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The December general membership meeting will be held at Kathy's House located at 13008 Marble NE December 11th starting at 5 PM. The Officers meeting will be held Saturday December 18th at 11AM at the Club House.

Zephyr Power!



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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 Line

President's Notes November 2010

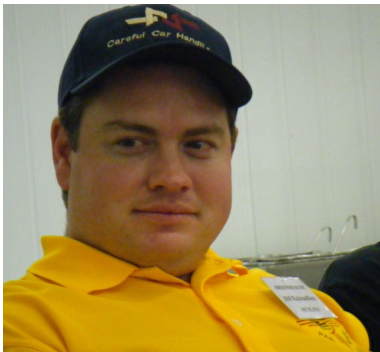
Hey there Train Fans,

Well the Calendar year is up and we have a whole new year of possible shows ahead. We will have some decisions to make on where the club goes from here. SIG groups (Operations and New Yard) should get started up this year and help us have some more fun as a model railroad club.

Glad to have some great running sessions on Wednesday Evenings and Saturdays. I invite all to come and run there new equipment. This new year is bringing on a lot of cool new equipment that will be released in N Scale. Hope we can all afford it.

Holiday Season is upon us. Hope All stay safe this year, and that you get all that you wish for.

Thank you
Chris Gutierrez



A shot from Winslow! Thanks Frank!!



Agenda for November 2010

New Mexico Rail Runner December Meeting Agenda Saturday December 11th, 2010

December agenda

The June Meeting is on Saturday, December 11, 2010, 7:00 P.M. at Kathy Montoya's Home. Officer's Meeting will be December 18, 2010 11:00 A.M. at the Club House.

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

Secretary's Report – Approval of Minutes. -Charlie Baker

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

Old Business

1. Greeley Report
2. December Open House Final Prep
3. Clinics

Other Old Business

New Business

1. New Yard SIG
2. Operations SIG

Other New Business

Adjournment

Good weathering by nature!!



General Membership Meeting November 2nd, 2010

General Membership Meeting – Nov. 2, 2010.

Attendance - Charlie Baker, Bud Bechdel Kevin Bobb, Jim Bullock, Jerry Butterfield, Jack Dietz, Ed Duckett, Stuart Evers, Chris Friedmann, Doug Gary, Chris Gutierrez, Buzz Lenander, Dayton Molzen, Kathy Montoya, Jay Norman, Dan Pickering, Bill Randolph, Mike Shannon, Kent Shelton, Dave Turner.

President's remarks - Chris opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Chris thanked Buzz for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments. Chris also thanked Buzz for the excellent clinic on painting and decaling freight cars. The next business meeting will be held during the Christmas party on Dec. 11. Several members bought items for sale before and after the meeting.

Secretary's report - The minutes of the October general meeting and board meeting were approved by voice vote as presented in the last newsletter.

Treasurer's report - The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

Old Business –

Greeley Trip – Kent reported that plans are all set for the trip to the Greeley museum. Nine people, including three people from the local NMRA, will attend. We will leave on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. from the clubhouse. The tour of the Cheyenne Mountain Air Force facility had to be cancelled. The museum folks are expecting us at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. We will stop at the Denver train show on the return on Sunday.

Christmas party – The club Christmas party will be held at Kathy's home on Dec. 11 with food served at about 5:30 p.m. Please remember to bring a wrapped gift. Kathy will distribute a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desert. We will need members to contribute tables and chairs.

Christmas open house – As a reminder, we will hold an open house at the clubhouse on Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Chris will put out a sign-up sheet and post a sheet in the clubhouse for people to run trains. We will need to get a notice in the Albuquerque newspaper and also prepare and distribute a flyer.

Skirts and Shirts for NMRR Logo – Kathy will again do silk screening of the NMRR club logo on shirts and module skirts for \$5 each.

Oct. 19 class tour – Kathy reported that the students, teachers and parents who attended the tour of the club layout were very pleased with the tour. She said more classes are interested in such tours.

Other Old business- We have not yet been contacted by the winner of the drawing module to take delivery of the module. Chris will follow-up and try to contact the winner.

General Membership Meeting November 2nd, 2010

Continued

New Business –

Future Clinics – Suggested topics included tools of the trade (by Steve and Buzz), mountain building (by Doug) and DCC decoder installation (by Buzz and others). In general these will be set up for sometime after Jan. 1. However, we will try to hold the first DCC decoder installation on the afternoon of Nov. 20, either at the clubhouse or Buzz's house.

New Yard SIG- Chris will serve as chair of the group. We need a different fiddle yard to accommodate more trains on the DCC blue line. He has gotten some suggestions (e.g. from Jim) and asks members to send him more suggestions. The group will meet after Jan. 1.

Date for release of newsletter – It was noted that there is a gap of about three weeks between when the newsletter is issued, usually about a week before the business meeting, and the last business meeting. Thus, dates of future activities contained in the minutes in the newsletter are too late to remind members of some of the dates. It was decided to keep the timing of the newsletter (just before the next business meeting) the same but the secretary will issue an email to all members with a concise list of future dates and this will also be posted on the club website.

January Meeting Time and Location- The January business meeting will be Jan. 4, 2011, at the clubhouse.

Other new business – Buzz said some NMRR members will participate in the local NMRA division swap meet on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Manzano Mesa Center (505 Elizabeth St. SE). We will try to sell some of our donated HO items as well as our Digitrax equipment that is no longer in use.

Board Meeting - The board will meet probably on Wednesday evening within the next week or two.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Board Meeting November 2010

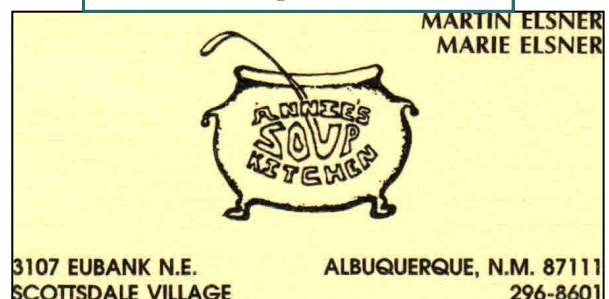
Seems like everyone in the club was very busy and we had several club activities on weekends so the board did not meet in November.

A big thank you to everyone in the club from your board for making this year for the NMRR such a great one! Lots of activities (besides running trains) kept the interest level high and got more people than usual involved in various activities. We only hope 2011 will be as good and we can all enjoy the great fellowship we have in our club. When you listen to others, it seems we have something special!

Kitto, we miss you and look forward to seeing you more in 2011.



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