

THE MANIFEST August 2017



Greetings All:

WOW this year seemed to have flown by. Here we are down to our last 4 run days!

Last run day was fun, the antique cars were there for part of the day, and they certainly drew a lot of attention.



On Tuesday, September 5, 2017, Jerry Hellinga, Alice Mullaly, Dan Wilkinson, Joseph Newstead and Jeff Byrd volunteered at SOPTV and took phone calls for "More Trains Around the World". It was a lot of fun; the staff at SOPTV is great. Thank you everyone who volunteered and called to donate, one I know for sure of our members was our very own Bill Ainsworth. Speaking of Bill, I am

inserting a short blog written by Bill called Shasta Business Car.

SHASTA BUSINESS CAR

**By
Bill Ainsworth**

Shasta, Southern Pacific Business Car No. 109. The "Shasta", built by Pullman in 1888, began service as a Central Pacific coach. Around 1900 it was converted to Business Car No. 109 by Southern Pacific and named after the division it operated over – the Shasta. Later, renumbered Maintenance of Way No. 18, the car was used on the coastline as a track worker's home. Sold to private ownership, the "Shasta" was housed at the railroad museum in Perris, California until acquired by the State in 1976.

Currently, the car appears as a standard gauge wood business car with one open platform, the other closed, and has a monitor roof. The overall length of 59' 6" includes knuckle couplers. The width of the car is 10'. Steel "I" beam sills and cast body bolsters support the car body. In 1977, American Car and Foundry wood beam trucks with a 33" wheel diameter were added. The interior of the car is divided into compartments with toilet facilities (1 wet hopper, 1 shower and 2 sinks). At this time, the "Shasta" is not scheduled for restoration. The car remains at the restoration shop in the SP yards.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

**Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Minutes of August 8, 2017**

The entertainment was presented prior to the start of the meeting. Allen Dobney presented two videos, one of the 2017 Coos Bay Rail Link event and the second one was a Conrail video.

Call to Order

- 7:36 Ric Walsh Called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

- Chris Manley, Jerry Hellinga, Allen Dobney, Ric Walsh, as well as numerous members.

Consent of the Agenda:

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes

- Approved, by Jerry and seconded by Allen.
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Treasurer's Report:

- Jerry Hellinga presented the Treasurer's Report He had paid \$3,500.00 for yearly insurance premium. The final inspection is finished for the motor car platform.

Committee Reports:

- **Medco 4:**

- Nothing new to report.

- **Burger Shack:**

- I was out of town and Alan had trouble with the Square and could not take credit cards at the last run day in July; however, Alan and I went through the issue this last run day, and it has since been resolved. Work on replacing/repairing the floor and the ramp will continue this fall/spring.

- **Surplus Sales:**

- Allen has been selling slides on EBay The amount is about \$1,780.00 to date. He is going to be putting up 150 more slides and about 70 magazines.

- **Web Site**

- NA

- **Butte Falls**

- Warehouse agreed to discuss the issue with Butte Falls. Ric will talk to Linda and see if there is anything more we can do to assist in this endeavor.
- As far as the possibility of using the area by the Sports Park, we are waiting to see if we meet the requirements to use that area.

- Jerry is going to get maps and more information for the city manager, as far as using the Table Rock location for the tourist railroad.
- **Parking**
 - No longer sending a person to monitor the Eagles parking lot, so far it seems to be working well.

Old Business:

- **CB&Q**
 - The Scouts will be working on the CB&Q from about 8:00 a.m. until it is too hot this coming Saturday.
 - Dan has a sign letting people know who is funding and volunteering to work on the project. Alan is going to make up the signs.
 - There is some window rot around the windows; Bruce McGarvey has volunteered to fix that issue.

New Business

- We voted in a new member, Tom Klein. Welcome TOM!
- Alice Mullaly is going to write up another grant request from the Cultural Coalition. We want to see if we can get some interactive videos/games for the kids/younger people. If we have enough funds, we would like one in the Museum and one in the CB&Q. If we can only do one, we will put it

in the CB&Q. We may need matching funds, we are not certain of that yet.

- A group of Ham radio operators is going to take over the telegraphers' area; they will join the Live Steamers. We may have some equipment they can use, that will be checked out and verified.

Good of the Order:

- Tony Johnson talks at the library in Medford the 1st Wednesday of each month from 12-1.

Adjournment:

- Jerry Hellinga moved to adjourn, Allen Dobney seconded Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Chris Manley, Secretary

Our next meeting is September 12, 2017

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Our entertainment for the September 12, 2017 meeting will be "Southern Pacific on Willamette Pass from 1950 to 1969" presented by Allen Dobney.

If you know of any other events that should be added to our newsletter, please email, me at (chrismanleysteam@gmail.com)/ call, (541-291-1705), with the details.

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