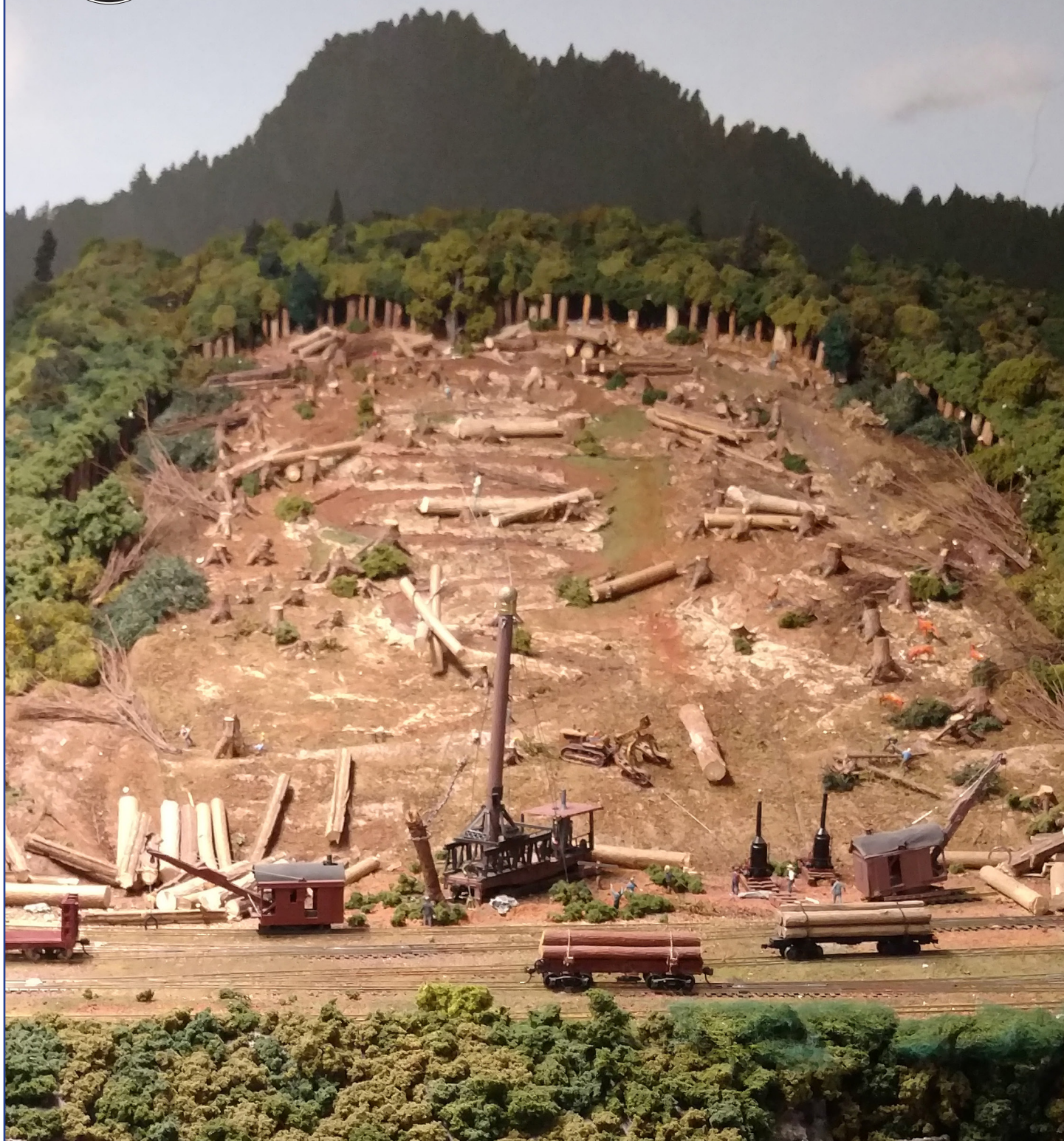


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# The Bulletin

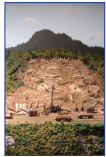




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**ON THE COVER:** On April 8, 2013, the club lost one of its most creative and active members, Ben Garrou, M.D. One of Ben's last gifts to the club was the logging area at Snowbird, which includes a scratch-built Lidgerwood overhead system.  
*All photographs in this issue are by the editor.*

## Piedmont & Western Railroad Club May 2017 Minutes

The meeting was called to order on May 4, 2016 at 7:37 pm by President Tim Skidmore.

**Members in Attendance:** Tim Skidmore, Grant Robbins, Gene Austin, Larry Weed, Josh Garrison, Keith Garrison, Frank Steele, Dick Miller, Mike Outen Sr., Reggie Stroud, Michael Devore, and Alan Coleman.

