

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

General Meeting
NMSL & RHS

Date: November 13, 2010

Purpose & Location: Monthly meeting @ the AT & SF site, 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM.

Old Business

Introduction:

Mike Hartshorne opened the meeting welcoming Albert L. in from AZ.
Chuck M. also was welcomed back after being gone awhile.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart.

Total Cash Assets as of 10/9/10	\$32891.67
Total Cash Assets as of 9/13/10	\$31089.18
Checking Account Balance on 10/9/10	\$12718.66
Ending Balance on 11/13/10	\$10915.49
Deposits from 10/8 - 11/9/10	\$3176.70

Expenses as of 10/16 - 11/11/10

Various materials for tender painting after graffiti removal, oxy-acet. bottles filled several times, PO Box rental, food items and other misc. items for Open House 2010, hard hats and other misc. site needs, telephone bill 10/10, used equipment from auction, gas, patches, telephone bill 11/10, and other misc. site needs.

Savings Account Ending Balance Including Interest as of 10/29/10	\$20123.69
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Petty Cash On-Site	\$50.00
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Report was read and report was accepted unanimously.

CSO Report: by Jon Spargo.

It was a busy month from the stand point of safety training. 16 new members have taken the New Member Safety Orientation, which was thought to be some kind of record. Our public activities have been good for recruitment.

New member's names were read and introduced to all including our #500th new member. To date 273 members have been given the new member orientation.

At the conclusion of the general membership meeting we will hold the final annual safety review session for this year. All were to check the list to see if they need to attend the session. Jon anticipates the first refresher session for 2011 to be held in mid January.

We need a place to hold this large meeting in January. Several folks said they'd check into finding a place.

CMO Report: by Rick Kirby.

As you all know the winter weather is approaching and we'll be dealing with

inclement weather. If I feel the weather will be bad I'll post a cancellation on the website, so check it on Tuesday and/or Friday evenings.

I feel like we should be able to start fabrication of the superheater piping next month. I'm awaiting welding test reports from 412. Carlos will be testing soon. Danny testing here on site which will be good for the side sheet and/or superheater tack-up welds.

Danny and I had an on site meeting with Tom Montano, 412's Business Manager, on Wednesday, 11/10/10. He came to see what pipe fabrications I needed bent. Local 412 have offered to send these pipes to a fabricator in Utah to be re-fabricated and pay the bill for shipping, materials and labor. Tom also commented on how well the article in the last newsletter was put together. Kudos to Doyle for editing the information I gave him.

Cleaning of the underside of the locomotive continues with special attention given to the driver and pilot roller bearing boxes. We plan to have a visit from a retired Timken Bearing representative who has experience with locomotives. He may be accompanied by a current representative.

Stay rod hole beveling continues inside the fire box. Once complete, the final outside cut will be done and hand grinding of the bevel will begin.

Several of you are involved in pipe and/or parts clean-up and painting. I want to remind you if the part is repaired or replaced you need to update the part sheets with Warren. If anyone isn't familiar with this process see me for instructions. Also, when removing a part from storage, be sure to return it to the exact same place.

We received a letter from Train's Magazine Wednesday concerning the \$10,000 grant we applied for to replace the disintegrating ties on our siding. They informed us the grant was awarded to another project. Much of the data for that project is or has been crunched and assimilated by Frank.

Our tool man, Ed, has been re-organizing the containers and tool boxes. Please help out by returning all tools to their original locations.

Last month the G.E. plant held an auction for some of their equipment and we were successful in obtaining some items I feel will be useful to us here on site.

- * We obtained another welder similar to the one in the welding shop.
- * Two warehouse-style ladders which will roll up to the sides of the loco.
- * One hydraulic man-lift work station.
- * A heated stainless steel parts washer for under the canopy.
- * A regular bench grinder for the machine shop.
- * A 1-ton come-along.
- * Several barrel pumps in order not to contaminate one oil or solvent with another.

Ken will bring his trailer on Wednesday and we'll go pick up our goodies.

New after CMO Report:

Bob D. said he received vials for bearing box oil samples. Also, Justin, who provided us with some stay rods back in the summer, came in for a visit on Wednesday and gave suggestions on flexible staybolts.

Chuck M. mentioned that since we're dealing with Timken Bearing people that they have a grant area and if their representative comes here that might be an avenue from them for a possible grant.

Report was accepted unanimously.

Fundraising: by Andy Rutkiewicz

It was discussed we feel the Open House for 2011 should be the same weekend as we had for this year, the first Saturday of Balloon Fiesta. They need to discuss further but overall felt it was a good weekend.

Discussed in open forum to look at our marketing tools such as our website and Facebook sites connected with others. Look for other ways to raise funds in 2011 possibly using those types of tools.

New Business

Report by Albert Leffler:

* On Friday, November 12th, Mike Hartshorne, Rick Kirby, Dave Traudt, Doyle Caton and Albert Leffler gave a thorough tour of the NMSLRHS restoration site to some very special guests: Mr. Al Richmond, Chairman and CEO of the Arizona State Railroad Museum in Williams; Ms. Jodi Delaney, Director of the New Mexico Centennial Foundation; and Mr. Richard Eeds, Director of Advertising, Marketing and Promotions for the New Mexico Tourism Department. The tour was followed by lunch at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. The purpose of the visit and tour was to explore potential NMSLRHS Centennial participation as both New Mexico and Arizona celebrate one hundred years of statehood in 2012. Nothing is definite at this time, but hopes are that both BNSF and Union Pacific will be contributing to the celebrations.

* Two final proposals for our shops are yet to be determined. Voices need to be heard to help in our historical prosperity.

* Need to get our new governor here to see what we are about.

John T. is set for an 11/20/10 meeting here for Hiram Lodge to tour the site. It's their 125th Anniversary Founder's Day. Need to prepare trash for pick-up so John can haul it away on Wednesday before our guests arrive on Saturday.

New member Merle R. put in our new electrical upgraded box for our compressor. He is also working on putting in lights in the new container box. Four new florescent lightsets are going in.

Jack Thornton from ASME Magazine is writing an article about our restoration of the 2926.

Christmas cards are going out in a couple weeks. We have 500 of them and we need updated information from everyone about any change in their address, emails, phone numbers, etc. Also we need addresses from people that you might know of that have helped us throughout the year; not just a name.

GSA stairs will be going in across the tracks towards 12th Street.

Motion called for the adjournment and it was so moved to adjourn.

Next Meeting: On NMSL site, 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM @ 9 am

Prepared by Gail Kirby, Secretary