

**DENTON AREA
MODEL RAILROAD CLUB**



DENTON, TEXAS



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Minutes of 9 - January -2007

The January meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM at Shane Murphy's shop by Club Vice President Dave Gramm. The minutes of the December 2006 meeting as circulated in the January 2007 Newsletter were approved. There were 28 members and no guests present.

Treasurer's Report by Kevin Williams; The report was read and approved.

Metroplex Council Report by Dave Gramm;

Plano Train Show. Scheduled Jan. 13 and 14, 2007. DAMRRC is committed to 11 hours' work during the two days of the show, reduced from 13 hours due to Dave Gramm's preparation and mailing of flyers promoting the shows. Dave circulated a sign-up sheet and all slots were filled. WBAP Radio is carrying ads for the show, and as a sponsor of the show is providing additional advertising. A coupon for the show is available at the Council Web site, a link to which is on the DAMRRC Web site.

Announcements;

Harry Brown. Jim Fagan reported that Harry Brown's treatments are progressing. Nance reported that Harry Brown is awaiting the results of a biopsy but hopes to be able to join Club members at the Plano Train Show.

Old Business;

Free-Mo Module Update. Members were able to inspect and run on the modules during the meeting. Dave Taverner asked module owners who will be setting up at the Plano Train Show to sign in on arrival and plan on running for an hour at a time, to allow all to run on the layout. The layout has three sidings in service, and a plan has been developed to allow for operation during the Plano Train Show. Skirting from the Club's former HO layout was adapted to part of the Free-Mo layout to provide hidden storage for equipment.

Election of Officers and Directors. The following officers were elected: President, Tom Fisher; Vice President, Dave Gramm; Secretary, Pat Hiatte; Treasurer, Kevin Williams. Jim Fagan, Dave Taverner and Fred Williams were elected to the Board of Directors.

New Business; No new business

Membership; The active membership remained at 42.

Program; Free-Mo modules were tested, with a number of trains running.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Hiatte, Secretary



Club Officers

Tom Fisher
President

Dave Gramm
Vice-President

Pat Hiatte
Secretary

Kevin Williams
Treasurer

Newsletter Editor Dave Taverner nkplt@yahoo.com
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A Word from Our Leader!

My fellow pikers,

Once again, I want to thank everyone for having enough confidence in me to reelect me as president. As I stated at this time last year, it will be my primary goal to serve you, the membership of our club and to further the interest of all of us through 2007.

One of the goals I have for 2007 it to put into place a system for both long-term and short-term planning. Right now, except for the two Metroplex shows, we barely know what we will be doing from month to month.

For this purpose, I intend to activate the planning committee, which will consist of everybody who wants to participate. We will set up a calendar for the next twelve months, showing every activity and agendum for the club, as well as outside activities directly or indirectly associated with the club. I will present my proposal for this at the next meeting.

The planning committee will meet on the night of the regular monthly meeting (right before or after) and will communicate by phone or email at all other times. And because it is open to everyone, all inputs and suggestions will be welcome. For example, if you are planning an open house session (as I am in March), then you should email me, and we will get it on the calendar. Or maybe you know of some outside event, where we might attend as a group.

The year-long agenda will be approved by the general membership, updated every month and distributed much like we do the newsletter today. Let me know if you want to participate. There is a place reserved especially for you.

Happy railroading,
- Tom -



Taken at the Gainesville depot

From the editor

This will be the last newsletter that I will produce for the train club. I have decided to resign from the club for personal reasons and so I can concentrate on my home layout. Last year took a toll on me and my layout, not to mention my wife wondering if I was going to be home or working on the club layout. I feel like the club now has a good HO layout and with a little more fine tuning it should operate just fine. I want to say that I have enjoyed being a member in the club and meeting so many new people. I may want to rejoin the club someday in the future but at this time, I really just want to spend my time and resources on improving my own layout. Good luck to everyone and hope to see you around town.

Dave Taverner

RAILROADING TERMS

Last issue's term: "Blue Goose" A high-rail car used by management to get out of the office and look important.

Train Shows and Club Meeting Schedule Thru Febuary, 2007

Next business meeting at 7pm **Tuesday, Feb 13th, 2007**
at the Denton Senior Citizen Center in Denton

No shows or special events at this time.
March meeting will be March 13th, 2007

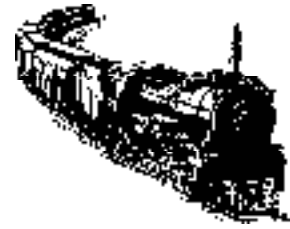


Don't Just Sit There, Build Something!

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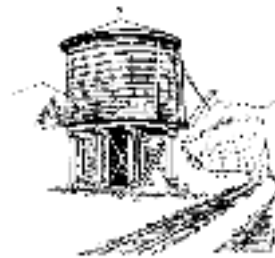
David Loupot's module scene



The yard



View of entire layout



Photos for your enjoyment