**Financial Report: Treasurer** Gene Austin reported that we have a balance of \$3,197.64 in our treasury. Income over the past month included \$14.00 in donations (8 of which came from the April craft event) and \$350.00 in dues. To date, \$260.00 is outstanding in dues-payable.

**Wiring and Track Report:** Tim reports no progress to report re: the wiring, but hopes to have some time off between now and June 13 to work on the layout.

**Scenery Report:** In response to Tim's request that the scenery committee meet, Frank, Reggie and Alan will be meeting on Tuesday May 9. Tim also suggested a committee field trip to Bryson City.

**Museum Report:** Tim recognized and thanked Reggie Stroud for painting the base of the Steele's Farm/ fairgrounds hallway display cabinet.

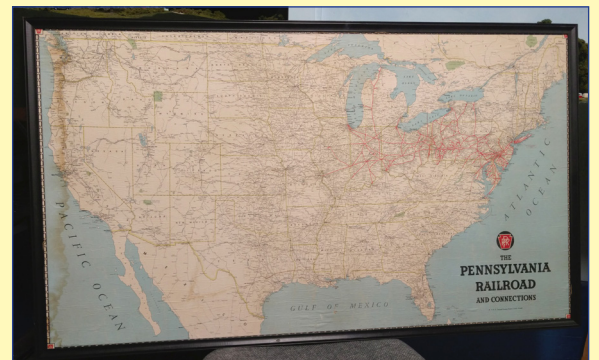
In other museum news, Mike O. Sr. and Dick brought in a donation from Henry "Hank" Freeman, a large 48-state US map featuring the Pennsylvania Railroad system.

**Old Business:** Mike could use a 3-X shirt and Larry a 2-X if anyone is going by the embroidery shop

**New Business:** Larry moved and Frank seconded a motion to have Grant purchase four plaques to honor Ben Garrou and Herman King.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

*Minutes submitted by Alan Coleman*



## Next P&W Business Meeting:

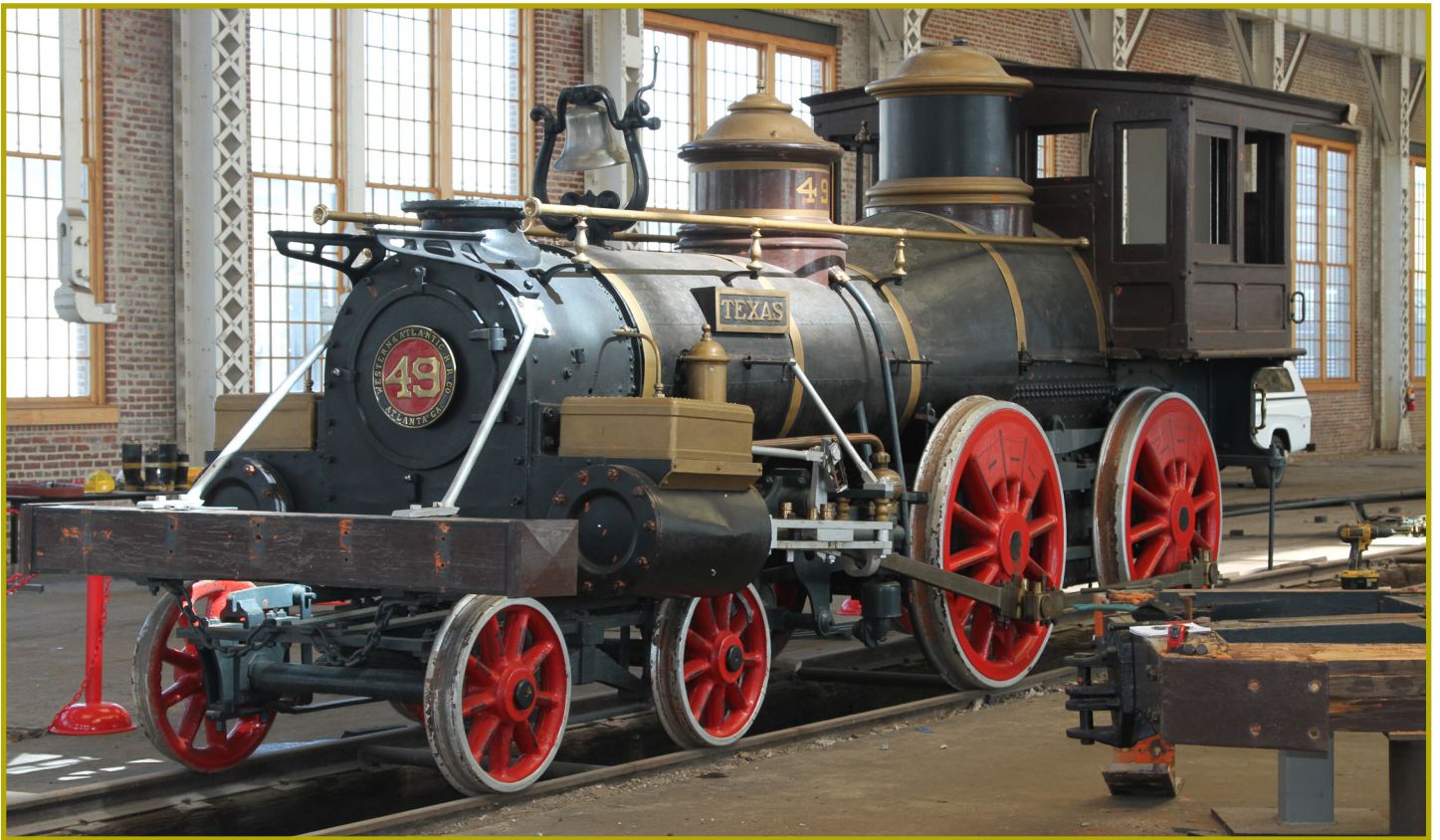
**Thursday, June 1, 2017 - 7:30 pm at the Old Rock School**



