

RUN 8



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President's Message

As I write this message I am hopeful this issue of Run 8 will be published and in your hands prior to our May Business Meeting. A lot has occurred and we need to catch-up on the news.

Santa Fe Museum: Members of the Executive Board attended the meeting at the Santa Fe building on March 25 and found the purpose for the meeting was for the folks from the Panhandle-Plains Museum that are planning the railroad Museum in the Santa Fe building to try to determine what the general public would like to see in the Museum. They had asked folks from several different backgrounds, including teachers, other local museums, RAPS, and TPRHS as well as us to attend this meeting and we worked thru a few exercises to develop "top ten" lists of things people want to see in the museum. It was interesting going thru this process and there will probably be more meetings in the future as it develops.

STEP Grant: I want to thank members of the Executive Board and especially Jerry Michels for all the efforts to pull together the information for our STEP grant application. We had quotes for repainting the DOE railroad cars, repairing and upgrading the railroad track on the Museum property, constructing a motorcar shed and sidewalk and putting a fence around the Museum grounds and we felt we were in pretty good shape for submittal of our grant application. Unfortunately, at the eleventh hour we were basically informed that we would not be able to submit our grant request because we did not satisfy the basic requirements for the grant. The particular requirement we were unable to meet was a requirement for the applicant to provide twenty percent of the value of the grant. The guidelines for the grant application indicated that up to twenty percent could be provided with "in-kind" donations and we thought we could make-up our whole twenty percent of the grant amount with "in-kind" donations, particularly the value of the services the BNSF will provide to install a switch and move the rail cars, however we were informed otherwise.

Jerry Michels and I met with Vicky Covey with the City of Amarillo on April 13 (Maundy-Thursday) where we received our first inkling of this problem with our grant application. Jerry had to follow-up with TX-DOT and they confirmed the specifics of the requirement. We would have needed over



\$60,000 in cash to cover our share of the grant request given the amount we were asking for and we did not have the time to scrape-up the money.

There were several additional steps in the grant process we were not fully aware of and Vicky Covey discussed the grant process with us. First, we could not submit our grant application directly; it had to be nominated by a public entity such as the City or County; we were aware of this requirement. The City had to send the grant applications thru a Metropolitan planning board to rank local grant requests and then they were forwarded to TX-DOT for ranking regionally and then state-wide; this was spelled-out in the grant application. What we weren't particularly aware of was the actual funding process and the need to have a much more detailed breakdown of the costs and contingency to cover price escalations. Vicky showed us a breakdown for a grant the City was submitting for downtown; this was very informative.

The grants are being funded with federal money dedicated for transportation-related projects and the state is taking \$80 million off the top of these funds for courthouse renovation projects. Around January the preliminary grant awards would be released. The state would provide limited funding for planning activities to cover design costs and permitting and then applicants go back to the state 12 months later to obtain the funding for construction activities. Actual funding for construction under the STEP grant would be approximately 2-years out given the time for all the planning, etc. While we are disappointed with this setback, at least we have good information on today's costs for these items and we can keep our eyes open for other opportunities.

SFRM&HS Convention: I have solicited local members of the SFRH&MS that are not members of the ARM to see if they might be interested, willing and able to assist with the convention, unfortunately I have not received much response yet. There is only a handful of members of the SFRH&MS in Amarillo, so even if most of them agree to help, there is still a lot of help needed from our members. We need to go ahead and start a sign-up list for the help required at the convention. Folks that significantly assist with the convention will receive a convention staff shirt. See additional notes on the convention concerning the duties.

As I noted in my article in the March issue of Run 8, we have a lot of work to do to get ourselves ready for the convention in the next couple months including cleaning-up the Museum building and grounds and starting on the construction of our model railroad layout.

Special Project: One additional special project has come-up. I received a call from Don Dean earlier this month. Don has a layout at his home that he was building with assistance from Max Smith. Don indicated the layout is fairly well along but he indicated a need for some assistance to overcome an electrical problem on one section of the layout and to finish scenery work. Don figures that with 3-4 people working approximately 3-4 hours over 3 Saturdays might finish the work required to make the layout ready and proposed this layout can be on the tour for the SFRH&MS convention. I solicited some volunteers to assist with this layout and in my last conversation with Don, he was unsure if he would be in town during the convention.

