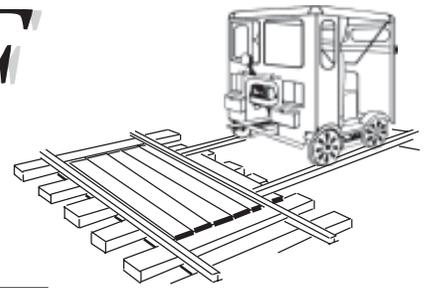


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Great Smoky Mountain Railroad Excursion, November, 2007  
Photo by Charlene Morvay

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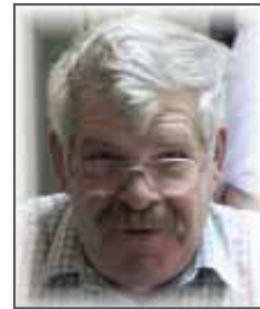
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## **President's Message**

by Warren Riccitelli



WOW - two months have gone by as your new president and it seems like two years. Now I know why Pat Coleman went bald!

All kidding aside, it has been two great months and the following month is the one I look forward to. It's December, and it must be Christmas.

It's that time that we have been waiting for. Your hopes that a new motorcar will be under the tree, that your wife has read your mind and put every conceivable option in it, and she has made every non-realistic modification to it. OK, let's get realistic; she can't change a light bulb without help. But we can wish that these thoughts make it a Merry Christmas.

This year, as in many before, I got out my red suit out and sent my beard in for dry cleaning and curling. Yes, this is something I really enjoy. I enjoy giving to others, especially children and my new grand daughter who is joy to my heart.

Yes, it's that time of year, and I just checked the Excursion Schedule to look for seasonal runs. In the beginning of December,

NERCA had its first "Toys for the Orphanage" run. Only eight cars showed up on a bitter cold day for an excursion that followed the train from Westfield, MA, to Holyoke, MA, with a coach filled with children with wide-open smiles. Only eight cars, but five more operators showed up and we filled many sacks with toys for those boys and girls. A few other members sent in checks that were given to the Orphanage to help out with the holiday season. We had a jolly old time with the children explaining our motor cars and riding on the merry-go-round with them.

I also saw the excursion schedule and noted two other events. One was a "Toys-for-Tots" run on the North Shore Railroad sponsored by the Central PA Excursions. I did not have the time to get there, but in years past have sent gifts to support their mission. I think this is probably the fifth year this has run. Good work, Larry Maynard!

I also see that the Indiana Transportation Museum with Great Lake Railcars is sponsoring a little holiday sprit. A run on the property in decorated cars with pizza. I should rephrase that to say operating decorated cars and having a pizza buffet after. I'll bet there will be more than just motor car riding that day. I think the sprit of the holidays will be there.

You will be reading this in January, and by this time some new members will have figured out how to put anti-freeze in their air cooled engines. But the hobby and the holiday goes on. I have a railroad Christmas party in February, and will be exhibiting for NARCOA at the Big E Train Show in Springfield, MA in January. This draws about 30,000 people each year. We have more NARCOA members show up for that show than for the annual Members Meeting in Chicago each year. These are the off season events that keep us going.

By this time you should have thought about sending your insurance renewal for this coming year. And did you have any maintenance that you were going to put off till next year? It's already here. Get going on it.



## The Other Side Of Your E-Mail Address

By Bobby Moreman, Vice President

In 2008, I am sending my motorcar excursion announcements by e-mail. What prompted me to write this short article is the number of rejects I have received indicating that I have used out-of-date or bad e-mail addresses for one reason or another. This morning I sent over 200 announcements of my upcoming excursions to the NARCOA website and NARCOA operators that have requested to be on my mailing list. Seventeen of these addresses failed. Of course many of us will change our e-mail address during the year, but do we think who we should notify of the change? Getting bad e-mail addresses is part of putting on excursions but its frustrating to receive e-mails from NARCOA members complaining that they did not receive a notice on a particular excursion, and it's sold out.

I encourage you to look often at our NARCOA web site for the most up-to-date excursion notices. This is a valuable tool in signing up for that excursion, and not depend on an Excursion Coordinator to send you the excursion announcement. I also encourage you to verify that you are on the mailing list of your favorite Excursion Coordinator. We have many NARCOA operators that are not on the internet (without computers) and they should consider finding a pal to help them receive up-to-date excursion notices. Many times during the year a motorcar excursion will be announced and not make *The SETOFF* until the following issue. This is why we have almost daily postings from our NARCOA web site. **(Note: If an excursion notice is sent to the Webmaster to place on the web site, it will automatically be included in *The SETOFF*. - Editor)**

Oh yes, one more thing. When you read *The SETOFF* and look up our NARCOA web site think, who makes this happen? Well, it would not happen if it was not for the tremendous amount of hours that are dedicated to our NARCOA organization by Charlene Morvay, your *SETOFF* editor, and Keith Mackey, your webmaster.

Brenda and I wish each of you the safest railroad year in 2008.

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**Please put LETTERS in the subject line.**

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## Remembering Les King By Tom Correa

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I got into this hobby  
Cause I love to play with trains  
I bought a thing called a speeder  
But I didn't use my brains

It was old and rusty and bent up  
How was I going to fix this thing  
Then I heard about this guy from friends  
They said his name was Les King

I typed in his URL  
And up came all the stuff  
He had everything I needed  
It was way more than enough

From engines to wheels and nuts and bolts  
The list went on forever  
I couldn't wait to fix my car  
But it seemed it would be a long endeavor

But Les was always by the phone  
Ever ready to ship out fast  
And in no time at all  
I was on the rails at last

Without this man that did so well  
I'd never have completed my dream  
It would still be sitting in my shed  
Without a future it would seem

My thanks goes out to a special man  
That made our hobby so fun  
We will forever remember you Les King  
You'll always be number one!

