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Our website address is www.arkrailfan.com

NRHS Chapter meets at 7:00 PM, June 16, 2011 at the Shiloh Museum Store.

We need you!

Exciting events are in the works and a great program is planed!

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CHAPTER MINUTES

Meeting of the Arkansas- Boston Mtn. Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society at the Shiloh Museum, Springdale, AR. May 19, 2011. Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM. 20 members were present.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of the March 17, 2011 meeting were approved with the amendment of the title of the presentation to read "... Muskogee Subdivision" instead of "... Muskogee Branch"

Bill Longston, the Treasurer reported that the money market account has \$12607.68. About \$342 was expended for ads and flyers. Checking account current balance is \$1161.66.

Bill Merrifield, *Scrambler* editor, was absent. The latest issue of the *Scrambler* is now available electronically.

The National Director, Chuck Girard, reported that National insists on putting information on a secure website and, try as he might, he cannot access it. National refuses to resolve the issue, so he will try to get the information from another chapter.

Presentations are lined up as follows: June – show and tell; July – Mitch Marmel trolleys; August – surprise; September – Michael Doherty on J.B. Hunt intermodal operations; October – unknown at this time; November – show and tell; December – Xmas train;

Report on A&M Train Day in Van Buren Sat. May 14: 6 members in attendance, a good site. Successful despite being very cold and windy.

Al Kaepfel – so far only one member has signed up for the engine house tour on Saturday (June 25) and mixed train from Springdale to Butterfield on Sunday (June 26). We need to participate.

Shiloh Museum open house Sat. June 11 (Sat) 10-2. Need some volunteers to get there at 9:30.

Operation Lifesaver will be July 2 in the Jones Center. There will be space for layouts there in the food court area. Lots of traffic and exposure.

UP steam in Van Buren June 10, 11.

Frisco Fest Aug 27. We have been offered extra space in the Rogers City Hall. Will investigate whether this is a good idea.

NEW BUSINESS

NPS wants display to celebrate anniversary of Frisco Depot in Ft. Smith, currently the site of the National Marshal's Museum. So display would have to be in pavilion across from the Museum. Chuck Girard will honcho this for us.

The Secretary, Cleaveland, said OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) railroad courses given by Mike Syput and Cleaveland were canceled because of low registration.

Meeting adjourned for the presentation, "Diesel Locomotives and Identity" by Dick Hovey.
Malcolm K. Cleaveland, Secretary

LOCALLY ON THE BEAM

Shiloh Museum of Ozark History

On Saturday, June 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the Museum hosted a free "Let's Play" Family Day. Visitors could enjoy low-tech toys and games such as croquet, horseshoes, checkers, dominoes, jump rope, hula hoops, hopscotch, and thaumatropes. The Chapter set up the G-scale layout for the enjoyment of visitors. Our setup included a new church, home and freight house built by President Stark in G scale.

Attendance at the event was modest and we did not distribute more one dozen Engineer Certificates. It was a lovely day but somehow the event's existence did not get out to families with children. It was a shame since the Museum staff worked hard to provide an interesting free of charge event. We had a nice day of fellowship and enjoyed the lunch provided by the Museum.



Chapter member Bob and Rose Anne Hofer explain the operation of the model trains. Members who attended the event included Bob Stark, Bill Longston , David Mc Donald , Joe Stewart (Bob Stark's brother in law) and Tom Duggan .

