

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

General Meeting
NMSL & RHS

Date: January 8, 2011

Purpose & Location: Monthly Membership Meeting 9:00 @ Local 412,
510 San Pedro SE, ABQ, NM

Old Business: None

Introduction: Mike Hartshorne brought our meeting to order.
Minutes for December have been approved by the BoD.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets as of 12/11/10	\$33736.57
Total Cash Assets as of 1/8/11	\$44497.41
Checking Account Balance on 12/11/10	\$13562.22
Ending Balance on 1/8/11	\$24322.37
Deposits from 12/13/10 -1/3/11	\$11502.94
Expenses from 12/18/10 -1/5/11	\$742.79

Miscellaneous expenses were for nylon slings, wire brushes, fire extinguisher tags, printer cartridges, screws, shop towels, one year lease (GSA), keys, bricks, paint brushes, cover for parts washer, fire extinguisher testing and recharge, paper towels, monthly bills for onsite telephone, black pipe and cutting charge.

Savings Account Ending Balance	
Including Interest as of 12/31/10	\$20125.04
Petty Cash On-Site	\$50.00

Report approved unanimously.

Safety Officer Report: by Jon Spargo

Since the last report we have had two new members complete their orientation. Please join me in welcoming structural engineer Thomas Bauhan and retired BNSF locomotive engineer Tim T. Knight. Some of you might remember Tim as the engineer on the Santa Fe switch engine that shoved 2926 into our current home!

This month and next month we will conduct two annual safety refresher training sessions. ALL members must participate in one of these two sessions. If you miss both of these sessions you will be required to take the orientation safety course all over again. When you have completed your 2011 refresher the CSO will issue you a dated green sticker for your hard hat. This is so the CMO can determine, at a glance, who is allowed to work. If you do not have a green sticker on your hard hat after the second annual review session, no work and no excuses. There is one exception to this rule. If you took the new member orientation during the last quarter of 2010 you do not have to attend an annual refresher session in 2011. However you do need to see the CSO to obtain a green sticker for your hard hat. The following lists of members are in that category and need to contact me to receive their green stickers.

Tim T. Knight, Anthony Giancolo, Jane McSweeney, Merle Ramsey, Dan Quan, Susan Corban, Stevie Martinez, Dave Matulka, Glenn Ford, Robert Burnett, Jon A. Petersen, Eric Rave, Carlos Osuna, William McSweeney Sr., William McSweeney Jr., Dave Kelsey and Dave Van De Valde.

As soon as the annual refreshers are over we will be scheduling two additional training sessions; one session for forklifts and one for the car mover. We do not have a formal list of authorized operators for either of these and annual refresher training is also needed.

Chief Mechanical Officer Report by Rick Kirby

The winter solstice is behind us and believe it or not the days are getting longer and supposedly warmer. By the end of January our average high should be around 51 degrees. Next Wednesday the low is forecast to be 14 degrees with a high of 38; courtesy Channel 7.

Carlos Osuna has informed me he has passed his small bore welding test which qualifies him to weld up the superheater assemblies. Congrats to Carlos! As of last Wednesday the superheater project has officially begun. Carlos began preparing the support feet and bands to be installed. Strasburg fabricated them a little too tight, so 120 have been slightly adjusted to slide over the ends. There are 600 left to do. Return bend welding will begin next week.

All the mechanical lubricators have been cleaned. Two are reassembled with the chassis one awaiting special gaskets and seals. The hot water boiler feed pump reassembly is on hold at the time. I have requested prices for replacement check valve springs from a company in Houston which was recommended by Eric Hadder with Grand Canyon Railway.

I have been informed the 8" fibrous rings located on the water side of the pump are still available. However they have a shelf life and can dry up if not in use. We will order these parts closer to time of steam up.

I have ordered another bevel tool so as to be retrofitted by our machinists to fit our angle drill. This is necessary due to the limited amount of space in some areas of the firebox.

Fabrication of the side rod puller should be completed today. The removal of these rods is a delicate dance of balance between force and finesse. So we approach this phase of the project with patience and respect of its importance. This could almost be a deal breaker if not done properly. Bob D. requested to head up the endeavor so follow his lead as work progresses.

Our machinists have completed reconditioning or fabricating new pins for the various rods that operate the mechanical lubricators. They now will begin fitting new brass bushings to the rods.

As you can see we are entering a phase of this project that not only has removal still going on but rebuilding has begun. This coming year should be exciting to say the least.

Fundraising Committee by Andy Rutkiewicz

(This report was pretty much the same as what was supplied last month per the following)

Fundraising Committee Meeting (12/11/10)

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Andy Rutkiewicz
Clem Harris
Jon Spargo
Steve Bradford

Discussion and Decisions

2011 OPEN House: First Sat of Balloon Fiesta
TV exposure w/ Steve Stucker very important
Internet exposure important [use NM Coop money to develop E-advertizing plan]

National Train day: #2926 not yet ready

Grants

NM Coop Advertizing Grant: apply 2011
Humanities Council Grant: AT&SF impact exhibit: progressing nicely
Trains Mag.: 2010 Preservation award: Not awarded to us this year.
BNSF Foundation: new grant application submitted: \$20,000 SH
tubes: Awaiting reply
National Railway Historical Society: 5K Cab interior wood,
Need writer.
North American Railway Foundation: Open, Jon Spargo considering

Outreach

Explora
Spaceport America
Hatch City government
BNSF Employee publication

Marketing

Link NMSLHRS web page to
Facebook
YouTube
Tweeter, etc.

Report was accepted unanimously.

New Business

Clem brought up the new (201) files or paper (personnel) files to be kept on site. Adding emergency contact to members lists and contact phone numbers. Updating all addresses, emails,

phone number, dues and safety classes attended, and will only be available to 4-5 people, per Clem.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Gail Kirby, 2nd by Rick Kirby, unanimous.

Next meeting will be on February 12, 2011 on the NMSL site, 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM @ 9 am.