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Financial Report

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Income		Expenses	
Car Income	\$ 1,788.20	Utilities	\$ 451.19
		Car Loan Payment	\$ 0.00
Dues	\$ 835.00	Construction Costs	\$ 50.51
Donations	\$ 0.00	Bank Loan	\$ 478.69
Misc	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	Misc -	\$ 59.69
		Cedit Card, postage	\$ 369.68
		Insurance and Car Fund	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 2,623.20	Total Expenses	\$ 1,409.75
	Ending Balance as of <u>3/30/2006</u>		\$ 11,252.20
	Insurance and Custom Car Fund		<u>\$ 2,219.36</u>
	Total		\$ 13,471.56

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Layout Design: Folks in attendance at our April Business know that we discussed possibly switching designers since we have not yet received the design for the layout. I sent a letter to our designer noting the need to have a plan delivered to us or that we would need to terminate the agreement and this has spurred the designer to send us a few clips of the layout plan where he had questions. A response was provided back to the designer and as-of this writing we are still waiting for the plan. The main issue noted by the designer is that our layout plan is larger than any plans he designed previously and it has been taking him much longer than he anticipates for most tasks because the layout is so much larger than others he has done.

Elections: Elections will be a major item at our May Business Meeting. This year we will elect the President, Vice President/Secretary and Treasurer. If anyone is interested in running for any of these positions, please let one of the members on the Executive Board know. Requirements to run for one of these offices includes the following: A member must be in good standing with the Treasurer, must belong to the association for a period of at least one year prior to an election to be eligible for the offices of Director, Vice President/Secretary, and/or Treasurer. In addition to the above conditions, a member desiring to run for the office of President must serve a minimum of one term as a

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Director, Vice President/Secretary, or Treasurer.

Bob Roth

The hosting duties that need to be filled include manning the registration desk, contest room, clinic room hosts, bus tour hosts and general help. A general outline of the duties is as follows:

Registration Desk: The Registration Desk will need to be open on Wednesday, 7/19 from 7-9 PM; Thursday, 7/20 from 8 AM - Noon and 4-6 PM; Friday, 7/21, from 8 AM - Noon and 1-3 PM; and

Santa Fe Railroad Historical & Modeling Society (SFRH&MS) Convention:

Saturday, 7/22, from 8-10 AM. At least 2 people are needed at all times and possibly 3 during times of peak check-in.

Contest Room: Main duty will be checking-in models on Friday and early on Saturday and the room will need to be manned the full time the contest room is open. These folks will not need to judge the models, but will be asked to assist in counting the ballots and tabulating the results. Model pick-up will be after the banquet Saturday evening and help will be needed then too.

Clinic Rooms: One "host" is required in each Clinic Room on Friday & Saturday to make ensure the AV equipment is set-up for the clinicians, to introduce each clinic and to thank each clinician at the end of the clinic.

Bus Tours: There will be 3 buses for prototype tours on Thursday, 7/20. The tours will end around 4:00 PM and the buses will return to the hotel. Around 6:00 PM the buses will be used to take people from the hotel to the Santa Fe General Office Building downtown for tours and BBQ. Some assistance will be required to help usher members to the buses for this trip and back.

General Help: Per the description given to me, several people will be needed for misc. errands and odd jobs. "A thankless task, but we need some help moving in the stuff, greeting people, and so forth."

Folks serving on the stall will receive a shirt that will be different from the shirt sold to regular convention attendees

Note: Non-SFRH&MS helpers do not need to join the Society to help out at the convention. Each of them will receive an official convention committee shirt and they will have free access to the ven-

