

General Meeting – February 2012  
NMSLRHS

Date: February 11, 2012  
Location: 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM 87107

Old Business  
N/A

Introduction: Dr. Mike Hartshorne  
George Diewald is a new member. Minutes for January are on their way to the website.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets as of 1/14/12	\$46282.27
Ending Balance on 2/11/12	44965.11
Checking Account Balance on 1/14/12	25074.07
Ending Balance as of 2/11/12	23751.53
Deposits from 1/24/12 – 2/6/12	5422.92
Expenses from 1/14/12 – 2/7/12	6745.46

Various expenses were for diesel fuel for RT to UT to deliver steam pipes for replication, superheater brushes, gas for welder, lumber for cab supports, pliers, steel for stock, annual corporate report fee, tickets for Legislative & Tourist Assoc. of NM meetings in January, computer power supply, monthly computer diagnostic service, monthly telephone bill, website expense, drill repairs and other items used on site.

Savings Account Balance, including Interest as of 1/31/12	\$21163.58
Cash Box	50.00

Bob DeGroft added that the audit is underway and Karla DeGroft will have all the paperwork submitted to Hinkle & Landers by the end of the month.

Safety Officer's Report: by John Cekala

John reports that on January 21 we held the first of two Annual Safety Refresher Training Sessions for 2012. A total of 45 members attended this session. After some purging, the current Authorized Worker List reveals that there are at least 54 members who still need to attend in 2012. Eight of these are members who live out of state. We have sent them materials to read and a document to sign in order to qualify them to work in 2012. The next refresher training session is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2012 in the Reefer conference area at the locomotive restoration site beginning promptly at 9 a.m.

As a reminder, you need to attend one of the two refresher training session in order to be allowed to work on site for the remainder of 2012. You also need to be up to date with your annual contribution to the Society. If you miss one of these sessions you will be required to attend a complete new member safety orientation in order to work on the site for the balance of 2012.

On Saturday, February 4th there was a new member orientation here at the site. Three new members

attended. Please join us in welcoming George Diewald, Carlos Llamas and Tom Turrentine. We will wait at least until after the second refresher training session before we schedule the next new member orientation.

We also want to compliment all involved for the removal of the cab and firing deck from the locomotive. It was well planned and executed safely without a hitch. Again proving that we know how to do things right!

Chief Mechanical Officer's Report (CMO): by Rick Kirby

Rick reported that as most of you know by now the cab has been removed. Randy will be the team leader for replacing the wood surfaces. Randy and Rick have been discussing possibilities as to who they feel should be helping him. Pete Ormson will be his assistant. Miscellaneous helpers will include John Taylor and Scott Eckstein. Others may be requested as needed due to conditions beyond our control.

A better part of a year ago we measured the ID of the bronze rod bearing liners and found them to be about 35 thousandths of an inch out of round. We have been concerned as to what needs to be done to correct the problem. Bob DeGroft received some information regarding the issue quite by accident which he'll address momentarily.

John Cekala took the dynamo armature to his former employer so he could test it. It all checked out good. It will be thoroughly cleaned, dipped, turned and balanced if need be.

Clem Harris spoke with Bernie Watts who rebuilds locomotive appliances to see if we could purchase new field windings. He advised us to take ours to any good electric motor shop to be rebuilt. That is what he does.

We have been experiencing some problems regarding the parts ID tags. When ever a part is removed or taken from storage to be cleaned be sure it is tagged. If you remove a tag make sure it gets put back on. Find the hard copy in the Reefer and update it as to what was done to the part then give it back to me.

Help is needed from those working in the Reefer. When the phone rings answer it. We retrieve messages from the phone and many times it came in on a Wednesday or Saturday. These people most of the time want information as to when they can visit. They expect us to be there on these days as that's what our website and rack cards tell people.

Danny Rivera has advised me he retrieved the money from the 412 Benefit fund. He purchased an ad in the brochure and one table at the dinner and dance next Saturday at the union hall. See him if you would like to attend the gala. The donation bucket is still in the WHQ if anyone would like to donate to the cause.

Also, two (2) new bearings were found and purchased for the dynamo.

