

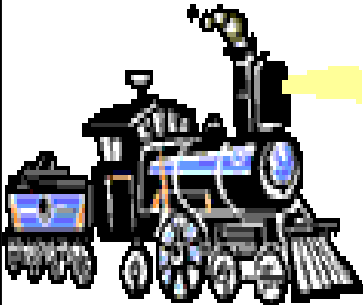


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### Keep it on Track and



Actively Running

### Chairman's Letter

Update on the Annual meeting. It was canceled for the lack of members. The weather (icy roads) was a factor and few members showed. However there was a nice discussion on a range of subjects, mainly track construction. We also check out the Columbus Railroad group's model railroad, which is in the back room of the office building.

On a sad note, long time member Harold Goforth has passed away last week. He was 94 years old. We have only seen Harold in the summer for the last few years. I believe the last time was Dogs Day Run last summer. I believe Harold was the longest standing member at the time of his death. I am not sure when he joined, but I believe it was in nineteen sixty. I believe that now makes John Huizenga the club's grandfather???

The annual membership meeting will held at the February's meeting February 18 at

1 PM. Meeting will held at the Park Office for the Election of directors and the annual budget. I hope everyone will try to make it.

There will be a winter work session on February 4 starting about 10 AM running until we are too cold to work. We are planning on heating some of the building for the day; hot coffee and Chocolate will be in order. Plans are to start panel construction and organizing the storage area. We will store three hundred panels. You need to understand where and how to organizing all those panels, so it stays organized. You need to try and make this session; there will be training on paneling, which components to use and your way around the building. Bring a drill and 1/4" and you will need #2 Phillips screwdriver bits for your drill. If there are enough members present we may try to set the gravel bin on its pilings.

In other notes, tree cutting has started in the Nut Grove by the power company, and switch components are being made. We are planning on 17 switches. The hope is to put in the McCain Station bypass this spring with a spur siding for storage. Kristy and Jay Petro, the graphics people will be at the meeting to take orders. Lastly I want to thank Dave Swann for his help in arranging the transportation of four tons of plastic tie for us at no expense.

"Thank You." It was a large saving. (0000)

The February meeting will be in the park office with the meeting starting at 1 PM for the benefit of long distance members..

Dave

**Projects to be done 2012**  
**Phase 3 Construction, Panels and ground work.**  
**Lighting in Nebo yard**  
**Set and prepare the Gravel Bin.**

## ILS Organizational Chart of the Board

### Chairman/President

Legal Agent, Daily Operations  
Planning, Policy and Procedures

### Vice President

Buildings and Structures  
Train Storage and Maintenance

### Treasurer

Maintain Books and Membership  
Roster , Collect Dues and Fees

### Secretary

Maintain Records, Minute,  
Archives and Report to State

### Safety Director

Training and Certification  
Steam Power Testing  
Equipment and Rolling Stock  
Inspection, Signals

### Grounds Director

Mowing, Trimming, Weed Control,  
Brush Removal, Landscaping and  
General cleanup of areas

### Track Director

Maintain condition of the Right  
of Way, Section Gangs,  
General maintenance reviews  
of sections

### Events Director

Coordinate Public runs,  
Member only events  
Special Excursions

### Education Director

Public education and Training  
Member Recruitment  
New Member contact

### Public Relations Director

Pop Valve Editor  
Web Site  
Printing of club Materials

These Directors are responsible to report monthly the progress of each area to the chairman.  
See the Bylaws for the specific responsibilities of the committees under each director.  
The director is responsible for the active organization and participation of each committee.

These positions are correct for the election this first year of the new bylaws.

**Vice president** - The Vice-President serves as the Buildings and Structures Superintendent and shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to maintenance and construction of ILS buildings and structures.

**Secretary** - The Secretary shall serve as the record keeper of all actions at duly called meetings, maintain a member sign-in/attendance roster, take minutes, reduce them to summary, produce a document for each, and have them published in the next newsletter.

**Track director** - The Track Superintendent shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to maintenance and construction of ILS track.

**Education director** - The Education Director shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining all public education programs pursuant to Article 1.0 and Article 2.0.

**Events director** - The Events Coordinator shall be responsible for all aspects of public, member-only, and invitational events.

### Nomination Slate -

**Vice Pres.** ??????????,

**Secretary** John Huizenga,

**Track superintendent** Jim Eaton or Dan Racke,

**Education Director** Dan Goins,

**Event Coordinator** Jim Schultz.

## ILS Minutes of January 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Kirch at 10:15 am.

A voting quorum was present among the directors but not among the general members.

Discussion was held about rescheduling the annual meeting since so few attended. It was decided to hold it at the next meeting, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

More discussion followed about the utilities we are paying. A decision was made to pay twice a year.

Discussion was held about the rail joiners we would be using on the phase 3 track. The choice would be the Roll Models joiners or make our own from 1/8 X 5/8 aluminum. No decision was made and will be continued at the February meeting. We now know we have two profiles of rail in stock and they are not identical.

The meeting adjourned to the warehouse where a decision was made to use a single tie offset at the end of track panels. The switches will be made to match.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Kirch, Terry Gilmore, John Huizenga, Jim Eaton, Dan Racke, John Herman, Jerry Hoffman, Dave Myrick, Don Smith, Tom Wade

### Remember

Harold Goforth with Howard his son on his last ride at the track at the Dog Daze Run.



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## February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Work day 10:00
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Meeting 1:00 Pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

## March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Work day 10:00
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31