



The Bulletin

Streamliners at Spencer



Bulletin photographer Bill Poteat went aloft in a classic Scott's/Bell 47-G on May 29 to capture the scope of the **Streamliners at Spencer** event at the North Carolina Transportation Museum - our event coverage continues on page 2. *Inset photograph by the editor*

Piedmont & Western Railroad Club's May 2014 Minutes

The meeting was called to order on May 1, 2014 at 7:42 PM by President Tim Skidmore.

Members in Attendance:

Jeff Whisenant, Ken Humphreys, Frank Steele, Lynn George, Tim Skidmore, Gene Austin, Dick Miller, Bill Poteat, Mike Outen, Sr., Danny Tuttle, Larry Weed, and Alan Coleman. Guests attending the meeting were Amy and Jacob Riley of Casar, NC.

Wiring and Track Report: Tim reported that quite a bit of work had been accomplished in the past month- Tim has completed the programming of the Murphy Branch input/outputs on a computer donated by Bill Poteat; in the next three weeks all of the turnouts should be wired-up. Progress continues on Bill and Tim's plans to rewire and fully document the layout; among the improvements will be connectors that each replace 40 wires, greatly easy trouble shooting. Tim and Bill will lead this team-effort in the fall of 2014- there will be many roles for members to be part of this important project.

Financial/Membership Report: Treasurer Gene Austin a bank balance is \$3,454.64 with \$578.00 dues payable. Recent expenditures included the \$200.00 drip pan installation which was generously covered by a donation from Arlene Koski.

Scenery Report: Jeff reported that he has placed his ownership ID on three SRY passenger cars- one brownish car remains unaccounted for. Frank Steel is making great progress on the hallway farm, Alan continues to work on the fair-grounds renovations. Bill and Alan will be re-scenicking the Sylva-area to make turnouts more accessible. Tim reminded everyone painting rails to wipe the paint from the rail top while the paint is still wet.

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Museum/Facility Report: All four drain pans have now been installed; as have 13 new ceiling tiles. We still need to install a code-legal handrail on the back steps. Mike Sr. reported that he had found a non-slip coating for the steps which costs about \$25.00 per gallon and is applied with a heavy-nap roller. A gallon of the coating is estimated to cover 25-30 square feet.

The back door still is need of scraping and painting- the color used by the ORS school is an off-white.

The tile-red floor areas will need to be prepped and painted prior to the August Waldensian Festival Open House- Tim said that the Glidden floor paint needs a week to cure and harden, which will require it to be done in early to mid-July. Other projects we need to complete include an additional window for the ticket-booth; the move and installation of the semaphore display components; installing a light in the hallway leading to the work room; installation of the white board in that same area to list on-going projects, and leaf-removal and landscape work around the back door area- Alan reported that the leaves just need to be moved into an area nearer the gym to provide the town's leaf removal equipment access.

Old Business:

- The semaphore cabinet and motor will be moved on May 6, weather permitting.

New Business:

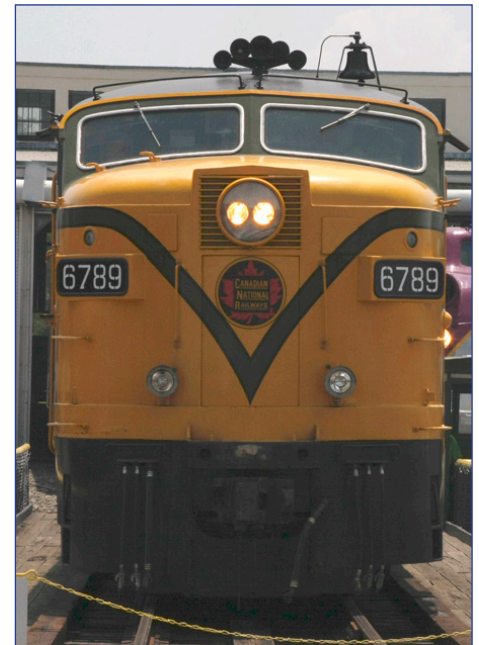
- A members-only session discussed and approved a "student membership" - those under 16 must have a sponsoring adult holding a regular membership level; the student fee is an additional \$5.00 per quarter.
- To eliminate problems which have arisen from drop-in visitors on our "work nights," Ken will indicate in our website that visitors are welcome on the fourth Thursday of each month, further we will have signs that indicate when we are "closed" to the public.
- The possibility of additional open hours during the town's "family fun nights" was discussed; while a good idea, we concluded that our current backlog of projects makes it impractical at this time.
- **Jacob Riley** and his mother **Amy** were welcomed as the first student and newest regular members of the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Submitted by Alan Coleman



The editor made head-on shots of the Illinois Railroad Museum's CB&Q E-3 (above) and the privately owned MLW FPA-4 ALCo cab operated by the Monticello Railroad Museum.



Left: Bill Poteat captured the NCTM's GP-30 moving the only preserved FT cab in the US- former SRY 103A/6100A/6100.



Next Business Meeting:
Thursday, June 5, 2014
at 7:30 PM



THE QUEEN AND HER COURT: N&W 611 is the sole streamlined steam locomotive at the event: 611 is to spend the next nine months at Spencer for her rebuild for the Norfolk Southern steam program. *photo by the editor*

A LOAD WORTHY OF THE EVENT: three Allis Chalmers tractors on a Southern flatcar await service in the event's vintage freight train. *photo by Bill Poteat*



SILENT, FOR NOW: Doyle McCormack's former Santa Fe ALCo PA (#62 L) is now in the colors of the Nickel Plate. Yet to receive its prime mover, the PA is a significant part of the event. *photo by the editor*