

THE FEVR FLASH

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For Dinner Train information - 402-727-8321. (The Fremont Dinner Train was a separate business and no longer operates.)

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 in Fremont on October 3, 2012.

Present were Treasurer/Executive Director **Angermund**; BOD members **Daniels** (BOD president), **Swetnam** (BOD Secretary), **Blackmore**, and **Eveland**.

Absent: **Blessing**, **Powers**, **Petersen**, and **Mutthersbough**.

Guests: **Charles L. Sedlacek**, **Mel Cunningham**, **Bruce Eveland**, **David Fachman**, **Dan Griffith**, and **Hunter Lafferty**.

There were insufficient members present to form a quorum but informal discussions were held on a number of topics. There was a consensus that the **excursion** season be ended on **October 7**, rather than on October 28 as originally scheduled. Notices of the change were to be placed on the depot telephone message and on the NRM website. It was noted that the **Dinner Train** would end its operation on the same date prior to its move to the Midland Railroad in Baldwin City, Kansas.

The notices of the start of the BOD **election** cycle were to be sent out soon. These notices are sent to all qualified NRM members to invite nominations for placement on the ballot for BOD positions open in 2013.

Details of the election **procedure** may be viewed in the NRM Constitution and Bylaws which became effective July 1, 2012.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

President **Daniels** writes:

"As many of you already know, we have ended the excursion season early this year. **Josh Kay** and **David Fachman** are continuing to organize members and friends to do track

work as long as weather permits. Please join them if you can. Contact Josh or Dave for details. We have to make the listed repairs before the FRA will permit us to begin operations in the spring."

Also, please vote for Board Members in the next few weeks. Look for notices."

TRACK WORK:

The **earlier** termination of the excursion season and the lack of Dinner Train traffic has enabled weekend track repair aided by the good weather.

The **bridges** have been inspected by a qualified contractor as required by new FRA requirements. There is some repair needed in the approach to one small bridge, but otherwise all are adequate for the type of traffic carried.

The good turnout of volunteer help is very much appreciated.

TRACK CREW IN THE "SNAKE PIT"



Photo by Allan Love, Sr

(Editor's note: The term "snake pit" was applied some years ago by a volunteer to the former CNW track located on the north side of Fremont. This had replaced the original line on the east side of town which was located where the present Clarionmore street now exists. A line of trees where the old line was located can be seen as the present track is travelled approaching US 275.

The term was applied not because of any reptile inhabitants but because of the curving track displacements. About \$100000 was spent in the late 1990's to repair that track but because of poor soil conditions the segment has and always will provide maintenance problems.)

FEVR STEAM:

A member has called attention to a **YouTube** video which shows a young family on an excursion trip to Hooper pulled by steam locomotive #1702 (see the September 2012 Flash for locomotive information). The video was posted by current BOD member secretary **Richard Swetnam**. The video may be seen on YouTube videos by searching for **FEVR**

Steam Train Ride. The video was apparently recorded in the late 1980's.

(Editor's note: Your editor had a cab ride in #1702 at a time earlier than the video. In his ride the passengers instead boarded at the former CNW freight house in the rail yard in downtown Fremont. The steam locomotive was not permitted to travel on the CNW tracks to the freight house site so a diesel unit pulled the train to the present and YouTube depot site where the 1702 took over.

Your editor made a vhs tape of the cab ride and the caboose return ride. The tape still exists but has been temporarily misplaced).

WINTER PREPARATION:

The coming winter season will be the **first** time that the NRM will not operate trains on a year around basis. Locomotive 1219 will probably be not used doing the cold weather and will need to be **stored** without heat so new precautions will be necessary.

The loss of income from revenue operations in the winter is somewhat compensated for by the lack of **damage** to operating equipment. The January and February issues of the 2010 Flash show two past winter operating **challenges** to NRM.

MERGER:

The **merger** (see August 2012 Flash) of two railroad preservation organizations - **TRAIN** (Tourist Railway Association) and **ARM** (Association of Railway Museums) - to become the **ATTRM** (Association of Tourist Railroads and Railway Museums) will be voted upon at their meetings in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The vote on November 8 is expected to **approve** the merger.

Both organizations have been engaged in **planning** the merger for over two years. For more information, access the websites of **TRAIN** and **ARM**. NRM is a **TRAIN** member.

NRHS/NRM MEMBERS:

You should have received membership renewal material from **NRHS** to be completed and sent to NRM. Letters soliciting **nominations** for open NRM BOD positions should have been received from NRM. The nominations must be submitted via **USPS** only.

The NRM Constitution and Bylaws adopted July 1, 2012, contains the election process details.

CHARTERS AND EXCURSIONS:

Excursions and **charters** are scheduled to return in the spring of 2013.

For more excursion and other railroad information see the NRM site at www.FremontRailroad.com