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Over-the-Hill Live Steam Club

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"The Side Rod" Is the official newsletter of the "Over-the-Hill Live Steam Club". "The Side Rod" will be published quarterly, to arrive in March, June, September and December.

OPENING DAY:

The spring and summer weather was good to us this year and we were able to get enough done to invite the public to ride trains at the Klamath and Western Railroad.

Confirmation from the insurance company arrived in time for opening day, July 4, 1999.

We didn't get too excited about advertising our opening, since we did not want a large crowd the first day. We needed to get all the bugs worked out before we encountered a large crowd.

Word of mouth advertising worked pretty well and we gave about 250 rides on opening day.

With advertising in the local papers, we had a busy day giving about 600 rides to the public.

Our ride season was only 10 weeks long, July 4 to Sept.

5 - Sunday only from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., \$1,678.54 was received in ride donations. Not bad for only 10 run days.

TRACK:

All of the track has been laid and ballasted. A special thanks goes to Art Crisp and Frank Steuer for fine tuning the alignment and grade of the track, from beginning to end. That's 8,560 feet or 1.43 miles of track. Thanks Art & Frank!!

ELECTIONS:

Carl Ziegenhirt and Don Isom withdrew as members of the Board. Hersh Pendell and Dan Morris were nominated and elected.

Bill Shepherd resigned as Vice President, because of a personal family commitment coming up this year, Greg Petersen was nominated and elected our new V.P.

WORK WEEKS & RUN DAYS:

We had a discussion about the need for people to come forward and volunteer for maintenance work and running trains on Sundays. The track is in really good shape at this time, but we all know what the elements in the cold of winter can do to the track.

We need to set up a program or schedule to get all members involved. One idea is to have the Secretary call the members and set up a time for each to come help. This works for those who are close to the track, but a real problem for those who live some distance away. And most of us live a long distance from the track.

Another idea centered around getting some of our ground maintenance help from the local court in the way of community service in lieu of jail time for minor offenses.

The Secretary will set up a schedule for Saturday work days, and they will be included in this newsletter as soon as the dates have been determined.

TRI FOLD BROCHURE:

Dan Morris is putting together a brochure that can be placed in the "Things to do" racks in the lobby of motels, Chamber of Commerce, and other locations.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Dan to spend up to \$100.00 to develop and print the brochures.

- Motion Passed -

CLUB ENGINE:

Over - the - Hill does not own an engine. All motive power is supplied by either a visiting engineer or from Train Mountain's roster. The two engines that we use from

Train Mountain were the engines from the Mercedes and Western RR. Both engines are showing their age.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase another engine and finance the purchase by selling non interest bearing shares in the engine. The shares would be redeemed as soon as possible using donations that are in excess of operating expenses. With a target pay off date not to exceed 5 years (summer's end 2004).

- Motion Passed -

To encourage your participation in this "Shares" idea we are including your renewal for membership for year 2000 and a "Shares" order form. Shares will be sold in \$25.00 increments and you may buy as many as you wish. They will be redeemed via random drawing, drawing as many numbers from the bucket as we have excess donation dollars to redeem. Owners of several "Shares" might experience partial redemption in two or more yearly random drawings.

At the end of the general meeting, several people handed checks to the treasurer for share purchase. We need to raise about \$5,000. Two shares purchased by each member will bring in about \$4,000. You get the idea, if not you, who???? Remember this is only a loan, you will get your money back when the shares are redeemed.

No interest will be paid on the shares.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next board meeting will be held during Train Mountain's Spring meet. Saturday at 1:00 P. M.