

Presidents Report

Things at the museum have been moving along at its usual pace, some slow and some normal but none fast. The track work that was supposed to start on May 10th has been moved back to May 14th. The foreman on the crew had a family emergency come up that caused the delay.

The roofers finally made it and did a fast and efficient job of patching and fixing the roof. A bit of good news on that is, it came in several hundred dollars under the quote. We are now in line for the roofers to come and finish the job with the coating that will help in reflecting the sun and make it completely water tight. It's been 2 decades since they put the last coating on. The quote for that was over 20k but Ron at D&D Roofing seems to think the price for that will come in under the quote also.

Our application for the credit card from Chase Bank hit a snag but is moving again and hopefully we can get that finished so our mechanical team can finally order the parts needed to fix the rubber tire fleet and get the parts to finish the top end work on the 1503.

The Vista flat has been moved to the west end of the shop, outside on #1 rail. Some work on removing the wood has started. It is on hold, I want to have a meeting of the minds on this. Several members have asked about working on it and I would really like to see that. Eugene, Steve, David and I have been kicking around the plan on the benches, sides and ADA wheel chair access. I think we have some good ideas, now I want to talk to those doing the work and get one plan settled on and get to work. While I wait on that meeting, I'm checking a couple of options on wood. I've got leads on trans-load operations on the UP that may have a supply of 2x6 boards used as dunnage that would be perfect for the decks of 6 of our flat cars.

My work on the SN 1642 has stopped with all the other things going on. That also means no progress on the 705 either but we keep getting donations to the paint portion of that project.

Ethan Doty submitted a report on his tree cutting and trimming work. Good job Ethan, thanks. So fire mitigation is continuing and Phil Schmierer will be continuing that when he makes his trip to the museum next week.

We are now at the point that some major work on clean up needs to be started in the shop. Eugene and Janet are working on the store, lots of cleaning needed that due to no one working in the store for over a year. I'll let Eugene's report fill in the details on that.

I've had a discussion or two with some members that would like to come and help with the clean-up. We would welcome that but the caveat of masks inside will be the method of operation for the foreseeable future. Eugene and Janet will need help with the store also. One thing to remember, if you come to help, we have no problem with you touring the museum grounds.