



NTRACKAGE Writes

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The August 2008 meeting will be held at clubhouse located at 601 D-1 San Mateo Ne, Albuquerque, NM on August 5th at 7 PM. See map to new club location below!

Remember, please park in back (north side) of the building. Our door is the first one to the East of the walkway through the building.



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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 — Jack Dietz

President's Notes for July

July has been yet another banner month for the New Mexico RailrunNers. We have completed the wiring on almost all of the club modules and have even had time to work on a few of the member modules. Of course, much of this work has actually been accomplished by Chris, aka "the New Guy," and the Bud Man, for which we should all be very grateful. For those of you who missed the July meeting/picnic, you missed a great time and great food. Thanks must first go out to Dave and Jay for their excellent culinary arts expertise, i.e., grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. GREAT JOB, GUYS! The other dishes supplied by the membership were also fantastic and a good time was had by all. Three of our members, Chris Freidman, Steve Stein, and Bill Randolph, were unfortunately absent because of medical situations. Our heartfelt hopes and prayers go out to them and their families; you were missed. For our other absent members, we hope that all is well for each and every one of you.

After the eating and general carrying on, we had our July meeting. The meeting proved to be very productive, and it has been suggested that we create a priority list of future projects for the layout. One of these projects will be the construction of a new set of yard modules. This project has already gotten a great start with the construction of both module tables by Bud. Thanks, Bud, for the great work! It has also been decided that we will finalize the Digitrax club order at the conclusion of the September membership meeting. I strongly encourage those who want to participate in this **ONE TIME EVENT** to get your orders together. Finally, I'd like to again express gratitude and thanks from the whole membership to "Bark'n" Bill for the truly outstanding job he has done as Mayor of the turn-arounds. These two modules have truly risen from the ashes to once again become attractive and useful modules for the club. Well done! So until our next meeting, remember, it doesn't matter if you are on the right track if you are just sitting there. Some one will run over you.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Secretaries Report June 3rd, 2007

Attendance: Bill Armstrong, Charles Baker, Bud Bechdel, Ted Brooker, Jack Dietz, Chris Gutierrez, Buzz Lenander, Kito Luke, Dayton Molzen, Kathy Montoya, Jay Norman, Michael Shannon, Kent Shelton, Dave Turner, Tom Willers and many other hungry guests

Meeting held at club house.

1:00 Call to Order, Jack Dietz, president

Secretaries Report: Approved as published.

Treasures Report: Update by Charles Baker on current state of expenses and income. Approved. We now have 28 paid members. Charlie suggested with all the project proposed we look at our cash flow.

August general meeting will be at 7 PM August 5th at the club house. Officers meeting to be held at 11 AM August 9th, also at the clubhouse.

General Meeting Minutes cont.

A great big thanks to all who participated at the “Indoor picnic”. Jay and I tried to do our best to add the ambience with the smoke! Kept the bugs away (or was that the problem I had in Iowa). If you went away hungry, shame on you. We do know that a certain member has an affinity for hotdogs and we will be better prepared next time!

Old Business:

1. Dayton reported on the state fair. He will deliver a letter to the fair board Monday that we do intend to participate again this year and request parking passes. We need to know at the August meeting who will be available and when. We will start a sign up sheet at that time. Entry to the fair grounds should still be through gate 6. Mike said Clovis should have some people coming over to join us. Dayton thinks he will have the permits by September. The dates are September 12-16th. Mark you calendars and be there if you can!
2. The order to Digitrax will be finalized at the September general meeting. A great opportunity to save a little more \$\$ on stuff you just have to have!
3. The club car project continues to move along. At the December general meeting we will pick the top 3 and submit them to Microtrains to see what the cost will be.
4. We need to continue to work on the drawing module. It really needs some people, vehicles and other little things to make it truly come to life.

New Business:

1. The use of Kato expansion track for inter-module connections was discussed. We have a demo section of how it would work. At this time the Kato expansion tracks are not available and this project needs to be discussed and prioritized along with others by the general membership.
2. It is not too soon to start to develop the track plan for the state fair. Hopefully our scooter bound track wizard will work his magic again and come up with another winner! Steve, we all really miss you. It's getting old picking on Bud.
3. Speaking of Bud. He donated two 6 foot new module bases to the club to replace some of the yard. **THANKS BUD!!** MOW Chris has been working on the track plan (with lots of wonderful suggestions and feedback). We are trying to make certain each line has at least 2 sidings plus the main line track. It looks like we will need at least 16 (probably more) Peco long switches, some track, lots of wire and the rest of the assorted goodies to put it together.
4. Kathy (the procurer) has done it again, this time at the material end of things. She thinks she found material for new drapes and is in the process of checking out the color for as close of a match as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM

Dave Turner
Secretary

Calendar for August 2008

New Mexico State Fair Sept 12th-16th 2008

Welcome to Eric, Monique, Joshua and Zachary



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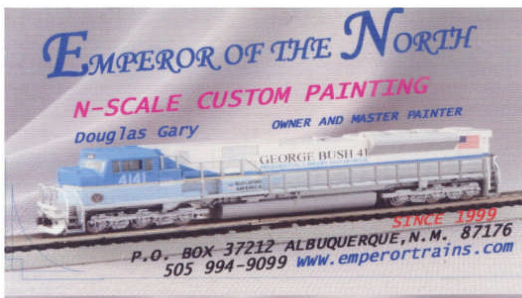
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Board Meeting Minutes

New Mexico RailRunners

Secretaries Report July 16th, 2008 Board Meeting

Attendance: Charles Baker, Kito Luke, Bud Bechdel, Dave Turner, Jack Dietz, Buzz Lenander, Bill Randolph, Mike Shannon, Chris Gutierrez

Call to Order 7 PM President Jack Dietz

1. Upcoming projects were discussed. They include; the 2 new yard modules, connector tracks between modules and the Digitrax order.
 2. It was decided to hold all projects until after the state fair with the exception of the Digitrax order which will be finalized at the September general membership meeting. Chris is still working on the track plan for the 2 new yard modules.
 3. The write up of the article for the Power Pole article was discussed. It will be submitted to N Scale Rail-roading for publication. Maybe the first of many, we certainly have the talent in the club to do several articles. We need to check to insure we can still publish the article (after it come out) on our web page.
 4. Buzz said the Ntrak Newsletter has a survey about the use Power Poles and he will submit for the club.
- The August general meeting will be at the club house, Tuesday August 5th at 7 PM and the officers meeting will be held August 9th at 11 AM, also at the club house.

Meeting adjourned 7:38 PM

Dave Turner

Secretary, NMRR

Agenda for August Meeting

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Business Meeting: August 5th, 2008, at the Club House, 6001 San Mateo Blvd.,
Suite D-1/Officers Meeting August 9th, 2008 at the Club House, 6001 San Mateo Blvd.,
Suite D-1

President's Remarks – Call to order. 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report – Approval of Minutes.

Treasurer's Reports – Financial – Bank Balance, Membership. – Charles Baker

Old Business

1. State Fair Report Dayton Molzen
2. Digitrax Orders
3. Wiring Article/Club Car

Other Old Business

New Business

1. Project Priority List

Other New Business

Adjournment