



The Second Section



Minutes from the October 20, 2016 meeting

President Bernie Hanmore called the 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 and Vanessa Timko, Bill McComas, Jack Sheets, John Snyder, Stan Niwa, John Nagurney, Chris Manning, and guest Bruce Yatzer.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin read the balances to the members. He cited that there are thirty members who have yet to renew their memberships. Ed said he will send out letters to these members to remind them their memberships are past due.

Membership

Christmas Dinner menu

Reservations have been made to have the Christmas dinner at the Downtown Mall Bistro in Meadville, PA..on Saturday, December 17. It is requested that each member that plans to attend to please send your confirmation that you will attend to Carl Timko via email at blebuddy@yahoo.com or by phone at 814-853-3763. Also, for those members that do plan to attend the dinner, two entrees for each person attending must

be selected from the choices below. The two entrees receiving the most votes will be the choices we have at the dinner. You also will have a choice of one side from the potato list and one vegetable from the vegetable list. We will have a choice of salads at the dinner. The following entrees are what we have to choose from:

Swiss Steak, Baked Chicken, Lasagna, Baked Cod, Chicken 'n' Biscuits, Stuffed Pork Chops, Roasted Turkey with Stuffing, Pot Roast with Vegetables and Potatoes, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Chopped Sirloin with Gravy, and Baked Ham.

The list of Potatoes, Pasta, and Rice include:

Scalloped Potatoes, Au Gratin Potatoes, Parsley Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Potatoes, Pasta with Sauce, and Steamed Rice.

The list of vegetables include: California Blend (cauliflower, broccoli and carrots), Green Bean Almandine, Buttered Sugar Corn, Broccoli, Glazed Carrots, and Cauliflower.

Choose only two entrees per person and one vegetable and one potato (pasta/.rice) side. And please make your selections and inform Carl by November 17.

John Nagurney would like to invite the WNYPR Railroad's Brent Hornstrom to the

Christmas dinner.

Dennis Mead asked the board if they would like to grant Mike Vickey an honorary life membership to the FCVRRHS in appreciation for his work in publishing our calendar and his work with the stencil designs. Ed Cronin made the motion to accept Denny's proposal and it was seconded by John Nagurney. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Property / Equipment

The issue of ownership with the DL&W Russell snowplow has been resolved. The Myles Group wants a donation receipt for work that was done to the snowplow while they operated the Wellsboro & Corning Railroad. The FCVRRHS is to receive a letter of ownership of the snowplow. An application for a flat car will be resubmitted to TTX to transport the snowplow to Olean, N.Y. Williamsport Crane will be notified that the proceedings are back underway. A quote from Rick Rowlands will be acquired for his services to tie down the snowplow to the flat car for shipment. The plan is to ship the snowplow as soon as a flat car is available.

The boxcar project is progressing quite nicely. Two ends and one side have been painted, along with hardware

mounted on one side and one end. Roof walk boards were cut and coated with primer. They only need paint before mounting on top of the boxcar. Scaffolding is needed to pull the top sill board off and remove and replace the siding. John Nagurney said he would lend his scaffolding to the cause. A work session is scheduled for the following Monday after this meeting. Tuesday and Wednesday are possibilities, as well.

Attorney John Nagurney said he will contact a surveyor to measure the newly acquired property across the street from the display site.

The bell from the Erie Railroad 2-8-4 #3378 needs to be removed from the tool car by the city of Meadville.

Budget / Finance

Carl Timko listed the merchandise that is available for sale. The list includes 518 shirts, the remaining caboose shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, Erie Railroad books, 2016 and 2017 calendars, hats, polo shirts, magazines, and the inventory remaining from Tom's Train Terminal. Hooded sweatshirts are available, but must be ordered by notifying Carl and sending in the full payment.

Now that the snowplow project has resumed, fund-raisers will resume, including the Generosity.com fund-raiser. Donors can search for "DL&W Snowplow" or "French Creek

Valley Railroad Historical Society" when visiting Generosity.com. Donors who donate more than \$50 will receive a one-year membership to the FCVRRHS.

