

# French Creek Valley RR H. S.

## Minutes From 21 Feb. 2014 Mtg.

The meeting was called to order by President Bernie Hanmore at 6:35 PM.

Attendees: Bernie Hanmore, Denny Mead, Ed Cronin, John Snyder, Tom Stewart, Jack Sheets, Carl & Vanessa Timko, Tom Collard, and Bill McComas.

### Treasurer's Report:

Feb. expenses: \$76.94 sales tax for second half of calendar year 2013 (Jul.-Dec.).  
\$4.96 calendar shipping  
\$0.71 pay pal  
\$50.00 rent

income: \$18.50 on-line calendar sales  
\$60.00 MRC Dues and donation

### Committee Reports:

PR: Denny reminded us of the coming spring train show at Erie's Rainbow Gardens on Sunday, March 2. We will bring our usual assortment of club items for sale including calendars, magazines, train books, etc. John, Ed, and Bill have volunteered to transfer items to and from Erie. Carl advised of several more train shows in weeks following the Rainbow Gardens Show, including Parma, OH on March 8, and Kirtland, OH on March 15. Tom C. has received donations of Train Magazines (complete years), which he will make available for club sales. Ed said that calendars from 2013 (complete year) will be offered at a reduced rate at the Erie show. Pete Gifford thanked us for the \$50. donation in memory of his wife's passing.

Property and Equipment: Jack has ordered glass for the 518 engine cab, which we plan on installing ourselves. The company recommends that it be installed at temperatures above 35 degrees. (not a problem as we have to paint window frames prior to installing). The set of 4 pilot steps were fabricated by Fisher & Ludlow in Saegertown. The steps look very nice and are ready for installation. Denny has offered to write a letter- thanking Tom Landahl and the company for their generous efforts. Jack also reports that the city has given permission to remove trees or parts thereof if and when the Silk Road people deliver the wooden boxcar loaned to us from Lake Shore Railroad H. S. of North East, PA.

Museum: The Cambridge Springs Trolley Station has been transferred to the Heritage Center, although some money is still subject to court deliberation. We plan to have electricity at the site by March 1. The attic still has to have insulation blown in, and Bernie feels that the concrete floor should be covered with wood (over sleepers) for which he will take for action. Ed is considering several HVAC lash-ups for installation- an absolute must for insuring comfortable visitation. Future plans call for adding an HO Scale model of this Trolley Station to Erie during its heyday, including a second station which existed just to the south to handle arrivals from Meadville. Ed feels that the completed Station would be an excellent site for annual meetings as well as a tourist draw for art lovers. Dan H. would like to obtain the property in back of the station to construct a 30 x 100 foot, 2-story building for garage leasing to classic car owners. The classic cars could be put on public display during holidays. The second floor could be used to house model trains and other rail relics. Ed has temporarily insured the Station for \$80K.

Josh Sherritts, already a valuable tour de force for the CCHS, has joined the Museum Board. We

look forward to working with Josh. Ed suggests that we could begin working on display cases, which could be filled with train art and memorabilia for mobile display throughout the area. Ed also hopes we can eventually obtain a real trolley for display- possibly from the Trolley Museum or other facility.

Model Railroad Club: Tom's recent scenery workshop netted \$40, which he donated to the various layouts. He hopes to host additional workshops in scenery techniques (possibly under the lead of Al Notarione), DCC under Scott Wilson, et al. As to the Shops@the Bank Club layouts, Tom reports that the HO-Scale team is progressing well, and the N- Scale layout awaits Scott's hands-on efforts, while the TT- Scale guys are working on scenery. Tom has received bagged sets of Train Magazine by year, which he will donate for sale at Rainbow Gardens. Tom also has train videos, including "Mountain Grades B&O", "Conrail Hall of Fame", et al, available for loan.

Misc: ELHS annual Mtg. in Meadville still not confirmed.

Carl T. will need help later this spring/ summer in removing 12 5-drawer steel file cabinets from his Mother's home in Meadville to U.S. Bronze, second floor- each drawer estimated to weigh up to 80 pounds.

The next meeting will be March 20 at U. S. Bronze on Brake Shoe Rd., Meadville.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully, Bill McComas