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(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, September 5, at the Wilderness Lodge and Conference Center in Fremont. FEVR Board members attending were **Shirley Angermund** (Board President), **Dave Jorgensen**, **Maynard Porter**, **Ron Spahni**, **Bob Ueberrhein**, **Lee Wilmart**, **Bud Miller**, **Jeff Blackmore**, and **Charles L. Sedlacek**.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Lee Wilmart was welcomed back. He was seriously injured in an accident last year.

There was discussion concerning the gift shop funds and stock items, the charter and excursion income, and similar items. There were fewer school charters which reduced the passenger count and income. Since the track south of Linden Street is not currently in use, the possibility of declaring the Linden Street crossing **Exempt** and not having to power and maintain the crossing gates there was brought up. The matter will be discussed with **Mel Cunningham**, who maintains the railroad's signals.

Discussion concerning modifications to the excursion schedules was tabled until the November or December

meeting.

A proposal from an individual interested in the future operation of the railroad was distributed. It was moved to invite that person to meet with the Board at a mutually convenient time to discuss the matter.

A proposal from two students working on their Senior Thesis in the Department of Computer and Electronics Engineering, College of Engineering, UNL, for access to FEVR track and crossings was approved. They are developing a process whereby motorists waiting for a train to pass through a crossing will receive an indication of how long a time they will need to wait.

MEMBER NEWS:

The membership is concerned by the news of a very serious illness affecting **Jerry Morris**, a Board member. We wish to express hope for a recovery as soon as possible.

The best wishes for a successful railroad career go to **Josh Kay**, a very capable FEVR track maintenance worker, conductor and engineer trainee. Josh, a recent high school graduate, has left to attend the **National Academy of Railroad Sciences** in Overland Park, Kansas. In his letter to us he expressed his appreciation for the opportunities he had to learn in a hands-on manner the many varied tasks and responsibilities connected with railroad operations. We are glad we had the opportunity to help him realize his dreams of being a "railroader".

NRHS NEWS:

The National Railway Historical Society (NRHS), in which the NRM has membership, is changing ways in which conducts some of its operations. It has utilized volunteers and a very minimal paid staff to carry out publications and membership operations. The result has been an increasing backlog of missed deadlines and of frustrated members.

In order to mitigate the problems, many items have been out-sourced on a contract basis. The national dues notices will be mailed directly to members instead of relying on chapter distribution. Members will need to follow

accompanying instructions. The needed improvements come at a minimal cost of less than a dollar per month in dues.

The changes do not affect "local supporters" of NRM who do not belong to NRHS.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

The new portion of **highway US 77** east of Hooper was scheduled to open **September 1**, but the new road intersection immediately south of the railroad tracks is still not completed. The completion of this road section will involve the detour of highway traffic through Hooper.

The delay is probably dependent upon the completion of the US 275 bypass south and west of Hooper so that only US 77 traffic will need to use the detour route.

CHARTER SCHEDULE:

Charters as of 09/25/07

September 28 - Arlington School

October 6- Harvey House

(For Harvey House information, contact the Fremont Dinner Train office - 402-727-8321)

Note: there will be **no** regular excursion trip on October 6 due to the Harvey House event)

EXCURSION SCHEDULE:

The regular excursion season 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.

Charter opportunities will continue after October, depending upon weather and operational conditions. Charter scheduling for 2008 is now available.

Brochures are available. Call or write for a copy.