

# Roseville Roundhouse MRA

## General Meeting Minutes July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- **Quorum**
  - Officers present: Keith, John, Duncan, Troy
  - Members present: Cameron, Kyle, Josh, Joe, Ken, Jud, Pat, Jeff H., George, Mark, Don, Wayne, Chris Jacoby, Jimmy, Lou, Bill, Gary
- **Membership News**
  - Update on Lou's wife
  - New Members: Greg Duncan and Jimmy Foster
- **Minutes.**
  - MSA
- **Treasurers Report**
  - Checking \$9527.41
  - Total available to \$5,000 limit is \$4527,41
  - MSA
  - Fridge money? (Jud)
    - \$700ish
- **IRF (John & Jud)**
  - IRF Show update
    - Everything moving forward
    - 501C3 work moving slowly, thank you to Keith for providing what RRMRA used. Jim found it incredibly helpful.
    - Layout space has been requested.
    - Requesting 5 sales tables.
  - Entrance prices.
    - Contentious discussion over last 2 meetings
    - Dusan wants to raise the price (as does Keith) Nobody else agrees.
    - Preference is to focus on growth this year. Last year was good, but we want to establish consistency and generate new customers. We need more stability before we raise prices.
    - GATS charges more, but also has a much larger marketing budget and a different reputation with vendors (Reliability) that we need to re-establish. It seems unlikely they are making more per guest when marketing is accounted for.
    - We are a niche product charging more than county fairs is going to be counter productive.
  - Keith is frustrated with the decision to not raise prices
- **Committees**
  - Web Page: -Duncan MacDonald.
    - Issues with emails and getting new members in the system
    - Something wrong with the plugins
    - Backups stopped, but Godaddy fixed, but still missing plugins.
    - John will look at the plugins
    - New committee. Josh, John and Duncan. To figure out what to do with the website.
  - HO Layout planning progress-
    - Harriston Corner now sceniced but needs finishing,
    - Buildings in place between city and yard
    - New Siding on blue line in progress
    - Block detection delays due to Duncan's time
    - Next HO meeting TBD

- N Layout planning progress.
  - Mountain area update, still being worked on
  - Backdrop for lower area
    - John has sent pictures off to friend who will make it for free
  - Layout lighting
    - Peninsula lighting mostly done with some minor debug needed.
    - Revisiting the previous lighting to adjust it to match and proper angle.
  - MRC Gateway testing
- Funding –
  - Membership.
    - 2 new members
  - 2 Huge donations plus 2 others
  - Auction in June made \$1500
  - Open House July 12<sup>th</sup> made \$1900 Friday, and an additional \$300 Saturday from sales and \$600 in donation Jars. \$500 on food.
- Switching Layout Update – Don
  - Turnouts replaced, ran fully during open house with magnetic uncoupling.
  - Need dedicated rolling stock
    - Cameron, Jud, and maybe John, Identify types of cars, count of cars and choose them.
  - Turnout control not reliable. Touch panel too sensitive.
    - Still need a plan for this.
- Electrical – Keith.
  - Block detection progressing slowly.
    - Have JMRI sketch for control
    - Needs focus
    - John broke the LEDs that were working on LCC while trying to fix a section.  
John working with LCC experts online to diagnose.
  - Seminar room turnout controls flaked out at open house
  - Need a new chair person.
- Test Track – Duncan
  - Controls need to be revised again.
- Operations :
  - Sessions on May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>
    - 12-13 people for both
    - Worked well
    - No throttle issues since we switched TCS throttles to LCC.
    - Frees up space for more wireless NCE and cel phones.
    - Too many people want to just run trains not do any switching.
  - Need a new person to take this on. Keith won't be available for the foreseeable future.
    - Josh, John and Cameron, Jeff, Patrick has an interest, Kyle
    - John will send an email to this group to get started.
  - Looking to perhaps buy new TCS throttles.
    - Duncan looking for group discount
  - John mentioned that we will be getting a free MRC LCC throttle.
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- Trips
  - NMRA convention August
  - John working on Silicon Valley lines
  - Black Diamond Lines Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Kyle mentioned Golden state model railroad museum “foreign to Ca day” Kyle to follow up.
- HO and N inventory (John)
  - Rolling stock maintenance workshop
    - Still hasn’t happened
    - No time
    - August 17<sup>th</sup>. Step 1 is set up the cars for the switching the layouts.
    - Restrict the number of club cars available to run so we can work.
- Carnegie Museum update – Troy/Robert.
  - Troy and Bill looking for a scenery expert to go over with them and review
  - Wayne to help
  - John suggested getting pictures of what they want it to look like.
- **Old Business**
  - Workshops
    - May 18<sup>th</sup> Loco maintenance by Jud
    - JMRI workshop?
    - Need Volunteers for others
      - Car repair
      - Loco maintenance
      - Arduinos
      - 3D Printing
        - Joe to put something together
      - Rock Walls
      - Decals on passenger cars
    - Also need a new lead to drive this.
      - Maybe nobody, Workshop owners in charge of their own planning.
    - Looking for another decoder install workshop.
      - John would like to see one with a decoder buddy.
    - Cameron looking to run a basic layout operation workshop
  - Sort out committee - John
    - Seminar Room is a mess, but some changes
    - Suggested we look at a shed or some other form of outdoor storage.
      - John to put something together for the officers and it will come up in lease renewal.
  - Track cleaning instructions
    - Waiting on Chaos to die down to take pictures of the cleaning equipment.
    - John to get out this weekend.
  - Big Boy open house
    - Netted \$3000
      - \$1900 in sales on Friday, \$300 more Saturday.
      - \$600 in donations
      - \$500 from food plus David and Rose donated up to \$500 in food for the event
      - Paid for Portapotties, leaflets and sanitizer.
    - Stats
      - ~500 visitors
      - Temps were up around 115F

