

General Meeting - October 8, 2011  
NMSLRHS

Date: October 8, 2011, 9:00 am  
Location: 1833 8th St. NW, AQ, NM, 87107

Old Business: N/A

Introduction: Dr. Mike Hartshorne brought the meeting to order.

Thunderbirds Open House on October 9th, 2011  
Have some new residents that are members of the 2926; Dave and Barbara Elwood moved here from WA. Welcome Dave and Barbara!

Minutes from September have been approved and should be on the website.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart	
Total Cash Assets, September 10, 2011	\$33814.07
Total Cash Assets, October 8, 2011	36044.17
Checking Account Balance as of 9/10/11	12627.95
Ending Balance as of 10/8/11	14851.97
Deposits from 9/12/11 - 10/3/11	7217.81
Expenses from 9/12/11 - 10/5/11	4993.79

Various expenses were paint scraper, computer repairs - diagnostics, radio spots and remote broadcast during 2011 Open House, plastic, plywood, tarps, mugs, hats, paint pails, bolts for pilot, paint brushes, spring clamps, trash bags, cable ties, wire wheels, monthly phone bill, oxygen fill, acetylene fill, monthly computer service and various other items for site.

Savings Account Balance, including interest as of 9/30/11	6.08
Balance as of 9/30/11	21142.20

On site cash box	50.00
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Safety Officer's Report: by Jon Spargo, John Cekala and Dave Anglen

Open house was a big success and I want to thank everyone for helping to keep it a safe event. Part of it had to do with the site preparation. We were pleased to see that people doing the preparation kept visitor safety a top priority. Well done everyone!

Our confined space entry tasks are running pretty smoothly. We just want to point out that this is a tricky exercise and that we need to constantly pay attention to what is going on and not let our guard down.

During open house several people expressed interest in joining and working. Accordingly there will be a new member orientation on Saturday, October 15th starting at 9 a.m. in the reefer conference area. If you know of any potential works please pass that date along to them.

Dr. Mike clarified if you joined in the last quarter of 2011 then you are paid up for the entire 2012 year.

CMO Report: by Rick Kirby  
First off I would like to thank everyone again for their participation in our Open House last week before, during and after the event.

This past week we have had some communications regarding our rod bearings. Bob

will fill us in on that in a moment.

Dave Van de Valde picked up the hydraulic pump assembly for the tube swagger. Inquiries are being made to our electrical contractor friends to provide power. Friday Randy met with an electrical contractor regarding this work. He says this electrician will be on site Tuesday to do the wiring.

As most of you are aware, the Engineer's side firebox patches are complete inside and out. Danny would like to have a bit larger gap between the stay rod and the side sheet hole. I have procured a reamer to enlarge the holes in the sheets. However, the shaft of the reamer is too large for the drill chucks so it will need to be reduced to fit our chucks. We will be removing only 1/16 of an inch of material so it should be fairly easy to do.

Our friend and supporter, Dan Dalgarno at Garlock, has made good on his offer to provide us with a complete set of gasket cutters. It will cut ring gaskets and bolt holes.

Albert Leffler has forwarded a flash drive containing detailed pictures of a restored 5000 series cab. We will be able to use them for a reference as we restore this one.

Today's projects will include removing any Open House items left over from the event. Tarps, shades, bell and reorganize the PUP. I want to reassemble the cab roller rack. We can lay out and measure repaired stay rod locations for the Fireman's side patch and begin trimming those rods as needed. We need to set up the hose to pump out the pit.

If anyone would like to buy a jacket for the winter let me know as they are great advertisement.

Trash needs to be taken away, so if everyone could grab a bag on your way home we'd all appreciate it.

Additional CMO Report: by Bob DeGroft

Copying and digitizing of the 230+ blueprints is about half done, with a big bunch scheduled to be done this weekend. Estimate the finish date to be in ten days.

The Timken Bearing analysis should be available to us next Wednesday. I have had phone discussions with Dave Aungst, who commented that the damage was not as bad as expected. Much of the bad rollers can be replaced rather easily even if they have to be made. At least one race needs to be made. Brian Cave spent two days at Union aiding in the inspection. Timken is keeping track of hours worked instead of a parts pricing strategy which will result in a cheaper outcome for us. Dave says he is researching the vast accounts of Timken to see where this can be charged off, if possible. The bearings have caused quite a stir amongst the employees so I am launching an information campaign to aid in establishing a beneficial friendship with Timken. They asked if any real operational footage exists of 2926 running and I sent them the 6 second short that to our knowledge is the only thing that exists. I had Dave Traudt send them the DVD he has prepared on the restoration; and promised them a copy of the Canadian Construction movie of building a 4-8-4. Aungst downloaded photos off our website and posted them in the plant. I'm optimistic about the outcome at this point.

