

**ACCRS  
HO Monthly Meeting  
Minutes  
January 3, 2014**

Meeting brought to order at 8:17 pm.

Trainmaster Ed Carreno opened the meeting.  
Thanked all for trusting him so much...

Next meeting will be Feb 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ed announced he will be keeping Analog and DCC nights in the same rotation.

***Old Business***

**Fast-Clock**

Ed asked if anyone talked to Wayne about fast clock. Jim said he was supposed to talk to Wayne before last show, but it never happened. Jim will email him.

**Drive-In**

Gary announced he got a contact and ebay link for a new screen that looked nice he saw at the last show. There are various sizes and styles of screens. A 7-inch diagonal screen is the one we need.

Gary announced he was also in Walmart and saw a flip up DVD player that could work for the same purpose.

Joel will take a look at some options and present them next meeting.

**Turntable**

Nothing new to report, we will check again next meeting.

**Flyer**

The notion of a flyer was discussed. Ed would like a member to take over the project of designing a new flyer for the club. Ernest was the last member to work on the flyer, but so far it has yet to be completed.

**Website**

Ed described some videos that were made of the layout from a camera mounted on a train car. He asked if we should put the video(s) on the website. No consensus was had by the members.

Ed asked that members come up with ideas regarding picture and video content for the website and submit them to him.

Ken made a motion that next meeting all HO members should submit ideas for website pages and website improvements they want and we will vote on the ideas, like what we did for the projects last year. Levi seconded.

Motion passed.

John suggested that we put out an email with the URL of the website for new members. Ken suggested that the new flyer should also have the URL.

### The Projects

Ed demanded that everyone with a project that was voted for in the previous meeting needs to submit a document to Ed that shows:

1. Outline of the project.
2. Signup for the project.
3. Timeline for the project.
4. Post status updates of the project.

Paul asked who is lead on extending interurban.

Ed stated that Ernest is the lead on that project.

## ***New Business***

### Club Procedures

Ed asked the group: if something is broken what do we do? How do we access club DCC equipment? Ed would like to come up with answers to these questions. Ed mentioned the in-progress new member manual which needs to contain those procedures.

Ed wanted to come up with committees that will work on developing procedures. Ed would like volunteers for the committees.

### Membership Growth

Ed brought up new membership growth, and if we should consider advertising the club. Tony suggested that we should finish the new member procedures before we promote growth.

Tragan suggested that we should promote in the local hobby shops.

Levi asked if recent new growth has been beneficial. Ed says that it has been so.

Tragan mentioned that last summer he saw the ACCRS layout and did not know it was a club that could be joined. He suggested putting up more obvious signage about joining. Agreement was reached that we should create obvious signage or contact-back forms placed around the layout to explain to walk-through patrons that they can join the club. It was brought up that age requirements should also be on the signs.

### Operations Nights

Joel brought forth Andy K's suggestion to reinstate operations nights.

Lee wants procedures for future op nights that make more sense than previous ones.

Dennis was excited about running ops again. Paul said there is an operations mailing list in existence somewhere. Dennis said he once tried using pre-written cards for ops, but it doesn't work well here. Dennis said the most successful method he has used was to note where everything was located Friday night and then went home and made a switch list based on current positions for a Saturday ops.

Carl was concerned about the health of club cars. Carl said that 5 years ago there used to be a group of two individuals who were official club car maintainers. He suggested that we need to do that again to keep everything working smoothly. Apparently the original purpose of the white paint on the coupler was to show that the car passed inspection. Andy motions to have an operations day in the future. Jim seconds. Motion passes.

#### Live Video Project

Ed explained a video idea Andy had. It would be something new for the visitors to see and be excited about. A train on the layout has a live camera onboard. The video is shown on a screen and visitors try to find the train.

Tony suggested putting the feed over the wifi to be viewed on smartphones.

Ed suggested porting it to the drive-in.

It was noted that there is interest, but it will be further discussed next meeting.

Ed moves to close the meeting. Mark seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Minutes recorded by Assistant Trainmaster Joel Clark.