Bob DeGroft had an update from Timken. The sleeve on the intermediate pin is being sent to Ken Eckelmeyer for a hardness test.

Amount of money we need to finish this engine is about \$135,427 for this year. This doesn't include volunteer labor or the track repair, volunteer hours is 70,000+, and about \$1.1 Million equity including

labor so far.

Dr. Mike will have the story of the history behind the A26 and 2926 in Oklahoma.

Plans & Funding Report: by Andy Rutkiewicz

#### CONTINUING EFFORTS

The NM Tourism Dept Coop Marketing Grant request for \$4,500.00 has been awarded to us. This grant was submitted under the theme of New Mexico Remembers World War II. The Nuclear and Holocaust museums are our collaborators and the Bataan Memorial museum is our partner. A print ad was submitted to the New Mexico Magazine that will appear in the May, July and September issues. The ad will link to the nmrememberswwii.bolgspot.com site by QR Code. The BlogSpot is currently available. Check it out. The BlogSpot links to the NMSLRHS web site and the sites of the other museums. Other ad placements are in the works along with rack cards

#### MAJOR AD IMAGE

#### COMPLETED EFFORTS

The BNSF Foundation Grant request for \$15,000.00 was prepared and submitted by Chuck Mangold. ConocoPhillips is the largest oil/gas operator/producer and a supporter of Tourism in New Mexico.

Chuck will investigate their Grant program and submit a request if appropriate.

An appointment for a presentation to the State Secretary of Tourism Monique Jacobson on our history and future operating goals has been set for Feb 27 2012 at 1500 hours. The chairman of our Board of Advisors Albert Leffler will be the presenter. A presentation on the restoration of #2926 and its future was made to the Executive Director of EXPLORA on Monday Jan 16.

#### DEVELOPING EFFORTS

Our Centennial exhibit could be loaned to other Railroad Museums operations in New Mexico that have expressed an interest. The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic railroad has requested the exhibit for their 2012 season The Museum Cooperative Council of ABQ to which we belong will hold a Museum Week in concert with Savor ABQ and ABQ Centennial Celebration from June 7 to 16 2012. ABQ will close Central from 1st Street to 10th street for the day of the 17th. We will be able to display our Centennial exhibit in one of 6 pavilions on Central. We are awaiting contact by FOX 2 "NM Style" to interview and film our activities for a free segment on that program. When they have unsold time we will be contacted. Representatives of the NMSLRHS attended the Tourism Association of New Mexico [TANM] annual meeting, the New Mexico Tourism Commission and the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce Legislative meet and great. This effort resulted in the opportunity to make presentations to the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce and the State and regional Economic Development Departments. Meetings with the ABQ city Counsel are also being developed.

Steve Bradford reported about a meeting with Council Staffers in the Council Chambers about who we are and what we're doing. He's also to have a meeting with Tom Udall to update his office on what

we're doing, then on to Santa Fe to meet with Lujan staffers and back to ABQ to meet with Heinrich's staffer. Then on to next week to meet with the Secretary of Tourism and then Academy Hills Neighborhood Association to tell them about who we are and what we're doing.

Steve requested anyone in the group that might know of anyone that would like to hear about us to let him know.

Albert Leffler is planning a trip soon to be here and maybe to have an Advisory Board meeting.

Danny Rivera from Local 412 wanted to thank everyone for their generosity and character in helping their 412 members in distress. The banquet is February 18th from 7 – 11 pm at the Local's hall.

#### Announcements

Pete Adair – if anyone would like to have a light-weight jacket/wind breaker. He checked with an outfit in CA and they have some for \$24.95 and \$7.50 for your name on the jacket; nylon type with a light-weight liner in them and they have multi colors. He's taking names of people if they'd like one. You can also put one of our patches on it also.

Rick Kirby – Locomotive from "The Lone Ranger" is to be delivered. Ft. Wingate contract fell through; they are not using that engine in the movie. The engine they are using is from TX, a restored diesel, M190 cosmetically restored by a movie company.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be 3/10/12, 9 am at 1833 8th St. NW.

Submitted by Gail Kirby,  
Secretary NMSLRHS