



The Bulletin



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Northbound SD-70 # 2524 waits for a green signal on the mainline in Buford, Georgia on March 19, 2015.

All photographs in this issue by the editor

Piedmont & Western Railroad Club's April 2015 Minutes

The meeting was called to order on April 2, 2015 at 7:38 PM by President Tim Skidmore.

Members in Attendance:

Tim Skidmore, Gene Austin, Bill Poteat, Larry Weed, Jacob Riley, Josh Garrison, Robert Scism, Keith Garrison, Arlene Koski, Grant Robbins and Alan Coleman.

Wiring and Track Report: Tim reported that he, Bill, and Robert had made progress on the new panel, having drilled some needed new holes and pulled-in some of the new wiring. Bill has brought Train Brain for his home layout and reports that when a similar system is completed on the P&W we will have the potential of automated layout operation for club Open Houses. We still need to secure all three of the Rital electronic cabinets (which now have interconnecting fittings thanks to Bill), remove the cabinet back planes, and install the patch panels.

Alan made a motion to authorize spending up to \$1,000 for the purchase of needed components for the rewiring project; the motion was seconded by Bill, and passed unanimously. Bill will be working on a bill of materials and pricing for this purchase.

Tim commented that all of the push buttons, detectors, signals and wires will be ready before we make the change to the new system, minimizing our operating downtime- we will have to move the DCC power supplies from their current location; we will also need help to pull at least two new 110 VAC circuits to the cabinets.

In other electronic matters, Tim reported that Jeff has repaired some of faulty wiring in Snowbird; Tim has repaired the input to the three-aspect signal in the hallway; the light in the depot has been repaired. Items still on the "fix-it" list include the cabinet lights over the headlight display and we need 12VDC bulbs for the china/dining car display case.

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**Next P&WRR
Business Meeting:**
Thursday
May 7, 2015
at 7:30 PM

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Scenery Report: Larry reported that after a long absence, india ink has once again become available in the highlands. The ink is a critical component of the wash Larry is using in Asheville's building renewal project. Larry also recommended this month's *Model Railroader*[®] for sits articles on battery-powered locomotives and how to deal with current spikes in DCC systems.

Alan reported progress on the Murphy Room scenery, and that he had acquired additional Woodland Scenics material for additional forest plantings.

Museum/Facility Report: The club "to-do" list includes the installation of the Pullman mirror/medicine cabinet which will involve some on site carpentry, Tim reminded one and all. Meanwhile the back door remains in dire need of scraping and painting.

New Business: Ken Humphreys has arranged for the P&W to have a fund-raising rummage-sale table at the April 11 Hickory train show. **We will need to help Ken unload and display our rummage items at the Hickory Metro Convention Center on Friday the 10th-** along with helping the P&W it's a great way to preview the items all the vendors have for sale!

Financial Report: Treasurer Gene Austin reported that we had \$2,938.33 in our bank account, plus some additional dues totaling a couple of hundred dollars paid during this business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by Alan Coleman



Alexander Chapter- NRHS

13th Annual NC Railroad Expo

On **April 11, 2015**, the Alexander Chapter-NRHS will host the 13th Annual NC Railroad Expo at the Hickory NC Metro & Convention Center. Vendors will be stocking approximately 250 tables and all proceeds from the show benefit the museum and restoration efforts of the Alexander Chapter-National Railway Historical Society.

Dealer setup is from Friday, 2pm-7pm and on Saturday morning from 7am-9am.

Expo Hours: 9am to 4pm on Saturday, April 11th at the Hickory Metro Center, Exit 125 on Interstate 40 in Hickory, NC.

Admission: \$ 5.00 Adults
Children under 12, free

a Tweetsie Album

Tweetsie Railroad will open its 2015 season on Friday, April 10, so it seems like a good time for the editor to dig through his 2014 shots of this most-favorite place for railroad photography.

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