "So there I was, deep in the tunnels under a top secret military installation with no signal," but I can't. Or I could say "I was so busy wrestling live alligators," but I can't do that either.

The truth of the matter is time simply got away from me. Right now is one of those times, and I'm sure you've had them too, where I'm finding myself pulled in many directions. I had good intentions, but unfortunately I just wasn't able to settle down and put together a newsletter. So I hope you'll pardon me for that little transgression.

As always, thanks for your encouraging messages sent when these newsletters are released. Your support is very much appreciated.



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"CHASING THE CHADWICK LINE" UPDATE

Holy smokes. I'm so excited it's difficult to keep from jumping up and down.

A month or so ago, I contacted the Christian County Library to see what additional research material they have available. For those of you who are not familiar with this area, Christian County, whose seat is the city of Ozark, contained the largest portion of the Chadwick Railroad, from the town of Cassidy all the way down to Chadwick. A few nights ago I heard back from them, and was provided with a huge cache of rare photographs relating to the railroad, most of which I had never seen before. It will be an absolute joy to sort through these images to decide which ones I want to use in the book. Deciding which ones are left out will no doubt be a tough decision. My first inclination is to use all of them, but that may not be reasonable. One thing is for certain, these pics will add greatly to the imagery of the book.

Additionally, I recently visited the Christian County Historical Society Museum, and found within their reference library many personal recollections of the train which will be wonderful to include.

All that being said, I've also been thinking about the particulars of the book itself, how it's made and what size it will be. Because it is going to be packed with historical photographs and maps, it will have to be dimensionally larger than ***Sarah Burning***. I'm thinking it will be somewhere around eight inches tall and eight inches wide. Larger pages means higher resolution photographs and maps. Also, I believe it will be important to have the book printed on a higher quality paper, again for the sake of the photographs and maps. It will drive up printing costs, but I believe it will be worth it.

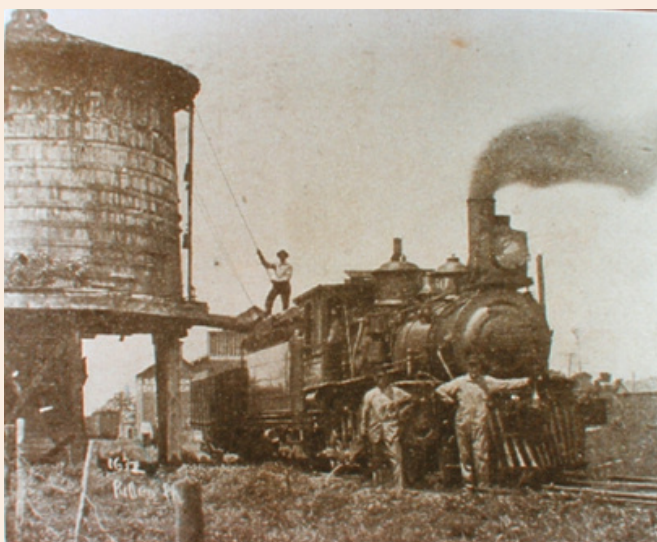
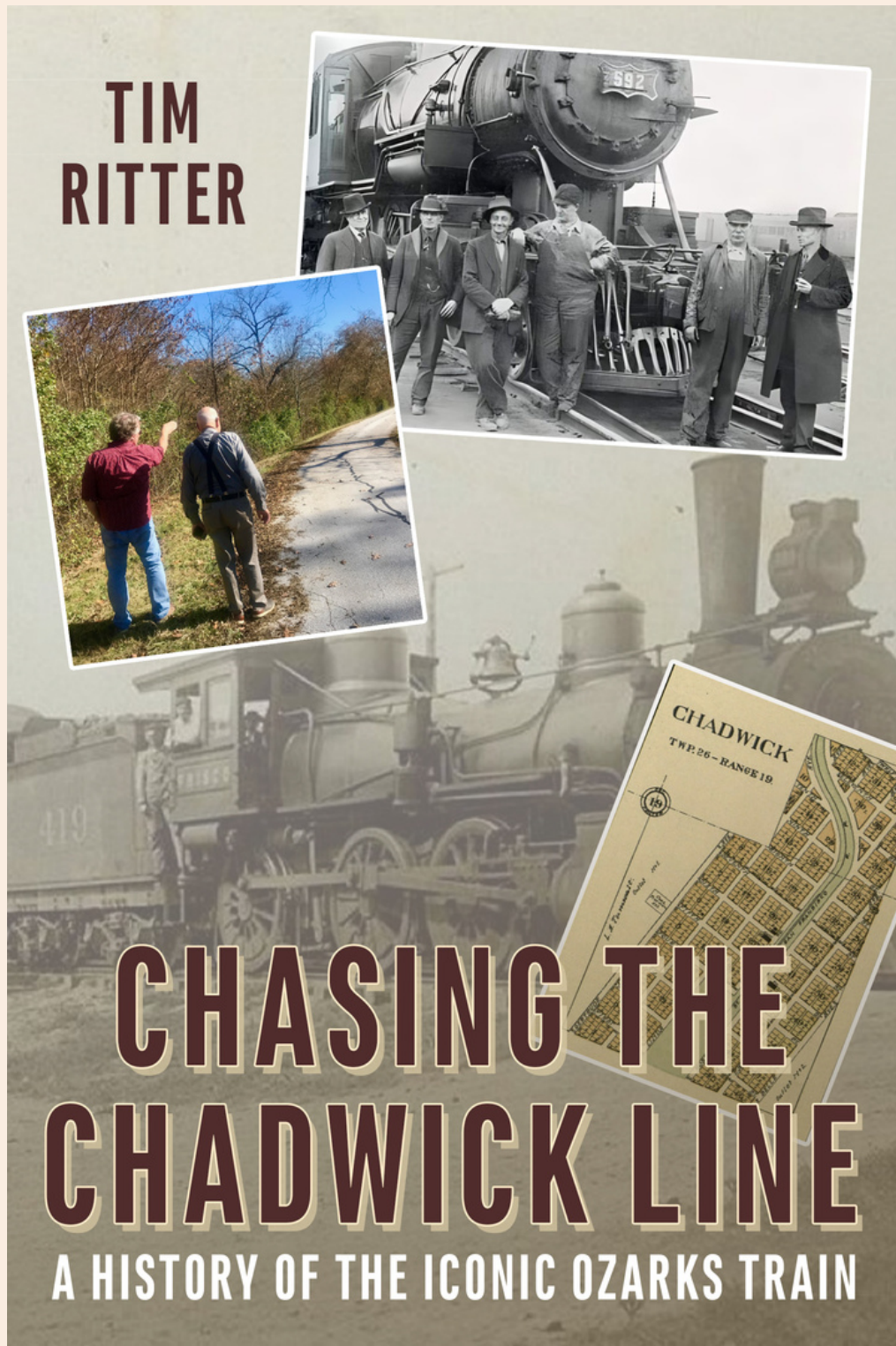