**From The Director's Desk  
Area 4 (KY, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)**  
by Tom Falicon

Happy New Year to all of you out there in Area 4! Here's wishing all of you an even happier and more successful year than you've ever had in the past.

Due to the time it takes to create each issue of *The SETOFF*, my deadline for turning in this copy is Dec. 15, 2007. In the past I've never really given the advanced deadline a second thought. I'd write about present issues and try to think ahead a bit in order to give you guys current info. But there's something about the impending holidays, winter weather and the new year ahead that makes this column a little harder to compose. So rather than try to predict the future, my plan is to keep this column short, to the point, and just ask all of us to focus on safe running and being thoughtful of one another in 2008.

In the "We are all getting older and that really sucks!" department: Becky, the wife of North Carolina's Excursion Coordinator and two-cycle guru, Carey Boney, has suffered a stroke and is now improving at their home in Wallace. West Virginia's NARCOA Excursion Coordinator Paul Rujak has gone through some heart bypass surgery, and he will be back hosting excursions in 2008 with even more enthusiasm than he has in the past. Also, Tennessee's Ed Kimball is still tired of being sick, and he is still threatening to make a comeback for 2008! We all need to send strength and energy to these folks and any other hurting members I have missed.

Thanks for another great year Area 4. You're the best!



**From The Director's Desk  
Area 5 (MS, AL, GA, FL)**  
by Bobby Moreman

Are you ready for a new safe year? Way down here, we had a pretty good safe year in 2007 and, if we all focus, we can do better in 2008. Focus on safety. A good formula for a successful safe, and enjoyable motorcar excursion day.

If you did not know, Area 5 is the deep south, and we proudly represent Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Georgia. 2007 brought us more excursions, but they were in Florida and Georgia. 2008 looks like we will have new track to provide for our safe enjoyment in both Alabama and Mississippi. Our Florida EC's are still promising excursions on Florida railroads that have tunnels.

We can't have excursions without able Excursion Coordinators. These fine folks take time out of their lives to go the extra mile to sponsor safe excursions for all of us to enjoy. They work closely with railroads, welcome centers, chambers of commerce, parks, cities and counties to make motorcar excursions safe and enjoyable.

I would like to thank the following Excursion Coordinators in Area 5 for their time and effort in 2007: Carl Hyman, Ron Long, Bill Stringfellow, Charlie Pults, Keith Mackey, Jay Boggs, Kenneth Huffines, Jim Hughes, and Jim Garmon for providing safe excursions for us to enjoy in 2007. Thanks and keep up the good work!

I hope that, by the time you read this, many excursions will be on our NARCOA website in time to register before those nasty 'waiting list' and 'I'm full' letters are received.

Has your spouse taken the rules test and been mentored? This is a family hobby, and to get more out of our hobby, have a really good team to operate that motorcar. All excursions in Area 5 are mentoring excursions and all excursions operators look forward to mentoring as many as we can.

Many of you are concerned with a late spring or an early winter to avoid that (four letter) word: snow. Others are concerned with fire safety and have their cars with spark arrestors to prevent forest fires. Now this is not a secret, but down here we are concerned, and have a pretty good idea, of the 'gnat' line: where it is, and when. That's important to us and we will gladly share our knowledge when you come down to visit. Did you know excursions have had their dates coincide with the 'gnat' line? Not that I'll trade you black flies for gnats, but they are bothersome.

Have a safe 2008 on the rails!



**From The Director's Desk**  
**Area 6 (MN, WI, IL, Upper MI)**  
by Hank Brown

I sit here watching the first snow fall and the beginning of winter; all three of my motorcars and hand car are resting in storage. I have had several calls to help people sell their motorcars. Some of our members have fallen on hard times and need the money, while others have left the hobby.

We need to have some active members start working on the Wisconsin & Southern, the CP Rail, and the Canadian National Railroads to organize excursions in this area.

I have been in contact with our local switching crew from the CR Rail and they are receptive, but we have to get the permission from Chicago, which hasn't been easy.

Mike Ford has done a wonderful job of setting up excursions in Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Richard Hinds has been very active in central Illinois. Dave Hawley has done a superb job at the East Troy Trolley Museum. I have had the privilege of operating with each of these members and they have given our regional members a great deal of enjoyment riding the rails. Their excursions are run safely and are enjoyable.

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that the New Year brings many more rides in our Region.



**From The Director's Desk**  
**Area 10 (WA, OR, ID, MT, AK, WY)**  
by Jim Spicer

Now that winter is here, it's time to sit by a nice warm fire and catch up on your reading. Lacking a nice warm fire, how about sitting at your computer and reading a few of the NARCOA documents?

Ever wonder what happens if you are involved in an incident? How and why points are awarded? It's all there in the seven page Judicial Committee Policy document. All documents are interesting reading. Hopefully you will never need it, but there's the three page incident form. Some incidents have been reported without using the form. In the future, the Judicial Committee will require using the form.

Lately there has been some concern about the upcoming testing of Coordinators. It was decided at the last board meeting that all coordinators be tested every two years. This will be done on alternating years with the Rule Book test. I don't expect anything radical; Hank Brown is now working on the test.

The board felt some of the coordinators are a little out of touch with the newer rules. It is strongly recommended that all Coordinators and general members read all the documents occasionally. I am not suggesting you memorize them, but read them so you are familiar with and aware there is a rule covering most activities. If you have that general background, and if it comes up, you know where to find the correct information.

The documents are located on the NARCOA web page. On the header bar click on Info for members, scroll down to NARCOA documents and forms, click on that; they are all there.

When on excursions, I usually carry a complete printed set that I have downloaded. If you have questions, ask me or any of the directors. Remember, we are your direct link to NARCOA.

