

THE FEVR FLASH

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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.

MAILING LIST:

If anyone wishes to be added to the list they should send an email request to NPTCHM@Hotmail.Com. The address will be used for no other purpose than the Flash.

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS :

The Boards of Directors for FEVR and the NRM met June 4, 2008, at the Wilderness Lodge in Fremont. Those in attendance for their respective board positions were **Darrel Miller (FEVR only)**, **Maynard Porter**, **Al Schlafper**, **Erik Mutthersbough**, **Ron Spahni (FEVR only)**, **Charles Sedlacek**, **George Blessing**, **Jeff BBlackmore**, **David Jorgensen (FEVR only)**, and **Shirley Angermund**. President **Angermund** conducted the meeting.

Minutes of previous meetings and the treasurer's reports were presented, reviewed, and approved.

Porter stated that all reports to the FRA were current. He reported 10 trips in April producing 8490 passenger miles from 566 passengers.

Ms. Angermund gave an update on the preparations for the Day Out With Thomastm. Approximately 1400 tickets were sold as of the meeting date. There was difficulty in finding children-oriented

live music presentations. Several Board members were working on radio, television, and print advertising. As reported before, the event activities, including the merchandise tent, will be held on the hard surface areas in the **Ronin Park** which is adjacent to the depot.

The was considerable discussion of the status of several loans. The lending institution, which must abide by its regulatory overseers, has indicated that a course of action must be taken to improve that status. Of the options possible, it was decided to determine what non-critical assets of NRM/FEVR could be liquidated to provide funds.

Spahni was appointed to head a committee which will include **Blackmore** and **Jorgenson** and which will make recommendations on such assets.

FLOODING:

Recent heavy rains in the **Maple Creek** watershed resulted in flooding in the **Nickerson** vicinity. The FEVR track between the Maple Creek bridge and Nickerson was flooded. It was reported that the bridge was not damaged.

However, debris accumulated at a small bridge over a ditch south of Nickerson caused a washout of one approach. Until repairs are made, trains will operate in a push-pull manner from Fremont to the bridge. There is no effect on the Thomas operations since those trains operate only a very short distance from the Fremont terminus.

HIGHWAY 275 CROSSING:

The panels for highway traffic at the recently completed crossing are showing unexpected early deterioration. Vice-President **Porter** attended a meeting with Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) staff at the Lincoln headquarters on June 27. Information from that meeting will be a agenda item for the July 2 Board meeting.

NRHS DUES:

The National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) has adopted a revised method of member dues payment using a contractor. While this has offered the prospect of process improvement, it also

makes mandatory the use of specialized software on-line for reporting purposes from the local chapters.

For the **NRM**, this has resulted in dues records for national members not being forwarded to the contractor on time. An NRM volunteer was unable to complete the task. The problem will be resolved, but more time will be needed.

JOHN C. FREMONT DAYS:

The annual celebration held in recognition of the explorer of that name will be held on July 11, 12, and 13. Special trains will be scheduled as follows: (boarding times listed)

Friday, July 11 - 2 PM

Saturday, July 12:

8:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 2:15 PM

Sunday, July 13 -

9:30 AM, 12:45 PM

(Note: no regular excursion schedules these days)

DAY OUT WITH THOMASTM:

The event will be held as scheduled for **July 18,19,20,25,26 and 27**. The museum and railroad continue to need the help of community volunteers and civic organizations before and during the visit. Contact Ms. Angermund at 402-727-0615 if you can help.

Tickets are available on the Internet at [www. Ticketweb.com](http://www.Ticketweb.com) or by telephone at **1-866-468-7530**. See www.Fremontrailroad.com for more information and also see the ad in the *Directory of Tourist Lines and Train Museums* in the June, July, and August issues of *Trains Magazine* (publication date is approximately one month ahead of cover date).

Train rides will run on the hour 9:00 AM through 4:00 PM each of the days, with each run 25 - 30 minutes long. (Note: There will no regular excursion trips on these days)

EXCURSION SEASON:

Regular excursion trips board at the Depot at 1835 N. Somers at 1:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. Reservations are recommended since the trip schedule may change because of special events

. Charters continue to be available for schools and other groups.