

The Golden Spike

Pensacola Model Railroad Club Newsletter

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Around the Club

Here is our first club update. Since last month, we have a complete 4 mainline layout that can reliably run trains. We now have a small "tilt" for a monetary resource in which we can draw from to purchase just about any material that we would need. We have successfully participated in two shows. With near 100% member participation. We have members that are willing to donate their time in excess of the club meetings in order to help their club as well as members with their individual hobby crises.

Now the club is faced with another challenge. We may be in a position to construct a layout for the TT Wentworth Transportation Museum. I have received a small amount of information on this issue but as this opportunity unfolds I will be in touch with everyone to get their opinion. I will need massive amounts of input to get a proposal together that can be doable for us while we maintain our home lives as well.

Hail and Farewell

Welcome new Member

There are no new hail and farewells. Let's get recruiting!! We have some business cards made. Write your number (or mine) on the back and hand them out. Remember, if we can get them to one meeting when we run trains, like a disease, they will be infected. There is nothing like the excitement and stress relieving power of running trains.

Module Progress

We have one corner module and one straight module to scenic left. Again volunteers are encouraged to take one of these home with them and make your modeling personality part of the club modules. Or as we have done before, we can have a

get together at someone's house for a scenery session.



Minutes of Meeting

Here are the minutes as best that I can remember. Dave and Kevin are working on standardizing the modules starting with the straight modules. The standardization not only will allow tighter storage but also minimize damage to the modules during transportation. Again if you have your 2 cents to put in to make things easier, speak or E-mail now so we can incorporate them. By the next meeting we should have a finished product to present.

Terry is getting information from the fire chief at Ferry Pass fire station on how many will attend the BBQ we are having for them. This is to show our appreciation to them for allowing us to use their facility. We will be assembling the layout and running trains for them and their families to view.

There was talk about reducing our dues now that we don't have anything planned for the near future. Although we don't have any plans we have a couple of short term goals we haven't met yet. We still have to pay for the BBQ, and we need to accumulate \$500.00 for deposit into the bank in order to receive the free checking. This area will list the Minutes of Meeting. The treasurers report is as follows:

Description	Transaction	Running Total
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Description	Transaction	Running Total
Beginning Month Balance		\$8.22
Expenditures/Credits	Deposits	\$181.00
	Expenditures	-\$336.51
End of month Balances		-\$155.00

Club Events

This area will list all meetings, and area events that are of interest to the club.

We recognize the following as significant events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
5 Apr 01	Work day, business meeting
19 Apr 01	Train running day

Cyber Trains

A point was made to me about the vast amount of time that it takes for meeting information is put out. A possible correction for was suggested by Kevin Carney to conduct our business issues over E-mail prior to the business meeting. This way we have only minor details to resolve when the meeting comes. So if you have an issue to bring up at the meeting, take care of it over E-mail this way we have everyone thinking of it before the meeting. If you are not on the E-mail bandwagon yet, use the phone to someone that is so it can be sent over the internet

Current E-mail Listings

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Terry Tucker	bobby@h20bugs.com
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For Sale/Wanted

Nothing wanted, nothing for Sale.

A Matter of Ethics

In the future we are coming into events that are of monetary interest to many people. If we do obtain the space in the transportation museum there will be much recognition to be had to all who donate time and materials in this community project. Here is the dilemma, we have members as well as non-members who represent local hobby supply resources that will surely benefit from the public recognition (as well as make a few dollars in the effort). To be politically correct and not hurt feelings the following practices should be conducted in this project and all future projects. Private lobbying from individuals or parties will not be accepted. What will be accepted is that interested parties will enter a bid for whatever material or service necessary to complete the project or milestone. All available vendors will be given an opportunity to provide the best deal for service or merchandise to gain the clubs patronage. This will prevent any animosity in feeling intentionally excluded from opportunities due to favoritism. There will be no advertising of store sales, promotions or services during the time of the official meeting. The meetings are long enough as it is. Any other time is fair game. It is preferred that E-mail is used for this purpose. Club members E-mails are published to make this easy. Hopefully I didn't stir the hornets nest too much.

Editors Forum

I had a revelation. I have been thinking of our goals and our "mission statement" (for the lack of a non-military term). I think that our mission overall is "to promote the hobby of model railroading in all aspects in a friendly, casual, and family environment." This can go into two different areas. One to promote the history of the local lines as well as the favorite lines of the members. Also to promote modeling skills for the individual regardless of what scale he is in. At the next meeting lets identify a skill that you want to learn, I am sure that there is someone that would be willing to share his or her technique. That's all for now, Let the Trains run.

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and not necessary the opinion of the Pensacola Model
Railroad Club. Three things to remember, Keep it
fun, keep it simple, keep it stress free.

Dave