Now that it is the off season, it's a good time to give your favorite car a complete inspection. Tighten up all the bolts that are loose or replace the nuts that have fallen off. All Fairmont cars without suspension are designed to flex. They need the flex to not lift a wheel at a low joint or any other track irregularity. This flexing is what causes frame bolts to work loose. If you are working under your car be sure to use jack stands or blocks. Do NOT trust your turntable to hold the car up when under it. We would certainly hate to lose a member because of a falling car.

Keep warm and have a safe winter.





**The Safety Comment:  
A Happy and Safe New Year**  
by Bob Knight, Chairman, NARCOA Safety Committee

The Safety Committee wishes that each one of you had a safe holiday season and that 2008 holds great promise. As the year of 2007 draws to a close your Safety Committee wishes to thank all you veteran NARCOA members who took the time to mentor the many new and returning members. You have taken the mentoring program to a new record level of participation. As of this writing (a week before Christmas) we have sent out 103 new "M's" for the calendar year 2007 . . . WOW . . . A RECORD!!!

The Safety Committee believes that the positive results of the mentoring program has greatly assisted our Excursion Coordinators and made safer excursions for all to enjoy. This awareness has assisted the reduction of the number of accident/incidents during the 2007 motorcar season.

The accident/incidents that were reported during 2007 seemed to fall into three general categories. These were:

- Too fast for conditions
- Operator inattention
- Equipment failure

The first category of traveling too fast for conditions were where an operator's judgment call did not consider changing track conditions like poor rail joints, wide gauge, high objects within the track gauge, deteriorated rail profile, track elevation changes, and failure to slow for traveling through track switches (consider point wear and position of travel and frog design or wear). The operator inattention areas include some of the above, but mostly not keeping their focus on the track

ahead and continuous awareness of the motorcar in front or behind them. These areas of concentration were failure to keep proper separation and/or observation of the motorcar slowing or stopping in front of them. (Also included are approved back movements.)

The third area of equipment failure has been improving over the last several years. It appears that many of you are taking the time to better inspect your motorcars before, during, and between excursions. During this winter season when excursions are less frequent would be a great time to inspect every bolt, nut, cotter pin, and other wear areas like springs, belts, wheels, etc. If you don't own a wheel profile and/or wheel caliper, now would be a good time to order one or both from Hank Brown. These two tools are great indicators of wheel wear and your safety and comfort on the rails. A car that has a "flat" profile will hunt, making for a very uncomfortable ride, and could result in a derailment.

Another item to consider during this slow time would be to add several stripes of reflective tape to the front and rear of your motorcar. Also consider adding reflective tape to your flags. During the year you might be on a trip that runs during the evening and/or darkness, and at this time it is hard to observe a flag or note true distance between cars without reference points. The reflective strips on your flags would help, and if your car had an electrical failure and/or loss of power, your lights may not be working, and some reflective tape on your car or flag might prevent a collision.

Keep it safe on the rails and let's all focus on a great and safe 2008!!



## **Hints and Tips: Onan Idling Problem Revisited**

by Ron Peterson

In *The SETOFF*, July/August 1995, Ron Zammit's article, "Those Onans Can Really Idle," described an Onan idling problem and its solution. The following describes a different idling problem and its solution.

My MT14 had developed two different idle speeds, the faster of the two being much slower than that experienced by Zammit. This situation, while annoying, had been tolerated, since it had not presented an operating problem until running down miles of long steep grade last summer. The car preferred the faster of the two idles, and repeated brake applications were required to maintain proper spacing with the car ahead.

Expecting to find the same problem, and implement the same solution as Zammit, the author instead found a different set of circumstances when the carburetor was removed and inspected. Over time, the long Fairmont throttle linkage had apparently vibrated and caused wear in the throat of the carburetor. The butterfly had gouged out metal in the throat body, on the bell crank side, next to where the shaft penetrated the throat. This allowed the shaft to have variable end play, depending on throttle position, up to about 3/32" at about 2/3 throttle opening. When the throttle was closed, the butterfly would hang-up and the fast idle would result. Unlike Zammit's case neither the butterfly or shaft was damaged. The butterfly shaft bore was not found to be elongated.

To correct this problem a small fixture was made to position the butterfly correctly in the throat by limiting shaft end play. This fixture was constructed of 18 gauge steel, consists of multiple 90 degree bends to clear the bell crank, and attaches to the operator-side carburetor manifold stud. It is shown with the butterfly in the full open position to show clearance around the bell crank and the finger touching the end of the shaft where it is attached to the bell crank.

A 1/64" gap was left between the finger and the end of the shaft to provide a small amount of end play. The engine now idles in the correct manner.



## **Notice To All Excursion Coordinators**

The NARCOA Board of Directors is requiring all existing Excursion Coordinators to be recertified by January 31, 2008. This is being done to ensure their knowledge in setting up quality excursions. After this date, Certificates of Insurance will only be issued to Certified Excursion Coordinators that have passed all requirements voted on by the NARCOA Board of Directors. In addition, after this date all new Excursion Coordinators will be required to participate in both the EC Mentoring Program and complete all written exams.

For more information, contact Hank Brown, Operations Committee Chairman at [trainguyz@charter.net](mailto:trainguyz@charter.net) or (608) 839-4939 evenings.

All existing Excursion Coordinators will receive a test in the mail.



## **NARCOA Notes**

by Rich Stivers

### **NARCOA's Email List**

All NARCOA members are invited and encouraged to participate in the NARCOA Forum Yahoo e-mail list. A while back, the Forum was opened up to additional topics:

- \*Motorcar Restoration
- \*Motorcar Mechanics
- \*Excursion Announcements
- \*For Sale Ads
- \*Want Ads
- \*General Railroad Questions

The original topics are still welcome:

- The SETOFF* and Website
- Releases and Agreements
- Event Coordinator Issues
- Insurance
- Rule Book and Code of Conduct
- General member conduct
- Accidents and Safety
- Affiliate Rules
- Judicial Committee, Points, etc.
- NARCOA's Public Image

The NARCOA Forum provides a friendly and professional environment for announcements and discussion of issues. If you would like to join, go to this URL:

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## **Corrections to Proposed Rule Changes**

by Jim McKeel

### **ITEM 9**

#### **Section I, MOTORCAR MECHANICAL STANDARDS**

##### **6. REVERSE**

*Proposal:* Delete the second sentence and allow no exceptions or reword it to more clearly define "easily turned in place".

