



# The Second Section

Minutes of the October 19, 2017 Meeting



President Bernie Hanmore called the October 19, 2017 membership meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Springs Trolley Station, located along U.S. Routes 6& 19 in Cambridge Springs, PA.

Attending the meeting were Bernie Hanmore, Dennis Mead, Ed Cronin, Carl and Vanessa Timko, Jack Sheets, John Snyder, Stan Niwa, Dan Higham, Ron Stafford, Dave Ellis, Mike Lynch, and John Nagurney.

## ***Treasurer's Report***

The monthly financial status of the organization was presented by Treasurer Ed Cronin. The balances, income and expenses were read to the attending members. Income noted but not detailed were donations and dues. Expenses were for primer and paint for the boxcar, milling of the wood siding by Olan Wood Products, Mike Vickey Graphics for printing the calendars, CCCVB for printing the newsletters, and Carl Timko to buy postage to mail the newsletters.

## ***Committee Reports Budget / Finance***

The 2018 FCVRRHS calendars have been published by Mike Vickey, and are for sale. The calendars will be sold

for \$12.74, plus 6% PA sales tax, totalling \$13.50. Shipping will be extra. There were 60 calendars printed. One was sold and 15 given to Jack Sheets to sell for the organization. If you are interested, get them now, as we also will be selling them at the Erie Train Show on November 5th.

Jack Sheets has contacted Mark Galbo about surveying the property across from Pomona Park. Mr. Galbo's quote was \$1000 to \$1500. No word from Mr. Baker or any other surveyor as yet.

The Erie Train Show will be at the Rainbow Gardens in Waldameer Park, Erie, PA. The FCVRRHS, as mentioned above, will be there with 3 tables. We will be selling Mrs. Wayland's HO equipment that she is having the organization sell for her at the show.

## ***Membership***

Blaine and Zeph Lee are the newest members. They visited the caboos along with their grandfather in August.

As of the beginning of the meeting, there were still five members with unpaid dues.

The FCVRRHS received 9 boxes of old magazines from member Steve Timko, Jr. These can be sold or for reference for the members. They consist of *Trains, Railfan and Railroad,*

*Railroad, Passenger Train Journal,* and some *Canadian Railway Newsletters.*

Though, it was determined that the November meeting will be at the U. S. Bronze, the December meeting will be at the trolley station. This will be the Christmas get-together. Members can bring food or a dessert to share.

## ***Model Railroader***

The large HO layout could use some fine-tuning. There were problems last year with derailments due to the modules not lining up properly. Of course, if a venue isn't found soon, it will not matter much. All the Downtown Mall stores are filled. Jack Sheets is looking at possibilities at the Park Avenue Plaza and at the mini plaza behind Giant Eagle.

The day of the meeting, the layout was moved to the U.S. Bronze for storage.

## ***Museum***

Ed Cronin informed that the trolley replica project will begin soon. Volunteers are needed before submitting grant applications. Those that are willing to help in this two year program must be able to commit to a half-day per week to build a representation of a 4 wheel trolley that will be displayed

outside the station. It is planned to be used for childrens' parties. The replica will be built in phases from the ground up. Members volunteering so far are Ed Cronin, Dan Higham, Bernie Hanmore, John Snyder, Stan Niwa, and possibly Dave Ellis.

Ed also displayed merchandise that the Northwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Partnership is selling at the trolley station. For \$22, one can purchase a reprint of C.L. Siebert's book *Northwestern Pennsylvania Railway*. A booklet on the Edinboro Route is available for \$3 and a postcard is available for \$2.

### ***Property / Equipment***

The Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad boxcar project is closing in on the completion of its renovation. The remaining boards were received, primed then painted on one side. The other side will be painted the day after this meeting. The boards would then be installed probably next week. The remaining task is to rebuild the door, which might be done over the winter.

The owner of Over the Hill Trucking, Jim Lesiak is to meet Denny Mead at WNYP's Olean, N.Y. facility to look over their Russell snowplow to determine what needs to be done to lift and haul the DL&W snowplow. Dennis Mead says the current plan is to load the snowplow at Lawrenceville, P.A., then travel to Corning via Route 16, then

onto I-86 West to Friendship, where the snowplow would be unloaded onto a WNYP team track. The total trek would be around 60 miles. If absolutely necessary, the cupola on the snowplow could be cut off. Mr. Lesiak is to make the arrangements for any permits and escort service.

