



The Bulletin

The Next Few Week's Very Busy Schedule:

Week of July 13

- Final week to have locomotives and rolling stock checked and approved for gauge, weight, coupler height, et-cetera by Operations Manager Kevin Stine. NO non-vetted equipment will be permitted on the layout during the August 9 Waldensian Festival Open House (henceforth to known as the WFOH). Past arrivals of new of untested equipment on WFOH day have led to operating shutdowns from DCC bugs, derailments, etc., so this rule will be *strictly* enforced in 2014.

- All scenery projects must cease until after the WFOH: materials neatly put away and clean-up begun.

Week of July 20: P&W CLOSED FOR WET PAINT JULY 21-28

NO WORK SESSION OR ENTRY ON THURSDAY, JULY 24

The floors in the museum and layout areas will be painted with enamel which requires four or five days to cure to prevent foot prints, scratching etc. A few days after the last floor painting, a club member dragged a table across the floor leaving scars visible to this day: let's not permit this to happen again: if you can't move something single-handedly, ask for help!

Thursday, July 31: All displays to be completed; serious but careful track cleaning, layout dusting/cleaning needed everywhere before the first train turns a wheel.

Saturday, August 2- Special Work Session. Final clean-up as needed, trains need to be run relentlessly to identify any problems before the WFOH.

August 9: The Waldensian Festival Open House - arrive early to help place outdoor signs, test trains, etc.



Bastille Day saw the placement of the P&W's version of the Murphy Branch's spans over the Little Tennessee River. Bill Poteat (with minor assistance from the editor) installed the Tim Skidmore-assembled bridges on custom piers that Bill crafted out of maple. By July 15 the rough forming of the left bank had been completed.

All photos in this issue by the editor

July 2014 Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Tim Skidmore, Frank Steele, Gene Austin, Alan Coleman, Bill Poteat, Larry Weed, Mike Outen Jr., Kevin Stine, Jacob and Amy Riley, Mike Outen Sr., Ken Humphreys, Danny Tuttle, Jeff Whisenant, Joe Bost.

The weather-postponed March business meeting was called to order at 7:41PM on July 3, 2014 by President Tim Skidmore.

Financial Report: Treasurer Gene Austin reported that the club has a bank balance of \$3,027.64, with most pending expenses paid. \$300.00 in 2nd Quarter, 2014 dues remain unpaid.

Wiring and Track Report: Bill reported that the wiring from Asheville into the Murphy Branch room has been completed; all turnouts in Murphy and Sylva are now operational- the logging camp area remains to be done.

Museum Report: Our nearly century old semaphore has been wired by Tim and painted by Alan. Friend of the club Todd Barlow, assisted by Grant Robbins, Bill, and Alan, has nearly completed the restoration of the Fairmont tool trailer. Monday, July 7 at 6:30 PM, has been scheduled for moving the trailer from Bill's shop to the club- members are encouraged to help with this literal heavy lifting project.

Scenery Report: Frank reported that his efforts to turn parts of his box collection into layout scenery is progressing- in a week it may be nearly completed.

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The editor caught this shot of former Conrail/New York Central scale car NS 80059 rolling eastbound through Black Mountain on July 9.

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Lynn and Dick continue to work on making mountain scenery in the Murphy room; Bill hopes to get the four span bridge in place; Jeff is working on completing the logging trestle bracing.

Old Business: Grant and Kevin reminded folks that all rolling stock needs to be checked out prior to the Open House (see the schedule on Page 1).

New Business: Bill asked that all non-working motive power and rolling stock be moved off the layout to reduce crowding; similarly the work room needs to be cleaned again and buildings, etc., which will not be used eliminated from our hoarding room.

Joe is going to schedule a 12-gauge shooting of his 600 buck MTH HO scale Challenger which has all attempts to get it running properly.

Kevin will be serving as our dispatcher for the Open House on August 9.

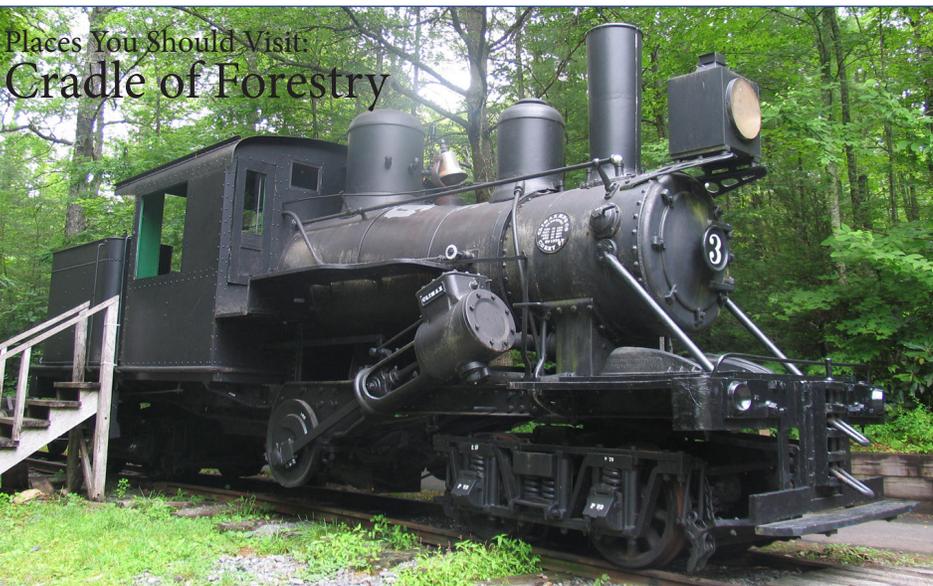
A reminder- due to potential liability and damages; non-members are not permitted to place or operate equipment on the P&W.

Details about the work remaining for our Waldensian Festival Open House were outlined- see the schedule on page 1 for more details. We will need all hands on deck to help prepare for this event. Can't push a broom? Bring in your computer keyboard mini-vacuum and carefully dust the scenery.

When the dust clears from the Open House, Bill wants to schedule a trip to the George L. Carter museum in Johnson City, TN.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM by President Tim Skidmore.

Submitted by Alan Coleman



Places You Should Visit:
Cradle of Forestry

Located just outside of Brevard, North Carolina, The National Forest Service's Cradle of Forestry Center features a three-foot gauge Climax, c/n1323, which once ran for Champion Fiber. Restored by Frank Coffey and the Tweetsie Railroad Shops back in 1984/85, the 3-spot still looks very good for a static display locomotive. And right behind her sit three log cars and an American log loader....



Next Business Meeting:
Thursday, August 7, 2014
at 7:30 PM