

# THE FEVR FLASH

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(The Fremont Dinner Train is a separate business for which the FEVR provides motive power and trackage).

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is a resumption under an on-line format of the **FEVR FLASH** which was published monthly with about three hundred copies through the mail for about three and one-half years, with May, 2005, as the last issue. (go to our website to see these issues) The preparation of the June, 2005, issue was interrupted by the diagnosis of a brain tumor for the editor. The following three surgeries and four hospitalizations delayed this even more. The good news is that the tumor was benign and only affected the covering of the brain. The bad news is that the editor is still recovering from the effects of the extended treatments and inactivity which included a replacement of a part of the skull with plastic. The future looks promising with no re-occurrence indicated. Moral of the story- if you have any unusual symptoms - get checked out right away!

Please share the information herein. The publication schedule is indeterminate at this time as is the distribution process. We will up-date as much as possible on the activities at the NRM and the FEVR to as many as possible.

## MEETING CHANGES:

For a number of years, the meeting times for the **general membership** and both the **NRM** and **FEVR** Boards of Directors were all on the evening of the first Wednesday of each month. For those members also on the Boards this made for a very long evening!

It was recently suggested by member **Dennis Wallen** that the membership meeting be moved to a Saturday, starting at 9 AM. The meeting would be followed

by an opportunity to participate in a work session. That would provide a learning experience for members on various types of equipment and would provide help for much needed repairs and improvements before the start of the excursion season. Every member should be trained in as many areas of work as possible to insure back-up capabilities that may be needed.

Each meeting will include safety instruction. The exact work to be done at each session will depend on what has the highest priority, available equipment, and the weather. Members who wish to bring items to the attention of the boards may contact a Board member present at the membership meeting, contact **Shirley Angermund**, Board President, or request a meeting with the appropriate Board.

The Boards need to be informed if they are to respond to member's concerns or suggestions.

The first membership meeting and work session is scheduled for **Saturday, February 17**. Contact **Dennis** at **624-2610** for more information.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

The NRM Board decided at the February 7 meeting to discontinue the half-year renewals for "local supporters" - those individuals who choose to belong to the local organization but do not wish to belong to the National Railway Historical Society. Currently, these individuals pay the local renewal fee of \$20 in January for an entire year but only \$10 if they join after June 30th.

Considerable extra effort for the local organization will be eliminated with minimal impact. This change will be effective in 2008.

## MAINTENANCE:

A committee to deal with mechanical maintenance issues was formed at the January Board meeting. Board member **Erik Muttersbough**, along with members **Mark Kothenbeutel** and **Lawrence Addleman** formed the committee. During first two weeks of January when the Fremont Dinner Train does not operate, many maintenance items on the EMD locomotive #1219 were carried out.

Under development is a system of

record keeping for major items of equipment. This will help insure that equipment will be available when needed and that potentially serious and expensive down time will be averted.

## GRANT ACTIVITY:

Several activities in the development of financial resources are underway under the leaderships of Board member **Maynard Porter** and **President Shirley Angermund**.

A grant application to the **Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality** for the acquisition of a large tree chipper has been prepared. This unit would be able to chip 15 inch tree trunks. It would be available to surrounding communities for use on a loan basis when not in use by the railroad. All the chips would have to be used for mulch, etc. and none could go to a landfill.

Except for emergencies, use by communities would be during the regular work week while FEVR volunteers primarily would use it on weekends for disposing of brush and trees along the right of way.

There are plans to leave selected tree trunks along the right of way and to obtain financing to have a chain saw "artist" carve these into replicas of regional and local historical characters.

Train passengers could view these and be both entertained and educated about regional and local history.

The **Fremont and Dodge County Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board** is considering a grant of \$100,000 over a period of six years for the repair of track and locomotives. The Advisory Board's special committee was chaired by **Bruce Eveland**, owner of the Fremont Dinner Train for which the FEVR provides motive power and trackage under contract. See the full report in the January 25 **Fremont Tribune** files.

## OTHER NEWS:

April 20 - First school run (100+)

April 22 - Orphan train run

April 28 - Harvey House run

May (TBA) - excursions start

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