*Action:* Not Approved. Current wording remains in place.

*Current wording remains in place:*

All cars must be capable of operating in a reverse direction. Exceptions are cars that can be easily turned in place.

### **ITEM 10**

#### **Section I, MOTORCAR MECHANICAL STANDARDS**

##### **22. RAIL SWEEPS**

*Proposal:* Rule drafted to address the application and use of rail sweeps.

*Action:* Not Approved. This rule will not be added to the rulebook at this time.

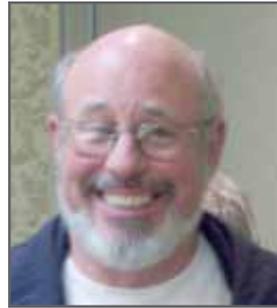
*Proposed wording (Not approved):*

All motorcars must be equipped with rail sweeps of a type common on that particular manufacture of motorcar or similar to those typically found on Fairmont motorcars. The rail sweeps shall be properly adjusted so that they are within close proximity to the head of the rail when in the lowered position in order for them to properly clear items off the top of the rail. The rail sweeps must be in the lowered, or working, position when the motorcar is in motion.



## **Operations Committee 2008**

by Hank Brown



By the time you read this article, the letters and tests will be in the hands of all the Excursion Coordinators. The test was designed to see whether the ECs have the knowledge to operate a successful and enjoyable motorcar excursion. All the tests must be returned by January 31, 2008 to qualify for being a Certified Excursion Coordinator. Any member that does not return the test will be put on the inactive list and, after one year, will be dropped from the list. Any member dropped from the list will have to be mentored if they wish to return to the certified Excursion Coordinator list.

The test was not designed to eliminate anyone setting up excursions, or who wanted to be an EC. It is to help coordinate communications between the Operations Committee and the ECs and help the ECs do a better job of following the rules, regulations, and policies of NARCOA.

I would like to introduce the new members of the Operations Committee:

**Carl Anderson** of Illinois 847-882-5329

**John Gonder** of Pennsylvania 724-696-4544

**Steve Rinker** of West Virginia 304-289-3488

If you would like to contribute any information to the Operations Committee, feel free to contact any of these members or you can contact me, Hank Brown, at 608-839-4939 or by email at [wildernesstours@charter.net](mailto:wildernesstours@charter.net)

I hope you have a safe 2008.





The "Spotlight on an Affiliate" column has been created to highlight one or several NARCOA affiliates in each issue of The SETOFF. With 32 affiliates dotting the country, we hope to show the areas served and the unique flavor of each group. Each affiliate is being asked to submit an overview to The SETOFF, in order to enlighten members-at-large about their presence, special rules, activities and excursions, as well as special and annual events.

## **Northeast Rail Car Association – "NERCA"**

**Areas:** New England, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Quebec & New Brunswick

Events Established in 1997 to provide motorcar excursions in New England. The first event was in September 1997 on the Tioga Central Railroad in New York. Each year NERCA provides about 12 weekends of motor car excursions in the above mentioned areas. In the past three years, NERCA has been averaging three overnight motorcar excursions per year. Railroads that have been run on are the Maine, Montréal and Atlantic; Maine Coast; Hobo; New England Southern; New England Central; Milford & Bennington; Naugatuck Valley; Finger Lakes; Southern RR of NJ; Cape May Scenic; and the Delaware & Ulster. In addition, NERCA has participated in runs on about twelve other railroads. Unique events have been night runs and BBQ's for lunch. We have had camping trips, and for the past five years, NERCA has provided various five to eight day extended trips where mileage has run up to about 900 miles. Many railroads are rotated every other year and some are annual excursions. Members total about 150.

Each year NERCA greets NARCOA members who have traveled from throughout the United States and Canada to savor the New England countryside.

Favorite excursions include the annual Finger Lakes excursion, usually held in August, and the ever popular "Snowflake Run" held in November on the Hobo and New England Southern, complete with turkey dinner and overnight stay in Lincoln, NH.

This year NERCA provided two different excursions on the Finger Lakes Railroad, which has been a most hospitable host. A "Toys for the Orphanage" run was held in December on the Pioneer Valley Railroad in MA.

NERCA charges no dues. Safety vests are required. "A" cars and hy-rails by permission only.

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**North Central Railcars, Ltd.  
Notice of Annual Meeting**

by David Otte,  
President of North Central Railcars, Ltd.

Members of North Central Railcars, Ltd. are hereby notified of the upcoming annual meeting to be held in March of 2008. The exact date, time and location have not been established as of this printing. Reason being, I'd like your input as to where and what day you'd like the meeting.

In the past we have met in Madison, Wisconsin, for a time at the WSOR Railroad office, and thereafter at a fine restaurant. Thanks to Jim Kalrath for those meeting places.

Besides the regular yearly agenda items discussed, we may be adopting changes in our club's by-laws. Namely, for the description of members. Also to make *The SETOFF* our official publication.

Please take the time and read through our by-laws. You can view these at:

[www.whrc-wi.org/ncr/](http://www.whrc-wi.org/ncr/)

I hope to have a draft available on our website before the meeting.

On a personal note, I had a great time this past year riding the rails in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Manitoba and Wisconsin. Thanks to all the EC's for their time and effort in putting the many runs together. Let's do it again in 2008!

