

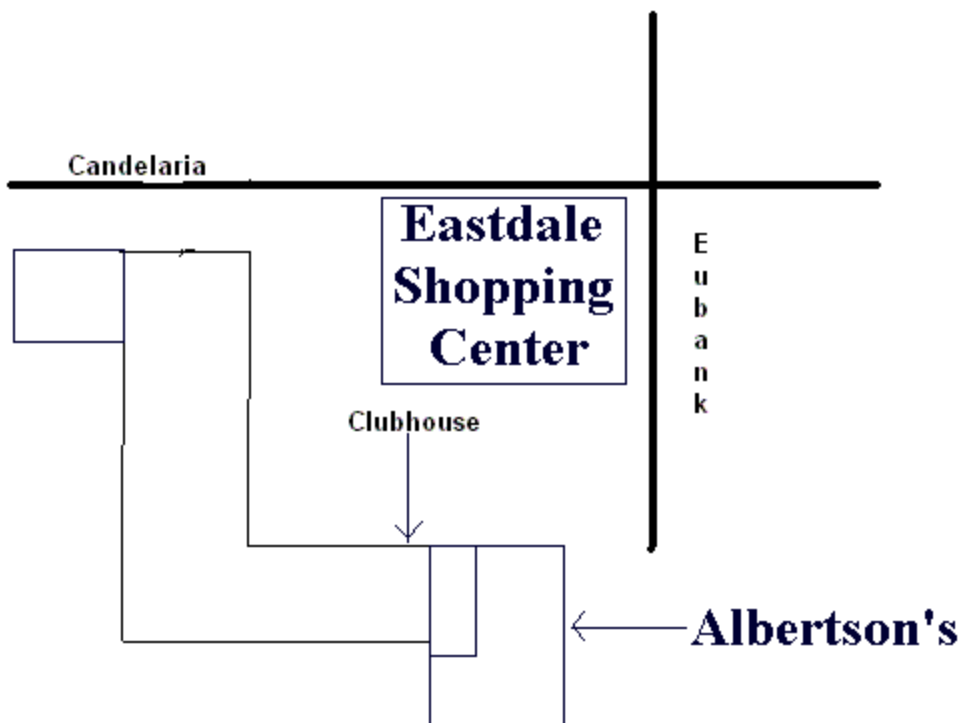


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The April 2007 meeting will be held at the Clubhouse, 2801D Candelaria NE, on April 3, at 7:00 PM.



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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.

Meeting Minutes

President's Lines — Jay Norman

Secretaries Report March 6th, 2007 Annual meeting at Mimi's Cafe

Attendance: Charles Baker, Bud Bechdel, George Canham, Ed Duckett, Doug Gary, Chris Gutierrez, Buzz Lenander, Kit Luke, Dayton Molzen, Jay Norman, William Randolph, Steve Stein, Dave Turner. Several associate members also enjoyed the food and fellowship.

7:00 Call to Order, Jay Norman, President. Jay advised the club members that Kathy's mother had died and the club is making a donation to the Diabetes Foundation.

Secretaries Report: accepted as published

Treasures Report. Interim report by Charles Baker. Charles went over the figures for both projected income and expenses. Charles also reported we had a prospective member contact us through the web site. He is a student and was hoping that dues could be paid on a monthly basis. Charlie and I agreed that we could handle that for him.

Old Business.

March officers meeting will be at the club house at 10:00 on March 10th. April general meeting to be held at the club house on April 3rd at 7:00 PM with officers meeting April 7th at 11:00.

Election of officers: Jay Norman was elected to serve another year as president by the membership. We had Kit, Ed and Jack running for the two open directors' positions. Kit and Ed were elected by the membership.

I will continue to maintain the web site and provide a bare bones news letter for the time being.

George reported on the Digitrax training, now tentatively scheduled for April 23rd, 2007.

Work on drawing module continues, Bud and Buzz completed the wiring and some track now needs to be re-laid. Seems the curves were a little tight.

Show check list. Buzz found our old show guidelines which need to be updated and handed these of to the secretary.

New Business

It was suggested that we submit Bob Prestridges'

Presidents Lines by Jay Norman

Our April Meeting will be at the Club House on April 3rd, 2007, at 7:00pm., 2801D Eubank, in the Elm Dale Shopping Center. Hope to see all of you there.

As there has not been a full News Letter since December, do to the death of Bob Prestridge in January, Dave Turner is slowly working on the format from the information we got from Bob's computer, with the help of Brenda. Bob had a massive heart attack on January 13th. His Services were held at the University Heights Methodist Church in Albuquerque on January 19th, 2007. Several of the club members attended that Service. Bob had been a very active member of the NMRR since March of 2001. He was President from April 2004 thru March of 2006. He severed as editor of our News Letter from 2005 until his death. Bob will be missed by all who new him. He had a large collection of N-Scale Engines, Cars, and buildings including a 4ft module that he had purchased from Kirt Hickman. Brenda donated the module and the other N-Scale buildings and parts also to the club. His engines and running stock are available for sale at Wig Wag. A Special Thanks to Jack Dietz, for boxing all the running Stock for Brenda.

Meeting Minutes (Continued)

write up on the Denver show to N Scale Collector for an Author's car.

