



# The Bulletin

## June 2014 Minutes

The meeting was called to order on June 5, 2014 at 7:35PM by President Tim Skidmore.

### Members in Attendance:

Lynn George, Tim Skidmore, Dick Miller, Bill Poteat, Mike Outen, Jr., Mike Outen, Sr., Mike Outen Jr., Jacob and Amy Riley, Danny Tuttle, Larry Weed, Jeff Whisenant, Grant Robbins, and Alan Coleman.

### Financial/Membership Report:

Treasurer Gene Austin was unable to attend thus no treasurer's report; our president assures us that we're solvent."

**Scenery Report:** Frank continues to make great progress on his hallway farm scene: the farm and produce market are in place, with more additions to come. Frank is using forced perspective, smaller-scale animals, etc. Scale-size trees are being made from skewers as trunks, clipped round-top pins are serving as fence posts. Bill has added a track into the car shop building which will conceal the track leading to the work room but needs someone to help install the Tortoise for the turnout. The Murphy 1 turnout has been moved to the local panel; Jeff will complete the bracing on the logging line trestle.

**Wiring and Track Report:** Bill is making progress on the Murphy Branch wiring including trouble shooting on the newly -renamed Clyde turnout (formerly Tennessee Junction); Tim is working on software programming for the new virtual dispatcher's room. A Daimler friend of Tim's is interested in automating operation of the Asheville turntable and has written a program for Morse's "What hath God wrought" first-telegraph message for our system.

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The Piedmont & Western Railway Museum is proud to have (as far as we know) the state's only working Southern Railway semaphore display. A full list of all those who contributed to this display will be posted upon its completion.

Todd Barlow works on the new oak deck of our Fairmont trailer while Bill Poteat and Grant Robbins strike a pose worthy of "bosses" everywhere... *Photos by the editor*







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**Next Business Meeting:**  
**Thursday, July 3, 2014**  
**at 7:30 PM**

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**Museum/Facility Report:** The semaphore components now in the museum thanks to Shannon King of Connelly Springs Electric.

Bill and Todd Barlow bored a 27" deep hole for the semaphore before hitting solid rock; Mike, Jr. will bring his engine hoist for lifting the motor into place. Mike has also offered to bring his 110-volt welder to Valdese to weld tabs on the two 12-foot rail sections Tim is donating to the speeder display. Jeff has offered to donate oak boards, for the Fairmont trailer.

Tim reported that we also need to work on the following projects:

- install 4-5 screws to repair the wooden step loosened during the semaphore display move
- paint the back door in a off-white, semi-gloss finish
- re-paint the layout/museum floor, the area around the speeder will need to be completed before the trailer is moved to the ORS. An estimated 4 gallons of Sherwin-Williams tile-red enamel paint will be needed.
- install an additional window at the ticket counter.

All work must come to a halt in mid-July to allow for clean-up and painting for our August 2, 2014 Waldensian Festival open house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Submitted by Alan Coleman



## Road Trip

Bill Poteat and Kevin Stine attended the Watuga Valley NRHS' train show in Johnson City on June 28. While the vendor showing was a bit disappointing, their visit to the George L. Carter Museum and the Mountain Empire Modular Railroader's HO model railway at East Tennessee State University was anything but...

Here are some of Bill's shots of this most excellent pike.

