

THE FEVR FLASH

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(The Fremont Dinner Train is a separate
business for which the NRM provides motive
power and trackage under contract.)

BACK ISSUES:

Back issues of the FLASH and links to
numerous railroad related sites may be viewed
at www.FremontRailroad.com.

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BOARDS OF DIRECTORS :

The January Boards of Directors meeting for
FEVR and the **NRM** was scheduled for
January 6, but was postponed because of
weather and was subsequently held in the
meeting room at the depot on January 10.

Attending were: **Shirley Angermund**,
George Blessing, **Erik Mutersbough**,
Charles L. Sedlacek, **Dennis Wallen**, **Darrell
Miller** (FEVR only), and new members
Rudolph Daniels, **Paul Eveland**, and **Melissa
Peterson** who were introduced. (information
on the new members can be found in the
November issue of the FLASH)

Officers for 2010 were elected:

President- **Dennis Wallen**

Vice President — **Erik Mutersbough**

Treasurer — **Shirley Angermund ***

Secretary — **George Blessing**

* Ms. Angermund is not a Board member
now but under applicable rules, the treasurer's
position does not have that requirement.



At the Depot Meeting Room.

Left to right: **Darrell Miller** (partially
obscured), **Dennis Wallen**, **George Blessing**,
Rudolph Daniels, **Melissa Peterson**, **Erik
Mutersbough** (not shown - **Paul Eveland**,
Shirley Angermund, and **Charles L.
Sedlacek**. **Dave Mutersbough** was absent.

NRM is in the process of updating its by-
laws, producing a Policies and Procedures
Manual, and undertaking processes to enhance
its identity. Conflicts of interest for board
members with limitations on the number of
board members who might have similar
potential conflicts were addressed through by-
laws amendments. A logo was adopted for the
NRM. There was discussion concerning a
future policy of voting by mail ballot only, the
posting of signage along roads, the creation of
new brochures, and more advertising in railfan
publications.

The operating contract with the **Fremont
Diner Train** was reviewed and suggested
revisions based upon data from an analysis of
actual costs for the railroad were adopted.

There was a second meeting of the Boards
on **Sunday, January 17**, to follow-up on some
matters left from the previous Sunday. One of
these matters was the status of loan guarantors
who were involved with the establishment of
the **FEVR** in the 1980's. Inquiries at the
involved financial institution have determined
that none of the original arrangements are
relevant at present.

There was an executive session as part of
the meeting.

NRM AT TRAIN SHOWS:

NRM will have a display at a model train
show at the:

Lincoln Area Model Railroad Club and Museum

Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE

Saturday, Feb. 20 - 9:00 AM -5:00 PM

Sunday, Feb. 21 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The January event schedule included the:

Great Train Expo at the MidAmerica Center,
in Council Bluffs, IA, on Saturday, January
30 and Sunday, January 31

WINTER WOES - CONTINUED:

The adverse winter weather that had
continued from **December** again disrupted the
operations of area railroads in January,
including the **FEVR**. For major railroads, there
again were problems with remotely controlled
switches due to ice accumulations or power
outages. In one or more instances, a rotary
snow plow was used to free a snowbound train.

The **FEVR**, unlike most tourist railroads in
snow country, operates a schedule the year
around except for several weeks in January,

providing motive power and track for the
Fremont Dinner Train. On January 15, the line
to **Nickerson** was finally opened and the 23rd
train ran as scheduled..



1219 Reaches Nickerson, NE – January 15
Conductor TJ Foster contemplates shovel work
Photo courtesy of engineer Mel Cunningham

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

NRM has recently completed its affiliation
with two organizations dedicated to the tasks of
preserving railroad history and equipment and
to providing education to the public about those
areas.

TRAIN (Tourist Railway Association, Inc.)
and **ARM** (Association of Railway Museums)
both are leaders in those efforts, providing
guidelines to their members. **TRAIN** provides,
among other activities, input to the Federal
Railroad Administration (FRA) on matters
affecting the operation of tourist railroad
equipment. It has about 190 members coming
from railroad, vendor, and individual
categories,, including international.

ARM concentrates efforts on the museum
aspects of railroad preservation and is an
affiliate member of the American Association
of Museums. It has 167 museum members,
which 17 are international (newest from
Nairobi, Kenya) in addition to almost 1000
individual members.

TRAIN and **ARM** hold joint conventions
every five years. Membership in these
organizations will provide **NRM** with
information on policies, resources, and
innovations applicable to its goals.

RECOGNITIONS:

Mel Cunningham of Fremont and
Ambrose Hugo of West Point have received
recognition for 25 years of membership in
NRHS (National Railway Historical Society).
NRM also wishes to recognize **Charles
Dahlstrom** who has retired from many years of
travel from Lincoln to serve as conductor on
the **FEVR** (photo in the August 2004 FLASH).