Need to have Road Masters sign up. Current sheet runs though March 31, 2007

Several members are going to the Ft. Worth show and we look forward to their reports.

Winslow, Arizona Show. Setup is on Thursday with the N scale being in the Art Gallery which has a view of the tracks. They are trying to make this an annual event with vendors in the hotel. Special room rates at the Lodge Motel. 928-289-4611.

DCC rewiring. 2 modules are now completed and working fine. Greatly reducing the number of beeps being heard. Thursdays work session will focus on Owensville and Laguna.

We will have a special "Monday" night run session to see Chad (currently in the Air Force stationed in Georgia)

Dave Turner
Secretary, NMRR

Meeting minutes continued

Secretaries Report March 10, 2007 Board Meeting

Attendance: Chris Friedmann, Jay Norman, Bud Bechdel, Charles Baker, Dave Turner, Kit Luke, Ed Duckett

10:00 Call to Order, President Jay Norman

1. Need sign up sheets for next three months for Roadmaster. Dave to print and bring in.
2. It was suggested to try having a run session on Wednesday evenings. This was agreed to with final details to be worked out. First session to be 3/15/07.
3. Wiring needs to be tested on the drawing module.
4. Jay has the phone number and address for the Lodge motel in Winslow. 1914 West 3rd Street at 928-289-4611.
5. Need to update the brochure. I need to find it in the files we have from Bob.
6. DCC wiring. Two modules are completed and we Keystone Canyon is the last one of the modules set up at the club to be rewired.
7. We need to determine how to handle the bill for the web page. Currently the bill is going to Kenneth Martinez.
8. We need to get a plaque for Bobs' module.
9. It was suggest we start an "honor roll" to commemorate our departed members.
10. It was suggested we check with some of the "arts and crafts" shows to see if we could set up at any of them.
11. Charles will put out membership cards for the next year to everyone

who has paid their dues.

Meeting adjourned 11:15

Dave Turner

Secretary, NMRR

Presidents Lines Continued:

Work on the new Drawing Module is progressing. Some of the track had to be relayed as trains could not make the tight turns. That was corrected last Saturday, so everyone needs to come to the Saturday Run session to work and to run trains. We would like to have the Module completed enough that we could take to shows in Winslow AZ in April or the Bryan Mosley Albuquerque Railroad Fair on May19, 2007.

You will note in the Minutes of the Board, that the club will make a donation to the American Diabetes Foundation on behalf of Kathy Montoya's Mother.

At the March Annual Meeting election, Kit Luke was elected to serve another term as Director, and Ed Duckett was elected to fill Chris Friedmann's Director position. Thanks Chris for your service that past two years. Again I was chosen to serve as President for another year.

The April Officer meeting will be on April 7th at the Club House at 11:00 am.

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CALENDAR

NMRR Layout Setup

Possible—Winslow Railroad Days, Winslow AZ, April 2006

NMRR Meetings

Agenda
03/26/07

Agenda for the April Business Meeting

(The April Meeting is on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, 7:00 PM at the Club House, 2801D Eubank, Albuquerque, at 7:00 PM.)

Insert Map

President's Remarks – Call to order. 7:00PM. Regarding the Dues for the coming year. Dues may be paid on a semi-annual basis. \$75.00 plus the Affiliate amount of \$7.50, or the Family amount of \$10.00 due by April 1st. The balance of \$75.00 due on October 1st.

Secretary's Report – Approval of Minutes.

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



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Old Business

1. April Officers Meeting – Club House – April 7th, 2007, at 11:00am.
2. May Business Meeting – May 1st, 2007, Club House – 7:00pm.
3. May Officers Meeting – May 5th , Club House – 11:00am..
4. Election for two Directors – Kit, and Ed.
5. Club News Letter Up date, and Club Web site.
6. Digitrax Training – Up-date by George. Tentatively- scheduled for Monday April 23rd.
5. Drawing Module – Work is progressing. Plan to work during Saturday run session.
Need to update signs.
6. Up-date on show check list.

New Business

Sign up Sheets for Road Master for April, May & June, Saturday Run Sessions. Keys for Road Master at Wig Wag.

Winslow. AZ. in April 20th – 22nd, 2007. We currently have plans to take 26 ft for the show. Buzz's McPherson Refinery, Bud's Wild Horse Canyon and Wagon Mound, my Two footer, and Kits 8ft. For the N-Track Show. 5 clubs to be located in the Snow Drift Art Gallery. HO clubs Information on Hotels. Special room rates of \$45.00 at the Lodge Motel. This is the old Travel Lodge. On west side of town. May set-up late Thursday Night or early Friday Morning. Show opens at 10:00am Friday, the 20th. This depends on Buzz's Hockey Schedule. Charlie is also planning on going.

Ft Worth Texas - Great American Hobby Show on March 17th to 18th, 2007. 90 x 90 space. N-scale clubs from Tulsa, Austin, Houston, Dallas, Oklahoma, Ft. Worth and us. Doug, Kit and Jay went.

Bryan's – Albuquerque Railroad Fair. – Saturday May 19, 2007- Jay

DCC. – What still needs to be corrected.

Wednesday Night Run Sessions.

Bob's Module – New Name. Bob Town. – Need new Mayor

Any other new Business?

Adjournment/ Door Prizes