I have asked Dave Van De Valde to begin the design process for a bearing installer.

I have been researching the replacement of piston rings in the reversing valve on the Hot Water Feed Pump. Bernie Watts was not able to find any, I worked with

Precision Rings of Indianapolis and their rough quote was \$150 each! We need 9 rings, plus spares. Watts said he thought that the rings were cast iron and that's what I got quoted; when I asked if steel was cheaper the response was heck no. Bob Kittel's source in Dallas does not answer their phone. I recommend we re-install the old rings, and install the drifting valve that has been left out, and check operations again.

I also have been working with a blacksmith in Pecos, Chris Thompson, to see if he could fab flexys. I sent two sample pieces, no response, and he is out until next Wednesday. I think we ought to contact Kelly Anderson in PA to get some quotes. Can we use the longer bolts removed from the roof sheet to fill in the shorter ones in the side sheet? We need guides and caps as well. I will begin the count today.

Fundraising Report: by Andy Rutkiewicz

#### CONTINUING EFFORTS

- BNSF FOUNDATION, GRANT REQUEST, \$ 15,000.00
- TRAINS MAG: \$10,000.00; OCT 31 2011 DEAD LINE  
Chuck Mangold to write both: Rick to define task and cost
- NM TOURISM COOP ADVERTIZING PROGRAM  
COLLABORATION: NMSLRHS. NUCLEAR, HOLOCAUST  
WORLD WAR II THEME  
PARTNER: NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD BATAAN MEMORIAL MUSEUM  
WRITEN APPLICATION SUBMITTED: AWATINING ANOUNCEMEMT OF AWARDS.

#### DEVELOPING EFFORTS

- UP 844 Centennial Train, Tucumcari NM 1200 hours Nov 4  
NMSLRHS potential Sales and Info event at Tucumcari Fired Up 4-8 PM fee \$50.00.  
UP 844 departs Nov 5 ~ 0800 to Santa Rosa 1000, Vaughn1200, Carrizozo 1500, Alamogordo 1700, Nov 6 Alamogordo all day, Nov 7&8, El Paso TX, Nov 9 to Santa Teresa 1000, Deming 1300, Lordsburg 1500 over night. BoD approved the fee of \$50.00 for Tucumcari Fired Up if sufficient manpower can be arranged.  
P.S. Alamogordo will give us the opportunity FREE to have a Sales and Info presence there on Nov 6 all day if we wish.
  - AWAITING FOX 2 ANM STYLE@ SEGMENT INTERVIEW & FILMING
  - BRADFORD / VAN HORN RR ART SHOW: 2011 OPEN HOUSE TRIAL  
TOTAL SALES: ?
- ABQRide CENTENNIAL, ALVARADO CENTER 2012

#### COMPLETED EFFORTS

- GRAND OPEN HOUSE: GROSS INCOME, \$4934.73.  
ATTENDANCE ~ 800
- BALLOON FIESTA, TABLE, AM 1 OCT, NM TOURISM  
INTEREST CONTACTS: 46 [0845 - 0945 HOURS]
- UNION PACIFIC CENT EXHIBIT DISCUSSION Sept 7
- ROADS SCHOLAR TOUR Sept 14, 1000HRS: 28 TOUR MEMBERS
- TEACHERS OPEN HOUSE Sept 21, Natural History Museum
- BRAD WIGOR, FILM PRODUCER, STORY SCOUT, EARLY OCT

#### PROMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- WEB SITE AND FACE BOOK GRAPHICS FOR  
COOP MARKETING  
CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT  
GRAND OPEN HOUSE
- ABQ CULTURAL AFFAIRS COLLABORATIVE MARKETING OPPORTUNITY

#### SUSPENDED EFFORTS

- PAST MEMBERS RENEWAL REQUEST; IN PROCESS

New Business:

Open House we had about 750-800 people this year, 2nd highest, sold souvenirs, also new members and cleared about \$5000 rough estimate.

Dave Elwood got up and spoke to the group. He's been an engineer for 40 years and last 22 were with Amtrak. He ran Santa Fe, Durango, and 4449. Jack Elwood writes for Classic Trains.

Move to adjourn by Gail Kirby and 2nd by everyone.

Next meeting will be November 12, 2011 at 9:00 am at the site.  
Prepared by Gail Kirby, Secretary NMSLRHS