- The AC failed
    - Despite good turnout by club members, team could not cope
    - At least 4 people suffered heat stroke of some sort
    - Members that worked the event did not get breaks
    - Trains ran well, but not enough were running
  - Special thanks to David and Rose for the donation and their efforts
  - Bill for cooking and Sylvia and Riley for serving
  - Cameron, his mom, Joe, Frank, Duncan and Ray for sales tables.
  - Everyone ran trains
  - Everyone who helped set up and tear down.
  - Ken K for interfacing with the City of Roseville and UP to get exposure.
  - Also thank you to MC church for allowing us to use their parking lot and rest room facility
  - Member who did the most – Cameron!
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- **New Business**
    - New member vote.
      - Chris Mahaniuc
        - MSA
        - Chris works at Seimens.
        - He will schedule tours
        - Need steeltoed shoes
    - Officer Replacement for March 2025. Per Bylaws, Keith and John MUST step down. (though they can run for other officer positions)
    - Keith Overwhelmed
      - Stepping down from Electrical committee, Organizing the HO Layout meeting, Ops Sessions, Workshop org, Open House Org and Auctioneer
      - Replacements needed, Auctioneer particularly critical due to funding.
      - Officers working on re-structuring
      - EXPECT CALLS
    - Family Day Open House
      - Who would come?
        - Approach churches and School
      - When?
      - Who will organize?
      - What is the Church interface?
      - Theme?
      - Food?
        - No food, just snacks
      - Sales Tables?
        - 3<sup>rd</sup> party sales table
        - Don wants inside sales tables
      - Lots of discussion about logistics and making money and scaling it so we can do it.
      - Chris motioned to table it and get a committee together to work it out. Committee is Chris, Cameron, Kyle.
    - Richard Batho – Build me a model railroad
      - Who can help? Club Led or up to individual? Potential Income stream.
        - Troy to follow up to get the scope of work where is he

- Gentleman in Grass Valley looking for same
  - We do not have the bandwidth, so no.
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- About to go into lease negotiations within the month
  - Expect a reasonably large rent increase.
  - Income will be a priority.
  - Look into borrowing classroom space on occasion
- Don suggesting putting together grab bag sets (mysterybag)
  - We will not have trouble selling stuff
- Don suggested we sell off stuff in the parts bins.
  - Already happening.
- **Adjournment**
  - M/S/A