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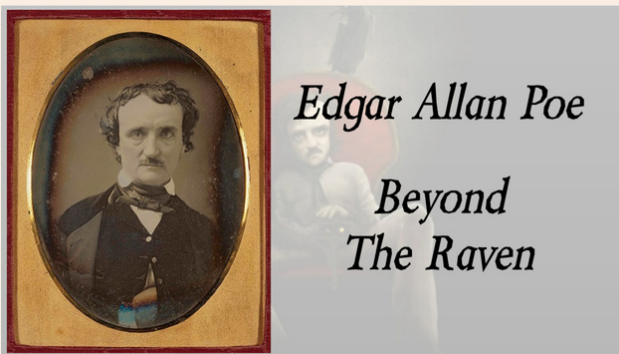
Cover Reveal!



As a subscriber to my newsletter, you get the first look at the cover design for "Chasing the Chadwick Line"! This all came together over the last several days, and I couldn't be more pleased. It will still be adjusted a bit once the final dimensions are resolved. Additionally I have to put together the verbiage on the back cover. But for now I'm thrilled to share this cover design with you!

PRESENTATION UPDATE

If you or anyone you know belong to a group needing speakers, please give them my contact info!



Every month in this section I will highlight one of my current presentations. Here's another one:

Edgar Allan Poe - Beyond the Raven

As a poet and writer, Poe's genius transcends the macabre, even though his tales of horror are at times his most recognized works. His personal life, turbulent and at times tragic, is as fascinating as any tale he wove. Separation of fact from fiction is challenging, especially concerning his mysterious death. There's even more to talk about, since the 2023 publication of Mark Dawidziak's book "*Mystery of Mysteries: The Death and Life of Edgar Allan Poe*". Mark offers up tantalizing information and theories about the eternal question, "What happened to Poe?" Enjoy this presentation, formatted as a series of talks or singular event, which explores the entire Poe experience.

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

July 11, 2023 - 11:00a.m.
Glenstone Avenue Baptist Church Senior Education Program
Springfield, MO
Presentation: *Battle of Springfield*

July 22, 2023 - 10:30a.m.
Scottish Rite Cathedral
Joplin, Missouri
Presentation: **Keynote Address**

August 3, 2023 - 6:00p.m.
Polk County Genealogical Society
Bolivar, MO
Presentation: *Wild Bill Hickok and Davis Tutt - A Big Bucket of Ugly*

September 9, 2023 - 10:00a.m.
Sleuths Ink Mystery Writers Meeting
The Library Center
Springfield, MO
Presentation: *Using Mailchimp for Newsletters*

September 16, 2023 - 10:00a.m.
Republic Library
Republic, MO
Presentation: *The Baldknobbers: Terror in the Hills*

My regular speaking engagements, twice each month, continue at the three Elfindale senior living facilities in Springfield. Also, I have now begun presenting at The Preston Senior Living Facility, as well as Elfindale Manor.