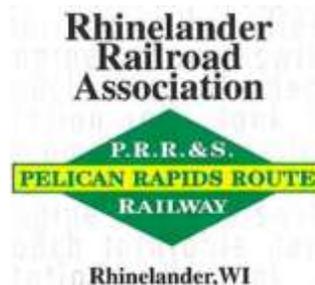


Warrant



March 2013

The RRA business meeting of was called to order at 6:55 p.m. There were nine members present. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Treasurer's report accepted as read.

Presidents Message: Greetings from the "Old Man."

Can someone tell me what all that white stuff is that's still on the ground? I thought it was supposed to be spring! The Easter Bunny is going to have to call on a snowshoe bunny for a helper this year! Oh well, all the colored eggs will be easy to find for the outdoor egg hunt!

The store at Trigs Mall now looks rather empty. Everything is back at the depot. The "Old Man" has the modular layout stored in his trailer. Some pieces went home with members to be worked on.

Now the real fun starts down at the depot, with major clean up and rearrangement! Things must get done before we open the doors for the summer season! The city will be getting things going on the outside projects.

Get ready for the Green Bay Title Town Train Show! So far we have five members that will carpool down to it. This will happen on Saturday, April 27th, 2013. We will meet at the depot at 8:00 am and leave from there. Please be prompt.

The next business meeting of RRA will be held at the depot on April 10th, Wednesday 2013, at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Take care, Jim Brown, President, RRA.

Minutes read and accepted as read.

The RRA no longer has a presents over at the Trig's Riverwalk center. The storefront we were located has been rented. All of the items and have been moved over to the depot or into peoples personal storage space.

The depot layout has its first wiring date set. Members assisting with re-wiring the layout will be down at the depot on April 10th at 11:00 a.m. Any members interested in helping, feel free to stop down. The regular Wednesday meeting will be held at usual time.

Rhinelanders Railroad Association 2013

The depot is still in the process of cleaning. The main spring cleaning and dusting date has not yet been set. Cleaning the depot basement has been started and is proceeding along slowly and upstairs is still being worked on by Mike Koltz as part of the rearrangement. The business car cleaning is being headed up by Clint Olson and will be worked on as soon as the snow melts. The Christmas lights will be taken down around these times also. For more detailed information, please stop down at a Wednesday meeting.

Strawberry fest train show arrangements are still being made. The club is going to go and present our module layout. Fuel will be a club expense for the truck pulling the layout, but other accommodations for members going, must be paid for personally. Set up is Friday June 14th, and we will be there through June 16th. Currently, four members are committed to go.

New logos patches for the club have been ordered. We approved an order of 10 red and 10 black patches for \$12 apiece. We have also approved an order of 5 small logo patches. New hats to sell have also been ordered.

The Story of the Narrow Gauge Business Car

By Don Ross



In 1941, after abandonment of the line, the business car was parked next to the former Thunder Lake Store and was used as a cottage by former Woods Superintendent John E. Bell. A sharp eye can detect traces of the name of the car's original owner, the Flint & Pere Marquette.

The only passenger car ever owned by the Narrow Gauge was a cane-seated coach purchased second-hand from the Flint & Pere Marquette about 1897. It was used mainly in excursion trains since the Narrow Gauge never had regular passenger service.

After 1919 Jack Mylrea had it converted into a business car, equipped with two double bunks and a kitchen with refrigerator. The observation end

contained a table and chairs made by Wausau Novelty Co., which stamped the invoice "liquor and poker chip proof." Veneer paneling was used throughout the car.

At the end of operations the car was left parked on a length of track alongside the former Thunder Lake Store, where for some time it served as a home for former Woods Superintendent Jack Bell.

Covered with a coat of white paint which has hidden the original red paint with the "Flint & Pere Marquette" headboard, it remained in used as a cottage at the location until August, 1960. At that time, two months after Jack Bell's death, the car was donated by the Bell family to the Rhinelanders Logging Museum; it was moved to Rhinelanders.

(<http://donsdepot.donrossgroup.net/dr067.htm>)

Rhinelanders Railroad Association, business meeting held 2nd Wednesday, 7 PM at the Logging Museum Depot, operating / maintenance any Wednesday 7 PM at same location, Rhinelanders, WI. See www.rrahome.org

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