Send me those comments and ideas for NCR, Ltd. to:

David Otte at [dro56@hotmail.com](mailto:dro56@hotmail.com)



## **NARCOA Board of Directors, Annual Meeting Chicago, IL**

**Friday, September 28, 2007**

### **AREA DIRECTORS:**

*Present:* Warren Riccitelli (Area 1); Joel Williams (Area 2); Bruce Carpenter (Area 3); Tom Falicon (Area 4); Bobby Moreman (Area 5); Hank Brown (Area 6); Carl Schneider (Area 7); Warren Froese (Area 8); Mark Springer (Area 9); Jim Spicer (Area 10); Pat Coleman (Area 11)

*Absent:* None - *Quorum present?* Yes

### **DIRECTORS AT LARGE:**

*Present:* Dave Verzi; Bernie Leadon

NARCOA Committee Members:

*Present:* Albert J. Elliott (Judicial Committee); Jim McKeel (Rules Committee); Bob Knight (Safety Committee); Carl Anderson (Nominating Committee); Dick Wilhelm (Judicial Committee); and Keith Mackey (Webmaster)

### **Other members/guests:**

*Present:* Pat Spicer; Brenda Moreman; Adam L. Glazier; Mugzi Falicon; Wally Schneider; Debra Springer; Laurie Knight; Dave Stroemer; Karen Stroemer; A.C. Marshal; Tom Ludlam, Carol Brown.

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### **Proceedings:**

*Meeting called to order* at 0900 hours, on Friday, September 28, 2007 by Pat Coleman, Presiding President.

### **Elections:**

**Area Directors:** Carl Anderson certifies results as follows:

Area 2 - Joel Williams

Area 4 - Tom Falicon

Area 6 - Hank Brown

Area 8 - Warren Froese

Area 10 - Jim Spicer

Motion made by Hank Brown to accept results of Area Director Elections as certified by Carl Anderson.

Motion seconded by Bobby Moreman.

Motion passed with vote of: 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

**Nominations for new President of the Board of Directors** were called for by President, Pat Coleman.

Warren Riccitelli was nominated by Bobby Moreman.

Nomination was seconded by Tom Falicon.

Motion made by Hank Brown to close nominations, and seconded by Bruce Carpenter.

Nomination passed with vote of: 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Warren Riccitelli elected as President of NARCOA Board of Directors for 2007-08 term, and presiding over meeting at 0909 hours.

**Nominations for Vice President** called for by President, Warren Riccitelli.

Bobby Moreman nominated by Tom Falicon.

Nomination seconded by Pat Coleman.

Motion to close nominations by Hank Brown, and seconded by Tom Falicon.

Nomination passed with vote of: 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Bobby Moreman elected as Vice President of NARCOA Board of Directors for 2007-08 term.

**Nominations for Secretary & Treasurer** called for by President, Warren Riccitelli.

*Motion to reaffirm Joel Williams as Secretary, and Tom Norman as Treasurer made by Hank Brown. Motion seconded by Tom Falicon.*

Motion to close nominations by Mark Springer, and seconded by Pat Coleman.

Motion passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Joel Williams reaffirmed as Secretary of NARCOA Board of Directors for 2007-08 term.

Tom Norman reaffirmed as Treasurer of NARCOA Board of Directors for 2007-08 term.

**Appointments of Board Members at Large:**

Dave Verzi & Bernie Leadon were reappointed by President, Warren Riccitelli.

**Reports:**

Treasurer's & Insurance Administrator's reports: submitted by Pat Coleman for Tom Norman (absent).

Membership report: submitted by Joel Williams, Secretary.

Nominating Committee report: submitted by Carl Anderson.

Affiliates report: submitted by Dave Verzi. (Approval of new Affiliates tabled for later discussion by Warren Riccitelli, President.)

Rules Committee report: submitted by Jim McKeel.

Operations Committee report: submitted by Hank Brown.

Judiciary Committee report: submitted by Pat Coleman for Ed Best (absent).

(Board will meet in closed session tomorrow at 0800 hours to discuss Judicial Committee report.)

Legal Forms Committee: no report per Mark Springer.

Custom Built Committee: no report per Tom Falicon.

SETOFF editor's report: presented by Pat Coleman for Charlene Morvay (absent).

(Report included recommendation to invite the SETOFF printer to the 2008 board meeting.

Discussion followed. *No action taken.*)

Webmaster's report: submitted by Keith Mackey.

Electronic roster report: submitted by Pat Coleman for Don Pomplun (absent).

NARCOA Forum report: submitted by Pat Coleman for Rick Stivers (absent).

Computer Data & Roster report: by Pat Coleman - deferred.

Rail Preservation Committee report: submitted by Warren Riccitelli.

Rulebook Certification Committee report: submitted by Pat Coleman for Al McCracken (absent) - deferred.

FRA Committee: no report per Pat Coleman for Ron Zammit (absent).

Safety Committee report: submitted by Bob Knight.

Motion to accept reports made by Hank Brown, and seconded by Mark Springer.

*Motion passed with a vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).* Reports accepted.

*Action:* A.C. Marshall appointed chairman of Rail Preservation Committee, by President, Warren Riccitelli.

Meeting adjourned for break at 1014 hours by President, Warren Riccitelli.

Meeting reconvened by Warren Riccitelli, President at 1035 hours.

*Approval of new affiliates* – Four Affiliates submitted by Dave Verzi for Board approval.

- Track Motorcars of Manitoba
- Club Railcar Quebec
- Carl Hymen – individual
- Hill Country Railroad Association

*Motion was made by Hank Brown to approve the above mentioned as NARCOA affiliates.*

Motion was seconded by Bruce Carpenter.

Motion passed with vote of 10/0/1 (for/against/abstain).

Discussions regarding:

- Higher costs and possible dues increase to cover increased costs of printing/postage.

Motion was made by Pat Coleman to raise annual dues to \$30 effective immediately, and to be implemented with the Nov/Dec Set-off.

Motion was seconded by Hank Brown.

