

**ACCRS
HO Monthly Meeting
Minutes
January 8, 2015**

Meeting brought to order at 8:30pm by Trainmaster Gary Lewis.

Opening remarks

Gary opened the meeting saying welcome and asking for an approval of the previous minutes. Minutes were approved. Gary provided a brief discussion of what his direction as trainmaster would be. He is focused on what projects need to be completed to show progress on the lay out for the fair. He is also interested in increasing member ship in the HO side.

Timed Lighting System

No new information regarding the “fast clock,” except that the name was changed. No new information on this project was provided.

Narrow Gauge/Lumber Yard

Andy recently got married and thus has made no new progress on the narrow gauge proposal. No new information on this project was provided

Procedures

Opening and closing procedures were completed. The procedures have been posted upstairs on the whiteboard and at the main panel. Ace train procedures competed and posted. Ed agreed to post all documentation on the web site.

DCC / Analog Friday Schedule

Ed agreed to update and post on the web site a DCC / Analog Friday night schedule for 2016.

Brochures

Brochures continue to be on hold. Ed explained we are waiting to update the brochures until the website gets changed to match. Marc had volunteered to redo the brochures. John made a sample video file for the website. Marc will redo the brochures when the new video and pictures are posted on the website. The brochure will be an updated version of the one we currently give away at the fair. Hobbies Unlimited used to carry our brochure, but now it doesn't. Lee volunteered to take our brochures down to Just Trains. No new information on this project provided.

Signal Bridges and Signal System For Layout.

Gary described is interest in building and installing operating signal bridges on the freight and passenger main lines. Jere described a new development in this area. Several

model railroaders have developed a standard for building and installing prototypically correct signals on both DCC and Analog layouts. Jere is currently building a module to demonstrate this technology. He is expected to have a working demo within the next 60 days. Stay tuned. If you would like to know more about the MSS (Modular Signal System) standard check out the following link.

<http://www.modularsignalsystem.info/index.html>

Diner Project

Dean provided an update on the Diner Project. It is at home. Nothing further discussed.

Wood Trestle Project Replacement Project

Dean described a project that he would lead if approval was obtained to replace the current Wood Trestle on the freight main with a girder / truss steel bridge. Dean passed out pictures of what it would like. Further work and a report would be necessary on this project before approval being given.

Turntable Project

John described the history and current state of improving the turntable in the yard. He is interested in getting it working and would be interested in leading the effort. Individuals interested should contact John directly. Further work and a report would be necessary on this project before approval being given.

Operations

Dennis described the current state of the operations group. Discussion about having one Friday night dedicated to operations activity. He also asked if there was interest among the members present in the activity. No one spoke up, however, if interested contact Dennis directly. Note that at the last meeting it was agreed that the ops meeting day would be moved from the 3rd Friday of the month to the Saturday after the first DCC night after a business meeting.

Next Meeting/s Minutes

Your Assistant Train Master will not be at the February meeting. Dean agreed to take the meeting minutes.

Motion passed and meeting ended.

Minutes recorded by Assistant Trainmaster Jere Ingram.
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