

Mad River & NKP Railroad Society, Inc.

The Caboose Cable News Letter



Faces - Of Museums

As I sit here typing – and watching the snow falling, I think about the many things that participating in the museum brings to my life. I enjoy working with the people in the museum. I like talking to the visitors that come to see the museum during the summer and being a part of the little social events. Events like the cleanups in the springtime, the picnic, and my all time favorite the annual Christmas party. I personally love potlucks. I love the variety of home cooked food.

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During this years party we were blessed to have live entertainment. Dr. Kim Knight and his daughter Kara performed our favorite holiday songs. Dr Knight played the bass, and Kara played the violin. What an excellent performance. Dr Knight, Kara and all the people who helped put the evening together deserve a standing ovation.

Elections – The museum elections are coming up at the March annual meeting. Now is the time to submit your nominations. Please Note: if nominating someone (or yourself) as a write-in for an office, they must have been a paid up member for 2 years.

For trustee they must have been a paid up member for 1 year. Also, you **MUST** have their permission to nominate them. Please include the nominated persons phone number. Please mail nominee's name and phone number to arrive by 14 Feb 2009 to the Nominating Committee at:



Nominating Committee

Mad River & NKP RR Society
233 York St
Bellevue, Ohio 44811

Nominating Committee
 Mike Todd 419-483-9401
 Tom Lowery 419-483-6629
 Dale Owens 419-483-4872

Ballots will be mailed to all paid up members in the next newsletter.

If you cannot attend the annual meeting and election on the 21st of March 2009 at 6:00 pm, you can mail your ballot to arrive by 20 March 2009

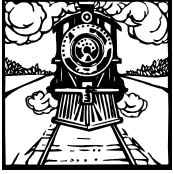
Earl Daniels the president of the museum will not run again.

Nominations are wide open. We need some strong leadership so get involved, nominate yourself, and come to vote.

Dale Owens – Newsletter Editor

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A Bit of History

A bit of history - Revived

In the last newsletter I wrote about discontinuing the **Bit Of History** column. Considering that I rarely get any written feed back, the half dozen or so letters I received is a significant statement. All of the letters I received were in support of the **Bit Of History Column**. Those that wrote said that the concept of a little history story is consistent with the Museum and the newsletter. Obviously I agree, but the point is well taken that the stories need to be interesting, short and hopefully relevant to railroading in our area.

Therefore I will continue the column. I may try to do more research and reading and come up with stories and facts that you may find interesting.

Please send me your stories or even trivia. You can send them US mail to:

Mad River & NKP Museum
Attn.: Dale Owens
233 York Street
Bellevue, Ohio 44811

Or e-mail: madriver@onebellevue.com put into the subject line "Forward to Dale Owens".

I expressed my opinion to BOD in the last meeting, that we should put together a "History Book" of and about the museum. I would be willing to work on it, but I have not been around long enough to know all about the museum's history. If anybody is interested in helping to write and put it together, please contact me.

Surfing the internet – Charlie Wise sent me a link to a site that has about 1,500 pictures of mainly the N&W railroad. There are some great pictures. Check it out at <http://www.sessions-station.com/N&W/index5.html>

Note: We will have a February issue with the election ballot and catch up on the BOD meeting notes.

#7 Rides The Rails Again

Sitting quite unassumingly beside or behind the Fright House the former New York Central #7 Business Car has been waiting it's turn to be revitalized. But with a long list of needs and priorities the museum has kept it on the back burner.



#7 Business car - Picture by Dave Robinson

As mentioned in a previous newsletter Carl Nourse a friend of the museum has come to the rescue of # 7. Carl made an offer to the BOD to lease the business car for three years with an option for a fourth year. In exchange for use of the car, Carl is paying money up front, fixing the breaks and moving the car to Delaware, Ohio.

In Delaware. Carl will have the interior of the car cleaned and restored . The diesel generator will be fixed and brought back to life.

Carl and his helpers have several cars and an engine on a short stretch of track. Once a year at Christmas time he opens up his "real" trains and his model trains to the kids in the surrounding area. The kids get a treat of riding on a real train which some may never do otherwise. They then can view his extensive model layout and have a holiday snack. – Thanks Carl for presenting this opportunity.