# Portraits of the P&W

Sylva is undergoing a building boom thanks to the new modeling by Frank Steele.





The P&W Bulletin presents another look at the **TEXAS** Restoration Project



In a bit more than a year the experts of Steam Operations Corporation completed the cosmetic restoration of the *Texas* to its 1886 appearance for the Atlanta History Center. Look for coverage of the NCTM's *The Texas Returns: 100 years of Steam at Spencer* three-day event elsewhere - here are some behind the scenes shot of the efforts that led up to that April 28-30 celebration.



The cab on February 14....and one week later.



The *Texas* on February 14.



The new stack...March 27.



Working on the cab windows...February 28.



Eddie Mooneyham of SOC took a break from working on 611 to sand the new oak pilot. The *Texas* has yet to receive its new jacket.



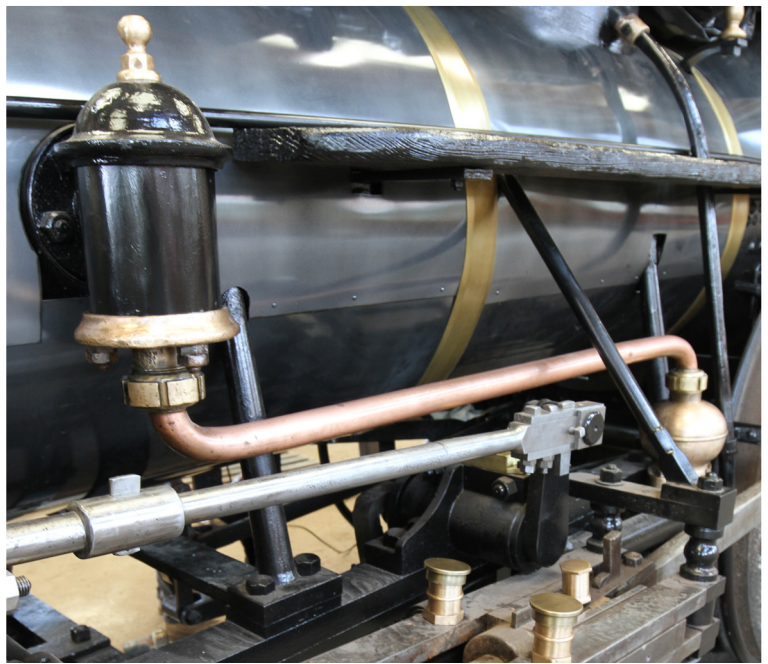
Sign painter Louis Brady hand lettered and numbered the *Texas* and its tender. The Atlanta History Center chose to not use the 1886-onwards name *Cincinnati*.

At right, Louis and project manager Max Sigler.





SOC craftsman Nathanial Watts applies the new No.12 number plate to the smoke box door. Nathanial came up with very effective "Russian Iron" jacket paint.



**ROLL OUT.** Tom Burns, a great, great grandson of the the *Texas*' Great Locomotive Chase engineer Peter Bracken, rode in the cab as Floyd Reid pulled the *Texas* out of the back shop with NCTM's 25-ton GE switcher on April 26.



Nathaniel and Max adjust the whistle to operate on the roundhouse's compressed air.





**MOVING DAY.** Yadkinville's Advantage Machinery Services/Crane & Rigging Corporation did the heavy lifting of the locomotive and tender onto two trucks operated by ATS of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

