



OCTOBER 2007 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting: October 9th, 2007

Location: Headquarters

-THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE ALTO MODEL TRAIN MUSEUM ASSOCIATION WAS HELD AT CLUB HEADQUARTERS ON OCTOBER 9. THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY PRESIDENT GEORGE THOMPSON.

-THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WERE READ AND GEORGE THOMPSON OFFERED A CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES- THE ALTOONA ASSOCIATION OF MODEL RAILROADERS WAS THE RECIPIENT OF A \$25.00 DONATION AFTER THE CONVENTION- NOT THE ALTOONA AREA ASSOCIATION OF TRAIN COLLECTORS AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED. \$25.00 DONATIONS WENT TO THOSE WHO HELD OPEN HOUSE IN THEIR HOMES AND \$50.00 TO THE GROUPS WHO STAYED FOR SUNDAY. THE SEPTEMBER MINUTES WERE THEN APPROVED.

-HARRY YOUNG GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS WAS \$25,108.38. THE TOTAL FROM LAKEMONT WAS \$1,742.58, DOWN FROM THE PREVIOUS TWO SUMMERS. THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS APPROVED AS READ.

-THE MEMBERS DISCUSSED WHAT TO DO CONCERNING THE AMOUNT STILL OWED THE NASG FOR UNSOLD CONVENTION CARS. DON GOEBEL QUESTIONED IF WE COULD NEGOTIATE A BUYOUT OF THE CARS FROM NASG. HARRY YOUNG WILL COME UP WITH AN AMOUNT WE OWE THEM. THERE ARE ABOUT 153 CARS LEFT. HARRY SUGGESTED WE BEGIN BARGAINING WITH NASG TO SETTLE THE ACCOUNT.

-DON GOEBEL REPORTED THERE ARE STILL NO FINAL FIGURES FROM THE TTOS CONVENTION AND SAID ALL THE O GAUGE CARS HAVE BEEN SHIPPED.

-DON GOEBEL ALSO INFORMED THE CLUB OF AN INVITATION FROM THE CONVENTION CENTER TO BRING A LAYOUT FOR THE HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW NOV. 9 THROUGH 11. ATTENDEES WILL VOTE ON THE BEST TRAIN DISPLAY AT .50 A VOTE AND THE CLUB WILL KEEP THE MONEY. THE SETUP WOULD BE THURSDAY.

-DON ALSO STRESSED THE N GAUGE LAYOUT NEEDS WORK AND SAID WE NEED A COMMITTEE TO GET IT MOVING.

-THE NEED FOR MORE OF OUR BROCHURES TO BE ON DISPLAY AT PUBLIC INFO AREAS WAS BROUGHT UP BY DON GOEBEL. GEORGE THOMPSON SAID THIS TYPE OF ADVERTISING IS NOT PRACTICAL NOW WHEN WE ARE NOT OPEN AT REGULAR HOURS AT ANY LOCATION.



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-DON ALSO REPORTED ON BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – THE EVENTS AVERAGE 150 PEOPLE. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HANDLES THE PUBLICITY AND THEY WILL MEET WITH CLUB REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANIZE THE EVENT.

-THE MEMBERS WERE INFORMED BY DON GOEBEL THAT WILLIAMS TRAINS IS GOING OUT OF BUSINESS AROUND SEPTEMBER 30. AND THE BRAND WILL CONTINUE UNDER BACHMAN.

-GEORGE THOMPSON SAID HE AND JOYCE WILL TRY TO DO SOME CHANGING ON THE O LAYOUT. HE ASKED DON GOEBEL TO HANDLE THE MODULE DISPLAY AT THE CONVENTION CENTER. THE TRAILER WILL BE AVAILABLE.

OLD BUSINESS:

-DON GOEBEL SAID ROD YOUNG GOT THE INFO HE NEEDED FROM THE CONVENTION.

-GEORGE THOMPSON REPORTED A BIRTHDAY PARTY IS SCHEDULED NOV 3. PARTIES HAVE GONE WELL. DON GOEBEL SUGGESTED WE MAKE MORE EFFORT TO INTEREST KIDS IN THE KIDS CLUB.

NEW BUSINESS:

-DENNY HAIRE SAID HISTORIC RAIL HAS TRAIN SETS WE CAN BUY FOR \$27.50. THEY SELL AT THE WOODSHED FOR \$40.00. THERE ARE 200 LEFT. WE WOULD NEED TO BUY THEM BY THE END OF OCTOBER. WE COULD SELL THEM FOR \$30 TO \$35. DON GOEBEL MOVED WE PURCHASE 18 SETS AND GREGG MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

-GEORGE THOMPSON REPORTED THE RIDING TRAINS NEED NEW BATTERIES. THEY ARE \$40.00 PLUS TAX AT FRYES. HE CAN GET 4 BATTERIES FOR \$78.00 ON LINE. DENNY HAIRE MADE A MOTION WE REIMBURSE GEORGE AND RON KENNEDY AND HARRY YOUNG SECONDED THE MOTION .THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

-GREGG MILLER INFORMED THE CLUB A PROMOTIONAL GROUP WHICH HAS BEEN STAGING EVENTS AT THE RAILROADERS MUSEUM IS GOING TO BEGIN OPERATING THE MUSEUM. THEY ARE OPENING A FUDRUCKERS RESTAURANT IN TOWN AND PLAN A RESTAURANT AND BREWERY IN THE OLD BUILDING AT THE MUSEUM. THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY OF THEM OPENING A CHOO CHOO BARN HERE. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN RAILROAD MEMORABILIA. THIS COULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME EXPOSURE FOR OUR GROUP. GEORGE OFFERED TO GO AND TALK TO THE SALONE MGT GROUP. GREGG MILLER WILL CONTACT THEM CONCERNING A MEETING.



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-DON GOEBEL MENTIONED THE TTOS 3 DAY SHOW DURING RAILFEST NEXT SUMMER AND SAID THERE IS INTEREST IN HAVING BUSES RUN BETWEEN THE TWO EVENTS. DON GOEBEL WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS IDEA.

-GEORGE THOMPSON ASKED AATCC MEMBERS PRESENT TO STAY FOR A MEETING ON THE TRAIN SHOW THE LAST WEEKEND ON OCTOBER.

-DENNY HAIRE MOVED WE CLOSE THE MEETING AND GREGG MILLER SECONDED. MEETING ADJOURNED.

-THE 50-50 WAS WON BY LANNY DIXON.

-THERE WERE 17 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.