

First State Model Railroad Club
Minutes of Meeting
July 8, 2014

July's business meeting was held at the Jarrell Station Clubhouse. Prior to the start of the meeting there were some displays of note. Richard Stockslager brought in his completed scenery section for the Agricultural Museum layout. If you are working on a section of the Agricultural Museum we encourage you to press forward as rapidly as possible. If you have not already signed up and want to do a section we have several that have not been claimed. Please see one of the club's officers so we can get you started. The other display was by Tim Kaden who brought in several unique car models that he built.

The meeting was called to order by Club President Jim Valle promptly at 7:30pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by club Secretary Henry Kramer. Upon a motion by Bill Benzin that was seconded by Dick Lush, the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Richard Stockslager. He noted an opening balance of \$4,016.93 in the club's account. Receipts totaled \$165.00 (this included dues from our newest member John Espy) and disbursements amounted to \$160.11; leaving a closing balance of \$4,021.82. The balance of the Agricultural Museum Layout account is still \$358.91. David McWethy wanted to know if the Agricultural Museum balance was included in our total balance. Richard's response was that our total balance included the remaining money from the Agricultural Museum account. Paul Roy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. This was seconded by Gary Bryant and the report was accepted.

Old Business:

- On the morning of June 21st seven people met at the clubhouse and traveled to the Timonium train show (they were met by several other club members who traveled separately.) After leaving the show, these intrepid seven went to MB Klein hobby store, the Golden Corral and then made it home without injury.
- The club's riding lawn mower is in need of repairs. It badly needs a tune-up and to have the blades sharpened. As many members already know we have over an acre of grass that needs to be mowed so it is critical to keep our mower in operating condition.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

- July 20, 2014 – Trip to New Freedom, PA to take a ride on the replica of the Civil War steam locomotive #17 "*The William H. Simpson*". On this date the engine will make two trips (leaving at 11am and 2:30pm.) Both trips run to Hanover Junction (about a 7 mile trip, taking 2½ hours.) As of the meeting the plan is to leave the clubhouse at 7:30am and car pool to New Freedom. Five attending club members showed interest. Due to the rapidly approaching date, details will have to be hammered out via email and at the Thursday night work sessions.
- August 23, 2014 – Trip to English's Model Railroad Supply in Montoursville, PA. There was some discussion whether this trip should be a day trip or "overnighter" (apparently in the past the club has done it both ways.) Les Souder will be the trip coordinator and will supply the membership with additional details as they become available.
- September 6, 2014 – The NMRA Susquehanna Division will be hosting a Model Railroading Spectacular at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. This all day (9am-5pm) event has been designated Model Railroad Day at the Railroad Museum of PA. There will be historic 1:1 scale exhibits, a make-and-take hands-on laser kit building clinic, back-shop tours of the museum maintenance and restoration facilities, many other great educational clinics, and special model displays. Three clinics will be held in the historic Reading Railroad #800 electric MU passenger car. Pen to all but limited to the first 100 who pre-register and pay a special discounted fee. For questions or to register, kindly contact John Wissinger (MMR) at jwissinger@susquehannanmra.org or 717-628-1767, or Rich Wurst at rjwurst@comcast.net or 609-658-6156. For additional information you can go to their website at: www.rrmuseumpa.org/visitors/seasonal/modelrrday/index.shtml.
- September 21, 2014 – Club Picnic to be held at the Marshall Steam Museum in Yorklyn, DE. This outing was voted upon and approved at June's business meeting.

- November 8, 2014 – Our club will be participating in the NMRA’s National Model Railroad Month by hosting an Open House. Additionally information will be available as we get closer to the date.
- November 15, 2014 – We will be bringing our DCC layout and participating in the Magnolia, NJ Train Show (from 9am-3pm). It will be held at their new Community Center. We will be the only HO layout (there will, however, be an N Gauge layout from another local club.) Magnolia, NJ is approximately 80 miles (1½ hour drive) from Dover.
- March 7, 2015 – Sudlersville Train Show. The club has been invited to participate by displaying its layout.

Other Items:

- Jim Valle announced that on July 9th he will be having a pacemaker installed and will be unable to participate in club business for at least one week. Les Souder (our Vice President) will be filling in for Jim during his recovery. Additionally between August 12th and September 5th Jim will be in California. Again, Les will be filling in for Jim during his absence.
- Jeff Shockley reported that another three Scouts (for a total of five) have signed up for our October 11th Merit Badge program. Jeff stated that they also discovered our program through the Cecil District website and thanked Henry Kramer for posting the information.
- Richard Stockslager requested help spraying the weeds in our driveway. Bill Benzin and Kurt Schwaninger volunteered to help. Richard also suggested we should put mulch around our trees. This would improve our building’s outside appearance as well as make it easier to mow the grass. He requested the club allocate \$60.00 for mulch. After some discussion concerning what kind of mulch to purchase and the best place to purchase it. The motion approved. Kurt Schwaninger volunteered to work with Richard on this project.
- There was also additional discussion concerning the foundation crack as (as Jim Valle put it) the “gnarly” cast iron furnace. The consensus was to leave both well enough alone.
- Jim Valle recently salvaged an old fishing tackle box. After a thorough cleaning he as donated it to the club to be used as a club tool box. Bill Benzin volunteered to donate another tool box to be used as a shop tool box.
- As may of our club members know there is a considerable turmoil in the model paint business. It appears that Tru-Color Paint is emerging as a model player in the market. Recently, Henry Kramer received their color chart (in .pdf format) along with a description of their paint. If you would like a copy of Tru-Color Paint’s color chart you can let Henry know and he will forward you their message.
- David McWethy treated the group to another “Show & Tell”. The week before the meeting David attended a Studebaker car show at Dover Downs. At the show there was a flea market where he purchased an ad from the August 5, 1933 *Saturday Evening Post* boasting that “Cadillac was the 1st to use the 90 degree V-type engine.” On the back of the ad there was a more contemporary advertisement for the New York Botanical Garden’s “*Holiday Train Show*” that will be held on November 15 – January 19. If you are planning to be in New York during that time you may want to check out their website at: www.nybg.org for additional information.

At 8:30pm Paul Roy made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Bryant and the meeting was ended.

After the meeting the winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle was pulled. The winner was Robbie Robinson who received half of the \$12.00 collection.

Respectively submitted,
Henry Kramer, Secretary