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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:

Several new addresses are being added to the email list for this issue. 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 May 7, 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 Spahn (FEVR only), Charles Sedlacek, George Blessing, and Shirley Angermund.** President **Angermund** conducted the meeting.

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

Maynard stated that all reports to the FRA were current. He also gave an update on the volunteer hours.

The status of the small shed immediately east of the engine house in **Hooper** was discussed. This building allegedly has some contamination from previous use for petroleum product

storage. This building was re-roofed in 2004 along with other improvements and the building was secured from trespassers. The sources for funding for testing of the site and the eventual removal of the contamination, if needed, were discussed. The eventual use of the building for mower storage was brought up.

A special meeting to deal with the FEVR business plan was scheduled.

Ms. Angermund gave an update on the preparations for the Day Out With Thomastm. Glenda Hartwig from the community has been hired as a Co-Coordinator. Advertising posters have been produced and contacts have been made with appropriate agencies. The Douglas County **REACT** organization will assist with crowd control, parking, and emergency operations. **Erik M.** will contact the local police for on-site interactive demonstrations. The area adjacent in **Ronin Park** will again be used for the display and activity area but the use will be confined to the hard surfaced areas to avoid the damage that occurred to the turf in the past events.

Charles S. gave an update on the batteries in the two small locomotives in **Hooper**. He will donate the funds to acquire the one needed for the **GE** once the proper replacement type is determined. The remaining three in the **GE** were charged and they recovered. He reported that the batteries in the **Dorothy** are beyond saving.

Al S. donated a maintenance manual for the **EMD 567C** diesel engine. This is the type used in locomotive 1219.

The **NRM Board** members re-convened after the FEVR meeting. The Orphan train ridership was less than that of last year. The reply from Mr. Vaughn to questions submitted by NRM was reviewed. Ozark Mountain Rail was discussed as a source for an appraisal of NRM property.

The loan service by NRM of the outstanding bank loans has not improved and is of concern both to us and to the bank. New revenue sources are needed.

The delivery of local membership materials has improved and membership

items have gone out.

The **NRHS** (National Railway Historical Society) has recognized our organization for 25 years of operation.

SPECIAL MEETING:

The **NRM** Directors met at the depot May 14 after the scheduled membership meeting to review the business plan. This plan is needed to secure additional grant funding and as a guide for future courses of action.

The concept of non-passenger car storage was an item added to the business plan. This is currently hampered by the lack of a reliable connection to the general system. The needed track owned by **UPRR** south of Linden Street to the M Street switch is out of service. That railroad has not indicated a willingness to donate, lease, sell, or repair that segment.

CHARTER SCHEDULES:

Current **2008** schedules include:

June 5 - MOM's group

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 watch for 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). This visit will bring many visitors to bolster the local economy.

EXCURSION SEASON:

The regular **2008** excursion season has resumed and will continue until the end of October. 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.