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**ON THE COVER:** Former Southern Railway GP-38-2 No. 5135 still had its high rear hood when seen in Chamblee, Georgia on April 9, 2015. The unit has an April 1974 build date from EMD.  
*Photograph by the editor.*

## Minutes of the June 7, 2015 P&W Business Meeting

The June, 2015 business meeting was called to order on at 7:39 PM by Vice-president Tim Grant Robbins.

### Members in Attendance:

Frank Steele, Jacob Riley, Jeff Whisenant, Dick Miller, Gene Austin, Bill Poteat, Larry Weed, Alan Coleman, Grant Robbins, and guest Bobby Riley.

**Wiring Report:** Bill Poteat reported that component costs on the rewiring project are \$1,300 to date. The new system will be capable of running 144 Tortoises, lighting, and a host of other features. The next step according to Bill is pulling the slack out of the new wiring, installation of D-rings, installing a 10 amp power supply for lighting. We will also be removing all old/redundant wiring to make trouble shooting of the new system easier. Bill said that Tim is going to rework the computer to Linux from Windows.

**Membership Matters:** Larry Weed reported that this would be his last meeting for the foreseeable future, as he will be spending a great deal of time in the coming year on moving a son to New Jersey. Larry will be greatly missed and we look forward to his return.

**Financial Report:** After reimbursing Bill for electrical components, we have \$2,874.27 in the bank. Ken Humphrey's sales efforts to support the rewiring project efforts have netted \$1,858.91 to date.

**The Waldensian Festival Open House** will be on Saturday, August 8; we will need to start serious clean-up and fine tuning well before that day. Grant reminded everyone that before being placed on the layout, all rolling stock must be checked out by our operations man Kevin Stine for compliance with weight, wheel gauge, DCC address, etc. This practice prevents possible damage to both the rolling stock and the layout.

**Scenery Layout Report:** While Snowbird is now wired, Jeff reported that our 3-truck Shay is having clearance problems that need to be remedied.

Bill and Frank discussed the wiring needed for building lighting; Bill said he has acquired some new flickering LEDs that can serve for welding or fire effects.

On the rolling stock front, Kevin has acquired a 100 sets of new wheels for the older club-owned cars.

Grant said that we need to come up with a list of items that need trouble shooting before the Waldensian Festival Open House, e.g. the trouble spot at Biltmore, the Asheville Yard Track 3 to Track 4 turnout, etc. In the next few weeks we will identify work groups and tasks to prepare the layout for August 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06PM by Grant Robbins.

Submitted by Alan Coleman

**To avoid holiday  
 conflicts, our next  
 business meeting will  
 be on July 9, 2015  
 7:30 PM Old Rock School**