

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

General Meeting
NMSL & RHS

Date: February 12, 2011

Purpose & Location: Monthly meeting @ the AT&SF site, 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM.

Old Business: N/A

Introduction: Mike Hartshorne, President opened our monthly meeting with a brief introduction to the USS New Mexico on Pearl Harbor, circa 1935, aka "The Queen" BB40. It is on display in Santa Fe's History Museum from now until May. Minutes of January were approved by the BoD Meeting this morning.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart

Ernie and Karla have been working on putting our annual report together for the auditors and they are now working on it.

Total Cash Assets as of 1/8/11	\$44497.41
Total Cash Assets as of 2/12/11	45387.88
Checking Account Balance on 1/8/11	24322.37
Ending Balance on 2/12/11	25212.14
Deposits from 1/1-2/10/11	4191.42
Expenses from 1/10-2/7/11	3301.65

Expenses for various items such as chemical toilet rental for three months, soluble oil, yellow paint markers, Newsletter copies, envelopes, labels, printer, cartridges, oil tests for samples taken, parts for loco bearing puller, chamfer tool, used welding table and new casters, gasket materials, pipe, clamps and other miscellaneous expenses listed on his report.

Savings Account Ending Balance	
Including Interest as of 1/31/11	\$20125.72
Petty Cash On-Site	50.00

Report was read, moved to approve by Ken Dusenberry and 2nd by Ed Stebe, unanimous report.

CSO Report: by Jon Spargo

The second Annual Safety Refresher Training Session was held on 5 February 2011 with 16 attendees. An updated authorized workers list is posted on the BB in the WHQ building. From this point on any member requesting the annual refresher training will have to sit through a complete new member orientation. There are currently no new member requests for a training session.

I have identified 5 individuals who live out of state and have sent them materials so that they can comply with the refresher training. To date I have received 3 replies and am expecting a 4th shortly.

As a reminder, there are several members who have not made their annual contribution but have satisfied the safety refresher training requirements. If you are not sure about your annual renewal for 2011 please check the Authorized Worker list in the WHQ. Membership status is indicated on that list. If you have not renewed your membership for 2011 you are not allowed to work on site even if you have completed your safety requirements.

John Cekala is has two projects in progress. He is continuing the Hazardous Materials review and inventory. The second project concerns confined space rescue. The problem of extracting a sick or injured person from the fire box is being addressed. We want to have a system in place and rescue training completed before any welding is attempted in the fire box. Safety Officer Dave Anglen has volunteered to help with this project since he is trained in confined space rescue. I am also working on the disposal of our 55 gallon drum of waste oil and two 30 gallon drums of "labeled" Kodak C-41 developer. So far my efforts to get it disposed of for free have drawn a blank. We may have to pay to have them removed by Rinchem.

*Ernie Robart has a contact with Rinchem and might help us get an answer there. Andy and Jon are to get together regarding chemicals.

Ken Dusenberry brought up the re-hanging of the smoke box door to get reverse air flowing. Maybe a fan at the stack with door closed? This is mainly for getting someone out in a "rescue" situation. Need fresh air for hazardous gas. Need to possibly also consider a defibulator. Bob DeGroft said a 4" fan next to the flue sheet allows for a lot of air and can be purchased at Lowe's for about \$200. Dave Anglen and John Cekala will get together and discuss a rescue plan for our site along with a few others.

Ken D. found the PUP key on the ground by the fence. No inventory in PUP to date. A few soda cans on floor, possibly from past cold weather snap.

Report was moved to approve by Ed Strebe and 2nd by Andy, unanimous report.

CMO Report: by Rick Kirby

This past week I received two more containers of valve packing from Dan Dalgarno of Garlock. Both are 1/8" for the myriad of small valves in need of new packing

Bob DeGroft went to Gasket Packing and Seal to show them the packing material known as Hard Rock 262; it is used in the hot water pump. He concurred the material does have a shelf life. However the counter man went to the back and produced enough material to reassemble the pump for testing purposes. We will re-pack the pump prior to steam up.

I made a call concerning the check valve spring for the feed water pump. I sent in a request for pricing to re-fab those springs. Come to find out the 1st person I spoke to weeks ago is no longer employed there. We had to resubmit all the information; so I'm again waiting for a response.

