

# 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:

Back issues of the FLASH and links to numerous railroad related sites may be viewed at [www.fremontrailroad.com](http://www.fremontrailroad.com).

## MAILING LIST:

If anyone wishes to be added to the FLASH email list they should send a request to [NPTCHM@Hotmail.Com](mailto:NPTCHM@Hotmail.Com).

## BOARDS OF DIRECTORS :

The minutes of the Boards of Directors meeting of July 1 were not available for review at the time of this publication.

## BRIDGE:

A defect which was serious enough to warrant closure to traffic was discovered in one of the two rail bridges in the golf course during an inspection at the end of June. Since the schedules for both John C. Fremont Days and the Day Out With Thomas<sup>tm</sup> plus the usual dinner train, charter, and excursions were to be adversely affected, repairs were immediately ordered. A Railworks company crew effected repairs and by the end of the day on July 10 traffic was restored.

Several usual dinner train, charter, and excursion runs had to be cancelled, but only the July 10 Fremont Days run was cancelled.

The rest of the July schedules operated normally.

Additional work needs to be done on the bridge to make the repairs permanent.

## DAY OUT WITH THOMAS<sup>tm</sup> :

Thomas arrived in time for the event, travelling from the previous engagement in Montana in spite of a delay enroute due to a breakdown of the transporting truck.

The schedule of July 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26 was generally favored with mild weather, except for rain on the 16<sup>th</sup> which affected the setup and for a day in the 90's on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, the merchandise and other tents were set up in Ronin City Park adjacent to the Depot and shuttle bus transportation for visitors to remote parking was provided.

There were slightly more than 7000 riders

on the trains. This was about 2000 riders fewer than at the 2008 event. This deficit in ridership is common to most tourist railroads and to entertainment events in general do to stresses in the economy. Not included in total are those who visited the merchandise and entertainment areas only. Other data about the event is still being analyzed.

President Angermund wishes to thank all who volunteered to help with the event – whether with setting up, unloading/loading merchandise, manning the various activities, running the train. or anything else. She especially wants to express appreciation to those who remained at the end of the last day to take down and put away things like fences, chairs, and do everything else that needed to be done.

## BUSINESS PLAN:

The committee members developing the business plan did not meet because of other events, but development continued via Internet, with members developing their assigned portions of the document

## EX EXCURSION SEASON:

Excursions are scheduled to continue every Saturday and Sunday until the end of October. Boarding times are at 1:00 PM at the Depot at 1835 N. Somers in Fremont. The 15 mile trip takes riders to **Nickerson** and return and is approximately two to two and one-half hours long. Fares are the same as those for last season and depend on the choice of vintage or climate-controlled coaches. Reservations are recommended to accommodate excursion changes in case there are special events.

## CHARTERS:

Excursion charters for schools and other groups are available. Special events may be announced on the office phone and/or in the FLASH as they are scheduled.

## EVENT PHOTOS:

Photos of events and people will be in the FLASH in the future when space is available.



MERCHANDISE TENT



MODEL TRAINS IN THE DEPOT



THOMAS RETURNS FROM A TRIP



THOMAS TO THE ENGINE HOUSE  
AT DAY'S END



RONIN PARK WITH EVENT TENTS