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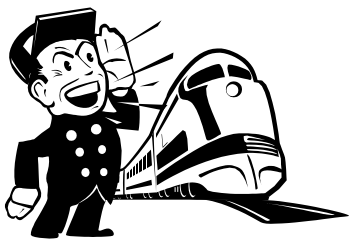
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### Keeping it on track.



## Chairman's Letter April

April is here so the time for chores and track work is here. It is time for everyone to check their section of track to correct changes from the winter weather. If you have some question about what to look for the track maintainer's book is in the building on the south wall. It will explain, with drawings what to look for and fix. I understand that work on the club engines is under way and they will be ready for work by May.

The building still needs to be cleaned up. The new fence project is under way and looks great, thanks to John Herman. Some of the membership, after last meeting got busy and clean up the storage yard, and Erv has been busy this spring, working around the track and has things looking good.

It is time to start weed spraying. There is 2 ½ gal. of Round Up in the building . Now the time to go after the ground ivy which is growing now is the best time to get at it. The club will need a new battery for the sprayer.

The meeting will be in the club building this month. I will not be at the meeting. Terry will be running the meeting for the first time. Go easy on him! There will be copies of the new By Laws at the meeting with New Folder for new membership only. If you are new and have not received your manual from the club, you can pick one up at the meeting. Please replace the old By Laws with the new ones.

The ladies are planning a meal for the meeting. There will be no public hauling this month, so there will be time check out the track and get everything ready for the new season.

Last Sunday I met with the President of the Nut Growers group and walked the area. He showed me around and we discuss what we have in mind. The meeting went well. They are clearing more trees out this month.

All the new Directors have new jobs under the new set of By Laws. If you are new to your directorship and need help understanding what your responsibilities, please email me or call, so we can talk and get you started with your directorship. If each director does his job, the system will work without much effort for anyone.

We will include a phone list of the directors in each newsletter, to make it easier to communicate. This Month we will need to get started on the repair of track panel jig tables, and the Rail Bender. I would like to see new panels in place by the May Run date. The Director of track needs to meet with knowledgeable members to discuss where to place test panels.

I hope to see everyone around the track in the next few weeks.

 David N Kirch

## ILS Board Responsibilities

### Chairman/President

Legal Agent, Daily Operations  
 Planning, Policy and Procedures  
 Dave Kirch 317-590-8766

### Vice President

Buildings and Structures  
 Train Storage and Maintenance  
 Terry Gilmore  
 317-885-8107

### Treasurer

Maintain Books and Membership  
 Roster , Collect Dues and Fees  
 Bob McGregor  
 502-495-1948

### Secretary

Maintain Records, Minute,  
 Archives and Report to State  
 John Huizenga  
 317-539-5088

### Safety Superintendent

Training and Certification  
 Steam Power Testing  
 Equipment, Signals and Rolling  
 Stock Inspection,  
 Dan Racke 317-523-1167

### Grounds Superintendent

Mowing, Trimming, Weed Con-  
 trol, Brush Removal, Landscaping  
 and General cleanup of areas  
 Ervin Tulloch  
 812-603-3210

### Track Superintendent

Maintain Right of Way, Sec-  
 tion Gangs, General mainte-  
 nance reviews of sections  
 Jim Eaton  
 813-546-0340

### Events Coordinator

Coordinate Public runs,  
 Member only events  
 Special Excursions

### Education Director

Public education and Training  
 Member Recruitment  
 New Member contact  
 Dan Goins  
 765-342-7069

### Public Relations Director

Pop Valve Editor  
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 Printing of club Materials  
 John Herman  
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The directors are responsible for the active organization and participation of each committee.  
 See the Bylaws for the specific responsibilities of the committees under each director.  
 These Directors are responsible to report monthly the progress of each area to the chairman.

### Members Health

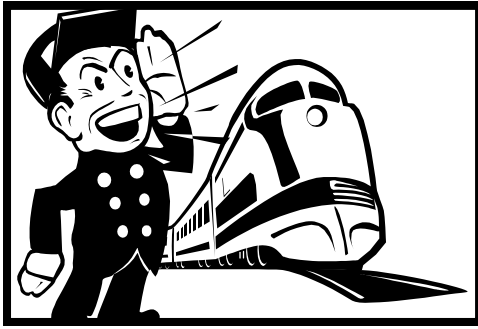
**Brad has been back in the hospital again they are trying to solve the source of his infection and pain. Please keep him in your thought and prayers.**

### General information-

There are changes coming up to the policy and Procedures. Please bring your Note-  
 books to the meeting for a New Cover page, with a copy of the By Laws, and any other  
 pages that need to be corrected.

Any Information that you wish to have in the Pop Valve it needs to be emailed or  
 received by snail mail by the first weekend of the month.

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**Important dates--  
Meeting At Johnson County in Our building  
April 16 , 2011 10:00 am**

## ILS Minutes of March 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Kirch at 1:00 pm.

A voting quorum was determined to be present.

The secretary's report as printed in the Pop Valve was approved with a motion by Terry Gilmore, a second by Dan Goins, and a vote by the members.

The treasurer gave his report and the president requested it be filed for audit.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

VP---Terry reported that Elaine has made some plans for meeting meals. She then made a request for members to give her feedback on the time of meals, after the meeting but before the public run or after the run. She also would like to hear about any special menus or dietary needs that folks have.

Grounds---Erv reported that Furnas Mill section has been mowed to clean it up prior to the start of growth of the Crown Vetch. He also repaired the rip rap along the ditch and cleaned up the debris caught at various places. He has painted the section sign posts as well.

Track S---Jim reminded folks that ballast is needed at the ends of bridges and trestles due to shifting of the ground over the winter.

Public R---The director was not present

### **Committee Reports**

Track storage---5 of the 6 tracks have had the rent paid.

Track M---no report other than reported above

Signal---the signals are working

Safety---By April the committee will have the certification forms done for all engineers and conductors.

Steam---Boilers will be tested in April.

Commissary--- No report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dave presented the facts around the new utility bill with the option of paying one lump sum or monthly installments.

Peggy made a motion that we go ahead and pay the \$1450 now since it would be slightly cheaper. A second was given by Jim Eaton and all members agreed with the motion when asked to vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

HMBD sent a request to quote to cover our insurance to the treasurer. After some discussion the treasurer was asked to follow up with them to see what that would be. They currently have our accident protection coverage for members working at the track.

Phase 3 discussion followed with three plans presented on the wall with large scale drawings. After some time a new suggestion was given and most folks agreed it was an improvement. The tunnel seems to be in every design. The new design allows the tunnel section to be done separately from the section in the nut groove. All the plans allow for public run days to exclude the phase three trackage so the run does not get too long. Terry Gilmore made a motion to extend the meeting with a second by Dan Goins and all members agreed. Discussion continued for some time.

Terry Gilmore made a motion to adjourn; a second was given by Jim Eaton, and the meeting came to an end with all in agreement.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Kirch, Terry Gilmore, Bob McGregor, John Huizenga, Ervin Tullock, Jim Eaton, Dan Racke, Dan Goins, Jim Hinnners, Jerry Hoffman, Georgia Bauer, Dick Bray, Clarence Cochran, Dave Jones, Elaine Kirch, Paul Nelson, Peggy Racke, George Raley, Jim Schulz, Tom Wade

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