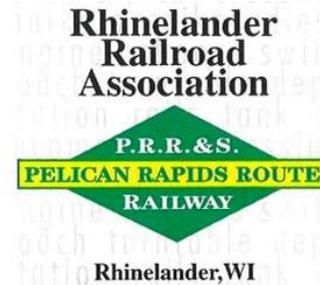


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2017

A Long Time Update:

At first... There was very little news to report except for the occasional train show and so on. Now there is an abundance of news but it seemed we had less time. And less members. Now, the dust has settled enough and we are back on track and will be putting out a monthly news update.

Firstly, we will make an attempt on getting across our 20+ pages of news in a quick overview of past events.

The downstairs layout, which in truth will never be finished, has undergone a great deal of updating and maintenance, with a lot of time dedicated and put in by our members. Members have been hard at work on refurbishing our layout, bringing a more cheerful and realistic appearance to our showpiece. While illuminating brought certain cheerfulness, what has brought everything together was the time detailed effort. Homes, people, trees groundcover and lighting have been added and updated.

A big thank you goes out to all those that have helped oversee the track maintenance, engine operations, and general rolling stock repair. Basic things that must be completed for our ongoing operations.

While some people are into trains, others are into aesthetics, others are into lights, and yet others on the various inner electrical workings, it is this writer's option that it is all pulling together exquisitely. It has been and will continue to be a wonderful club effort for years to come.

The Depot Update:

The depot is in tip top shape. Furniture has been arranged, yet more garbage removed over the past year, the library cleaned and the depot entry rooms changed around. If there are any members interested in coming and assisting us in telling the story of the depot to help arrange things better still, it would be much appreciated. The goal is to try to get to a point of a self-guided tour, with all the information in a presentable timeline.

In the past the men's waiting room as been the main entryway. That is now changed to the women's waiting room to accommodate the wheelchair ramp that Jon Nevins and Augden Windelborn graciously moved and brought up to code, to better accommodate handicap patrons, along with strollers.

Treasurers Report:

Our 2017 summer season proved to be extremely profitable from donations at the depot. Our final count of donations came \$3,386.00. A large portion of this money came from the Coin-Op system for the layout, now raised to \$1 per 8 minutes. We had 1,006 pushes of the button coming to 8048 minutes of runtime. A special thank you goes out to Dolly Peterson, our newest

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member and the depots daily tour guide, for pushing sales of various products and donations, along with providing excellent tours and livelihood for all visitors.

Thank You *The Choo Choo Store*

For those of you that are unaware, our favorite model railroad store *The Choo Choo Store* will be shutting its doors late December. The owner Dale Wolke has decided to retire.

Over the past years we have gotten many great deals from him, ranging from donations to multiple percent's off of product for the club. We would like to extend our gratitude for all the service and support that *The Choo Choo Store* has provided for us. You will be greatly missed!

The Annual Open House:

It is time to turn our attention to the Annual open house. The dates have been scheduled for Friday December 1st 4:00-7:30 PM and Saturday December 2nd 10:00-5:00 PM, again located at the depot.

This event has proven successful over the past years in bringing our community in and closer to understand and learn about model railroading. In past years all of the time decorating and planning was well worth it. We had a tremendous turnout with over 500 people last year alone and donations of about \$410! The speeder was run, giving free rides to all, in spite of some of slipping and sliding on wet icy rails. All the while others were giving tours of the museum and showing off our trains.

Many hands are required to host this event and all members, past and present, are encouraged to attend and help. We will need help operating the trains, welcoming and hosting the incoming guests and providing them with tours, along with a speeder crew consisting of a driver, and crossing guards.

There will be an early meeting on October 25th at 6:30 PM for preparations for our open house.

Next Business Meeting:

It is a reminder that on November 8th at 6:30 PM will be our monthly business meeting at the depot.

Rhinelanders Railroad Association, business meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Logging Museum Depot; operating / maintenance any Wednesday 6 PM same location, Rhinelanders, WI. See www.rrahome.org

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