

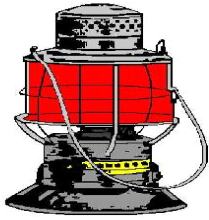


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From your Chairman

The good news this month is that our insurance liability policy has been renewed, with an addition of coverage for the members hauling the public on run days with their own equipment. It would still be advisable for individuals to check with their agents' and get coverage for themselves. Some other tracks are requiring this to run at their places.

We are a couple weeks from Dogs Doze. It looks like the long range weather is good for the Run. I hope every member will show up and support the club in this endeavor. If you have not register for the meet call Jim Hinner, and let him know. We will need some help with the meet, so please contact Jim and offer some time.

We will be serving evening meals on Friday and Saturday evening. These will be catered by Ervin Tulloch father law and it has been promised that they will be great. Saturday will be the Director Breakfast which will cooked by your directors; this will be a free meal for all that there. We will be serving between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 AM.

The track improvements for the year are nearing complete. The McCain Station has a new look and will handle the public better than in the past. We will be able to test it at Heartnut in September.

Dave

The Aug .15, 2009 Meeting will be held in our building at the track
Come join us the meeting will begin at 10:00am, .
This is Your Club, Take Part in It.



From your president.

**Important dates-Dog Daze Inv. Meet Aug. 14-16
Heart Nut Festival Sept. 11-13**

My thanks to the people that have been working hard on getting many of the track improvements done in the last few months. While there is still several things to be done to complete the list of things we wished to accomplish this summer, but many has been completed.

I hope that you plan to join in the play time this month. We will be hosting Our Dog Daze meet and with your help it will be a great time for all. Plan to work some and then play more at the meet. I am sure that there will be good food and fellowship.

We plan to check out the tent on Wed the 12th to repair and make sure that we have everything that we need to set it up Thursday (help will be needed and well used for the big tent assembly) I expect that some people will begin to show up on Thursday for the meet and be staying threw Sunday, we will probably take the tent down on Monday and store it back in the warehouse.

Hope to see you all at the meet

John

The new keys will be swaped starting Aug. 12 as you trade in the old ones.

ILSRR Track Maintenance Report, July 2009

by John McDaniel ILSRR Track Maintenance Foreman

High Priority Tasks:

Task #1 (McClain Station)

- fencing completed and Mulch has been added to general areas
- additional grading has been done to direct water runoff
- additional work has been done on the passenger walkway
- drainage grates are still needed.

Task #2 (Widening of Roadbed)

- approximately 40 railroad ties have been transported to appropriate track locations
- both sides of the south approach to Potter Bridge have had ties cut in. Placement of needed fill dirt and ballast has begun
- the southeast side of Woods Wye is now operational thanks to placement of needed fill and ballast
- placement of additional ties at Woods Wye has done (along with some fill and ballast)
- placement of ties near Broken Toe bridge/trestle done (along with some fill and ballast)

Task #3 (Painting Broken Toe Trestle & Bridge, Hog Bottoms Trestle, and Walnut Trestle)

- some guardrails painted , still much to do.

Task #4 (3 New steaming bays have been made permanent)

- Electricity needs to be added

Section Reports:

Broken Toe: Dave Kirch - multiple loads of ballast spread. Ballast on Summit Siding will be done after vertical curve work

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Furnas Mill: Bob McGregor- NO REPORT
Hadley East: Jerry Hoffman- NO REPORT
Hadley Mid: Goins, Dan- NO REPORT
Hadley West: Cochran, Clarence NO REPORT
Kansas: - Dan Racke -switches oiled
McClain: Huzenga, John
 - switches oiled

Nebo North: Herman, John- all mounds of ballast have been spread

- weeds sprayed

Nebo South: Hinner, Jim- NO REPORT

Pisgah: Lane, Brad- ballast spread

- switches oiled

Potter: NO REPORT

Prairie: - all remote switch stands now meet 24' setback standard

- switches cleaned of growth and oiled

- approximately 100' of ties treated

Snake Tree: NOTHING TO REPORT

Walnut: - needed switch ballast placed

- ROW mowed

General Maintenance:

Weed Control: Current approach to weed control is improving.