An opportunity to apply for a grant from the Crawford Heritage Community Foundation has presented itself. Applications are to be sent in by December 18. The board decided to use the grant, if received, on the snowplow project. A motion to apply and use the grant for the snowplow project was made by John Nagurney and seconded by John Snyder. The motion was approved. Ed Cronin said he already was in the process of writing the application for the grant.

Historical / Archives

Dennis Mead has found more information on the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad boxcar. He has found a total number of this type of car ordered and a total number of survivors at a certain period in time.

Guest Bruce Yatzer has donated a box of railroad rule books and paperwork that was given to him by the former owner of the Crossbow Inn. Many thanks to Bruce for adding these items to our collection.

Ed Cronin read an article from the Meadville Tribune-Republican newspaper dated June 3, 1947. The article is about an Erie Railroad train derailment at Mitchell's

Crossing, near Miller's Station due to a wash out. The paper was placed into the FCVRRHS archives.

Museum

The Northwestern PA Heritage Partnership has decided to build a full-size replica of a trolley car to be placed along side the trolley station in Cambridge Springs. The original plan was a smaller scale replica.

There is word that the trolley in Jamestown, N.Y. has only days to be moved from the former Erie Railroad Jamestown train station and needs a home very soon. It could be an opportunity to bring it to Cambridge Springs.

Displays will be needed for the trolley station's open house in a few months. Carl Timko said the Erie Railroad shop text book would be available as soon as he completes copying it. Cds will be available after this work is done. Members are to get a \$5 discount over non-members.

Public Relations / Education

The *Valley Express* Fall 2016 newsletter has been published and will be sent out to members very soon. There is one omission in the Contributions & Gifts column on page 2. Terry Martin and family should have been included and regrettably was not. Apologies to Terry and his family. He has contributed greatly to the FCVRRHS through his generosity and his work with the 518 and the boxcar.

The photograph of the Erie Railroad S2 #518 by Carl Timko has appeared on the *Trains Magazine* online newsletter "*News Wire*", the *Meadville Tribune* and the *Valley Express*. The photo was taken just after the last paint was applied on September 27.

The website of the FCVRRHS has been upgraded and is now online. It can be visited at www.fcvrrhs.org. New photos have been added and content updated.

The large HO layout will need to be set up during the days before Thanksgiving. The layout will be in the same store as last year, with the Local Artisans. The layout will be in the back of the store this time, though. After the holiday season, the layout will be transported directly to the trolley station to be set up in time for the open house of the trolley station in February.

Ed Cronin is writing a letter to Carl Belke of the WNYP Railroad to inquire about the possibility of a Santa Train this year to Meadville and Cambridge Springs.

Special Events / Programs

The Erie Lackawanna Historical Society has requested the FCVRRHS to set up hotels and a restaurant for their Spring meeting, planned to be in Meadville. After a long discussion about the rates of the area hotels and the time the members have to put towards this event, it was decided to

inform the ELHS that due to the limited amount of time that our members have to help with ongoing projects, the FCVRRHS would politely decline in hosting the ELHS Spring Meeting this year.

Train shows coming up are many and include the following: November 5 - Cleveland 2-Rail O Scale Train Show at Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Admission is \$7.

November 5,6,12,13 - Youngstown Model Railroad Association Open House, located at 751 N. Four Mile Run Rd., Youngstown, OH. Hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$4. November 6 - Erie Train Show, Rainbow Gardens, Waldameer Park, Erie, PA. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Also on November 6 is the Division 4 NMRA Model Training Day, Mid-Central Region at the Black River Landing & Transportation Center, located at 421 Black River Lane, Lorain, OH. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; admission is free.

November 6 is also the Model Railroad Flea Market, NMRA Division 1 show at the Akron Yacht Club located at 3575 South Main St., Akron, OH. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; admission is \$3. November 12 and 13 is the Greenberg's Train and Toy Show at the Monroeville Convention Center located at 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA. Admission is \$6.95 with advance tickets. The show has 500 tables according

to the ads. November 20 is the Beaver County Fall Model Train Show at the Monaca Turners, located at 1700 Old Brodhead Rd., Monaca, PA. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; admission is \$5. November 27 - Rochester Thanksgiving Train Show at the Eagle Club, located at 1200 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, NY. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA. See you there!