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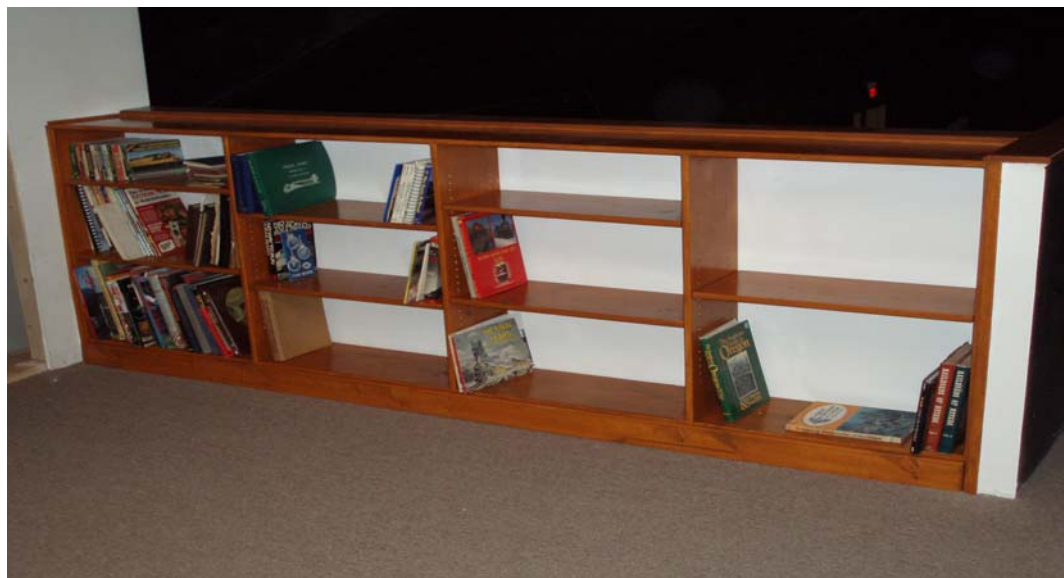
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dor room. If they wish to attend the Thursday bbq or the Saturday banquet, they can buy a ticket just for that. As the Sunday breakfast is really a business meeting, that must be open to members only. Also, if seating is available, no problem with them attending clinics. However, if a clinic room is crowded, we ask they defer the seats to fully registered members. We need shirt sizes for helpers ASAP!



The History Channel's "Mega Mover series featuring the relocation of AT&SF No 5000 (Madam Queen) will be aired on Tuesday - **May 9, 2006 at 10pm. (check your local listing for this date for the exact local time of the program)**

One of the finished book cases on the upstairs landing, the second should be finished shortly.





News

BNSF's 2006 capacity enhancement projects in Texas include \$12.5 million to improve throughput capacity at BNSF's Alliance Intermodal Facility near Fort Worth, \$6 million to expand BNSF's fueling facility in Temple, and \$6.5 million for line expansion at Maywood Wye on the Hereford subdivision. In addition, about \$550 million of BNSF's 2006 capital program will be used to acquire 310 low-emissions locomotives, many of which will operate through Texas. The 2006 capacity enhancements are part of the 10 percent increase BNSF announced in January to its 2006 capital program to \$2.4 billion.

Work is scheduled to begin on a new wye in Amarillo to connect the former ATSF and former BN that will be in the same location as the old Maywood wye that was part of industrial trackage. This wye will allow eastbound trains from the Hereford Sub (ex ATSF) to move north on the Dalhart Sub (former BN). Included in the wye trackage will be a new control point allowing train to leave the yards and cross all three mains of the Hereford sub to enter this wye. It is to be in service by late July 2006, but physical work has not started yet for this. Empty coal trains from Mill, TX returning to the Powder River Basin and the M-BELDEN trains will use this wye each day.

New track for Texas? If the state of Texas has its way, that could happen. The state of Texas would like a new Trans-Texas railway to be built near the proposed Trans-Texas Highway. The railway will start north of the Fort Worth Metroplex and swing around the west side of it running all the way to Mexico. A Spanish company named Cintra-Zachry has been selected to develop the line has said that the nearly 600 miles of rail lines would be a double track railroad good for 70 MPH and will have no grade crossings. All roads will be separated from the tracks on either over or underpasses. The rail line will be capable of handle triple-stacks of containers instead of double stacks. The price tag for this line is a paltry \$6 Billion. Part of the money will come from user fees from railroads such as BNSF, UP and KCS. The article did not mention where the rest of it would come from. If this is built, the plan is that it will take 10,000 trucks off the I-35 corridor each day south of Fort Worth. About a year ago, BNSF and UP signed an agreement with Texas Governor Rick Perry to move freight rails out of congested city areas. The agreement did not state how it would be done however. If this rail line is built, the existing rail lines could be converted to high speed transit lines or a new toll road that the state wants to build called the Trans-Texas Highway. If the proposal becomes reality, it will take about 3 years to start construction and 5 years for trains to be operating on the line. Voters in Texas will be asked in November if they want to support an Inland Port at either Dallas or Fort Worth. The new rail line would allow this to happen with containers moving from the Gulf coast and from Mexico to the DFW area.



Members Information

There are a few changes to the Membership list in regards to address's and if any one has noticed any incorrect information please forward it to me so that I can get it corrected in the next issue.

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