

# THE FEVR FLASH

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## BACK ISSUES:

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

## MAILING LIST:

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The NRM Board of Directors met at the Clarion Inn (formerly the Wilderness Lodge) on **January 5, 2011**. Present were BOD members **Blessing** (re-elected), **Eveland**, **Porter**, **Blackmore** (re-elected), **Daniels**, **Peterson**, **D. Mutthersbough**, and **Swetnam** (new BOD member). Treasurer **Angermund** and guest **Cunningham** were also present.

The previous meeting minutes and the treasurer's reports were presented and approved.

The treasurer will investigate several insurance items and the possibility of investing some of the remaining sale funds and report on these in the next meeting. The sale of the track, locomotives, and Hooper property to **Mike Williams** was carried out on December 27, 2010. The Fremont depot, surrounding grounds, excursion rolling stock, and track adjacent to the depot remain the property of NRM. (see the December 2010 FLASH for more details)

One of the privately owned cabooses stored in **Hooper** has been sold. (see article this issue).

It was reported that the passing siding track in **Nickerson** is still unstable and out of service and that the push-pull dinner train operation will continue.

Because of the sale, all building entrance **locks** will be changed (this has been done by the date of this publication).

Due to high mailing costs, **schools** will be contacted by email in regard to scheduling excursion trips.

The safety training session will be scheduled for March. **Blackmore** and

**Mutthersbough** (safety director) will develop the session.

**Porter** brought up the need for a policy for dealing with individuals who commit safety/operational violations while on duty.

Board **officers** for 2011 were elected:

President – **Daniels**

Vice-president – **Blackmore**

Secretary – **Blessing**

The position of treasurer need not be an elected BOD member – **Angermund** will continue. In addition, the still vacant BOD positions may be filled by appointment after possible candidates are contacted.

The possibility of hosting another **Day Out with Thomas™** will be investigated.

After adjournment as the NRM BOD, those present met briefly as the BOD of the **Fremont and Elkhorn Valley Railroad (EEVR)**. The NRM BOD officers will serve the FEVR in their respective positions. Also, generally the motions passed by the NRM BOD will also apply to the FEVR.

## CABOOSE MOVE:



(Photo courtesy of the Rustler-Sentinel)

A privately owned caboose stored in **Hooper** has been sold. It was moved by truck (above - caboose body on one truck and running gear on another) to Valley, NE, where it would be re-assembled, and then moved by rail to **Texas**. Its use there is not known, but it is said that it will be repainted in "KATY red" – one of the former **MKT** railroad (Missouri, Kansas, and Texas) color schemes.

## SHOW SCHEDULE:

NRM and FEVR were represented at the Quest Center in Omaha during the **World's Greatest Hobby on Tour** January 15-16. A display table was staffed by volunteers **Josh Kay**, **Greg Jewett**, **Dave Fachman**, and **Dennis Wallen**. About 1800 brochures were distributed and over 20 NRM membership applications were taken by interested visitors. Many expressed an interest in participating in the excursion trips.

An article in the Omaha World-Herald reported an attendance of **30,000** at the event.

The next show in which NRM/FEVR is scheduled to participate will be at the **Lincoln Area Model Railroad Club and Museum** event at the Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE, Saturday, 9 AM - 5 PM, February 19 and 10 AM - 4 PM, Sunday, February 20.

## HIGH SPEED RAIL (150 MPH+):

Not coming to NRM/FEVR and apparently not to most of the United States in the foreseeable future, either, although progressing rapidly in other countries, particularly China. The changing political climates and federal and state budget stresses have reduced the prospects of inter-city passenger rail. The governors of **Wisconsin** and **Ohio** turned down federal funds which could not be applied to other forms of travel but will be distributed to other states. Some is scheduled to go to **California** to assist in the start of the multi-year/multi-billion dollar high-speed Los Angeles-San Francisco line. Iowa will not apply any funds to the proposed **Chicago-Davenport** project which apparently will now terminate in Illinois. The Washington DC - Boston Northeast Corridor will apparently receive improvements.

## NO NRHS YEARBOOKS:

The **National Railway Historical Society** will suspend the publication of its yearbooks, which contained reports of chapter activities, starting with the 2010 edition. Chapters are encouraged to keep accounts of their activities locally for use in the event that the year book might be resumed eventually. (For NRM/FEVR the archived **FLASH** issues on the website provide activity information for most of the last ten years)

It is understood that the 2009 yearbook will be available on line, with printed copies available for a fee from a designated publisher.

## FREMONT DINNER TRAIN:

The dinner train has resumed its schedule in January. All questions regarding that schedule should be directed to the telephone number listed in this publication or to their internet site.

The new owner - **Mike Williams** - of the track and of the locomotive used to pull the dinner train will be responsible for all maintenance and remedial items for those entities. The NRM volunteers will continue to crew the train runs for the dinner train and for the NRM excursions.

## NRM EXCURSIONS:

Scheduled to resume in May.