

# THE FEVR FLASH

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## BACK ISSUES:

All back issues of the FLASH may be viewed at [www.fremontrailroad.com](http://www.fremontrailroad.com).

In addition, numerous links to other websites of commercial railroads, tourist railroads, the Fremont community, and more information on the FEVR history and equipment may be found there.

## BOARDS OF DIRECTORS :

The FEVR and the NRM Boards of Directors met Wednesday evening, July 11, at the Wilderness Lodge and Conference Center in Fremont. The meeting date was moved one week because of the Independence Day holiday. FEVR Board members attending were **Bob Ueberrheim, Dave Jorgensen, Shirley Angermund** (Board President), **George Blessing, Darrell Miller, Maynard Porter, and Charles L. Sedlacek.** **Patti Emanuel-Vaughan** who replaces **Jim Lacy** as Director of the Fremont & Dodge County Convention and Visitors Bureau, was a guest.

**Ms. Emanuel-Vaughan** was welcomed by the Board.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved.

When the highway crossing panels were replaced recently at the HY 91 crossing at Nickerson by the **Railworks** company, some of the BNSF crossing signal wires were accidentally cut. The bill for the repair has been forwarded to Railworks for payment.

Shirley Angermund reported on a meeting with **Rudy Daniels**, a friend of the railroad, regarding the preparation of a grant proposal. She indicated the need for more information.

The possibility of obtaining **KENO** funds was discussed.

**Maynard Porter** presented a process for the reporting of volunteer work hours. This information is essential if those hours are to be used as "in kind" matching for grants. Currently, there is no organized process for such reporting.

**Maynard and Shirley** reported on their meeting with representatives of the **FRA** (Federal Railroad Administration). In the past, there have been some irregularities in our reporting practices. The various reports have not been submitted by the time they are due. **Maynard**, who is now in charge of FRA reports, has brought the reports up to date.

It was moved and approved to have reports on both the volunteer hours and FRA reports as agenda items for every future board meeting.

Comments were mentioned that **local citizens** are pleased with the crossing repair and the mowing being carried out by our volunteers in Hooper. Appreciation was expressed to all involved in those efforts.

It was announced that the NRM grant application to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (**DEQ**) for a large capacity tree chipper has been approved. This was described in a previous issue of the FLASH. The use of the unit will be shared by the FEVR and Fremont and surrounding communities. All output of the unit must be used for mulch and similar uses and none is to go to the landfills.

Next meeting on August 1.

## MEMBERSHIP CONTACTS:

Member **Thelma Van Steenwyck** will be working with **George Blessing** in taking over the membership contact position. Any member or local supporter (does not belong to **NRHS** national) who has been overlooked in dues collection should leave a message at the Depot.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Because of the heavy workload on the volunteers on weekends, the membership meeting was held on Wednesday, July 18. There was a discussion of items pertaining to

FEVR/NRM business. It was reported that some of the trip reports for the train operations still contain errors. It is very important that these errors be eliminated since functions like reports to the FRA depend upon their accuracy.

It was announced that a representative of the **HIT** organization will visit in August to evaluate our facilities for a possible **Thomas the Tank<sup>™</sup>** event in 2008.

The next Membership meeting is scheduled for August 8 at 7:00 PM at the Depot.

## HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

Construction of the permanent crossing east of Hooper for highway 77 is now underway and much of the paving is completed.

## JOHN C. FREMONT DAYS:

The annual Fremont celebration in honor of John C. Fremont, the pioneer explorer, was held July 13, 14, and 15.

There were 434 passengers on the special FEVR trains scheduled for the event. This was an increase of 65 over the ridership for the 2006 event.

## CHARTER SCHEDULE:

Charters as of 07/25/07

July 27 - 10:00 PM - Day Care

August 2 - 11:00 AM - Sarpy YMCA

August 3 - 11:00 AM - Sarpy YMCA

August 9 - 10:00 AM - Kids Campers

## EXCURSION SCHEDULE:

The regular excursion season began on May 20 and will operate through October. Trains leave the Fremont depot at **1:00 PM** on **Saturdays** and **Sundays** for a trip of about three and one-half hours to Nickerson and return. Reservations recommended but not required. It is advisable to call the depot to confirm the schedule ahead of time should there be a change due to special events.

Air conditioned fares are \$14 for adults and for children 3-11 \$10. Vintage coach fares are \$10 and \$8 respectively. Children under 3 at no charge. AAA cards give a \$1.00 discount on adult fares.

New brochures are available. Call or write for a copy.