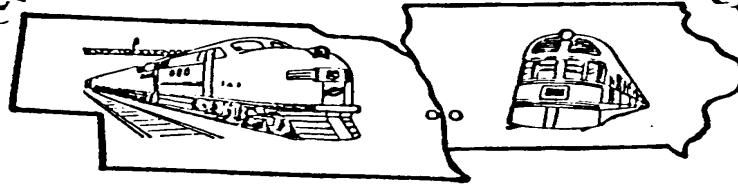


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 2nd, 7pm – NE-IA Model RR Club Board meeting at Mark Nelson’s.

Feb 13th, 10am – Monthly NE-IA Model RR Club meeting at our Gretna facility, hosted by Fred Schlecht.

March – Monthly NE-IA Model RR Club meeting at Gretna, date and time TBD, hosted by Rudy Nabel.

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January NE-IA RR Club Meeting and Dinner– January’s meeting was held at Piccolo’s restaurant in conjunction with our annual Christmas dinner on the 29th at 7:30pm. There were 57 members and guests present. The following business was conducted after a talk by guest speaker John Bromley of his train experiences with UP and sister railroads:

Election of Officers – The following officers were elected by written ballot:

Mark Nelson – President
Fred Schlecht – Vice President
Marty Cvetas – Secretary
Bob Schaffer – Treasurer

Honorary Life Membership – Chic Barker was formally recognized as an Honorary Life Member with the club*.

President’s Remarks – Mark thanked his wife for supporting two parties in December, the club members’ wives for supporting their husbands, Larry Galkowski and Frances McGovern for the new HO layouts at Gretna, Dave Hector for running the show this year, Joe Snook for the newsletter, Linda Ward for managing our website, and Phil Jensen for organizing the Christmas dinner.

Door Prizes – The following door prizes were given:

A book written by Bill Kratville on the UP Challenger – Fred Schlecht	
\$20 gift certificate - Dick LeClerc	\$20 gift certificate – Terry Nordmeier
\$20 gift certificate – Rudy Nabel	\$20 gift certificate – Bruce Garver
UP pin – Ron Beranek	UP placemats – Mark Nelson
UP calendar – Frances McGovern	UP puzzle – Dick Fielding
UP wooden whistle – Mike Vana	UP tire pressure gauge – Phil Jensen
UP patch – Mike Dryver	UP magnet – Marty Cvetas
UP monopoly game – Russ Quimby	Fremont Valley RR Gift Certificate – Bob Ward
Fremont Valley RR Gift Certificate – Joe Snook	
Fremont Valley RR Gift Certificate – Gary Scott	
One Day Pass to Lauritzen Gardens – Larry Galkowski	
One Day Pass to Lauritzen Gardens – Chic Barker	
Carousel – Linda Williams	Ginger jar – Debra Vana
Snowman – Judy Bornholdt	Snowman – Marilyn Scott
Angel – Terry Nordmeier	Snowman – Jayne Goode
Coffee mug – Norma LeClerc	Coffee mug – Linda Ward
Santa – Pat Bromley	

Announcement of Thanks – Fred Standa thanked everyone who helped him with his open house in December at his home in Mapleton, Iowa. He had a record attendance this year.

The meeting (and dinner) adjourned at 9:50pm.

(*NOTE: FYI for our many newer members, Honorary Life Membership is a very special membership designation reserved only for outstanding lifelong contributors to our club. According to our Articles of Incorporation, Article II, Section 2, paragraph (c), “Honorary Life Membership: shall become a Honorary Life Member upon the action of the Board of Directors or the general membership. Honorary Life Membership may be bestowed on any Regular Member in good standing who has shown a high degree of dedication to the Club and the purposes of the Club. Honorary Life Members shall not be subject to the payment of the regular annual dues. Each Honorary Life Member shall have the right to vote on matters

coming before the membership for action.” We currently have only three Honorary Life Members in the club: Chic Barker, Phil Jensen, and Kendall Fox. Since I have been a club member (over 20 years), I know of only two other club members bestowed this status and they are deceased. (ED)

NE-IA Model RR Club Board Meeting – The club board met on Feb 2nd to discuss several items of business. First order was to discuss a bill received from a vendor for the cleanup at Gretna after the flood on December 11th. After discussion, it was decided to talk to a lawyer and discuss options. The bill was for over \$9,500 which the club obviously can't afford and insurance doesn't cover, however, in looking at the contract, it would appear that we are not responsible for paying. The lawyer will review and decide what course of action to take. Other items of business included purchasing new liability insurance to cover the Gretna facility as well as train shows (Bob Schaffer will pursue this), dues notices to members who have not paid yet, a decision to send letters to Lauritzen Gardens and UP Museum informing them that we will charge \$150 to attend their events if they want us to set up our layout, a request to put an announcement in the newsletter to offer for sale O gauge modules, and an appointment by the club president of Joe Snook as a committee chairman to head up a rebuild/replacement of the Thomas layout during the upcoming year.

Sales Display Case – Members are encouraged to use the glass display case at our Gretna facility to sell items. Simply put a tag with your name and price on each item. Ten percent of each sale goes into the club treasury.

Membership Roster Update - Attached you will find a new membership roster. Added are seven new members: Gordon Bennett, Anthony and Butch Dufek, Jim Minear, John Sanderhoff, and Jeff and Dean Showers. Welcome guys! Also, Roger Clark has a new email address. If anyone has a correction or update, please contact me at either the phone number listed at the top of this newsletter or my email address: jsnookjr@cox.net. (ED)

Dues Reminder – Dues for 2010 are now delinquent. Dues are \$25/year for adult members and \$12/year for junior members. Send them to our club treasurer, Bob Schaffer, at his address shown at the top of this newsletter. After March 31st, they increase by \$5. If you don't pay by April 30th, your membership is dropped. Thank you.

February NE-IA RR Club Meeting – The February meeting will be on Saturday, the 13th at 10am at our Gretna facility. It will be hosted by our new Vice President, Fred Schlecht.

O gauge Modules For Sale – Due to expressed interest in participating in the operation of the O gauge modular layout, the club is offering modules for sale at \$120 each. The club will buy the materials and construct the modules for buyers. Contact Mark Nelson for more information or for ordering.

Gretna Guides – For new members as well as a reminder to all members, there is a set of guidelines posted at our facility which you need to familiarize yourselves with. Additionally, when you visit the facility, especially during our open house hours, **PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE**, so visitors know who to turn to for their questions and help. Thank you and keep up the great PR.

Lawyer/Board Meeting – Several board members met with a lawyer on Feb 5th. The lawyer reviewed our lease contract and listened to our case. As a result, the lawyer will send a courteous letter to 1st Management stating that nothing in the lease indicates that we are responsible for the bill. Then we will wait for a reply and go from there. Meanwhile we are to conduct business as usual.