

**DENTON AREA
MODEL RAILROAD CLUB**



DENTON, TEXAS



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Minutes of 12 - September -2006

The September meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Club President Tom Fisher. The minutes of the August 2006 meeting as circulated in the September Newsletter were approved. There were 23 members present.

Treasurer's Report by Kevin Williams

Report was given and approved by membership

Metroplex Council Report

No Metroplex Council meeting in August

Announcements

Colorado Highlights. Bill Stamm recommended a visit to Alamosa and a ride to La Veta Pass on the San Luis Express to members visiting southern Colorado.

Old Business

North Texas State Fair. Consensus of Club members present was that another location would be preferable to Fair Hall, where the N scale modular layout was displayed at this year's fair. Fred Williams reports that the fair has assured the club that it will not be asked to return to Fair Hall in 2007, and that the fair will advise the Club of 2007 location availability early in 2007.

Free-Mo Module Update. Dave Taverner reported that frames for the loops are completed. Dave also displayed a new method for making legs; the new legs will cost \$4 more per module, but will result in a stronger leg assembly that will make the assembled modular layout much sturdier. Dave also displayed an optional new leveling bolt for the modules. Goal is to complete a loop and yard in time for display at Depot Days in Gainesville Oct. 14.

Gainesville Museum Display. Dave Taverner and Jim Fagan reported that The HO modules will be set up in the Morton Museum and the N modules will be set up in the Santa Fe Depot for Depot Days in Gainesville Saturday, Oct. 14. Modules will be assembled beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at their respective locations. The HO layout at the Morton Museum will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and the N scale layout at the Santa Fe Depot will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the same day.

New Business

Goins' Free-Mo Modules. In recognition of their donation of space and use of tools for assembly of the Free-Mo modules, Kevin Williams moved and Bill Stamm seconded that the Club waive the regular charge of \$50 each for Ethan and Noel Goin's two HO Free-Mo modules, motion carried unanimously. Noel Goin plans to pay for the modules anyway, as a donation to the Club.

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Club Officers

Tom Fisher
President

Dave Gramm
Vice-President

Pat Hiatte
Secretary

Kevin Williams
Treasurer

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Membership

The active membership remained steady at 41.

Program

No program this month, but a work session on the HO Free-Mo modules concluded the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Hiatt, Secretary

**GAINESVILLE DEPOT DAY
OCTOBER 14TH
10 AM TO 4 PM**

**NORTH TEXAS TRAIN
SHOW
FT WORTH TX
NOVEMBER 11-12**

RAILROADING TERMS

Last issue's term: "Angle Bar; Metal bar that is bolted to the ends of two railroad rail to fasten them together.

This issue's term: ""

Do you know what it means?

Editors Note:

The club has voted to change the November business meeting to the 7th since the Ft Worth train show is the 11-12th of November. We wanted to meet just prior to the show. Please mark this on your calendar.

BUSINESS MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2006

CLUB NEWS

The Gainesville event is this weekend, Saturday, October 14th. The club will be taking our N-scale layout to the setup in the old Santa Fe Depot. This is a refurbished Harvey House and Depot and it looks great. We will setup on Friday afternoon from 3:30 to about 9 pm or as soon as it is up and running. Be sure to contact Jim Fagan for more information about getting your modules up there. The actual show will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Saturday. We will tear down following the show. Hope to see many of you there helping support the club.

The annual **Fort Worth North Texas train show** is coming up really quick. It will be November 11-12 this year. The N-scale layout will be our focus and we plan to have an abbreviate version of the Free-Mo layout at the show. We hope to get it running at least in part at the show and will continue work on it at the show. Our plans are to do a clinic on Free-Mo at the show.

The progress on the Free-Mo layout has turned out to be slower that we had hoped but we continue onward. We made a new design for Ft. Worth and it will be attached to this newsletter. The people who have modules in this setup are asked to get as much done as possible but to concentrate on trackage and wiring so we can get operational during the show. One loop has the track on it but needs wiring and the other loop needs the works. Individual modules vary in the state of completion. Still, we should look good at the show and we plan on completing the track on the second loop at the show. Thanks again to all those who have worked on the layout and supported the club this summer and especially to Noel and Ethan Goin and Priscilla for letting us invade their home for layout production. We would not be anywhere close to where we are now with out the use of Noel's shop!

Train Shows and Club Meeting Schedule Thru November, 2006

Next business meeting at 7pm **Tuesday, November 7, 2006**

Gainesville Depot Day, October 14, 2006. We will set up the N-scale layout in the Sante Fe Depot in Gainesville
FT Worth show, November 11-12, 2006