

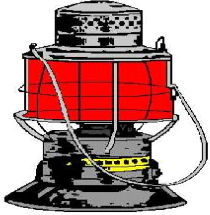


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Stops Along The Way

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From your Board Chairman.

Well May is here with the rains, I hope we will see many dry weekends this year. Last year was a total loss.

I would like to thank all those who worked the track for the club over the weekend. Two groups of guests showed up, to enjoy our hobby. It is important that we engage the community, goodwill will go far to keep us in good with the community.

I will be looking for a verbal and written report from all track section leaders at the meeting this month. It is important that track section group get together and work as a group to maintain their section. If you are a member of a section gang, and all members are, you need to keep in contact with your section leader. Call and ask when and what needs to be done.

Many hands will make short work of the monthly maintenance needed to keep our track in tip top shape. I will be asking for written reports from all committee chairmen, so be prepared.

We have a co-chairman for the monthly pulls, I would like to thank Jim Eaton and Dick Gray. I know they will appreciate your help. This a demanding job.

I would like for some members to look at places to add stud sidings for spotting cars. We will be need them in the future to run a fast clock type train run. I believe it would be fun actively in the future.

See you at the meeting on the 16th.

Dave Kirch

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**The May 16 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 an active role in its operation..**



From your president.

Another month is upon us and there is still much work that needs to be done at the track. I have seen a few of our section leaders at the track working on their section, but many of our sections still need to be brought up to our safe standards. Several members have been spending much of their time at the track working on their sections and other areas. Some of the curves have been corrected, some mowing done, spraying has done, and some of the repairs of equipment has been done. We have dirt to move, ballasting to be done, cross elevations to be corrected, and much general maintenance.

There is painting of several items to be done and the materials are at the track ready to be used. There are tie bars to be installed with the nuts and bolts available on the shelves. I expect a report to be given to John McDaniels before the May meeting by each section leader. We need to know what is being done in each section.

We have had a visitor The Illinois Live steamers and visitors from the NMRA Tour Saturday May 2, and the Edinburg Correctional Facility staff and family members on the 3rd. I wish to thank those members who were there to supply rides and cover the work that goes with these runs. Saturday and Sunday we had 2 steamers and the club engines running. Thanks to Bill, Charlie, Dan, Peggy, Dick, Erve, Walker, and Brad.

Hopefully we can get the maintenance caught up and can start playing more and sharing the enjoyment of operation, conversation and information sharing.

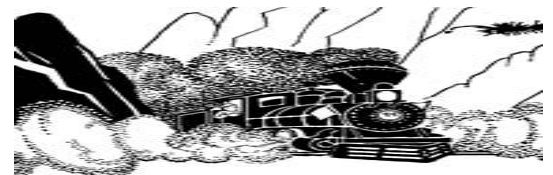
Again thanks to those working but shame on those who have not found a way to help out our group.

John Herman,

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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Sections needs to be inspected before operation on the track. Switches need to be checked and set in the correct positions and the track cleaned and joints spaced correctly.



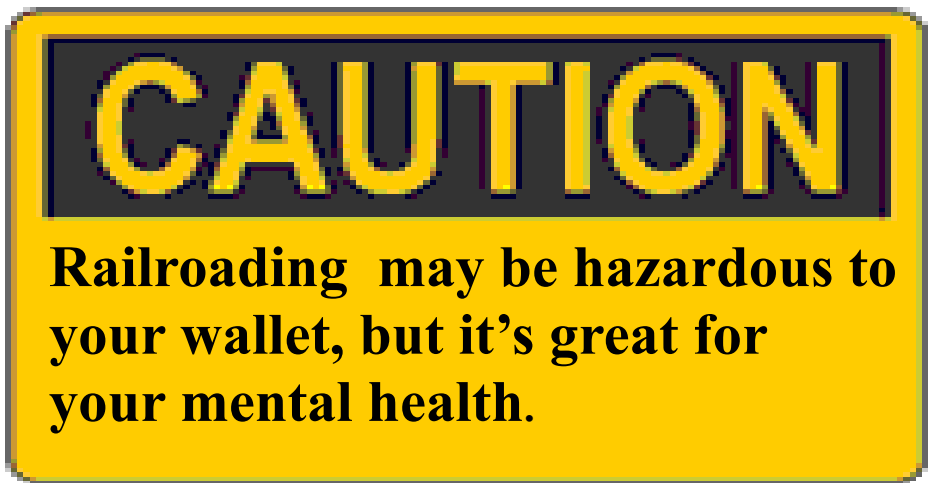
Member Projects



Paul Nelson With the Cattle car that he built this winter.