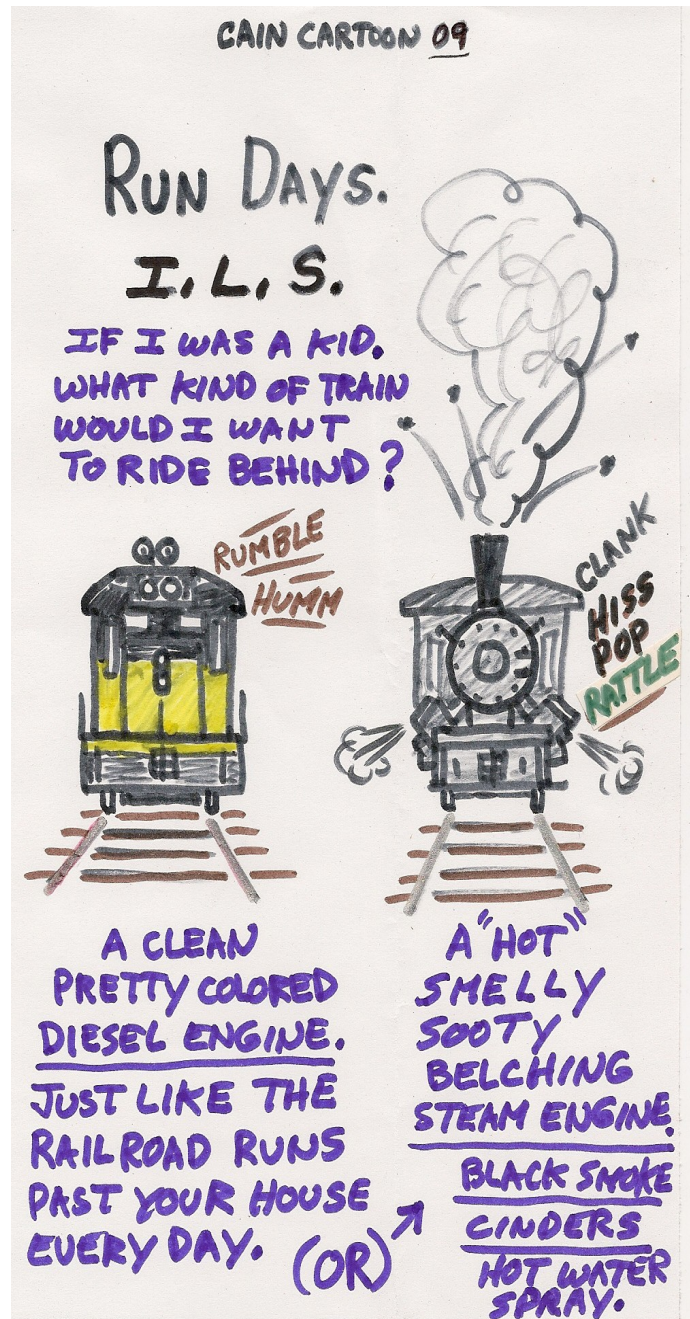
Corrective measures still are underway to prepare for Dog Daze Meet.

Mowing / Trimming: -

- Much mowing and trimming
- Will need work again before Dog Daze
- switch maintenance and removal of debris at multiple locations

Maintenance Note: Woods Wye between Switch 026 and Switch 046 is now operational.

End of report



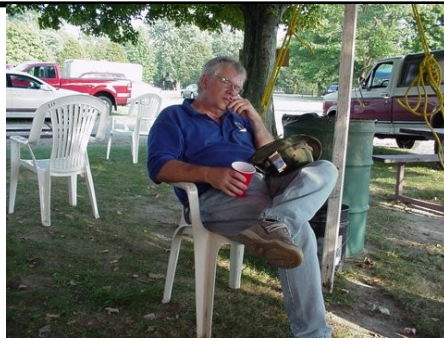
CAUTION

Rule of The Month

Visiting Engineers will be issued a copy of the ILS rule book. S/He will read and sign the book as acknowledging that understand and will obey the rules. Then an ILS safety committee member may pilot with the visiting engineer, as an observer to determine that s/he has the basic skills to safely operate on the track. The safety committee member then may sign the visiting engineers rule book authorizing the independent operation on the track and shall file the signature page with the safety committee chairman.

The Pop-Valve editor request ideas for articles. I'm looking for members that would like to spotlight their projects both in progress and finished. Please feel free to e-mail or call the temporary Pop-Valve editor with your ideas.

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Remember coming to enjoy our 50th Meet in 2007. Enjoying running the trains, sharing information with other train buffs, and the good food. We will be setting up Thursday. Help and volunteers will be appreciated. Contact Jim Hinner if you are able to help the hosting duties.

Remember when-



Summer 1999 Starting the New Track Site



Summer 2002

2004

2005



Nebo Track 1995

GATS 1996

Heart Nut 1998

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August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8 Work day</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13 Dog Daze Setup</i>	<i>14 Dog Daze Meet private</i>	<i>15 Dog Daze No Public Run</i>
<i>16 Dog Daze</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23/30</i>	<i>24/31</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 Work day</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11 Heart Nut</i>	<i>12 Heart Nut</i>
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ILS Minutes of July 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order by president John Herman at 10:00 am.

A voting quorum was determined to be present.

There were no guests.

The secretary's report was approved as published in the Pop Valve.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Clarence. It was discussed and filed for audit by the president.

The corresponding secretary handed out some club newsletters.

BOARD SESSION

1. John McDaniel did a report on track work. Furnas Mill, Kansas, and Snake Tree had no work done this month. Nebo North and Pisgah had ballast work done. Nebo South has some ballast work done with more to go. McClain has the fence installed, drains added, and grading of the dirt has been done with drainage established to the north. Potter has had weeds cut. Walnut has been mowed and the switches have been ballasted.
2. Please sign the work sheet when you work so the park can know the extent of the work we do.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SESSION

1. No report on train storage.
2. The south approach to Potter needs fill to widen the roadbed. The hand railings on bridges and trestles need paint.
3. Dan Racke reported the signals are working.
4. Brad Lane noted that trains descending from Pedigo Bridge have the right of way.
5. There was no steam power report.
6. Dan Goins had no report.
7. Jim Hinners needs help on Thursday morning to put up the tent.

OLD BUSINESS

The locks are ready and new keys will be issued when you turn in your old key.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Brad Lane and seconded by Jim Hinners to purchase ballast, a load of No 8's and a load of No 11's, up to \$700. The motion passed when put to vote.
2. The train show will be Sept 26 and 27 this year.
3. Insurance will cost \$2886 this year but we do not have the new policy yet.

John McDaniel's made a motion to adjourn, a second was given by Bill Lesburg, and the meeting came to an end with all in agreement.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Herman, Jim Hinners, Jerry Hoffman, Dave Kirch, Bill Lesburg, Charley Robbins, Don Cain, Jim Eaton, Terry Gilmore, Dan Goins, Joe Hudson, Brad Lane, John McDaniel, Susan Mc Daniel, Bob McGregor, Paul Nelson, Dan Racke, Don Smith, Ervin Tulloch