

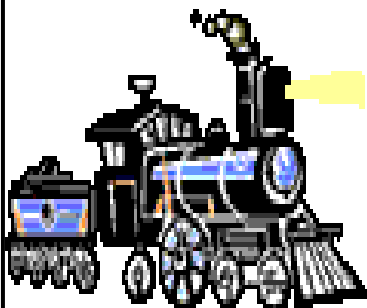


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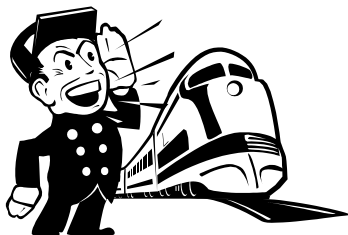
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### Keep it on Track and



Actively Running

### Chairman's Letter

Next month is the 150th Anniversary of Andrews Famous Railroad Raid during the civil war. Do you know anything about it?

We have been at the current track for thirteen years. We are starting to finish the original track design. Most current members were not present at our Golden Spike celebration ten years ago. Those of us that were, know that we have a very big job in front of us. I am sure that everyone can find some job to help. Work sections are set for every other weekend. We must not forget that we also will have normal track maintenance as well as hauling the public. **Everyone will be needed for the next two years.**

We will be starting again on the panel construction this Saturday, March 10. Start time will be around 9:30 am. The ties are to be exchanged early on Saturday morning. We need at least six people for a panel building work session. Come on over and learn how to build rail panels. You will need a driver drill or strong back. If you have neither, come anyway. There a need to clean up and organize the warehouse for our use. The day promises to be warm and pretty.

I know that most members are involved in some job for the club. If you are not involved, please know that the Club Directors are looking for help. Call and offer to help out. There is plenty of work and fun to go around.

**Storage Rentals are due the month of March. Annual Membership is due the first of June. If you are not renewing your membership, please return your key.** We spent three hundred dollars on new locks a couple years back The key is club property and must be return.

March Meeting will be at the Park office on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dave

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

These positions are the elected directors for this season.

**Chairman of the Board - Dave Kirch /elected 2011** - The legal Agent of the organization responsible for Daily operations. Planning, Policy and Procedures.

**Vice president - Brad Lane /elected 2012-** 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-John Huizenga /elected 2012-** 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.

**Treasurer - Bob McGregor / elected 2011** - Shall maintain the books, membership records and be responsible for the collection of dues, rentals, fees and Shall pay club expenses on a timely manor. He shall prepare a monthly report of expenditures and receipts and maintain within the budget.

**Track Superintendent - Dan Racke / elected 2012** - The Track Superintendent shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to maintenance and reconstruction of existing ILS track.

**Grounds Superintendent - Ervin Tulloch / elected 2011-** Responsible for the general supervision of the conditions of the areas around the track mowing, spraying, and cleanup.

**Education director - Dan Goins /elected 2012** - The Education Director shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining all public education programs pursuant to Article 1.0 and Article 2.0.

**Public relations director - John Herman / elected 2011** - Responsible for the coordination of the Web site , pop valve and printed materials of the organization.

**Events director - Jim Schultz / elected 2012-** The Events Coordinator shall be responsible for all aspects of public, member-only, and invitational events.

**Safety Director- TBA /elected 2011** - appointment pending. Shall be responsible for the testing of equipment , training and certification of members and systems used at the track.

## ILS Minutes of February, 2012

The meeting was called to order by president Dave Kirch at 1:00 am.

No visitors were in attendance.

A voting quorum was determined to be present among the general members and among the directors.

The secretary's report for November was approved as published in the Pop Valve by a vote of the members from a motion from Tom Wade and a second by John Herman. The January minutes were approved by a vote from a motion by Tom Wade and a second by John Herman.

The treasurer presented his report. The president requested it be filed for audit.

### DIRECTORS REPORTS

Train storage report---no report

Track maintenance---Jim reported the wrong ties were shipped to us and we will get them boxed and ready for return. Dave is in touch with the supplier to get this situation corrected.

Signals---nothing to report

Safety--- no report

Steam power---no report

Commissary and building---Terry is requesting paint for the doors on the clubhouse.

Grounds---nothing to report

Education---Dan is putting together an article for Outdoor Indiana magazine.

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## ILS Minutes Feb. 2012 cont.

### **ELECTION** (delayed from January due to poor weather)

John Herman presented the slate of nominations for the offices up for election and opened the floor for additional nominations. There were none. Dan Goins made a motion to close the nominations. With a second by Tom Wade and a vote of the members the nominations were set. Most offices were unopposed so the secretary cast the unanimous ballot for those offices. The other office was decided with a cast of secret ballots. The final result is as follows;

Vice President	Brad Lane
Secretary	John Huizenga
Track Superintendent	Dan Racke
Education Director	Dan Goins
Event Coordinator	Jim Schulz

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dave brought up the need to pay the utilities/rent to the park. He suggested we pay biannually and asked for a general vote from the membership. The vote result says we will pay biannually.

John Huizenga presented a quote for switch steel costs of \$2039.53. John Herman made a motion to spend that amount to build 17 switches. Tom Wade seconded that motion and the membership voted favorably when asked to vote.

John Herman presented a quote for the plastic ties to be used under the new switches of \$1349. Tom Wade made a motion to spend that amount on the ties and with a second from Jerry Hoffman and a positive vote of the members the motion passed.

Dave Kirch presented a bill for the truck rental to move the ties from southern Indiana to our track site of \$415.23. With a motion from Tom Wade, a second from John Herman, and a vote of the members the expenditure was approved.

A motion was made to extend the meeting and all agreed when asked to vote.

Discussion followed about the new track joiners with the result that a motion was made by John Herman to make our own joiners of 3/16" thick 6061T6 aluminum, with 4 holes of 1/4 diameter on 1" centers, and radii used on the top and bottom edge with a 5/32 radius cutter. George Raley gave that a second and the members voted positively when asked to vote.

John Huizenga made a motion to spend up to \$400 to purchase the aluminum bar stock for the rail joiners. A second came from Terry Gilmore and the members agreed when asked to vote.

Dave Jones asked the club to consider selling the gas powered welder to his son. Discussion followed but a price could not be established, however the club is willing to sell it as we no longer use it. Dave was asked to notify his son to see what he was willing to pay.

Dave presented the 2012 budget and much discussion ensued. After some time it was determined the budget was good and a motion from Dan Goins and a second from Tom Wade moved that it be accepted. The membership voted positively when the vote was taken.

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

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Kirch, Terry Gilmore, Bob McGregor, John Huizenga, Erv Tulloch, Jim Eaton, Dan Racke, Dan Goins, John Herman, Jerry Hoffman, Dick Bray, Clarence Cochran, Dave Jones, Elaine Kirch, John Napier, Lisa Napier, Paul Nelson, Peggy Racke, George Raley, Jim Schulz, Don Smith, Tom Wade

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## March 2012

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

## April 2012

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