

# Warrant



November 2012

The RRA Business meeting of September was held November 7<sup>th</sup> 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6:53 pm and adjourned at 8:17 pm. There were eleven members present.

## Presidents Message: Greetings from the "Old Man."

First off, I would like to wish all members of RRA a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I wish to thank all of you for your support as a club in the past and present. Each of you do what you can and it all helps down the line to keep the club rolling along and on track!

Speaking of on track, I invite all members to come on down to Trigs Mall and see what the Elves of RRA have been up to at the store! The official opening is Friday, November 30th! Let the madness of the Holidays begin! Come on down and check it out.

The December meeting is also the annual meeting of RRA and there will be an election of officers for the year of 2013. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5th, 7:00 pm, at the store in Trigs Mall. Hope to see you there!

*Take care, Jim Brown, President, RRA.*

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, there was a small DCC clinic held for the benefit of the members. The clinic taught a few members the basics of running our DCC system, i.e. selecting a locomotive and running it back and forth. About four members were taught hands on, with others looking on.

Steve Heise, Trig's Store Manager, has given us the use of the Trig's Mall storefront to use until the store gets rented. There is no definite time that the store may be rented, so for now, our Free-Mo's will be there.

We would like to welcome Raymond Plicner, new member to the club.

The Free-Mo had to be taken down for a Hodag statue auction November 7<sup>th</sup> and was set up again on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Christmas lights have been put up on the Train at the museum. All the train is lit except for the business car, due to it being covered with a tarp because of an unfinished paint and roofing

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job. Thank you to Wayne Campbell and Brendan Marquardt for decorating. The lights will be light up on the night of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **The 2012 Christmas Open House and Santa Visit**

The club is hosting a fundraiser and open house to raise money for repainting the museum's Thunderlake Narrow gauge engine, the business car, and the Caboose.

We are having our open house in the Trigs mall storefront. Along with the open house, we will be having a special visitor for the kids. Santa will be making a stop to visit us on November 30<sup>th</sup>. He will also be here on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>.

The store has been decorated in a Christmas fashion, with 16 live trees all decorated with ornaments and some with Christmas lights. Santa's chair is in place, along with the four different model train layouts.

We have set up a couple tables to sell the extra unneeded items from the depot. We are also selling most of the R.R. videos that no one watches. So stop by and find something to add to your collection.

There will be a lunch with Santa on the 15<sup>th</sup>, with meals costing only \$5 a plate. Most of the supplies are being bought from Trig's, as Trig's is giving us 20% off all items.

Santa, who is being played by Bob Lake, is going to be interviewed by Newswatch 12 along with Tom Theilig November 29<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Santa's chair is being provided by Spooky J's Consignment store, found in the basement of Peggy's Emporium.

### **Feb 16 & 17, 2013 Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale, Exhibition Hall**

At the Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

### **May 2 – 5, 2013 Midwest Region Convention, Host is Central**

Indiana Div <http://cid.railfan.net/MP50.html> Indianapolis, IN

### **July 14 – 20, 2013 NMRA Convention, Atlanta, Georgia**

Will be covered at: <http://www.nmra.org/>

### **July 13-20, 2014 NMRA Convention, Cleveland, Ohio**

Will be covered at: <http://www.nmra.org/>

**Rhineland Railroad Club**, The next business meeting will be Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Trigs Mall with module layout. Operating / maintenance any Wednesday 7 PM depot or Trigs Mall, old Family Dollar Store with modular layout, Rhineland, WI. See [www.rrahome.org](http://www.rrahome.org)

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