Motion passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Meeting adjourned for lunch from 1212 - 1330 hrs. by President, Warren Riccitelli.

Meeting reconvened at 1341 hrs. by Warren Riccitelli, President.

Pat Coleman, absent.

Meeting adjourned for a break at 1515 hrs. by Warren Riccitelli, President.

Meeting reconvened at 1530 hrs. by President Riccitelli.

**Judicial Committee's Points Assessment Recommendations:**

- The Board's votes on these recommendations from the past year were read by Secretary, Joel Williams, and *approved.*

Discussions regarding:

- Expediting committee action & revising how suspension is handled.

Motion was made by Warren **Froese to keep Judicial Committee policy Section X, number 8, as is.**

Motion was seconded by Mark Springer.

*Motion was passed with vote of 10/1/0 (for/against/abstain).*

- Discussion of rule book exam dates to match insurance year expiration.

Motion was made by Bobby Moreman **"to extend date of rulebook certification test expiration date to Jan 31, 2009."**

Motion was seconded by Jim Spicer.

Motion was passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

· Mentoring – brought up by Pat Coleman for Tom Norman and & Ken Annett

1. Motion was made by Mark Springer **to change Policy book, policy 12, number 5 to say:** “evidence that all operators have a current NARCOA rulebook certificate of examination.”

Motion was seconded by Bruce Carpenter.

Motion was passed with vote of 10/0/0 (Warren Froese absent from room).

2. Motion was made by Pat Coleman **to add to Policy book, policy 12, number 6 – “evidence that all operators have been, or are being, mentored per NARCOA mentoring procedure, as of June 1, 2005.”**

Motion was seconded by Tom Falicon.

Motion was passed with vote of 10/0/0 (Warren Froese absent from room).

General meeting to begin at 0900 hrs..

Meeting adjourned at 1653 hrs. by Warren Riccitelli, President.

NARCOA Board of Directors, Annual Meeting – CLOSED SESSION, 0800-0900hrs.

Board Members and Committee Members Only

## Saturday, September 29, 2007

### Proceedings:

#### Discussion regarding:

· Boy Scouts of America, National Jamboree to be held in 2010, in Virginia. This will be attended by about 100,000 scouts. NARCOA has donated previously to support Boy Scouts in earning the Railroading Merit Badge.

Motion made by Hank Brown: **NARCOA to donate \$250 to Boys Scouts of America for the 2010 National Jamboree.**

Motion was seconded by Pat Coleman.

Motion passed with vote = 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Judicial Committee’s proposal to change wording of Section 10. 1; 10. 2; 10. 3; 10. 4; 10. 5; and 10. 6 to read: “date of (last) *Board action*” rather than “date of (last) *incident*.”

Motion made by Mark Springer **to accept the above proposed rewording of Judicial Committee Policy Section 10.1**

Motion seconded by Warren Froese.

Motion passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Judicial Policy X to read as follows:

### **X. PENALTIES FOR INCIDENTS, MISCONDUCT, RULEBOOK VIOLATIONS BY NARCOA MEMBERS IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN PRECEDING SECTIONS**

1. Any fatality resulting from an Operator’s negligence, whether such negligence is partially or wholly chargeable according to Section I: NARCOA privileges (including insurance coverage) will be removed for 36 months from date of Board action.

2. Eleven points or more accumulated: NARCOA privileges (including insurance coverage) will be removed for 12 months from date of last Board action. After 1 year from the date of last Board action, 11 points will be removed from the operators total points assessed.

3. Any combination of 3 chargeable incidents, misconduct or rulebook violations over a 36 month period, regardless of point total: NARCOA privileges (including insurance coverage) will be removed for 12 months from date of last Board action. These three incidents can be any combination of Partially Chargeable or Wholly Chargeable incidents.

4. Any Operator found guilty of using track without proper permission: NARCOA privileges (including insurance coverage) will be removed for 12 months from date of Board action. Second offense will result in NARCOA privileges (including insurance coverage) being removed for 60 months from date of last Board action.

5. Any Operator found guilty of malicious damage to property, or theft from another Member or Host Railroad: NARCOA privileges (including insurance coverage) will be removed for 12 months from date of Board action. Second offense will result in NARCOA privileges (including insurance coverage) being removed for 60 months from date of last Board action.

6. Violation of NARCOA's Alcohol and Drug Rules will result in the removal of NARCOA privileges for 12 months from date of Board action.

Discussion regarding:

· Proposal for Emergency Powers of President, by Bobby Moreman.

Motion made by Warren Froese asking for a preliminary vote of board members about whether or not the Board should proceed down this path of proceeding toward Emergency Powers of President

Motion seconded by Hank Brown. Discussion followed.

Vote Those in favor - 3 Those not in favor - 8 Abstain - 0

Meeting adjourned for break at 1051 hrs. by President, Warren Riccitelli.

Meeting reconvened at 1115, by Warren Riccitelli, President.

#### **RULE BOOK COMMITTEE PROPOSALS:**

##### Section I, MOTORCAR MECHANICAL STANDARDS

##### 19. TURNTABLES.

· Proposal: Add the word "functioning" to the requirement of having an audible warning device to ensure that turntable warning devices are not only in place, but are also in proper working order when the equipment is being used on an excursion.

Motion made by Hank Brown to accept the above proposed change in wording of rule 19 on turntables.

Motion seconded by Bruce Carpenter.

Motion passed with vote of: 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Rule to read as follows:

##### Section I, MOTORCAR MECHANICAL STANDARDS

##### 19. TURNTABLES.

"Hydraulic turntables, including OEM Fairmont turntables, must be equipped with a positive locking mechanism that will prevent the table from dropping inadvertently. All turntable installations, including electrically operated turntables with positive gear engagement, must be equipped with a functioning audible warning device that notifies the operator if the turntable is not fully retracted. The turntable, when fully retracted, must be a minimum of two and one-half inches (2.5") above the railhead when the motorcar is sitting on the track."

