

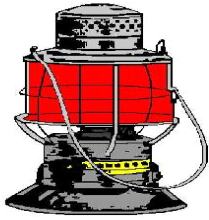


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## The Pop-Valve

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### From your Chairman

With July we are 5 weeks from our fourth annual Dog Daze Run. I would like those members and guests that are coming, to go to compete reservation form and mail it to Jim Hinner before July 31. Post cards have been mail to all those who attended the last two runs. We are planning a Parade of Locomotives on Saturday, which will be video taped for posterity. It would be nice in few years to look back and see ourselves. There will be meals catered Fri. evening & Saturday evening, I am planning a light breakfast Sat. morning, this will be provided by the Directors.

Track upgrades are moving forward, if you have not helped yet, why not? It's everyone's track. The McClain Station work is moving toward completion, all that left is to mulch the area under the trees. There is a **track section report** included in the Pop Value this month. If your section is on it you need to see to those corrections. Again, call your section mates and get together on the jobs to be done. Get it cleaned up and you wouldn't be on next month's report...

The last major improvement I would like to see this year is the painting of the bridges' hand rails and installation of caps in the tube ends. There is now an Activity Sign in Sheet, with everyone's name on it. When you do any work at the track for the club on site, you need to record your hours. This will be used to give the Park Board some idea of the Man Hours the Live steamers put in. That will help us show them what our impact is on the park.

Remember if you would like to see some bylaw changes contact that committee member.

If you missed the pitch in last month, you missed a good time. I thought we should do it again this month. This time I would like members whose last name start with A – H to bring a main dish. All others to bring a side dish, salad, or desert. Club will supply the drinks.

Dave

The July 18, 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**

Another month is upon us and the Track is looking better all the time. But, there is still much to be done to have it ready for the Dog Daze run. Your participation is valued and necessary to have a successful meet and finish the tasks that are still undone. Remember to register before the end of the month.

This Pop Valve includes the track maintenance report from John McDaniel by section that still need to be worked on and the registration form for the Dog Daze meet. Copies of the registration form may be found on our website and will be at this months meeting. We need to concentrate on bringing our sections up to snuff (mine included), weeds out, ballasting done, road beds widened, painting completed, and vertical and horizontal cross elevations corrected. The more members involved, the less effort each of us are required to do.

We will be changing the locks at the track and new keys will be issued. They will be numbered and registered to our members. This will make it easier with all locks opened by key. We will collect the old keys as the new ones are passed out.

Again many thanks to those people who have devoted many hour of work to the improvements that have been done south of Potters Bridge, the Woods Wye and other locations.

**John**

Track Inspection, July 1, 2009

On July 1, 2009, a complete track inspection was performed by: John McDaniel, John Huizenga, John Herman, and Dave Kirch, with the following items noted by Section:

**Broken Toe: Dave Kirch**

- several locations with vegetation encroaching on the ROW
- ballast needed, especially in the Summit Siding area
- multiple rail joints with slip joiners
- vertical curve (dip) just east of Walnut Trestle

**Furnas Mill:**

- severe weed overgrowth south of bridge
- cross-leveling needed throughout section
- track immediately adjacent to south end of bridge is floating
- spur needs ballast
- positive stop needed at end of spur
- insulating rail joiners at mainline end of spur need joint bars, track is kinked
- diamond need ballast

**Kansas: Dan Racke**

- ballast needed south of road crossing
- dutchman south of crossing
- ballast needed north of road crossing

**McClain: John Huizenga**

- multiple rail joints with slip joiners

**Nebo North: John Herman**

- piled up ballast needs to be spread

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**Nebo South: Jim Hinner**

- piled up ballast needs to be spread

**Pisgah: Brad Lane**

- multiple rail joints with slip joiners

**Potter: Bill Lesburg**

- multiple rail joints with slip joiners
- cross elevation
- several locations with vegetation encroaching on the ROW
- south approach to bridge needs fill and ballast

**Snake Tree: Charley Robbins**

- multiple rail joints with slip joiners
- several missing ties and tie plates, especially near rail joints
- excessive rail gaps
- large portion of Woods Wye needs ballast
- switch 026 does not operate reliably, track is low at switch actuator rod mid-bearing
- switch 066 need ballast under switch points tie

**Walnut: Ervin Tulloch**

- switch 025 need ballast under switch points tie

**General (all sections):**

- excessive/insufficient rail gaps. Spreading of gaps will readily correct most of these problems
- check ROW for hanging/dead branches and trees
- check remote switch stands for compliance with 24" setback from track centerline, and correct as required. Note: 24" is to closest part of switch stand mechanism, which is typically the base end of the switch operating lever arrow.

