

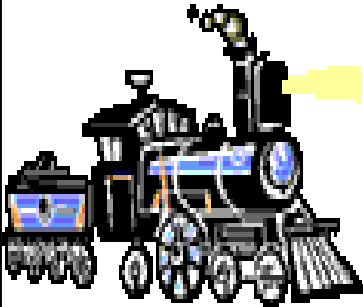


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Keep it on Track and



Running Smoothly

Director Letter for October

Our last public run is this month. Hopefully it will be warm and a pretty day. Heart-nut weekend turned out to be a winner for us. It may have been the best Heart-nut yet. Everyone that helped can be proud. We hauled fifteen hundred riders in two days. I want to thank everyone who was helping. The crew was small but finely tuned for the work at hand. The line was so long that people were waiting 30 min. or more at times. We had to shorten the route both days. People went away happy both days.

Joe's Bob Cat is on site and working. He has a very large pile of dirt built up on Harrison Street. Hopefully we can continue working for two more months or so. Later this year we will be building the two track bridge, so we can continue working on the track up to the bridge during this winter. I will be meeting with the park to discuss a storage building for the Bob Cat and other things this week. I am hoping with the money vote on last month, we can build a more permanent building. I will also be pressing for a shelter house for our use, the tent can then be put away for good.

The Christmas party this year will be at Miss Betty's in Trafalgar this year. She has a very nice place. It is set up just for our type of group. It will be Dec. 2nd at 3p.m. This is a Sunday afternoon and it such be over by 7 pm., which will let everyone get home at a decent hour. The cost is \$20 dollars per person. Please place your reservation by the Nov. meeting. It will be a very nice meal, Happy Hour, Entertainment, Gift exchange (\$10 Limit marked male or female) and fun, let make this a good event. John said the last car for the club Christmas trains are done. He is ending the train with a Caboose, looks very nice.

One last note, Clarence has had his cancer removed last Friday. I just received a call and he is said to have come thought it very well. Looks as if all cancer was contained and removed. He is in IC for a couple of weeks. After that he may get to come home if he can eat. It looks as if our prays were answered.

See all of you at the meeting which will be in the Cub house. The birthday run is this Saturday.

Dave

If you have any extra time for the ILS there are always panels to build even when its raining. We need about 215 straights and 85 curved panels.

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

ILS Minutes of September 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by vice president Brad Lane at 10:05 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 Tom Wade, and a vote of the members approved them.

The treasurer presented his report. The vice 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---The toilets have been cleaned.

Grounds--- Erv has continued spraying for weeds. He has also been working on the track at the approaches to the bridges to smooth up operations. Mowing has been ongoing.

Education---No grants are available at this time as we were late in applying. There are some excursions coming, October 6 is a birthday run and October 14th is a run for two stores, Imagination Station.

OLD BUSINESS

Sept 8th was a panel building day.

There have been several complaints about derailments in the south switch of the new passing siding and John Huizenga will take a look at it today.

Wrap up of Heartnut--- the run went smoothly and there were no complaints, other than the derailments at the switch.

NEW BUSINESS

The Christmas party will be December 2 with location to be announced.

Some discussion ensued about a shed for the Bob Cat and Dan Goins made a motion to spend up to \$1000 to build a shelter. A second by John Herman and a vote of the members and the motion passed. There was one member that abstained from voting.

Work days are scheduled for October 6 and 19.

Dave Myrick made a motion to adjourn, a second was given by Jim Eaton, and the meeting ended with all in agreement.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brad Lane, Bob McGregor, John Huizenga, Erv Tulloch, Dan Goins, John Herman, Jim Schulz, Jim Hinners, Jim Eaton, Don Fulk, Joe Hudson, Dave Jones, Dave Myrick, George Raley, Tom Wade

Happy People at The Heart Nut Festival



Thanks to all those members that were there working at the station, acting as Engineers and Conductors, Track repairs, and Greeting people to answer questions about our group;

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thru	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Birthday 2-4
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Meeting and Public run
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thru	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Meeting 10:00 No Public run
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		