



# The Bulletin





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**ON THE COVER:** Captured on July 15, N&W Y-6a No. 2156, has is now on a five-year loan to the Virginia Museum of Transportation. *Photograph by the editor.*

## July 2015 Business Meeting Minutes

### Members in Attendance:

Tim Skidmore, Frank Steele, Gene Austin, Alan Coleman, Larry Weed, Mike Outen Sr., Dick Miller, Kevin Stine, Jacob Riley, Robert Scism, Mike Outen Jr., Grant Robbins, Joshua Garrison, Keith Garrison, and guest George Pavlik

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM on July 3, 2015 by President Tim Skidmore.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Gene Austin reported that the club had a fairly healthy balance of \$ 2,855.41. Year-to-date expenditures on the wiring project are \$ 1,318.85, those funds coming out of the Hickory Train Show sales booth and subsequent e-Bay sales. Gene reported that all 2015 fixed expenses have been paid and several members still have to pay 2nd quarter dues. This year's Waldensian Festival Open House with its traditional \$2.00 per adult admission will help us have cash in the bank to cover our approximately \$3,600.00 fixed expenses for 2016.

**Wiring and Track Report:** Tim reported that Bill Poteat has done a huge amount of work on the new control panel, which now awaits installation in one of our Rital cabinets. The new system, with its virtual dispatch capability, will incur minimal downtime according to Tim as the cut over will not occur until we have dual systems in operation.

**Scenery Report:** Frank asked about lighting power sources, Tim said we will have eight lighting buses, with random timing programmed for structures with multiple lighting zones, stop lights, etc.

**Waldensian Festival Open House:** all efforts will be on clean-up and preparation. We still need to anchor the speeder and trailer; all of the displays need dusting and wiping, and Grant suggested we come up with a list of critical items that need to be attended to before the event. Kevin asked about the display lighting; Tim reported that the second transformer had given up, so replacement of the halogen lights with LEDs is probably our best plan. A reminder: ALL rolling stock members wish to operate at the Open House must approved by Kevin for weight, wheel gauge, and coupler height before the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM by President Tim Skidmore.

Submitted by Alan Coleman

The next  
**Piedmont & Western**  
**Business Meeting will be**  
**held on Thursday,**  
**August 6, 2015**  
**at 7:30 PM**  
**at the Old Rock School.**



**Members are reminded to**  
**be at the ORS by 8:00 AM**  
**due to street closings and**  
**limited parking**

# VMT = Y6a + J + A



For the first time in over fifty years it is again possible to see Norfolk and Western Railway's premier steam locomotives together in their birthplace of Roanoke, Virginia. With the return of 611 from its rebuild at Spencer and the loan of Y-6a No. 2156 from St. Louis' Museum of Transportation, Class A No. 1218 is no longer alone and the Virginia Museum of Transportation has made Roanoke a very special place to visit for the next five years or so... *All photographs by the editor.*