I have been in contact with the rock hauler for the track repair. Next Wednesday is delivery day. His truck will carry 25 tons which means 6 trips. Today we'll need to move the GSA generator west so it won't be in the way of the deliveries. The tires are flat so they will need some air.

I was able to acquire a welding rod oven which will keep our rod free of any moisture. It is required practice for pressure vessels and piping welds to be done with rods from a controlled environment. The oven only holds 15 lbs. so those rods are to be used on critical welds only. Anyone removing rod from the oven needs to replenish it before going home for the day.

Randy Mc procured the steel for the top of the long welding bench. The steel will need to be cut to fit.

Travis has been working on a device to measure the side rod bearing run-out, so once he completes the measurements we'll begin removing the remaining bearings.

I picked up another bearing puller plate. We will need to lag out and drill the required bolt holes. These bolts however will need to be welded instead of using nuts and washers.

I also picked up the round plates to fabricate collets to remove the brasses from the side rods. Our machinists will prepare those. Bob DeGroft will have more info concerning the bearings in a moment.

I was at Grainger yesterday picking up a flapper wheel and spoke to the Assistant Manager there. He has made mention of the possible grant available from them, so I turned the info over to our fundraiser committee.

On a down note, we will be losing one of our members to relocation. Merle Ramsey has taken employment in Pennsylvania. He will be greatly missed.

Regarding the possible Grainger grant approval he wanted to know if there was something coming up where he could present the check and if their people could also be involved in the restoration of our project. I went over our safety class requirements, etc.

Sam Lanter has a 55 gal. Drum of oil free to us for our use. If anyone is going out to Williams, AZ anytime soon and would be able to haul it back, please let us know. It is Amtrak oil he bought and it's unopened.

Bob DeGroft regarding rods: Randy talked to a casting place in Tijeras to see if he'd do bushing blanks for rods; we'd need to turn them to our specs. #4 bearing taken apart and taken to where Eric Rave works (Noor Mfg.) and Timken rep. all feel it's in incredibly good shape. Not only brass, but all rings to fit will need to be remanufactured. Pleased with what we're finding. Estimates for this are to be determined once sent to Timken. (\$1000+)

Ken D.-reconstruction of siding-Tim Knight in getting our loco here was a concern. Caliber of spur line; nothings been done with that track coming to our spur siding. Our main focus is right here for now. 5th St who own track, BNSF or State?

Steve Bradford, re: Grainger-May is Nat'l RR Day-Fundraising Committee to handle all this.

Report moved by Steve Bradford and 2nd by Gail, unanimous report.

Fundraising Report: by Andy Rutkiewicz

- Past Members Renewal Request
- Art work sales, strategies
- Railpictures.net#2926 banner ads + (Clem)
- National Trust for Historic Preservation (Bob)
- C&TS Caboose fundraiser: reservations \$2,500 -2@10 occupants, 2@14 occupants, 100 opportunities only/caboose @ \$50.00/opp=\$5,000, 4 cabooses=\$20,000. Details to be negotiated. Quintana very enthusiastic.
- Grainger Grant added after Rick's report

Completed Efforts

- NM Tourism Coop Advertising Grant: received \$780.00

Developing Efforts

- NRHS Grant - Jon
- NARF Grant - Jon
- BNSF Grant outstanding
- NM Centennial Exhibit Grant \$5000, expected to be received

Report moved to accept by Steve Bradford and 2nd by Jon Spargo, unanimous.

New Business:

Dr. Mike, per discussion at BoD meeting "Madame Queen" in Amarillo is a 2-10-4 experimental engine and apparently has money behind the project. Sam Teague is planning a voyage to meet with a few of the members of the Board. Possibly at our next BoD and General Meeting but that will be up to Sam. Asbestos was done for free on his engine. He needs to see how we work as an organization including IT, safety, fundraising, mechanical, etc.

Steve Bradford-Art

His 2926 put in a frame and given to Gayle Van Horne for pricing as to what we should sell for. 20 engine prints now number 1-20. Sold one and two to Clem and Mike S. Item Bernie brought in is framed 1943 PA for \$200-\$500 in good condition.

Warren-parts list-if you worked on something and moved it then let him know. He merged with Dave T. photos on WHQ computer so all should be together now.

Move to adjourn, Gail Kirby, 2nd Steve Bradford, adjourned.

Next meeting 3/12/11 @ 9 am on site.