

March 20, 1953

A Friday, and the last Friday but one that the Red River and Gulf RR would operate with steam.

A.E. journeyed over 120 miles from his home in Shreveport to have one last look at Red River and Gulf #106 in steam.

It was a cloudy, overcast, and probably cold March Day. Not ideal for photography because of the low contrast. On the other hand, because of the slow shutter speeds of the day, A.E. got some extraordinary photographs that day.

Thanks to the collections of Judge Leon Ford, Louis Saillard and Tony Howe, we can enjoy A.E.'s day also.

Important Author's note: In a previous version of this presentation, these photographs were erroneously attributed to C.W. "Bill" Witbeck. Research by and data from Tom Lawson allow the author to correct this error. The author wishes to thank Mr. Lawson for his help in this matter.