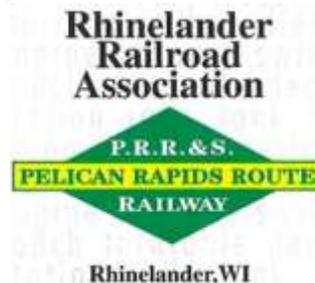


Warrant



December 2013 & January 2014

The RRA business meeting of December was called to order on December 11th, 2013 at 7:10 p.m. There were 7 members present. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Treasurers' report was read and accepted as read.

Elections of Officers

The election of officers was held at the annual December, 2013 business meeting of RRA. The officers voted upon and is as follows,

- President, Jim Brown,
- Vice President, Raymond Plicner,
- Secretary, Alan Duchrow,
- Treasurer, Tom Thielig,
- Editor, Brendan Marquardt.

Congrats to all and here we go for another year!

Holiday Display

The RRA hosted its second annual Holiday open house. On December 6th of this year, the RRA opened its doors for the Christmas season in Trig's Riverwalk Mall in the former Joanne Fabrics storefront, and ended our Christmas season on the 22nd of December. Using the space donated by Trig's, we were able to put on a fun-filled display that included multiple club layouts, including the RRA's portable layout. We were open to the public every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from December 6th to December 22nd, and also opened occasionally during the week.



Santa, who was played exceptionally well by Alan Duchrow, visited every Saturday. He also joined us with a few surprise visits on other days. One the last day Santa visited, he heard one child ask for a train. Being that the child was the only one to ask for such thing, he gave away a donated Thomas the train O gauge electric train set.

During Santa's visits on the 7th and 21st, Benjamin Tatrow from BT photography donated his time to take excellent portraits with Santa. I would like to thank Benjamin, being a complete stranger to the club, for the help you gave. For his great service, he received a free year of membership.



For the photos with Santa, every family received one 4x6 print of their child

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visiting with Santa, or if requested, a family portrait. The family could then opt for a picture package or CD with the photos of their choice, with price ranging from \$5 to \$15. The pictures were printed immediately, on site for the families. It was a well-received service by all that visited, young and old.



For this holiday setup, we did not charge admission, only asked that people would bring in an item for the Rhinelanders area food pantry, which in turn, filled a shopping cart. The show relied on donations mainly, but a bit of profit was made off picture packages and the luncheon with Santa. We raised less than half of what we raised for the club last year; however \$250 was raised for the restoration of the cars at the museum.



Also a thanks goes out to Al's Furniture for Santa's chair.

I would like to note that the RRA hosts this event mainly to promote our hobby to the community and to create a memorable event for Rhinelanders that puts a smile on everyone's face that walks in.

Along with the trains, the RRA invited the Northwoods R/C Flyers to come create a display of their own. They happily brought in 20 different planes and other flying machines to display, having many of them hung from the ceiling. Seeing there wasn't enough room for the planes with 7' wingspans to fly around the store, they showed off another part of the hobby by building a balsa wood kit. It added an extra bit of interest to the display. Thank you NRCF for attending.



The R/C Flyers

The RRA would like to truly thank Trig's for their Christmas spirit and because of their generosity & kindness, our second annual Christmas open house has been exceptional. Thank you Trig's, and thank you to all that have contributed in this fundraiser. There were many great compliments and praise from all that attended.

Clean-up of the Holiday Display

The display is mostly cleaned up through the hard work of many members. There is still a bit of stuff that needs to be transported back to the depot. The portable layout is the only layout still set up,

due to track needing to be repaired before it goes back into the trailer. Most of the Christmas decorations are being stored in an old second floor office at Trig's. Thanks go out to all of the members that helped with the cleanup.

Dues

Members are reminded that dues for the 2014 year are to be paid. Without them paid, this will be your last newsletter. The annual membership dues shall be as follows-

- Full Member \$20.00
- Junior Member \$10.00
- Life Member (a onetime payment) \$250.00
- Associate Member \$10.00



If any member needs any contact information updated on the membership list, please mail or email. Upon payment, you will be mailed or given a new membership card, along with a receipt of so requested. So

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remember to pay your happy treasurer!

Depot Layout Wiring Update

The depot layout re-wiring is coming along nicely. After nearly a year, almost everything is powered and running, from our 35 powered switches, now DCC operated, to the mainline and siding tracks. We are planning on having everything track wise fully operational within the month; however there are a few switchboards to be built yet. If you would like to know more about the project, please check the website for a series on Playing in Model Railroad Digital Control.

Restoration Fund-

Over the year much work has been done on the railcars. I would like to give a big thanks to Park City Credit Union for raising \$1500 over the summer for the restoration fund with their Save the Train campaign. This brings the total raised for the historic fund \$1950 for the year, not including the depot donations. Thank you Park City.



Year Overview

The RRA has had quite a year in 2013. The layout has been re-wired, the business car and caboose will live another few years with their shiny new paint and roofs, we hosted our second successful NMRA Fall Meet; making the RRA a profit, hosted a fundraiser at the Oneida County Fair and we finished off the year with our holiday open house. It has been a great year of achievements for the RRA, and this shows that our club, no matter how diminishingly small, is still going strong!

Plan for events upcoming in 2014

The RRA is planning for another active year. The next upcoming event of the year is Strawberry Fest in Waupaca. We are hoping to attend the show to show off our portable layout. The show will be June 20-22. Setup will be the 20th. More information at the business meeting, but keep the dates open.

Later in the year plan to go to the fair again in August, attend the Minocqua Model RR Show in September, and host another annual Holiday Show in December.

Editor's Note: My apologies for not publishing the December Warrant. More important things were at hand and it was just put off. For simplicity, I have combined December's newsletter with January's. Also I would like to note that I am always accepting stories and ideas of articles wishing to be published.

-Best Regards, Brendan Marquardt, RRA Editor

Rhinelanders Railroad Association, business 2nd Wednesday, 7 PM at the Logging Museum Depot, operating / maintenance any Wednesday 7 PM same location or Trigs Mall, old Joanne Fabrics Store, Rhinelanders, WI with modular layout. See www.rrahome.org.

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