The three color signal is up and operating. A slight change was made. The signal had long lens hoods that made it difficult to see any signal light even when standing in front of it. The solution was to make shorter hoods. It works well and looks even better.

In case the organization does have a Santa at the caboose, the caboose should be wired so as to have lights on inside.

The lighting on the display is still uneven and may need one more light to light the darker spots.

A conductor's jacket was received from Mr. Milt Minor, who owned the jacket. It may be used for display.

Members learned that some display cases were available. It was decided to accept a five foot and two four foot display cases from the Downtown Mall, who said they probably would be trashed if no one took them. They were in the old Robert's Jewelry store, which moved to where George's Jewelry did business at the Park Ave. Plaza. The mall store is being renovated for the Drug and Alcohol Agency. A work session is planned for Tuesday to move them to the baggage

car for storage.

### ***Public Relations / Education***

The Fall 2017 edition of the *Valley Express* is published and has been distributed to the membership. The lead story is on the Rexall Train of 1936.

The caboose tour is closed for the 2017 season. There were 25 total visitors, which netted some sales and two memberships.

The WNYP board voted not to have a Santa Train this year due to disappointing attendance figures last year. If another Santa Train is ever scheduled, it will be planned to have Santa stop over to the caboose and greet the public there, instead of along the railroad, where people could be hurt.

### ***Special Events / Programs***

Those that are interested in attending train shows have quite a few to choose from.

November 2 - 4, the Fine Scale Model Railroader Expo 2017 will be at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA. For more information visit their website at [www.modelrailroadexpo.com](http://www.modelrailroadexpo.com).

November 4 at the Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, OH is the Cleveland 2-Rail O Scale Train Show, and the How to Build a Layout clinic. Both are open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The clinic is free, but the O scale show has a \$7 admission fee.

On November 5, the Erie Train

Show will once again be held at the Rainbow Gardens in Waldameer Park in Erie, PA. The show is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is \$5 for adults, seniors and students ages 12 to 18 pay \$4, and children under 12 are free.

Also on November 5, the NMRA MCR Division 4 will be hosting the Model Training Day at the Black River Landing & Transportation Center located at 421 Black River Lane in Lorain, OH. The event will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Admission is free.

On November 11 and 12, Greenberg's Great Train and Toy Show will be at the Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd. in Monroeville, PA. The show will be open both days 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 on Saturday, and \$9 on Sunday.

The Great Batavia Train Show will be hosted by the Genesee Society of Model Engineers on November 12 at the Quality Inn & Suites (formerly the Clarion Hotel), located at 8250 Park Road, Batavia, N.Y. The show is open 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; admission is \$5. To get there, take the New York Thruway and get off at exit 48.

On November 18 and 19, the Western New York Railway Historical Society will have a train show at the Event Center in the Hamburg, N.Y. fairgrounds. Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday's hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; admission is \$8.

The Beaver County Model

Railroad & Historical Society Train and Toy Show & Sale is November 19, at the Monaca Turners, located at 1700 Old Brodhead Road, Monaca, PA. The hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; admission is \$5.

The Train Collector's Association Thanksgiving Train Show is November 25 at the U.A.W. Hall, 5612 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, OH. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On November 26, the Rochester Thanksgiving Train Show will be at the Eagle Club, located at 1200 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors.

The Tiger Tracks Train Show will be on the Rochester Institute of Technology campus on December 9 and 10. The show is located between East River, Jefferson, and John Streets in Rochester, N.Y. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The Lakeland Community College will be the venue for a Christmas Toy and Train Show in Kirtland, OH. The show will be open 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; admission is \$6.

Don't forget to come up to Erie on November 5 and buy your new 2018 calendar while we have them. We have two 2017 calendars left from an order of 60. We are already down to 43 in stock.

### *Next Meeting*

The next membership meeting

will be Thursday, November 16, 2017 in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA. See you there!

