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Narrow Gauge Railroad Association

JUNE MARKS NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR

June 1 marks the beginning of a new membership year. Members who have not yet renewed their memberships are requested to complete the required form. Annual dues are \$5 for general members. Those desiring Participating Memberships must complete a special form which will be provided upon request or will be available at the next general meeting. An additional \$1 is collected for participating memberships.

Completion of a first aid course is not a requirement for becoming a participating member. However members are encouraged to obtain first aid training as soon as possible. The NGRRA will arrange for a first aid course when sufficient number of members express an interest. Safety training will continue at all general meetings, and Participating members are asked to become familiar with all safety rules.

Of special interest to the membership is the position which the Association has reached with Scenic Railways, Inc.. The Association has been designated the sole organization for volunteer efforts related to the restoration of equipment and acquisition of historical records relating to the operation of the railroad.

VOLUNTEER QUARTERS IMPROVED

Volunteer quarters at Chama are being reconditioned to make your weekend stay more comfortable. In addition to repainting portions of the bunk house, electric power has been connected to the building. Separate quarters are being prepared for female participating members (including an apricot fluff color scheme). Bunk beds or cots are a special need at this time. Anyone who knows of such items is asked to contact Mr. Tom Butterworth, 112 Rover Blvd., Whiterock, New Mexico 87544 or any Board Member.

GENERAL MEETING SET JUNE 19

Activities of the NGRRA during this season will be the main topic of the June 19 general meeting to be held at 7:30 pm in the hospitality room of the Southern Union Gas Company, 1401 San Pedro N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A special safety presentation, a continuing part of all general meetings, will be made.

If you feel any special business items should be considered at the meeting please contact Alan Stevens, Association President, telephone 266-5229.

Available at the meeting will be Participating Membership forms, brochures, NGRRA fact sheets, and the car attendant's sign up sheet.

Please take the opportunity to express your interest in the NGRRA.

CAR ATTENDANTS RIDE AGAIN

For the second season of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, NGRRA members are serving as car attendants on all tourist trains. Thanks to the efforts of Russell Smith, the car attendants are being scheduled for all days of operation. To help alleviate last minute difficulties and fulfill our commitment to Scenic Railways Inc., Participating Members are asked to contact Russell and schedule their days well in advance. At this time every weekend is available for additional car attendants.

In addition to helping patrons board the train, car attendants are expected to answer questions and point out areas of specific interest to their car's occupants. It is important that attendants have knowledge of the railroad, and keep important dates in mind. Most patrons are known to ask when the railroad was built, who owns it, etc.. Pick up some brochures before you ride. Car attendants are in a great position to obtain the patrons' comments about the C&TS and our service. Attendants must be Participating Members of the NGRRA. Please contact Russell Smith as soon as possible.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE CREATED

The Publications Committee has been renamed the Public Information Committee for the NGRRA. In addition to creating publications such as the NGRRA TELLTALE, the PIC will act as a clearing house for all releases of public information. Thus, all items for release to the public (news media, organization meetings, etc.) must be approved by the PIC. This reorganization is intended to maintain a consistency in the information about the NGRRA which reaches the public.

The Guidelines of the PIC are being drafted. Additionally, the PIC will maintain a current picture file of NGRRA activities which will be available upon request for promotions and news releases.

1972 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the May 22 Annual Meeting, the following members were re-elected to 1 year terms on the Board of Directors.

Larry Broadway, Houston, Texas
Tom Butterworth, Whiterock, NM.
Al Chione, Evergreen, Colo.
Cathi Collucci, Albuquerque, NM.
Dick Glass, Santa Fe, MN.
Swede Johnson, Antonito, Colo.
Jack La Munyon, Albuquerque, NM.
John Oldberg, Manitou Springs, Colo.
Ken Pruitt, Albuquerque, NM.
Ernest Robart, Albuquerque, NM.
Russell Smith, Albuquerque, NM.
Alan Stevens, Albuquerque, NM.
Bill Wood, Albuquerque, NM.

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CREWS BEGIN RESTORING EQUIPMENT

Allen T. Cruttenden

A snow fighting display train for Cumbres Pass is the object of NGRRA restoration crews working in Chama.

During the past weeks, members have been renovating Rotary OM and its tender. Several winters of standing in the Chama yards, lack of maintenance, and vandalism have taken their toll on this former member of the D&RGW snow fighting team. A leaking roof, broken windows, peeling paint, and rotting boards were immediate matters of attention. Although work has been slow due to very small work crews, all that is lacking is a fresh coat of paint and relettering.

The Auxillary Water Car, formerly a metal oil tank car, should be ready for painting after a little scraping.

A K-37 engine will be placed in the snow train display. Other possible items for the consist are a RPO bunk car and flanger. The consist is dependent upon the length of the Cumbres Pass stub track.

The second project of the season will be assembling a freight train for display in the Chama yards.

It is hoped that this train will form a nucleus for an annual freight train to be operated on the C&TS. The project is not formalized at this time; however, Scenic Railways has expressed an interest in such an event.

Although the prime obligation of the NGRRA at this time is serving as car attendants, NGRRA President, Alan Stevens stresses the need for participation in these projects of historical preservation and renovation.

A word about safety -- Safety hats are mandatory when working in the yard and may be obtained at the Chama NGRRA work headquarters. Safety shoes are recommended, as well as safety glasses or goggles. Workers must strictly adhere to all safety rules.

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