MRHC Newsletter

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There will be a web page for emailing us. The web address was just established so the web site will be in construction for several weeks. I will try to get the upcoming events on as soon as possible. Feel free to email us if you have any ideas for the web site.

From the President's Desk
John Givan

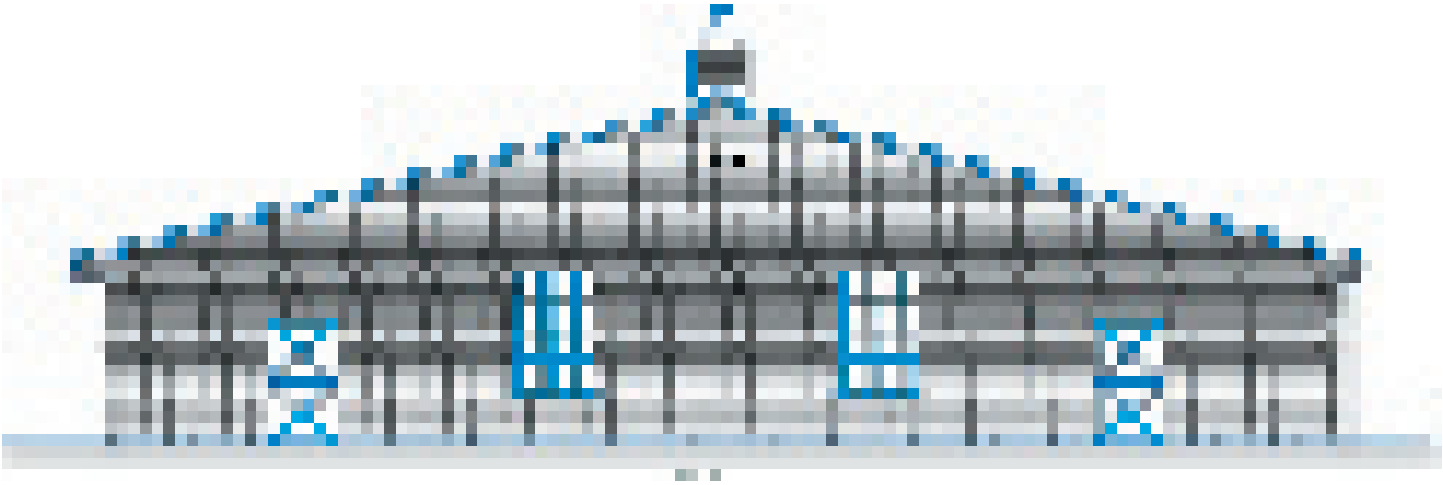
Greetings from Montevideo.

Spring is in the air, and that means another construction season can't be far off for the Milwaukee Road Heritage Center. We are always looking for volunteers to help out with our projects, so if you feel so inclined come on out this summer and lend a hand. We will be setting up a work routine of sorts so that we all know when to show up, gloves, shovels and spike mauls in hand.

As you might expect, not much has happened over the course of this winter. Even though it was an unusually mild winter, it was still too cold to work outdoors.

Progress has been made on the model railroad layout over the winter. The most recent work day was March 24 when Wayne Spiess and I and a group of model rails from the Minnesota River Valley Division of the National Model Railroad Association spent the day working on the layout. We laid some track for the hidden staging yard on the bottom level of our two-level layout. The next step is to lay the mainline track up the two helixes to the upper level. That is where Montevideo and its yard is going to be located. It will be an interesting project to work on throughout the coming year.

Plans are taking shape for erecting a new roundhouse on the foundations of the original. We have been in contact with Lester Buildings about a design. We have over $11,000 set aside in the roundhouse restoration fund already, but more is needed. If you would like to contribute toward this significant project, please feel free to do so. Whatever we can raise from among our members and local contributors will count toward the local match



portion of any grants that we are able to obtain to complete the roundhouse.

The most immediate matter before us, however, is our annual meeting/get-together planned for Saturday, April 21, at the Hollywood Theater here in Montevideo. We are planning to start a social hour at 5 p.m., followed by a light supper of soup and sandwiches at 6 p.m. I had hoped to have a speaker lined up for a brief program beginning at 7 p.m., but plans have unexpectedly fallen through. If any of you would like to volunteer to speak briefly about the Milwaukee Road, please contact me. If nothing else, we will see if we can get a handful of Milwaukee Road veterans together to talk about their experiences when they worked for our favorite railroad. RSVP is on the next page please respond by **April 12th** either by email, phone call or slow mail.

Before our meeting, we will have the depot and other facilities open for tours beginning at 3 p.m. At the get-together we will have some Milwaukee Road memorabilia available for sale, plus some replicas of the Milwaukee Road tilted rectangle and "Running Indian."

Along these lines, our newsletter editor Deb Moe is hard at work setting up a Web site for the MRHC from which we will be able to sell memorabilia and other items to raise some funds for our ongoing restoration projects. We have established our domain name www.montevideomrhc.org. The email addresses are beginning of the newsletter. In the meantime, MRHC member Jim Olson has established a Web site that features photos he took earlier this winter. There is a link from the Milwaukee Road Historical Association to our site http://www.mnstate.edu/jimolson/. We thank Jim for his expertise and efforts in re-establishing a presence for us in cyber space.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time and energy to the Milwaukee Road Heritage Center. As we continue to gather more materials and equipment, the task we are undertaking grows in complexity. Your board of directors and I thank you for your support, both moral and monetary. Please do not hesitate to contact us with comments, ideas, compliments and criticisms (easy on these, we are volunteers after all). We need your input as we continue our efforts to preserve the memory of America's Resourceful Railroad. I hope to see you April 21st.

Joke sent in by one of our members Jim Olson:

A large Olympian Hiawatha was speeding across South Dakota. As it was approaching Lemmon, South Dakota., one of the engines broke down. "No problem," the engineer thought and carried on at half power. Farther on down the line, the other engine broke down and the train came to a standstill.

The engineer decided he should inform the passengers about why the train had stopped, and made the following announcement, "Ladies and gentlemen, I have some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that both engines have failed, and we will be stuck here for some time. The good news is that you decided to take the train and not fly."

RSVP Annual meeting and get together on April 21st

Dinner menu $8.00

Assorted Sandwiches, hobo (meat) soup, potato salad, marshmallow jello salad and coffee.

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Your opinion Poll:

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