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Conductor's Comments - Larry Burkholder, President

Our October meetings are Sunday the 1st and Sunday the 15th. On the 1st we will forgo our regular business meeting in exchange for a clinic on "Weathering Rolling Stock and Structures" by Phil Brooks. You do not want to miss this multi-media presentation. It will begin at 5 pm in the museum Paint room at the bottom of the hall stairs. This clinic subject was the #1 choice in our clinic poll, so I expect a good turnout.

Two of our members, Bill Wood and Bob Saunders, are undergoing heart by-pass surgery at the time of this writing. We wish the best for them and look forward to seeing them back at our meetings ASAP.

There are five Sundays in October and I am thinking maybe we should plan a swap meet for the 29th. It has been a while since we had an official session. If the membership agrees at our October 1st meeting I will also open it up the non-club SER members in the area.

It has been the general custom of the club to send flowers or some other form of condolence when a member or immediate family member of a member dies. Coordinating this can be difficult in that we don't always learn of the death until it is too late for flowers. Jim Schall, who has handled this responsibility for us, has suggested that instead we make a donation to the Children's Museum in memory of the deceased. The museum would then acknowledge the club gift and offer their condolences to the family of the deceased by letter. Since this is in lieu of flowers and, hopefully, is a rare occasion, I suggest the donation be \$50 from the general fund. If you object to this plan or have other suggestions please let me know. If I do not get a lot of objections I will consider the plan a go.

The Children's Museum will hold their annual Appalachia Festival on Saturday, November 4th. We will be expected to have our trains operating that day. Please mark your calendar to be at the club. It is an all-day affair, but check our web page in a week or so for the actual hours. One special attraction we are trying to organize is to have the children who have been in our last two summer camps to bring in their T-TRAK modules they made so we can set them up and have trains running on them. We should have 15 to 20 modules available. I will probably be asking you for a couple volunteers to help on Friday the 3rd to get them set up and operational.

HO Division - Alex Cameron

We will be having just work sessions all month --- we will have a work session on the regular club meeting days of the first Sunday, Oct 1, starting about 1:30, and on the third Sunday, Oct 15. We will also have Saturday work sessions on Oct 8, 22, and 29. These

sessions start at 9:30. We will also continue to have weekday work sessions, usually held on Tuesday unless you hear otherwise, starting at 9:30.

After the first rush of enthusiasm in August, attendance at work sessions has been only 3 or 4 each session until this last Tuesday, when we had 9 people. Progress has been made - backdrops are up on most of the layout, all the major bench work is in place, and the yard is finally in place, after Bob Redlinger added and ballasted the second main line track. Chuck Maples has been working on the sub roadbed and roadbed on the curve between the Lumber and Harbor modules. Don Loy removed the track from the Lumber modules and fixed the roadbed for the track realignment there. Work has been started on revamping the electrical system and Cliff has done a lot of painting.

I have been having serious e-mail/browser/ISP problems, and I am not sure when I will have those problems resolved. Cliff has been sending out notices.

N-Scale Activities - Bruce McElhoe, N Coordinator - hmcELHOE@aol.com

Fall is here and I have tried my best to start a dirty election campaign. I've even tried lying about food bribes to see if there is a potential contender for the aloof position of N/Z Coordinator. Just trying to start you thinking about our club fall elections. ☺

I'm sure many of you have received a notice via snail mail that CMOR has scheduled their "World of Trains" Gala. Put an 'X' on December 1 of your calendar as a reminder that we will need our usual contingent of volunteers to manage the bar and drive trains (great combination)! With that in mind I would like to have a short discussion of the wee staff at our first opportunity to prioritize some of our projects for the show.

Projects to be potentially completed for the show:

- The Clogderup Dam complete with turbine house, signage, and landscaping.
- Armory installation and flight line.
- Bagelton passenger station passenger platform installation and landscaping.
- Bagelton streets and building placement.
- Roughing in of the new refer icing station and platforms for the Blue Ridge Mountains corner.

As always we will need to perform some general housekeeping on the layout and the room. The wee folks room may be the main operating area for the gala due to ongoing HO room construction so lets git-r-done (or as spell check prefers "gilt-r-dung"!)

I will close for now by encouraging all of us to please utilize our web site at www.knoxmodelrailroaders.com.

Large Scale Rails - Jim Schall

Having the S scale modules in a state of "creation" has delayed the open house season for us. There are several major projects in the works for the layout that require disrupting the running ability of the layout. A lot of good stuff is happening but all too slowly! But as long as Gary does not beat us about the head and shoulders we will probably continue to chat away. (What we really need is Bill Buchan to straighten us out and run some fast Lionels to put us in our place.)

On the Mend

Rick Heller reported to me that Bill Wood has come thru his by-pass surgery this past Tuesday in good form although instead of a triple by pass he had five bypasses performed.

I have attached a note from Marty Sanders whose husband, Bob, also had by-pass surgery this week -- I don't think these guys will make the volley ball team this year but you never know!

Just wanted to let you know Bob had his surgery yesterday (Wednesday, ed) from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and came through fine. They had to repair the mitral valve and put a ring on the valve and do a 5 way bypass instead of 3 way bypass that we had expected. I saw Bob for 5 minutes right after surgery. Sorry I didn't send out e-mails last night but I was too exhausted and slept 11 hours.

I made it to the 9:15 - 10 a.m. visitation time. Bob was in great spirits and we were both so glad to see each other. At the 1 - 2 p.m. visitation time the pain killer had worn off and he was very uncomfortable and hungry. Jello tasted great to him.

We appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers so very much.

Marty

Activities Calendar

In an effort to get more of us to use our web site the calendar has been moved to knoxmodelrailroaders.com. This should get more of us to the site and hopefully to participate in the exchange of ideas and info that is found there.