

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

General Meeting - September 10, 2011
NMSLRHS

Date: September 10, 2011
Location: 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM 87107

Old Business: N/A

Introduction: Dr. Mike Hartshorne brought meeting to order.

Minutes are approved and are on the website as of this day.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robert

Ernie reminded everyone that the Society closed Wells Fargo account last month and opened a new one with US NM FCU.

Total Cash Assets as of 8/13/11	\$36739.98
Total Cash Assets, 9/10/11	\$33814.07
Checking Account Balance as of 8/13/11	\$15560.14
Ending Balance on 9/10//11	\$12627.95
Deposits from 8/15/11 - 8/31/11	\$4270.88
Expenses from 8/03/11 - 9/08/11	\$7203.07

Expenses were for: eye washer & accessories as well as demand flow regulator and valves to meet safety requirements, computer services, promotional items and restocking of items for sale at the October open house, backup & power source, machine shop: bronze round & square and round stock, costs of trip to Temple TX to obtain locomotive blueprints and roller bearing drawings, repairs to band saw, canopy and swamp cooler; gasoline for trip to Grand Canyon RR, Williams, AZ; tools for stay bolt grinding, air conditioner repairs to WHQ office and reefer office, grinder die, headgear, face shields, end mill ball, Z-tech pipe, lumber for side rod roller bearings shipment to Timken, paint brushes, wire brush wheels, tool and hardware for tarp repair, costs to replace 1 incorrect NM centennial display panel, and, monthly telephone and Internet bill, and various other miscellaneous tools for site.

Savings Account Balance, including interest from as of 8/31/11	\$21136.12
Cash Box - Store Sales	\$50.00

Safety Officer's Report: Jon Spargo was absent and the safety report was read aloud as follows:

"We have had two new members go through the orientation. Please join me in welcoming Patrick Hepburn and Becky Moore. The next new member orientation will be held on Saturday, October 15th in the Reefer Conference Center.

Recently I found a stepladder lashed off to one of our work platforms. It was being used to climb up to the platform. Apart from the fact that our rules expressly forbid the use of stepladders for that purpose, it was also in violation of the rule that the ladder must extend 3 ft. above the level you are climbing to.

Randy McEntire is looking into acquiring a couple of short straight ladders to use with work platforms. Hopefully they will be in place by the time I return on the 24th."

Dr. Mike moved to accept this report, John Cekala 2nd and it was unanimous.

CMO Report: by Bob DeGroft for Rick Kirby who was away for a much-needed R&R. Bob's verbal report is combined with Rick's written report submitted previously.

As most of our work force knows, all the side rods and their Timken roller bearings were removed in July and August. Since the last meeting much time and effort has been involved in preparing them for shipment Timken in Union, South Carolina. This shipment includes three pallets carrying thirteen, custom built, wooden shipping boxes, each containing a bearing assembly, or associated parts.

This Phase I of the Bearing Project, removal, inspection, and shipping preparation and packaging, is now complete. The shipment is currently in transit to Timken in SC to be reconditioned. They are expected to arrive between the 12th and 14th of Sept. Randy McEntire supervised this project. He, Pete Ormson, Scott Eckstein and others worked extra days the past three weeks to get this job done and deserve a big Thank You from all of us! The Bearing Project is critical to the restoration. Brian Cave, our Timken point-of-contact, thinks that it may be early October before they will have completed their assessment of what will be involved in refurbishment of the bearings.

Phase II of the project took place partly in parallel with the first phase and consisted of identifying and obtaining detailed, technical drawings of the bearings for use by Timken and the Society. The museum at Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, Temple, TX was determined to have some of the required drawings in their extensive AT&SF historical archive. Bob DeGroft, Dave Traudt, and Dave Van de Valde drove to Temple and spent several days researching their holdings and identified a large number of drawings bearing directly on the restoration of 2926. The museum loaned the Society 27 of the most critical drawings to support the bearing project. The Society brought them back to Albuquerque where they are currently being copied by Millard Hall, as a contribution to the restoration. One set will go to Timken and one set will stay with the Society. The importance of having these drawings available cannot be overestimated.

A few weeks ago, Dave Van de Valde, Bob DeGroft and Rick Kirby drove up to Durango to check out the shop-made boiler tube-swaging device used by the Durango and Silverton. Rick and his team didn't feel one that complicated was needed so Dave has drafted plans for one we feel will more suit our needs and is being fabricated at this time. Bob reported that fabrication of the device should be completed in a week.

Rick's report indicated that our water line from the BIA building to the site has again been delayed. He was I finally able to get the BIA to let him on their property to measure the area needed last week. He has procured all the materials and set a time for this past Wednesday to gain access again to install everything. They could not meet our scheduled time, so we have set it again for next Wednesday.

