

Burning River News Letter

January 16, 2015

I'm sorry to bring this kind of news, but we have lost a member of Burning River. On December 15th, Bob Mervis passed away from a brain hemorrhage. His wife said that it was instantaneous and there was no time to do anything. Unfortunately, his wife did not know how to get in touch with the club at the time and this is why we are just announcing it. Bob has been a member for about 5 years, and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob's family.

Meeting came to order at 7:35 p.m.
24 members present.

Treasury Report

As of December 30th 2014:
\$2811.60 in account
\$ 385.00 in from shows
\$ 20.00 out Insurance balance
\$ 195.00 out quarterly Insurance
\$ 91.00 out Trailer Plates
\$ 181.00 in from Jan. show and club party
\$3071.60 Total

President's Report

Gordon thanked Dale and Jamie for putting together the club Holiday Party. A great time was had by all. A thank you to Al for entertaining us with his astonishing talents in auctioning of the White Elephant gifts. \$110.00 came into the club treasury from the auction. Talk is already underway about next year's party.

Gordon has acquired Bob Mervis' train collection. As a service to his Mrs. Mervis, Gordon is cataloging everything and will be selling the collection with members having first look hopefully by summer.

We would like to get better commitment with coming to shows and better response in telling coordinator that you are coming. Our participation has been a bit low at shows and because of the lack of response, we plan for 5 members, and we have 12 come. The coordinator could have done something else with the layout, or planned for something else. So please respond if you are coming to a show. Also, if we are using the Ohio Layout, there are 2 tracks on it. If we are doing a 5 hour show, 10 people can run. Yes, the trains will need to be smaller. 2 small trains (8-12 cars) can be run at the same time if you watch them. It seems like not many members come when the Ohio layout is set up. The more people, the more fun.....

Old Business

A Capital Improvement Fund was discussed and voted in. It will involve a **Voluntary** Pledge Program. These are **not** dues. It will be strictly for those who want to do it and with the pledge (done on a form) you can set the amount you want, and pay it over the year. You set the amount, it's up to you. Noral will

have the forms or you can contact Jamie and he will send you one digitally. Noral's only request is that all payments be made by check to allow for simpler record keeping.

And speaking of Pledges, we are very happy to say that our very first pledge was made by Mr. Sandy Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs said, "I was told we needed a new trailer, so the thing to do is get one. And we can talk forever, but if you bring forth the dollars, the trailer can come. So, I did what I could. Fortunately I've been around long enough that I can do that and Nancy certainly supported me. You guys have been wonderful and you've given me smiles for so many years. Most of you have not been around that long, but I can't thank you guys enough and that is just a little bit of response for the joy that you have given me all these years. Thank you". Well Sandy, we want to thank you very much for your donation of \$4000.00. It will be put to good use in making a new trailer come to reality. By the way, with Sandy's contribution, our treasury now has \$7071.60 in it.

A concern about the use of the club sale table was brought up and a discussion was held. The concerns were the fact that the allotted space at a show is not for commercialism, rather for members, whatever the number, to share the table and be able to sell a few things. Members that wish to sell their collection are recommended to purchase a table for the promoter of the show as any other vender would. From this point on, it will be the decision of the show coordinator to determine if a sale table will be set up or if that space will be used strictly for our display.

New Business

I guess we're getting a trailer. The trailer committee has been researching them and found that Georgia is the trailer capital of the world..... or something like that. Our current trailer is a Hallmark; made in....you guessed it.....Georgia.

The proposed trailer is an 8 ½' by 24', 2 axle trailer. 2 axles will better balance and support the weight. They are looking at a fold down rear door which will make a ramp, and Gordon and Mike Farrow have been doing some sketches to come up with cart racks to be able to load and store the modules on, **and** to be able to just roll the cart rack out of the trailer and into the show to unload modules instead of hauling them in one at a time. If there are any concerns or comments about the trailer or the plan, contact the trailer committee soon, otherwise, they are going to plan it out and order it and have within the next 90 days. They are, Gordon, Noral, Jerry, Charlie, Ed Mollar, Mike Farrow

Up Coming Events

Feb. 1, Medina Show at the fairgrounds. Joe Saunders coordinating. Setup 7:30 a.m. Run 10-4. Ntrak Layout

Feb. 7-8, Worlds Greatest Hobby Expo. At the State of Ohio Fairgrounds in Columbus. Jamie is coordinating. Setup Saturday morning 8 a.m. Run 10-5 or 4 p.m. Ohio Layout

March 7, Marymount Place Nursing Home in Garfield. Al Fenton is coordinating. Setup 9 a.m. Run 10-2. Ohio Layout

March 13-15, Railfest at Lakeland Community College. Noral is coordinating. Setup Friday ? Run 10-4. Ntrak Layout

March 22, Dalton Show at the Buckeye Sports Center. Charlie Colitre is coordinating. Setup 8 a.m. Run 10-4. Ntrak layout

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Secretary's Note

For the Medina Show on Feb. 1, Joe wants to use as many personal modules as we can. He has set the setup time at 7:30 a.m. to give enough time for everything to get up, tested, and running by 10 a.m. Please notify Joe if you are coming and if you are bringing your module so he can start figuring things out. Thank You from Joe Saunders.... 330-421-4920 or chefjhs122249@yahoo.com

Noral is coordinating Railfest this year. And he will be sending out info on it. Just real quick, we have...
*14 x 34 layout space.

*Not sure, but I think it's still 15 wrist bands for participants and ½ price for the rest.

*\$6 lunch boxes available with Italian subs, turkey and cheese, or veggie wraps. Potato or Macaroni salads with them.

*Red Roof Inn at the I-90 – Rt 306 exit ramp is offering rooms for \$42 plus tax. Keyword Train Show if making a reservation.

*Saturday Nights dinner will be at the Pine Ridge Country Club. Tom Pappas will be the featured speaker, Topic, Nickel Plate – Gone But Not Forgotten.