

THE FEVR FLASH

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For Dinner Train only- 402-727-8321
(The Fremont Dinner Train is a separate business for which the FEVR provides motive power and trackage.)

BACK ISSUES:

All back issues of the FLASH may be viewed at 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, June 6, at the Fremont Holiday Lodge. FEVR Board members attending were **Ron Spahni, Bob Ueberrheim, Dave Jorgensen, Sean Powers, Shirley Angermund** (Board President), **George Blessing, Darrell Miller, Erik Mutthersbough, Jeff Blackmore, Maynard Porter, Al Schlapfer, and Charles L. Sedlacek.** **Jim Lacy**, Director of the Fremont & Dodge County Convention and Visitors Bureau, was a guest.

Mr. Lacy announced that he will be leaving the Bureau after July for other employment. He was thanked for his help and the Board members look forward to meeting his replacement.

There was additional discussion on several items on the Business Plan which was introduced in the May meeting.

One of the suggestions on the plan was to have the Fremont Dinner Train (FDT) load and unload passengers on the track adjacent to the depot. This would get FDT passengers acquainted with the museum and the excursion operations.

However, extended switching operations prior to departure would be involved to remove the FEVR excursion cars and bring in the dinner train. Since

the FEVR crews are volunteers who generally have regular employment they might not be able to be on site soon enough and this would not be feasible.

It was decided that the FDT boarding would have to continue at the present site, but that the depot museum should be open before FDT departure for visits by its passengers.

This plan will be discussed with the manager of the dinner train along with the request for help for staffing during the open time. The FEVR would install signs informing the FDT passengers of the opportunity to visit the depot.

It was decided to follow up the business plan as far as combining the office locations of the FEVR and the FDT at the depot site. This was the situation until the mid-1990's when the FDT office moved to its present site. The FDT manager will be invited to discuss this within 60 days.

The possibility of bringing back the appearance of **Thomas the Tank Engine™** or the alternative of **The Little Engine That Could™** was discussed. **Jeff Blackmore** and member **Thelma Van Steenwyck** will investigate this issue in association with the **Dodge County Convention and Visitor's Bureau**, the **Fremont Area Tourism Board**, and the **Fremont Visitor's Bureau**.

Under other business items, the status of FRA reporting and the status of grant writing were discussed.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Because of the need to have members available to finish the crossing work in Hooper, the Saturday June membership meeting was cancelled.

HOOPER CROSSINGS:

Highway construction in the Hooper area will make it necessary to detour Highway 77 traffic through Hooper on Elm street for a short period later in the construction season. The three crossings of the railroad on this street were repaired by FEVR volunteers to handle the extra traffic. Asphalt was replaced by concrete where necessary to provide a more permanent repair. Sidewalk repair was done as needed. **Erik Mutthersbough** planned the project and was responsible

for obtaining materials. He and others, including **Dave Mutthersbough, Al Schlapfer, Lawrence Addleman, Ben Kothenbeutel**, and other volunteers contributed their efforts to completing the project. Many thanks for their hard work.

JOHN C. FREMONT DAYS:

The annual Fremont celebration in honor of John C. Fremont, the pioneer explorer, will be held July 13, 14, and 15. Adding to the many other events the railroad will operate special excursion trains having the following boarding times at the depot at 1835 N. Somers:

<u>Friday, July 13</u>	- 2:30 PM
<u>Saturday, July 14</u>	- 10:30 AM
	- 12:30 PM
	- 2:30 PM
<u>Sunday, July 15</u>	- 9:30 AM
	- 12:45 PM

Fares: Non-air conditioned:

Adult - \$8.00
Children 3-11 - \$6.00

Air conditioned:

Adult - \$12.00
Children 3-11 - \$8.00

CHARTER SCHEDULE:

Charters as of 06/17/07

<u>June 24</u>	- 1:30 PM - Jeff House
<u>June 25</u>	- 9:30 AM - school
<u>July 7</u>	- 10:00 AM - softball assoc.
<u>July 27</u>	- 10:00 AM - day care

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.

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