

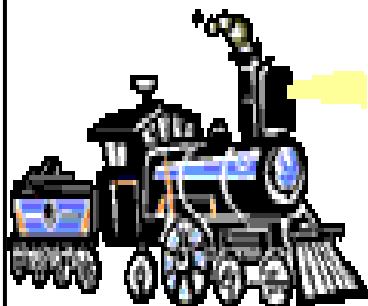


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Keep on Track and



Preparing Dirt for
the Phase 3 Roadbed

Director Letter

We have the Annual Christmas Party coming up December 2. The party will be at Miss Betty's Dinner Theater in downtown Trafalgar, In. starting at 4: 00 PM. I am hoping everyone can make it. There will be a buffet for dinner. There is a picture of Miss Betty's place in the newsletter. I need to see a "Large" turn out number of reservations by the November meeting. John Herman has finished the club Christmas train with a caboose car this year. Let's have a good turn out and some fun.

A work session was yesterday (11-03-12) at the park. Six members were there making 53 more track panels. We now have a compactor for our use on the right a way. Every thing is in place to built a railroad. Come down and enjoy some time with others, building the this phase to our track.

This railroad has never been named. I think it would be nice to have a contest for a name. We could set a date for members to turn in names. The club would then vote on a official name. We have some very creative and informed railroad "buffs" in this club. I think it would be fun for all.

I attended the November Park Board meeting. There will be a large number of changes coming next year and we will be seeing improvements coming in the next few years. It will start with a metal roof for the warehouse building we have been using for thirteen years. I will have more information in January.

We have a election at January meeting. We need to fill one vacant directorship and the normal rotation of directors. A slate will be presented in December as it is worked out.

I would like to thank everyone who has work hard to make last year a great and productive year. We are getting in the groove. Things are going every smoothly. I hope this will continue in the future. The only item that is not working well is the track section gang program. It is at most hit or miss, more miss than hit. I have spoken to our Grounds Director. He is very unhappy over the lack of upkeep by section owners. Too much has fallen on his shoulders. He has been picking up the slack. This must change next year. It is highly unfair. The membership need to come up with a program to use, if they do not like the current program. As membership grows the burden on everyone will lessen, so recruit

Remember, if you are not in the building - keep the bathroom doors closed. The electrical heater will run constantly if the doors remain open.

The next four meeting will be in the Park Office Building on 30th Street, here in the park.

Thanks for a great year. Dave Kirch

Projects to be done 2012
 Maintain current tracks and facilities
 Phase 3 Construction, Panels Bridges, and ground work.

ILS Minutes of October 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Kirch at 10:00 am.

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

The minutes were determined to be acceptable as published in the Pop Valve and a motion by Dan Goins, a second by John Herman, and a vote of the members approved them.

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

No visitors were in attendance.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Train storage report---No report

Track maintenance---No report

Signals---No Report

Safety--- No Report.

Steam power---No Report.

Commissary and building---No Report.

Grounds--- After bringing us up to date on the mowing and normal work he has done, Erv announced he will not be running for the position of grounds next year.

Education---Dan reminded us of the two excursions scheduled soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Dirt has been added to the right of way in several locations and the need for a plate compactor is immediate. Dave asked members to be looking for a used one we could purchase.

The Christmas party is coming up on December 2, a Sunday, from 3:00 until 7:00, at Miss Betty's in Trafalgar. The cost will be around \$20 per person and the moneys should be paid at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave reminded us that it is time to update the master plan for the ILS and asked members to be thinking of changes to be made to that document.

Phase 3 construction was discussed a bit with the notable portions being the need for a drainage tile to be added to Walnut to reduce the standing water after rains. Mention was again made of the need for the plate compactor with Dave's suggestion being that club members check their local tool rental shops for used units that we could purchase. Renting would be too expensive in addition to the inconvenience of picking it up and dropping it off for work days.

Some discussion ensued about a shelter house near our building so we do not have to put up the tent each year. The tent is starting to show its age and would need to be replaced in a few years anyway. Dave will have approximate costs for one of 24' X 30' size at the next meeting.

Dave initiated discussion about a membership drive and asked for ideas. There were several ideas but no direction was set at this time.

The treasury was suffered from the hot weather this year but the Heartnut Festival helped to revive the bottom line with lots of riders!

The Bob Cat shelter has been changed to a roof only structure set on buried posts.

Work session dates for November will be the 3rd and the 17th, along with the meeting. Others may be thrown in as fitting.

Oct. Min Cont.

There has been some talk about heating the building for winter meetings. Dave checked into propane heat and it looks feasible but no decisions were made to proceed.

Dan Racke brought up the deficiency in our directorship of a track superintendent. A special election will be held to fill that vacancy. When no one answered the call for a volunteer to accept such a position, the election could not happen.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Kirch, Brad Lane, Bob McGregor, John Huizenga, Erv Tulloch, Dan Racke, Jerry Hoffman, Dan Goins, John Herman, Dick Bray, Jim Eaton, Joe Hudson, Elaine Kirch, Dave McNeely, Dave Myrick, Paul Nelson, Peggy Racke, Tom Wade

Miss Betty's Dinner Theater in downtown Trafalgar



The cost twenty dollars per meal, it's a buffet. Two entree. Ham, Chicken and mash potatoes, dessert. Meet from 4 pm to 7 pm . 107 S Pleasant St. Trafalgar. More at our next meeting.

Election positions to be filled.

- 1 President/ Chairman
- 3 Treasurer
- 5 Grounds Superintendent
- 7 Safety Superintendent
- 9 Public Relations director.

Recommendations or volunteers for these positions are requested. Contact John H. or Dave K. with your help.

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November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thru	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Meeting 10:30 at track
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Dec. 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thru	Fri	Sat
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2 Christmas Party 4:00	3	4	5	6	7	8
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