Rick also reported before he and Gail left, that the Society had applied to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a time extension regarding the start of the 15-year clock beginning one year after the first tube is installed. Ralph Gutierrez, our regional FRA inspector, encouraged us to do so during his last visit. Bob DeGroft wrote the request following the guidelines set forth and Rick added a few lines, signed it and mailed it off to Ralph. Ralph contacted Rick last week and said he had reviewed the request and forwarded it, along with his recommendations, to Washington, DC. Ralph called Rick in the last few days to say that it may take several weeks before we hear from them.

Gail and I made a trip out to Williams Sunday. Several weeks ago Sam Lanter, the CMO, of GCRW offered to give us some bearing grease he had obtained from Amtrak as

surplus. We returned with four 55 gallon drums. We should have enough to last a long time. Sam is keeping up with our progress online and he said he was impressed with the workmanship being done.

Bob reported that the two cross-compound steam-driven air pumps have been painted and will be re-installed in the pilot beam next week. Meanwhile the pump shields are being painted in a body shop. Cleaning and polishing of the side and main rods is almost done. After the open house is over, the cab woodwork project will start.

In other items, the hot water feed pump for the Worthington feed water system is not working properly and may need a ring fabricated. Bob said we will have to determine whether a steel or cast iron ring is required. Flexible stay bolts are being evaluated to find how many will need repair or replacement.

Fundraising Report: by Andy Rutkiewicz

CONTINUING EFFORTS

- BNSF FOUNDATION, GRANT REQUEST, \$ 15,000.00 AND TRAINS MAG: \$10,000.00; OCT 31 2011 DEAD LINE. CHUCK MANGOLD IS PREPARING BOTH BOTH: RICK TO DEFINE TASK AND COST
- NM TOURISM COOP ADVERTIZING PROGRAM COLLABORATION BETWEEN : NMSLRHS. NATIONAL ATOMIC NUCLEAR MUSEUM, AND THE HOLOCOST MUSEUM. IT WILL USE A WORLD WAR II THEME. ANDY IS WORKING THE APPLICATION, WHICH IS DUE ON MONDAY, SEPT 12.

DEVELOPING EFFORTS

- GRAND OPEN HOUSE, 1 OCTOBER
- BALLOON FIESTA, TABLE, AM 1 OCT, NM TOURISM
- UNION PACIFIC CENT EXHIBIT DISCUSSION SEPT 7
- ROADS SCHOLAR TOUR SEPT 14, 1000HRS
- TEACHERS OPEN HOUSE SEPT 21, NATURAL HISTORY MUS
- BRAD WIGOR, FILM PRODUCER, STORY SCOUT, EARLY OCT.
- AWAITING FOX 2 ANM STYLE@ SEGMENT INTERVIEW & FILMING
- 2012 ANGELS PROJECT, AIC, RUTH SEYLER 202-661-8062
- ABQRIDE CENTENNIAL, ALVARADO CENTER 2012
- BRADFORD / VAN HORN RR ART SHOW?

PROMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- WEB SITE AND FACE BOOK GRAPHICS FOR
COOP MARKETING
CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT
GRAND OPEN HOUSE
- ABQ CULTURAL AFFAIRS COLLABORATIVE MARKETING OPPORTUNITY
- PAST MEMBERS RENEWAL REQUEST; IN PROCESS

New Business:

Frank Gerstle reported that the BoD has decided to sell the live steam that the Society has had for about nine years and also all the former Wells Fargo Christmas train, track and associated pieces.

Mike reviewed with everyone the plans for the upcoming Open House. This will be the Society's 10th Annual Open House and will take place at the restoration site October 1, 2011, 9 - 4 pm.

As many NMSL members as possible will be needed here and ready to help with the entire day including set-up at 7:30 am and burritos for those that come early. A

'food buying team" will meet in the Costco (Eubank) parking lot a 10 am the day before the Open House to get all the food and take it back to the site.

Bands:

"Holy Water and Whiskey" to play in the morning

"Territorial Brass Band" to play at noon

"Los Radiators" to play in the afternoon

Possibly John Taylor's barbershop quartet might be here.

Bobby Box from oldies radio station 98.5 FM will be doing a remote broadcast from the site and American General Media will be running radio spots in the run up to the open house. If the weather cooperates, this could be a very well attended open house event.

We have free tickets to pass out to people to get the word out. Take them and give to anyone you come in contact with.

Move to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Mike, 2nd by Ed Strebe and was unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on site on October 8th, 2011 at 9:00 am.

Prepared by Steve Bradford for Gail Kirby, Secretary NMSLRHS