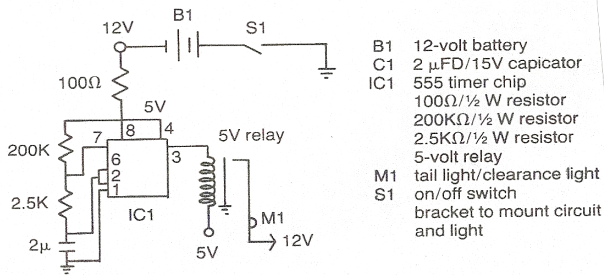


John Huzinga and John McDaniel testing out their vertical boiler Simple steamer on its first outing. On the rather chilly morning of April 20, 2009.





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FRED — Flashing Rear End Device

Most railroaders know what the FRED is. The one way to say it, a flashing light fixture attached to the end of the train warning any locomotives that might be following.

For modeling purposes the FRED can easily be constructed with parts from Radio Shack. You will need a clearance light and a 12 Volt miniature light from a local hobby dealer.

The flasher is assembled on a perforated board and mounted in a project container, then mounted to the light and a plate. This assembly is secured with some type of a clamp to the coupler of the last car. Some hobbyist have mounted the FRED to the coupler using a 2" muffler clamp, but it can be secured by a method of your choice.

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May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Guests at track</i>
3 <i>Guests at track</i>	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Work day mowing and maintenance.</i>	9 <i>Work day mowing and maintenance</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Run day Meeting will be at 10:00 am in Our Building.</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

ILS Minutes of April 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 visitors.

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 announced that the Edinburg correctional facility picnic will be May 3rd and we will be giving rides. The NMRA will be at the track site May 2nd from 11:00 until 4:00 and again we need to give rides.

BOARD SESSION

John Huizenga made a motion to purchase a load of ballast, washed No 8's at a cost to not exceed \$400. Dan Racke gave a second and all members approved when put to vote.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SESSION

John McDaniel presented the status of the storage tracks. All tracks are rented and all moneys have been paid. All renters are in compliance with the bylaws. Pete Pedigo mentioned that he had never been compensated for his lost track so his rental fee will be applied to cover the cost of his dues for 2010 and 2011.

John McDaniel then presented the track maintenance report. The list of projects for the year has been decided and much progress has been made on the drainage situation at the station. Roadbed widening is the next highest priority and 60 RR ties along with steel Tee posts to lock them in position will be used to anchor dirt fill to widen the narrow road beds. Ballast will also be needed to bring the grades up next to the track. The total for these measures is about \$1325.

Dan Racke reported on the signal situation. He has run permanent power to the single track signal box so the lights all come on now when the block is activated.

Brad Lane reported the new safety books are here and each engineer needs to check with him before operating today. He asked us to use the conductor whistles, to sign the waiver book for the year, and look for our name tags in our mail slots.

Dave Kirch reported three boilers were tested yesterday. They all passed!

Dan Goins, the commissary director, reported the first aid kits are updated.

The grounds and maintenance director was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

There was some discussion about the changes to B1 form, particularly around the equipment inspections. It was suggested we could start with simple inspections and add to those as new standards are finalized. Nothing was finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance will be investigated for possible coverage for members and their equipment.

Bill Lesburg made a motion to purchase materials for road bed widening at a cost of \$1325 for ties, posts, and ballast. A second by Dan Racke and a confirming vote by the members approved the measure.

Dave Kirch, COB put out a general request for a donation of an out building to store working supplies.

John Herman presented the costs for a second set of dirt haulers for the roadbed widening project. Brad Lane then made motion to approve \$150 to build those haulers. John Huizenga made the second and all agreed when put to vote.

Bill Lesburg made a motion to adjourn, a second was given by Brad Lane, and the meeting came to an end with all in agreement.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Clarence Cochran, John Herman, Jim Hinners, Jerry Hoffman, John Huizenga, Dave Kirch, Bill Lesburg, Pete Pedigo, Charley Robbins, Joshua Bowman, Dick Bray, Don Cain, Jim Eaton, Terry Gilmore, Harold Goforth, Dan Goins, Dave Jones, Brad Lane, Chuck Lane, John McDaniel, Susan Mc Daniel, Bob McGregor, Dan Racke, Peggy Racke, Andy Russell, Don Smith, Ervin Tulloch, Tom Wade, Larry Walters, John Young