**End of report**

by John McDaniel  
ILSRR Track Maintenance Foreman



**CAUTION**

**Rule of The Month**

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All Trains with passengers occupying more than two cars and with more than eight passengers must have a conductor on the rear of the train to promote passenger safety. Engineer and conductor must have a means of communication via 2-way radio or whistle.

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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**Third Annual  
Dog Daze of Summer Run  
Aug. 14, 15, and 16, 2009  
Come enjoy the Fellowship and Run Your Train  
Registration Form**

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to Arrive on Friday, Saturday, Other, (Circle answers)

I will be alone. Yes No /or I will have \_\_\_\_\_ people with me.

Include names: \_\_\_\_\_

I will have a locomotive with me. Yes No

If yes: Type – Electric, Gasser, or Steamer.

Name of Engine- \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Train I am Bringing; (total footage) \_\_\_\_\_

I will be camping Yes No (Plenty of tent space available)

I will need power. Yes No I will need water connection. Yes No

(Hook ups are limited) **(Note: 1<sup>st</sup> Come, 1<sup>st</sup> Served)**

Registration Fee: \$5.00 per person. (for the meet)

2 Catered meals Fri Eve. and Sat. Eve. \$15.00 per person

Total Amount included: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Registration Form To: **(By July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009)**

Jim Hanners

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For more information see web site.

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## July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Meeting 10:00 am in Our Building
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## August 2009

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

# ILS Minutes of June 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by president John Herman at 10:03 am.

A voting quorum was determined to be present.

Jim MaHoney was introduced. He is Erv Tulloch's father in law and will be doing the cooking for our August invitational meet.

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

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

The corresponding secretary was absent but did send along some club newsletters.

## **BOARD SESSION**

1. John McDaniel did a report on track work. The station fencing is nearly done, some ties have been placed at the Woods Wye so it is ready for fill dirt, and many sections have been worked on. However many sections have had nothing done to them and there is only two months before the invitational meet when it all needs to be done.
2. Dave Kirch is going to check into Crown Vetch for the hill and track side sloping fills and requested anyone with experience to talk to him.
3. John Huizenga made a motion to spend \$200 to rebuild the Southern Pacific's engineer's car to prevent the derail problem it has. Dan Racke seconded the motion and all agreed when put to vote.
4. The lock motion from last month did not provide sufficient funds to cover the actual cost of the 10 locks and 60 keys so Dave Kirch made a motion to add \$31.39 to that motion to cover the cost of the locks. Dan Racke seconded it and all approved when asked to vote.
5. Jim Hinner gave a report about the invitational meet. He will have a web based printable sheet for all members to fill out and return for club member registration. Those forms are due back to Jim by July 31<sup>st</sup>. He is asking for help to get the tent set up on Thursday before the meet.

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SESSION**

1. No report on train storage.
2. John McDaniel gave all his report during the board session.
3. Dan Racke reported the signals may not work today as he had a circuit board blow out. If they are not working he will man the switch for running the reverse order.
4. Brad Lane has a safety observation that he sent to several club officers and it will be published in the Pop Valve next month for all members to note.
5. There was no steam power report.
6. Dan Goins reported the frig is stocked. Jerry Hoffman supplied several soap refills.
7. The grounds and maintenance director was absent.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The locks will be ready as soon as the extra money approved today is allocated.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Betty Lime donated an old trolley money box that John had. She also donated John's communication radio.
2. Brad Lane suggested the club make a board posting the run days and times in the club house window so folks walking up can know when we are available. He has noted several folks commenting they did not know when we were at the track.

Dave Kirch made a motion to adjourn, a second was given by Jim Hinner, and the meeting came to an end with all in agreement.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Clarence Cochran, John Herman, Jim Hinner, John Huizenga, Jerry Hoffman, Dave Kirch, Dick Bray, Jim Eaton, Ron Gaertner, Terry Gilmore, Dan Goins, Dave Jones, Elaine Kirch, Brad Lane, John McDaniel, Susan Mc Daniel, Bob McGregor, Paul Nelson, Dan Racke, Peggy Racke, Andy Russell, Don Smith, Dave Swann, Ervin Tulloch, Tom Wade, Larry Walters