



SCALE RAILS of Southwest Florida

Newsletter

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OFFICERS

Chairman: Dennis Little

President: Peter Gross

Vice President: Jim Edmier

Secretary: Jim Morse

Treasurer: Stan Seeds, MMR

Calendar

November 8, Monthly Meeting and Director Nominations, 1:30 pm

November 29, 30, Holiday Train Show, Araba Shriner Temple, Fort Myers

December 13, Monthly Meeting and election of Directors, 1:30 pm

January 10, Monthly Meeting

Layout Status

Activity has picked up this past month, with some notable progress in a few areas.

Jim Morse is back at it and has rebuilt the Narrows. It is really looking good.



He also has built a flume for the narrow gage mine scene. Peter is working on the water tower.



Lee Dobyys got back from Virginia and he and Ben Curll have made considerable progress on the helix detector system and the display system. Six of the eight strings of multi-level detector pairs have been installed and connected to the display board, which has been mounted on the fascia. A test run through the helix showed it to work as advertised. Wait till you see this.

Dennis Little has reworked the Edmier Cement Products area to fit better and to tone down the weathering a bit.



Jim Beliveau has made steady progress in detailing the 'north' end of Pueblo, bring the scene to life.



Dwight Sedgwick, Rich Sopha and Darren Kerwin have been busy building structures for the switching puzzle layout.



Meeting Minutes October 11, 2008

Members present, Jim Beliveau, Dick Bell, Dan Cermak, Ben Curll, Jim Edmier, Lee Dobyys, Steve Gdovin, Alex Grantt, Peter Gross, Heino Hartmann, Ryan Hannaway, Darrin Kerwin, Randy King, Dennis Little, Jim Morse, Dwight Sedgwick, Stanley Seeds, Donald Sprotbery, Oren Stephans, Robert Veefkind.

Meeting was call to order to by Mr. Peter Gross at 1:30 pm, Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes for the September meeting were published in the Newsletter. Motion by Steve Gdovin, seconded by Alex Grantt, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Stan Seeds, MMR, Treasure reported that we have \$8,3226.93 in checking and savings. Our mortgage is \$31,413.18. Total assets \$145,254.56. We are \$2,600.00 ahead of budget.

MEMBERSHIP: Nice to see Paul Kruger visiting us.

COMMUNICATION: No new communications.

OLD BUISNESS:

1. Layout Status: upper level: Mr. Oren Stephans is almost done with the roundhouse. Thanks, Oren. The Rainbow Bridge is near completion, and looks great. Thanks Stan. The Narrows is looking good, and will be ready for the Train Show. The Helix light show, locator lights, are being installed and tested by Mr. Dobyys with help from Mr. Ben Curll, and will also be working by the Train show. Mr. Ron Parker has volunteered to finish both Diesel Houses. Check the upper and lower level To DO Lists. There are lots of projects that need to be completed.

2. Lower level: Scenery areas are filling in at the Rock Island interchange. Peter is working on the new freight house in Colorado Springs. Trees are being planted near the narrow gauge, between Castle Rock and Denver. Work needs to be done at Denver, so see Dennis for details if your interested in helping out.

3. N-TRACK: The New Time Saver and Switching puzzle module is almost finished, thanks to Dwight and Darrin. This Module will be a lot of fun and should hone our switching skills.

4. Narrow gauge: The new K-27 engine is back from its manufactures overhaul, and is

running great. However, the light bulb is out again. New trees are being planted, and the mountain scene looks much better.

5. Building Maintenance: Mr. Jim Edmier will re-key the Depot soon.

6. Train Show: Mr. Edmier reports that almost all of the tables have been sold. We have 100 nice Train Show posters to be placed. Please help find some high volume spots for these posters. As we all know a lot of hard work is needed for this Train Show to Work. Please help in any way you can.

7. SSR Convention: The Convention is May 9-11, at the Clarion hotel. We will have 14-18 clinics and need a clinic chairman.

NEW BUISNESS:

1. MAKE AND TAKE CLINIC: So far only two people signed up for this clinic, and it will begin in Dec.

2. TESTERS: Mr. Lee Dobyys demonstrated the correct way to use the voltage testers. Members are unknowingly blowing the fuse in the testers by not placing the dials in the proper mode. If you are not familiar with the voltage testers, please have someone show you the correct way to test resistance or voltage.

3. WEBB SITE; Our Web Master, Mr. Dobyys, reported that a substantial savings may be realized if the Club contracted with Go-Daddy for \$180.00 for 3 years. This is a very reliable server and will keep our web site on line for the next three years. Motion to accept the contract was made by Mr. Sedgwick and seconded by Mr. Curll. Motion carried.

4. AMTRAK: Mr. Alex Grantt reported that much progress is being made in train travel

because of the rising fuel cost. Alex said we will be riding trains soon.

5. Club Elections: All nomination must be received by the Nov. Meeting. Elections will be at the Dec. Meeting. If you would like to served as a Club Officer, please have your nomination ready by the close of the Nov Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Scale Rails is in the Movies!

Thanks to Lyle Crouder for taking some very high quality movies of trains moving through several different scenes on the club's layout. He did a really great job! He then posted them on U-tube for the world to see, with a link to the club's web site. Our web master, Lee Dobyns has created a Video page on our web site with a like to the U-tube video site so we can all enjoy trains moving through our layout. Great job guys.