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History of the Business Car #7

Ted Church had expressed an interest in purchasing an NYC office car to friend (and MR&NKP member) George Payne. In about 1971 or 1972 George learned through the infamous grapevine railfans are privy to that there was a NYC car stored at Fort Monmouth, NJ. It seems that the mayor of Red Bank, NJ, a town adjacent to the fort, had purchased the car from Penn Central and had obtained permission from General Foster, the general commanding Fort Monmouth, who was also a railfan, to store it on the base. General Foster also gave permission for the car to be hauled to wherever the mayor wanted when he decided to use it as a hunting or vacation facility. The general allowed noncommissioned officers (sergeants) to live in mobile homes on-base and was easily convinced that railroad cars were just heavy mobile homes. A number of retired PC coaches had been converted into apartment units (2 in each car) for senior NCO housing.

When George told Ted about this, he was sent to check it out, which he and Marcia did. After reporting back to Ted and armed with pictures, Ted and Sarah purchased the car, had a COT&S done on it and rode the car home. It came off the Shore Line, through Oak Island, and then on to Erie on Penn Central. The car was stored on the East Erie Commercial Railroad. Later the car was shipped to Georgia where it served as Ted and Sarah's winter home for several years before coming to Bellevue and our museum. This dead-head trip is one that Dennis Brandal rode and I'm sure he has some fond memories of the time he spent coming home.

By the time the car arrived in Bellevue, Ted and Sarah were getting to the point where they couldn't do much manual labor any more, so they asked Bill to manage their fleet of cars. He handled the mechanical updates, leases, etc. on all of their cars from then on. We were fortunate enough to be able to use the #7 on a few of our excursion trains and Ted & Sarah proudly rode with us, answering many questions in their knowledgeable way. Upon Ted's passing the car was left to the museum. Unfortunately, for the last several years of Ted's life he didn't want to spend much money on fixing up #7 as he saw little possibility of leasing it and recouping his investment. It has deteriorated some, however is still very solid and is basically in need of some TLC.

Carl Nourse from Delaware, Ohio has reached an agreement with the museum for a temporary lease, taking the car to his facility and giving it a bit of a face lift. Nothing historical will be altered. The main plan is some deep cleaning and cosmetic repairs. In a few years, at the end of his lease, it will be returned to the museum, along with TSCX 5688, the Roaring Camp, which he has also leased and made significant improvements to.

Thanks Carl for helping keep Ted & Sarah's dream of having the #7 on display here in Bellevue alive. Eventually when it its returned we will be proud to show it off in all it's splendor.

By Ruth Fuehring with info supplied by George Payne.

Additional pictures of the interior of the business car



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Keeping On Track – Schedule of Events



February

- Each Tuesday – Geezers Restoration Club at Burger King at 9 AM – weather permitting. General Work Session 7 PM – Bring a friend.
- Feb 11th - BOD meeting 7 PM
- Feb 18th Special Edition Newsletter deadline
- Feb 25th General Membership Meeting

March

- Each Tuesday – Geezers Restoration Club at Burger King at 9 AM – weather permitting. General Work Session 7 PM – Bring a friend.
- March 11th - BOD meeting 7 PM
- March 21st Annual meeting and Potluck 6 PM
- March 25th No General Membership Meeting

April

- Each Tuesday – Geezers Restoration Club at Burger King at 9 AM – weather permitting. General Work Session 7 PM – Bring a friend.
- April 4th - **Spring cleaning museum grounds**
- April 8th - BOD meeting 7 PM
- April 11th - **Spring cleaning museum grounds**
- April 15th Newsletter deadline
- April 18th - **Spring cleaning museum grounds**
- April 25th - **Spring cleaning museum grounds**
- April 29th General Membership Meeting

May

- Each Tuesday – Geezers Restoration Club at Burger King at 9 AM – weather permitting. General Work Session 7 PM – Bring a friend.
- May 13th - BOD meeting 7 PM
- May 27th General Membership Meeting

Museum open weekends 12-4 starting May 2nd