



# The Second Section



Minutes from the September 20, 2012 meeting

President Bernie Hanmore called the board and general membership meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA.

Attending the meeting were Bernie Hanmore, Dennis Mead, Ed Cronin, Carl Timko, Bill McComas, Jack Sheets, Larry Johnson, Tom Collard, John Snyder, Denis Manross, and Tom Stewart.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Treasurer Ed Cronin disclosed the financial activities for the past month, including transferring the 518 Fund to the FCVRRHS treasury, to be used to pay the bills of the crane operator, trucker, and other expenses from moving the 518 to Meadville. Income from donations, membership dues, and funds from scrapping out some wire. Expenses were the model railroad club rent, permits to haul the 518, and the renewal with the PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations.

### *Model Railroad Club*

#### *Treasurer's Report*

Tom Collard released his report on the model railroad club's finances. Income was from the sale of used model trains. No expenses were reported. Members were thanked for providing time and material to build the

three scale model railroads. Track laying on the TT scale layout will begin soon. Ed Cronin was thanked for paying two-thirds of the rent. Tom Collard pays the other third through his store rent.

### *Committee Reports*

#### *-Property/Equipment-*

The 518 is expected to be moved on Monday, September 24 and Tuesday September 25. Preparations on the 518 will be on Sunday, the 23rd. Crews were to meet at Walmart at 12:30 p.m. to go up to Jefferson, OH. The 518 will be loaded onto Daily's Express's trailer after the crane removes the prime mover, generator, and other components, and switch out the trucks with AC&J's #107. Tuesday, the crane will unload the 518 and place it on the display track after placing the trucks on the track. The work is expected to start in the late morning or early afternoon. The hood, doors, steps, and other parts will be assembled in the spring. Used air brake tanks are needed, as the 518's set were kept by the AC&J Railroad.

The board was notified that a statement of ownership should be in hand before any work can be done with the tool car.

The signal mast and signal head are disassembled and being sanded and will be

painted later. The members in attendance discussed the signal number that will be placed on the signal once it is erected. The decision was to number it as 518-2. The board then discussed the plans for a concrete base for the signal mast.

Nate Clark notified some of the board that the Shenango steel truss bridge will see its last rail traffic on Friday, September 28. The new bridge will be in place and ready for traffic by October 1.

Markings around the crossing of the track on Spring Street extension indicate the track will be pulled. It was advised to contact Mark Turner of the Economic Progress Alliance about acquiring the track and the turnout that still sits just off the highway.

#### *-Museum-*

Northwestern Pennsylvania Railroad & Tooling Heritage Center president Ed Cronin noted that the Shenango Bridge "portal" should be arriving either late September or early October.

Board members of the Heritage Center are planning to travel to Roanoke, VA, to get a first-hand look at the former Erie Lackawanna SDP45 #3639. Ed said that the board may make an offer of \$15,000, with a cash advance of \$2,000 to hold the locomotive for one year. Within that year's time, the

board hopes to raise the rest of the money through grants and donations, and also start fundraising to build a new railroad switch onto the Heritage Center property. Discussions included determining the cost of a switch, which could be as high as \$40,000 uninstalled. Several grants were found by Heritage Center board members that could pay for the siding, either whole or in part. The Economic Progress Alliance was contacted about using the siding beside the former 84 Lumber. The Heritage Center has permission to use it with a six month notice required in case the Heritage Center has to vacate.

#### *-Historical/Archives-*

The 2013 Erie Railroad Historical calendar is ready to be printed. The back of the calendar is currently on hold until the 518 actually arrives at Pomona Park.

#### *-Public*

##### *Relations/Education-*

The Autumn 2012 edition of the "Valley Express" is to feature the 518's arrival on the front page. All articles and submissions should be sent to Bill McComas soon.

#### *-Special*

##### *Events/Programs-*

Tionesta Valley Productions will be filming trains and possibly

equipment at the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society of North East, PA on Saturday, September 29. They are also hosting a night photography session during their "24 Hours on the Shore" event. All are invited. Speeder car rides are available all day. A railroad lunch in the dining car will be between noon and 2:30 p.m. Caboose hops are at 3:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Also, the Northwestern Pennsylvania Railroad Telegraph Co. will demonstrate 100 year old equipment.

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of the Jamestown, N.Y. Gateway Station. The station is the former Erie Railroad station. Attend only by RSVP; the ceremony is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

One last Railfanning Day for 2012 is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the Painesville, OH depot along the ex- New York Central trackage, now operated by CSX. The address is 475 Railroad St.

It was noted that the owner of the American Viscose 0-4-0T #6, Scott Symans, is interested in finding a place to run the locomotive.

#### *-Model Railroad-*

The model railroad tour is still a work in progress. A schedule probably won't be decided on until after New

Year's Day. The tour wouldn't start until the spring of 2013. Saturday was proposed as an open house day.

The model railroad club has scheduled a work session for Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Progress on the HO scale layout includes starting to form the radius on the fascia. The TT scale layout is ready to have the roadbed laid.

A schedule for a work session on the Christmas layout, possibly on a day that the model railroad club would hold its own work session. The backdrop needs refreshed and a grade is slated for elimination.

Tom Collard proposed the idea of moving the layout into the Kepler Hotel as there is available space in the building.

There are several model railroad shows coming up in the near future. The NMRA, Division 4 is having their show at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fairgrounds are located at 164 Eastland Road, Berea, Ohio.

The train show at Erie's Rainbow Gardens is Sunday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rainbow Gardens is located on the property of Waldameer Park, just off Alternate Route 5 and W. 6th St., west of Peninsula Drive.

The FCVRRHS will have a table at the show. Any member interested in selling merchandise at our table, please contact an officer or board member.

The Conneaut Historical Railroad Museum will have its model railroad show on Sunday, November 18, at the American Legion, Post 151, located at 272 Broad St., Conneaut, Ohio. The show will open at 9 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 for adults; children under 12 years of age are free.

### *Next Meeting*

The next board and general membership meeting will be Thursday, October 18, 2012, in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA.



*518 lifted onto display area  
Photo by Dennis Mead*