



NTRACKAGE Writes

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The June 3rd 2008 meeting will be held at clubhouse located at 601 D-1 San Mateo Ne, Albuquerque, NM. at 7PM. 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

Presidents Line – by Jack Dietz

May has been yet another month of excitement and activity. First I'd like to thank everyone who assisted in making our participation in the Albuquerque Railroad Fair a positive event. For those who were unable to participate we set up on Friday and then ran all day Saturday before breaking down at the end of the day. I'd like to send out a special thank you to George and Deb for the use of their modules. They added a lot of scenic impact to the layout and everyone enjoyed them. Buzz and Chris also deserve thanks for their work on getting those modules ready for the show. For this show we also had DCC running and this added yet another level of activity to the layout which used both turn arounds. Bark'in Bill has been voted in (railroaded) as the mayor of the turn arounds and he has whipped them into shape. Thanks Bill!

Now we are preparing plans for the next layout display for the NMRA Convention at the end of this month. This should be the biggest show we will see before the State Fair and I hope we all take advantage of this opportunity. We will be tearing down on Wednesday May 28th and setting up the following day, all help would be greatly appreciated. I would also like to remind everyone that we will be finalizing the Digitrax club order which will provide those participating with a 30% discount on this one time order.

Finally I would like to thank all who have taken the time to go a visit with Steve in the hospital. There is truly nothing as boring as lying in a hospital bed day after day. Visits from friends and family are the only thing that helps the time go by. If you haven't had the chance to go by I know that Steve would enjoy seeing you.

Until next time keep your steam up in the boiler.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

NMRR General Membership Meeting 5/6/2008

Attendance: Bud Bechdel, Ted Brooker, Jack Dietz, Ed Duckett, Jim Findley, Chris Friedmann, Doug Gary (and BUBBA), Chris Gutierrez, Buzz Leander, Kitto Luke, Dayton Molzen, Kathy Montoya, Jay Norman, William Randolph, Dave Turner

Old Business

Minutes approved as written.

Treasures report approved as written.

1. Modules left to wire; main yard, Dayton's 2 4 footers, 4 foot duck, finish up with clamps on 2 more.
2. Housings to hold all 4 pairs of Power polls should be here in a couple of weeks.
3. Report on Winslow, Az. show. The club was notified when they arrived that they needed to be out by noon on Sunday. We were located in the depot which was good for train watching but had poor lighting. Overall recommendation by those who attended is that our club not participate next year.

Meeting Minutes—continued

4. We need to check with Digitrax about the DC100 chirp. We tried 2 different units at Winslow and they both did the same thing until they warmed up.
5. Digitrax order needs to go out in June. Email reminder to be sent out along with the list of decoders and what they fit will be at the club. George Canham also offered to help anyone who has questions about what works.
6. We need to work on the modules owned by George and Deb to get them ready for Brian's show. Seems severe weather conditions could have been responsible for several track sections having major kinks.

New Business:

1. Move board meeting to a better date for this month. Maybe at Brian's show.
2. Brian's show will be from 9AM to 4PM Saturday May 17th with set up on Friday afternoon. Jay will bring the trailer in Wednesday evening and Bill will pick it up at the club. Modules will include George and Deb's set, Bill's, Bud's, Chris' and the turnarounds.
3. New Club car. We would need to purchase a minimum of 300. There will be a 9 month turnaround by MicroTrains to produce the car. Current thought is around the New Mexico slogan, Red or Green. Plan would be to advertise the cars ahead and the initial cost would be around \$3000.00. We need to design the car to have wide appeal.
4. The "change for trains" jar will be out when Jack gets back.
5. We need to confirm the status of the emergency DCC fund. Also we may have a credit from Wig-Wag.
6. Bill suggested selling the NMRA headquarters kits of Ebay as a way to generate some additional funds.
7. NMRA Regional meeting May through June 1st.
8. We need a list of all members who will be going to get name tags from the organizer.
9. Our space is apx. 42 x 48, configured much like the existing club house. Module setup will be May 29th and we have to tear down before midnight May 31st.
10. Best wishes to Steve Stein from everyone!! We hope your recovery goes well and we will see you soon! There will be a retirement party for Steve's wife, Paula on May 24th between 4 and 6 PM.
11. Dayton reported that things look good for the state fair this year, no mention of the bingo hall, etc.
12. Summer plans: July 12th meeting will be a cookout at the clubhouse. Alamosa now has 2 steam engines and dome cars. We may want to consider another trip like last year.
13. Chris Friedmann suggested we liquidate some of the existing DCC control equipment we have. We need to determine a price for club members if anyone is interested and sell the rest. We currently have 12 sets and the recommendation is we keep 4.
14. We acquired a sample of the Kato expansion track with the idea of considering using it in place of the current connector tracks to speed setting up.
15. A recommendation was made to redo the Fiddle yard with Kato track. We need to lay it out and get a price for the trackage.
16. All hail Bill, the new mayor of the turnarounds!! He has worked long and hard getting them into shape. They look great Bill, way to go!!

Meeting adjourned.

Calendar for June 2008

NMRA Show in Albuquerque May 29-31, 2008



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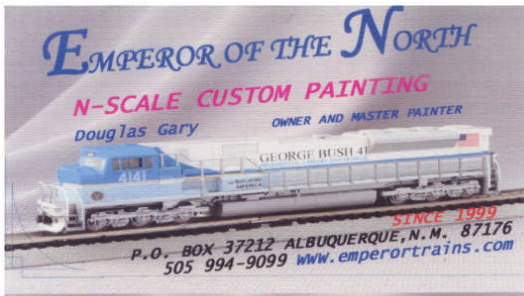
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Board Meeting Minutes

Board meeting not held in May.