##### Section II, MOTORCAR OPERATING RULES

##### 22. TOWING OF MOTORCARS, TRAILERS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT

· Proposal: Rule drafted to address towing and pushing of other equipment.

Motion was made by Bruce Carpenter **to accept proposed rule as follows.**

Motion was seconded by Mark Springer.

Motion passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Rule to read:

Section II, MOTORCAR OPERATING RULES

22. TOWING OF MOTORCARS, TRAILERS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT

“Whenever practicable, other motorcars, trailers, or other on-track equipment that needs to be towed must be pulled and not pushed. This would apply to movements either forward or backward. If it is necessary to push another motorcar, trailer, or other on-track equipment; it shall be done at a speed no faster than 10 mph and for the shortest distance possible to a point where the towing vehicle can be placed in front of the other equipment. Equipment being pulled or pushed must be coupled to the assisting motorcar with an approved tow bar, tow hitches, and pins. The operator of a motorcar being towed should be prepared to assist with braking as necessary.”

Section II, MOTORCAR OPERATING RULES

22. TOWING OF MOTORCARS, TRAILERS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT

· Proposal: Rule drafted to require safety chains when towing unoccupied motorcar or equipment not equipped with brakes. Add to new rule #22 in Section II.

Motion made by Bruce Carpenter **to accept proposed addition to new rule #22 regarding safety chains, as follows.**

Motion was seconded by Pat Coleman.

Motion passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

The following to be added to:

Section II, MOTORCAR OPERATING RULES

22. TOWING OF MOTORCARS, TRAILERS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT

“When an unoccupied piece of equipment or a piece of equipment that does not have independently operated brakes is being towed there shall be a safety chain applied between the motorcar and the equipment in addition to the above mentioned tow bar. The safety chain shall be a minimum of 3/16 inch proof chain with a working load capacity of at least 500 lbs. The chain shall be secured to a frame member or equally firm portion of the motorcar and equipment being towed and shall be so applied as to not create a hazard by hanging down or dragging the ground such as by wrapping excess length of chain around the tow bar.”

Section IV, RULES FOR EXCURSION COORDINATORS

4. OPERATOR CERTIFICATION/INSURANCE

· Proposal: Modify rule to allow EC’s to check for documents prior to date of excursion and to change “operator”s certificate” to “certificate of examination”.

Motion was made by Warren Riccitelli **to change rule 4 of Section IV as proposed above.**

Motion was seconded by Warren Froese.

Motion passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Rule to read:

Section IV, RULES FOR EXCURSION COORDINATORS

4. OPERATOR CERTIFICATION/INSURANCE

Excursion Coordinators, or their designee, must verify before the excursion departs that all operators have a current NARCOA approved certificate of examination and that they have valid NARCOA insurance.

Section II, MOTORCAR OPERATING RULES

20. OPERATOR CERTIFICATION/INSURANCE.

· Proposal: Add requirement for operators to have been properly mentored or are in the process of being mentored if they joined NARCOA after June 1, 2005. (Certified operators that were members of NARCOA prior to that date were grandfathered into the mentoring program.)

Motion was made by Bobby Moreman **to accept the above wording change to Section II. #20 of rulebook.**

Motion was seconded by Mark Springer.

Motion passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Rule to read:

Section II, MOTORCAR OPERATING RULES

20. OPERATOR CERTIFICATION/INSURANCE.

All persons operating a motorcar or hy-rail vehicle on any NARCOA insured excursion must have successfully completed the NARCOA rulebook examination, obtained a NARCOA Certificate of Examination, have current NARCOA liability insurance coverage through the NARCOA insurance program, and (if they joined NARCOA after June 1, 2005) have been or are in the process of being mentored in accordance with the NARCOA operator mentoring program. All persons operating a motorcar or hy-rail vehicle on any NARCOA insured excursion must have a current Certificate of Examination card and a current NARCOA insurance card in his/her possession. (Exception: persons designated by the railroad on which the excursion is being run who are in the performance of their duties as railroad liaison/escort.)

Section IV, RULES FOR EXCURSION COORDINATORS

4. OPERATOR CERTIFICATION/INSURANCE.

· Proposal: Add requirement for EC's to ensure that all operators on their excursion have been properly mentored or are in the process of being mentored if they joined NARCOA after June 1, 2005. (Certified operators that were members of NARCOA prior to that date were grandfathered into the mentoring program.) This can be done by ensuring that they have an "M" affixed to their certificate of examination number as indicated on their NARCOA insurance card.

Motion made by Bobby Moreman to add the above proposed requirement.

Motion seconded by Carl Schneider.

Motion passed with vote of 10/0/1 (Pat Coleman absent from room).

Rule to read:

Section IV, RULES FOR EXCURSION COORDINATORS

4. OPERATOR CERTIFICATION/INSURANCE.

Excursion Coordinators, or their designee, must verify before the excursion departs the point of origin that all operators have a current NARCOA approved certificate of examination, have valid NARCOA insurance, and (if they joined NARCOA after June 1, 2005) have been properly mentored in accordance with the NARCOA operator mentoring program.

Section I, MOTORCAR MECHANICAL STANDARDS

11. FUEL TANKS

· Proposal: Remove the ambiguity of the first sentence in order to make the rule more specific. A specific requirement for the color of a fuel tank guard should also be included.

Motion made by Warren Froese **to delete the first sentence of the current rule.**

Motion seconded by Bruce Carpenter.

Motion passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain)

Rule to read:

Section I, MOTORCAR MECHANICAL STANDARDS

11. FUEL TANKS

Auxiliary containers must be approved by a recognized testing agency for the purpose of storing and transporting fuel. Auxiliary fuel containers must be secured to the car. Protection against puncture for the main and auxiliary tanks is highly recommended.