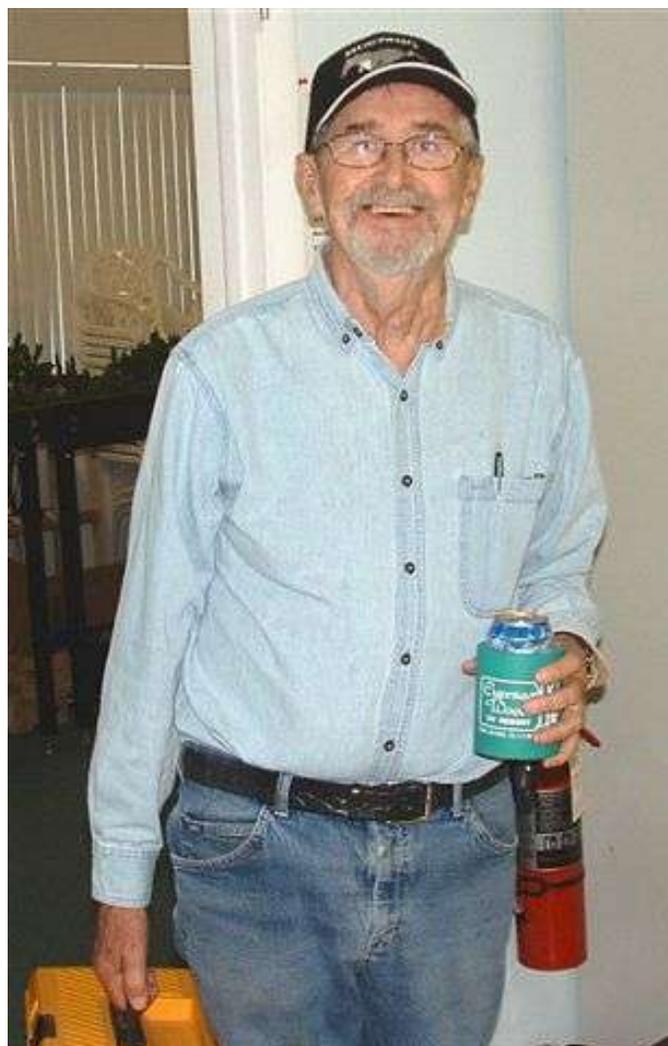
Annual Holiday Train Show

The train show tables are basically sold out. We will be planning work assignments at the November 8 meeting which only gives us about 2 ½ weeks to get done what we need to do. That includes cleaning up the Depot, making sure that the assigned Engineers for the Depot during the show know their assignments, have their trains ready to go, and the track and electrical all works. We also need to get the big posters up where ever we can and distribute Flyers around town.

We are close to finishing up the raffle layout, which is a donated N scale layout. Here is a picture of Ryan Hannaway doing some scenery work on the layout.



Snow Birds Arriving Daily!



It is good to see our Snow Birds start to come back. The following folks have made it back so far: Dennis Little, Dan Cermak, Jim Edmier, Skip Giddings and George Alexander. We understand that David Nelson is also back

but have not yet seen him. We expect others to show up any day now.

The Gulf Coast Express III

The Registration sheet and a flyer with information on the convention have been posted on the Scale Rails web site. It soon will be posted on the Sunshine Region web site and will be shown in the Western Division Newsletter which is about to come out. It will also be published in the Journal Box when that publication is issued. The Registration sheet can be filled in on the computer, then printed and sent in to the Registrar.

Santa Fe Passenger Snippets

THE RAILWAY & ENGINEERING REVIEW 10/1/1898 p. 553:

"Axle Light on the Santa Fe"

The National Electric Lighting Company, which is introducing the Axle Electric Light, has made a contract with the Pullman Company for the lighting of all of the Pullman cars which run on the Santa Fe's "LIMITED" between Chicago and Los Angeles without change, a distance of 2265 miles. There are four trains in this service, each of which has an observation car, three sleeping cars and a handsome dining and a library car; the last two named being already equipped with axle light and electric fans. The electric equipment of each train will aggregate 4928 candle power as follows:

1 observation car	1056 c.p.
3 sleeping cars @ 1056 c.p. each	3168 c.p.
1 dining car	352 c.p.
1 library car	352 c.p.
total	4928 c.p.

All berths will be provided with berth lights, and this will be the first train in the world carrying such a large supply of light service exclusively from car axles. In fact, it is the intention to light the locomotive headlight from the same service, thus making these four trains solid axle-light trains throughout. The dining and library cars, together with about 60 other cars of the Santa Fe, have been in service with this light for nearly two years, and the results have been so satisfactory to the railroad company that an extensive application of this light has recently been decided upon. The introduction of this system on the palatial limited trains will mark quite a departure from previous practice, which necessitated a large light plant in the baggage car. The objection to this plan is that if the baggage car meets with an accident, or the plant is out of order, the entire light output of the train is deranged. In the axle light system such a thing cannot happen. Each car has its own plant, which is small, compact and complete, consisting of a dynamo and storage batteries, and actual measurements made on the cars already equipped demonstrate that after the round trip to Los Angeles of over 4500 miles, and supplying the cars during six nights with brilliant light, the storage is as full as it was at the start. In case of an accident to the apparatus of one car, the crippled car can be lighted from an adjoining car until a terminal is reached, where repairs can be made.

Shirts

If you would like a new Scale Rails shirt, please contact Gold Coast Active Wear and let them know this is a Scale Rails shirt. Phone: 239-549-4200. Address: 4519-B Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral. Mrs. Dianne Korf is no longer able to provide this service.

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Our Charter

Our intent and purpose is to promote and encourage the art of model railroading and preserve the history, science and technology of rail transportation. To this end we have organized our efforts for charitable, educational, literary and scientific purposes. As part of our endeavors, we host railroad displays, give talks and presentations for school, museums and various organizations. Our members do not presume to be experts, but rather a group of individuals sharing knowledge with each other.

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EDITORIAL

We have about 2 ½ weeks to finish getting ready for the train show. We need help from everyone. Please come to the meeting Saturday and sign up for something. We need everyone to pitch in.

Keep having fun!
PETER GROSS, Editor