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The March 4th 2008 meeting will be held at Furr's 2004 Wyoming Blvd, Ne, Albuquerque, NM. At 7PM, please come early (6PM) to eat and enjoy the company!!
Map to new club location below!

Note: We will be loading up the trailer February 27 at apx 6:30 and if we are lucky and get the paper work done in time may be able to move a little. We must move by April 1st so we can use all the help we can get that Saturday. If we have more information before Wednesday I will put it out in e-mail.



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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Deadline for submission of articles and reports for inclusion in *Ntrakage Writes* is no later than the 19th of each month. This will allow enough time to get the newsletter distributed in a timely manner.

President's Lines — Jay Norman

Presidents Line – by Jay Norman

Well, just as we get settled in to a new club house, the space gets rented. We had about 6 weeks to play in the space at 5850 Osuna. The land Lord gave us some extra time, but we have to be out by the end of the Month. An again who comes though for a new space, Kathy. We got the word yesterday, 2/20/08, that we can move down the street into the space next to Laffts Comedy Club at 6001 San Mato, D-1. As I write this, we are working out the lease arrangements, and hope to be able to move this weekend. The new address has more space for a larger Layout. As soon as we get moved, Steve will work up a new plan. For this new location we will need to park in the back of the building just as we did at the 5850 Osuna location, as this is a busy Center. Wednesday nights run session will also need to park in the rear. Again a big **Thanks to Kathy**.

Our March Annual Regular meeting will be at the Furr's Family Dinning located at 2272 Wyoming, NE, Alb. NM, on March 4th, 2008, at 7:00pm. You need to get there early to eat prior to the meeting. March brings the end of our year with elections for a new President, Treasure, Secretary and one Director, Jack Dietz has agreed to run for President, Charlie Baker will run for another term as Treasure, Dave Turner will continue as Secretary, and Buzz will run as a Director, replacing Bud. If any one else is wanting to run for those positions there will be nominations from the floor at the March meeting, or let the Officers know so we can get your name on the ballot.

The March Officer meeting will be at the new Club House on Saturday March 8th, 2008, at 11:00 am.

We need to know who will be going to the Winslow, AZ. show in April by the March Meeting. We will be located in the Depot next to the Hotel. The dates are set up on Friday April, 25th, then run Saturday 26th, and Sunday 27th. We will have more information for the March Meeting.

Also, we have the NMRA Regional Show at the Marriott the week end of May 29th thru 31st, 2008. You will need to register for that event by the end of February, or the prize goes up \$10.00.

Last but not least, Dues will be due on April 1st, 2008.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Secretaries Report February 5th, 2007

Attendance: Charles Baker, Ted Brooker, Jack Dietz, Ed Duckett, Chris Friedmann, Chris Gutierrez, Buzz Lenander, Kathy Montoya, Jay Norman, William Randolph, Kent Shelton, Dave Turner

Meeting held at Club House at 5858 Osuna.

7:00 Call to Order, Jay Norman, President

Secretaries Report: Approved as published.

Meeting Minutes—continued

Treasures Report: Update by Charles Baker on current state of expenses and income. Approved

Officers meeting will be February 13th at 7 PM.

Announcement before rest of business meeting, they have leased this building so we are on the move again! John as a warehouse we will look at and there may be other locations we could look at. Again our housing sleuth Kathy is on the look out.

Old Business

1. March 4th annual business meeting will be either at Mimi's or Furs on Wyoming. Jay and Jack are checking out locations.
2. March business meeting will be held at which ever location mentioned above is selected. March Officers meeting will be at Annie's on the 8th. (Note, this could change depending on getting into a new location)\
3. We have the following members offering to fill positions for the next year: Jack Dietz, President; Charlie Baker, Treasure; Dave Turner, Secretary and Buzz Leander , Board. If anyone else would like to run for one of these positions, please come forward.
4. Work continues on rewiring modules. We need to decide which ones will be next. At this time it appears we are getting everything else done and the yard will be the last (and biggest) project.
5. Show operating documents are in the process of being reworked. Seems life and moving the club keep interfering with finalizing these.
6. Work continues on the new drawing module, we should have track work and ballast done this month. The roadbed is down and it was decided to use Peco track for the module. This module is based on the Model Railroader article in October 2007.

New Business

1. Area shows: Great Train Expo in Fort Worth and Phoenix in March.
2. Winslow Railroad Days April 25th through the 27th. We need at lease 10 members to make this work. We have a 26 x 41 foot space requiring at 3 foot aisle all the way around.
3. Albuquerque Railroad Days (Brian's Show) is set for May 17th. This is very close to the NMRA show.
4. NMRA Regional show May 29th thorough May 31st. Everyone needs to register and is costs \$10.00 more after February. . The link to their website is: www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/rarg
5. Bill Randolph is checking on a spare tire carrier for the club trailer so we will have additional room on the inside.
6. Kathy is going to check with John to see when we can look at the building by the Wyoming gate.

A big THANK YOU to Trains West for the door prizes!

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Dave Turner
Secretary, NMRR

Calendar for March 2008

March 4th General Membership meeting at Furr's on Wyoming at 7PM. Suggest you get there by 6 PM to eat and enjoy the fellowship!

March 8th Officers meeting will be at either Annie's or the new location. Depends on when we get into 6001 San Mateo.

Palo Duro Senior Center show March 13-15

Winslow Az Show April 25-27, 2008

NMRA Show in Albuquerque May 29-31, 2008

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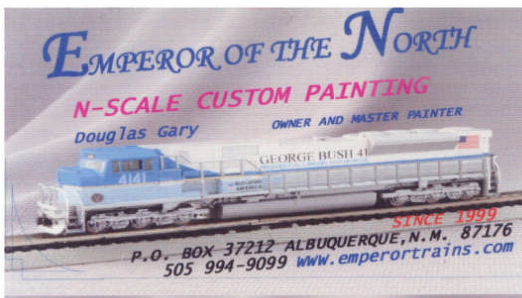
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Board Meeting Minutes

Secretaries Report February 13th, 2008 Board Meeting

Attendance: Jay Norman, Charles Baker, Kito Luke, Ed Duckett, Bud Bechdel, Dave Turner

General membership present: Jack Dietz, Bill Armstrong, Bill Randolph, Mike Shannon, Chris Freidmann, Chris Gutierrez, Paul Sturtz, Buzz Lenander and Ken Shelton.

Call to Order 7 PM President Jay Norman

1. March general membership meeting will be on the 4th at Furr's on Wyoming. Officers meeting will be on the 8th at Annie's or new location. Time may vary with location.
2. Space, the final frontier. We are now checking into the warehouse space our current landlord has on Wyoming, possibly getting into the senior center at Polo Duro or in the strip mall next to Laugh's. We must vacate our current location by the end of the month so we don't have a lot of time.
3. Drawing modules is moving along with some work being done by various members each week.
4. Bud Bechdel suggested we follow the Ntrak standard for PowerPole set up and the members agreed this should be our recommended practice. This should be incorporated into the club rules. Go to the following link for all the information: http://www.ntrak.org/ntrak_powerpole_rp.htm
5. The Palo Duro Senior Center is holding a hobby show mid March and we have agreed to participate. We are considering using the turnarounds and a couple of modules.
6. Remember the upcoming shows and to register for the NMRA Regional before the end of February to save \$10.00.

Meeting adjourned at
7:35 PM

Dave Turner
Secretary, NMRR

Front of our new home!