Discussion regarding:

· Language of NARCOA

Motion made by Bernie Leadon to **add the following statement to the beginning of the introduction of the NARCOA Rulebook:**

“The official operating language of NARCOA is English.”

Motion seconded by Warren Froese.

Motion passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Motion made by Warren Froese to **add the above statement to the Operations Handbook, at the end of the Introduction in Section 1.0.**

Motion seconded by Bernie Leadon.

Motion passed with vote of 11/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

Motion made by Warren Froese to **add the above statement to the Policy Manual at the end of the Introduction.**

Motion seconded by Bernie Leadon.

Motion passed with vote of 10/1/0 (for/against/abstain).

Meeting adjourned for lunch from 1235 – 1315 hrs. by Warren Riccitelli, President.

Meeting reconvened at 1340 hrs.

Warren Froese left meeting at lunch break. Quorum was still present.

Discussion Regarding:

· *Mentoring process of Excursion Coordinators, and determination of active Excursion Coordinators.*

Excursion coordinators list reviewed by area directors for Excursion Coordinators that are no longer active or may not want to be Excursion Coordinators. *Action:* Hank Brown

(Operations Committee Chair) will send letter to each one identified, to determine their intentions for functioning as Excursion Coordinators.

· *Possibility of testing all Excursions Coordinators.*

Motion by Hank Brown: **NARCOA to begin testing of all current and future Excursion Coordinators every other year.**

Motion seconded by Pat Coleman

Motion passed with vote 10/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

*Action:* Hank Brown will also develop potential test for Excursion Coordinators.

· *The need for insurance coordinators to check Excursion Coordinators list before issuing Certificate of Insurance.*

Motion **for new policy** made by Mark Springer, **to read as follows:**

“No Certificate of Insurance shall be issued unless the Excursion Coordinator is on the certified Excursion Coordinators list. Policy to become effective 1/1/08.”

Motion seconded by Pat Coleman.

Motion passed with vote of 10/0/0 (for/against/abstain)

· *Need for Board of Directors input on Excursion Coordinators certification.*

Motion by Mark Springer for an **addition to Operations Handbook** that would read:

“Operations Chair will give provisional approval for new Excursion Coordinators, pending final Board approval at Board of Directors’ annual meeting.”

Motion seconded by Bruce Carpenter.

Motion passed with vote of 10/0/0 (for/against/abstain).

**Announcements by Warren Riccitelli:**

2008 NARCOA Board of Directors annual meeting:

We will meet in the same location through 2009.

The Sheraton Gateway Suites Hotel, 6501 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018

Dates: September 26-27, 2008

The policy reiterates our definition of spouse as the husband or wife of the insured operator."

Change in policy regarding composition of the Judicial Committee.

Motion by Warren Riccitelli:

Judicial Committee to be composed of 7 members, who will include the Chairs of the Rules, Safety and Operations committees, along with four other members appointed by the Judicial Committee Chairman and confirmed by the NARCOA President.

Motion seconded by Joel Williams

*Motion passed with vote of 10/0/0 (for/against/abstain).*

President, Warren Riccitelli *appointed: Al Elliott as chair of Judicial Committee, and Mark Springer as committee member.*

Judicial Committee for this year will be comprised of:

Al Elliott, Chairman

Jim McKeel, Rules Committee Chairman

Bob Knight, Safety Committee Chairman

Hank Brown, Operations Committee Chairman

Dick Wilhelm, appointed member

Mark Springer, appointed member

Jim Spicer, appointed member

President, Warren Riccitelli will appoint John Reynolds as the Chairman of a new Radio Committee.

Dave Verzi reports on lanterns to sell. Minimum order of 20 is required from the company. 25 kerosene lanterns were sold last year. He still has battery powered lanterns for sale. Dave will try to split order between brass and tin plated kerosene lanterns.

Warren Riccitelli, President, *appointed Pat Coleman to the Insurance & Finance committee*, to work with Tom Norman.

***Discussions regarding:***

Meeting adjourned by President, Warren Riccitelli, for a break at 1544 hrs..

President Riccitelli reconvenes meeting at 1600 hrs.

Warren Riccitelli *appoints a Communications committee*, which will work on communication issues in NARCOA publications. The committee will comprised of the following people:

- Mark Springer
- Keith Mackey,
- Bernie Leadon,
- Charlene Morvay
- Warren Riccitelli

Warren Riccitelli *appoints Carl Anderson to Operations Committee.*

Meeting adjourned at 1625 hrs. by President, Warren Riccitelli.



*"Orville and his mowing crew had an excellent safety record if you didn't count their mishaps with a dog's tail, Ralph's big toe, and that one slow squirrel!"*

*Photo submitted by Tom Falicon*

## **Calling for Board Nominations**

It is always good to have more than one person running for a seat on the NARCOA Board. Who would you like to see on the Board?

### **Board of Directors Nominations Open for Odd-Numbered Areas**

Nominations for the Board of Directors for odd-numbered areas are open until March 30, 2008. Incumbents are automatically nominated unless they decline to run for another term.

Area 1 Warren Riccitelli

Area 3 Bruce Carpenter

Area 5 Bobby Moreman

Area 7 Carl Schneider

Area 9 Mark Springer

Area 11 Pat Coleman

To be nominated, one must:

Be a member in good standing with NARCOA.

Be at least 18 years of age.

Be from the same area as the person nominating you.

To nominate a member for the Board, first contact that person and verify that he/she will be willing to serve. Then send a letter informing me of the nomination. At the same time, the nominee should send a write-up of 100 to 150 words or less about him/herself to be put on the ballot.

Voting will take place, as in the past, with all ballots received by July 31, 2008 being counted. Results will be announced in the September/October 2008 *SETOFF*.

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**Rail Preservation** ..... Warren Riccitelli  
**Data and Computer**  
    **Compatibility** ..... Pat Coleman  
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