

**ACCRS  
HO Monthly Meeting  
Minutes  
September 5th, 2014**

Meeting brought to order at 8:39pm.

Trainmaster Ed Carreno opened the meeting and welcomed everyone back. He gave thanks to all those who worked the fair and Good Guys show.

Schedules for working shows will be online and updated frequently. Email Ed and he will update the schedule with your requests.

Schedules can be viewed on the website. Login is "member" Password is "pleasantonmodelrr"

Next meeting October 3rd.

***Old Business***

**Fast clock**

Wayne shared. Wayne recruited a friend who is a light designer. Wayne looked at our lighting before the fair and got 100% working. Now 95% of it works, some burned out during the show, including some of the white halogens. He suggests we keep our antique system working as long as possible by not using it except for during shows. If we do that we will get some nice life out of them.

He is looking at rebuilding the automatic lighting system. However, the automatic systems of today cannot handle the power load of our lights. We would need to rewire. However, Wayne is not an electrician, but he suggests a licensed electrician should do the rewire. Ed volunteered to put Wayne in touch with an electrician friend.

**Drive-In Movie**

The new movie system was well liked, sound was good, and public enjoyed the movies. Members suggested playing new movies. "Day the earth stood still" and "American graffiti" were recommended. Peter suggested "Das Boot"  
Gary mentioned Walthers sells a drive-in for \$45.

**Interurban Extension**

The interurban extension worked well during the show. Public and members liked it. No problems reported.

**Brochure**

There was a special brochure for handing out during fair. Ed asked if we want one tailored for train shops for new membership. Maybe a postcard size flyer, he said. Gary said we used to have a flyer holder at train shops with the same standard flyer. Ed

suggested someone make a sample of a train shop flyer and show to club. Project deferred to Marc.

### **Web Updates**

Ed would like to wait to finish additional brochures before web updates. Group talked about train cam to go on website. John Kolberg was tapped regarding the cam since apparently his daughter's boyfriend tried it once. He reported it looked pretty good. He offered to do it again and better.

### **Scenery Cutouts**

Ed explained the cutout project to the group and asked if anyone was still interested. Some members were interested.

Ed will repost the plan for the cutouts.

The basic idea is to be able to move scenery scenes around really fast, perhaps deploy the scenes on alternating days during the fair.

Dennis wants to identify storage for the cutouts so nothing is broken when set aside.

### **Operations**

Dennis stated that they are trying to get together on the third week of the month, though they do not plan to in September. He will try again in October.

### **Procedures**

Ed wants to work on procedures again. He wants to form committees to work this stuff out.

Example committee topics are:

How to operate DC/DCC

How to open/close building

Club owned DCC locomotive checkout

New member how to get involved or sponsorship

If anyone has interest let Ed know. It is important because it is always an issue that people don't know what to do.

### ***New Business***

#### **DCC Throttles**

Some throttles are damaged. Ed asked, since we have to repair them, does anyone want to upgrade? We can do them all at same time. It takes about a week.

Dennis was concerned about the number of throttles available. Now, one is used for trolley, one for interurban, and one for programming. We have throttles numbered 2-7, that's 6 throttles, only leaves 3 for member use.

Gary suggested we can get cheap throttles, relatively speaking, wired only with no wireless or consisting.

It was brought up that during the show we did have situations in which there weren't enough throttles.

Ed suggested obtaining wired-only throttles for trolley and interurban operation.

### **John Marshall Estate Sale Circus**

John Marshall is selling a lot of circus scenery, all or nothing. Ed saw it and said it was old. It is all kits and not put together, and all needs to be painted. Manufacturers include Carnival, Walder, Circus Crafts, and Circus Train Mini.

Paul asked where would we put the circus.

Ed suggested as a swap-in cutout for the Oildale refinery. However, Ed was not sure that all the circus scenery would fit in the area. He proposed cutting out a secondary area next to the refinery as well.

The membership discussed the John Marshall plan. Most seemed hesitant to build and paint so much stuff.

Dennis suggested using a smaller amount of pre-assembled or easy kits in a smaller area. He reminded everyone that every block in the city is a cutout, as is Mesa.

Ed thinks we should consider cutouts in new areas.

Gary brought up the port, but Dennis said no don't encourage viewers to bottleneck at the front. Avoid adding more to the port.

Wanye suggested identifying sections where you want new cutouts and let members look over the propositions.

Ultimately the group decided not to obtain John Marshall's equipment and instead look into getting a smaller number of newer kits.

### **Officer Nomination Committee**

Ed tried to get people to be on the nominating committee for HO trainmaster and assistant trainmaster.

Ed will send an email regarding the committee.

Before meeting ended a member announced that the outside track on Jamestown doesn't have drops. Ed said to put it on the whiteboard for later repair.

Paul moved to adjourn. Lee seconded.

Motion passed and meeting ended at 9:17 pm.

Minutes recorded by Assistant Trainmaster Joel Clark.