

NEWSLETTER

3rd Annual Open House



The LNWRR hosted its 3rd Annual Open House event at the Greenbee RR site on May 18. By various accounts, the number of visitors attending could have easily reached 100.

Smooth train operations were experienced throughout the day, well almost. Scuttle-butt would have it that a close train encounter, of the unfortunate kind, was narrowly avoided. No fuses were blown, no emergency situations needed to be

attended too, and there was no shortage of goodies for the children. A special thanks must be extended to Jerry K. and to Cathy W. for taking it upon themselves to bring additional goodies for the children that attended the event.

Though it pains me to say this, I believe one of the highlights of the afternoon was when our newest club member, Ralph, fired up his SP4449. I guess I'll have to surprise the crowd someday with an impressive locomotive of my own. Another special Thanks goes out to Katherine & Emily Cooksey for their special guest appearance at our little gathering.

See you next year!

Thunder on the Lot
Scheduled for June 8 to June 9, 2013
at the Lancaster Fairgrounds.

May 12, 2013 Club meeting minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Thomas McNesby with 22 in attendance.

The previous meeting minutes were read by Publicist / Secretary Susan Cheramy. Fred motioned to accept; with a 2nd from Bob. The minutes were accepted as read by those Club members in attendance.

The Treasurer's Report was outlined by Bob Frozina. The beginning balance was \$1684.54; Income included \$40 in dues paid, \$90 in new memberships and \$79 from miscellaneous. Expenses included \$108 for new canopy at GB, \$21.26 for 3 badges, and \$35.08 to cover the Christmas Party meal for Brad & Cindy. New balance is \$1828.21. Nancy motioned to accept and Rex 2nd. The Treasurer's report was accepted by those in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Two quotes were offered for the hemming of the modular skirt. George's Cleaners was \$85.00 and Castaneda Hemming was \$50. Rex motioned to use Castaneda Hemming. It was 2nd by Nancy and Will. Those in attendance accepted the hemming cost of \$50 from Castaneda Hemming.

Christian is repairing the GB Train Station and will have it back in time for the Open House.

Fred advised the group that he had been in contact with the AAA Storage Manager and learned that the smaller access doors of the Lori Sarno unit were bolted to the door frame. Thomas enlightened the group with the news of efforts by Jerry K. and Thomas to render repairs to the modular pieces and that they would be going out the next day to continue their efforts. Fred was invited to join Jerry and Thomas to begin the removal of the bolts.

NEW BUSINESS:

The group was informed of Jerry Eye's medical issue and that he was currently in the AV Hospital. A card was passed around for the members in attendance to sign for Jerry. The president himself will deliver it to Jerry Eye in his spare time.

Bob advised the new members, and a reminder to the others, if you're caught without your club badge at the club meeting you must forfeit 25 cents to the "Big Boy Bank".

NEW BUSINESS (CONT):

Eric Herdandez rejoined the group effective May 12, 2013, as well as Will Heron.

Bob informed the group that we still have six shirts for sale for anyone interested.

Bob asked Thomas to contact the Club donors and to invite them to the upcoming Open House.

Pat reported to the group how the 4 year old's birthday went. Pat stated that it went well, but two club members running trains would have been more appropriate. There were 25 children attending the party. Pat was fed food and cake for his efforts.

Thomas reported the he will begin again with the newsletter. He will publish them on a monthly basis and include the club meeting minutes.

Thomas unveiled the new GB banner that Kyoshi had designed, and with input from Thomas, Jerry K. finally put it to print. It was well received by those club members in attendance.

Nancy motioned to make a new club banner for the road. This idea was second by Will Heron. Bob was a Nay on the idea (he's just doing his job to save club money).

Open House - Thomas will purchase refreshments. Christian motioned for the club to pay; Ralph second the idea. Sounds appropriate to the president.

Christian & Susan mentioned the article about the open house in the AV Press. (Fred won't be at the Open House due to his grandson's graduation).

Fred offered his trailer to be used for the TOTL, even if he can't come (he has another family graduation).

Thomas discussed the TOTL timeline: 8am at the storage for pickup - 9am at the Van Damm building for setup. Run Saturday from 2pm - 11pm. Sunday from 10am - 6pm. Partial teardown on Sunday evening with final modular put-away on Monday @ 9am.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT):

Christian won't be at the TOTL - everyone else in attendance showed interest in participating.

Debbie would like to see the GB operating hours published - in particular, when they are closed. This would help in preventing deep dis-appointment by those excited about running their trains.

Thomas asked for who will be at TOTL - he showed a mock layout and had people post a photo to mark their spot.

Phil passed around the sign-up sheet for runtimes @ the various upcoming events.

Ralph suggested putting signs or balloons up around GB for the Open House (and regular weekend run times) to get people to come in and check us out. Ralph will make a sign for that purpose.

Bob motioned to end the meeting @ 7:47 pm - Artie 2nd it. The meeting was closed @ 7:47 pm.



Calendar

June 8 ~ 9, 2013

Thunder on the Lot

June 9, 2013

LNWRR Club meeting - cancelled

July 14, 2013

LNWRR Club meeting

August 11, 2013

LNWRR Club meeting

September 8, 2013

LNWRR Club meeting

October 13, 2013

LNWRR Club meeting

Novemebr 10, 2013

LNWRR Club meeting

December 8, 2013

LNWRR Club meeting