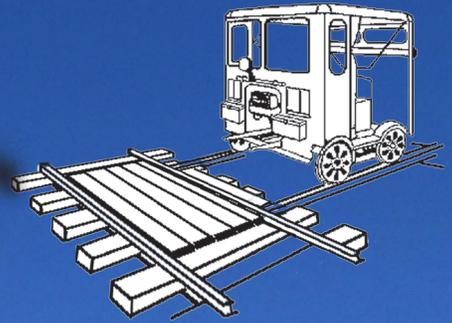


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BOB KNIGHT



Greetings from the NARCOA wheel house. It is a privilege to set in motion new directions for the coming year with your leadership team in place. I assure you, you have elected a great crew to help guide the coming year and you also have a very qualified crew "down in the boiler room!" Your leadership team has stepped forward and shared with me their goals, ideas and hopes for a renewed future. They all share a common commitment to this organization as we learn from the past and create a new future based on

the platform of giving our hobby a "Personality". This platform has many planks designed to create better methods of communications, sharing an attitude of optimism, adding value to your membership and in depth study and recommendations for motorcar and member safety.

One of the first areas of communications is to thank Bill Schertle for his several years of being our President and he will continue to work as Area Eleven Director and Certified Excursion coordinator. Also a big thanks to Bernie Leadon for serving the last several year as VP.

Bernie is the present Communications Chairman, Area Four Director and plans to get back to the field and plan new rail excursions as a Certified Excursion Coordinator.

More thanks have to be expressed to Dan Berg and Jaime Samuell who served the last year as Directors-at-Large. Dan Berg is continuing to serve as the Judicial Committee Chairman and Jaime will continue as a Certified Excursion Coordinator.

There are many other committee and team leadership changes and additions that I will report to you in future Setoff editions. Also in the area of communications you will find the approved minutes of the 2015 NARCOA Member Meeting for your review, information about this year's Hank Brown Award winner, member Leland Stewart and the new Shiny Wheel Award. Always of great interest to all of you is your many "Trip Reports" you enjoy reading and sharing.

Stay tuned, there are more changes coming your way.....

Bob Knight, President

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the great runs they have been on this fall. The rest of us will use these to plan bigger and better trips for next year!

We'll see you on the rails!

Brian Davis

FROM THE EDITOR

BRIAN DAVIS

Greetings NARCOA!!

We've got a great issue here, especially if you are looking to seeing how our Executive Board has been working to move NARCOA forward into 2016. The Annual meeting was held in September and all of the meeting minutes and the Email minutes are published here for your review and discussion. You will find great descriptions of the rule changes and what we need to do to comply. Oh yeah, I managed to slip in a couple of run reports, and a great article about a new family joining our clan. Welcome!

The run season is winding down here in Ohio, so I hope folks will take the time to write up some of

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AREA ONE
(ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI)
KEITH L. KNOWLTON

It is mid October as I am writing this. Both the NARCOA Board Meeting and the NEREX Adirondack Scenic Railroad runs are behind us, and I am looking forward to our last excursion of the season, in November, which is called the Snowflake, but where we pray for no snow. The Snowflake has become a tradition in New England, started years ago by Warren Riccitelli and NERCA, and one that NEREX now continues. It is my wife's favorite run of the season. I think it's going through the deer farm with the registered herd of European Red Deer or maybe the Hart's Turkey Farm dinner.

This year's board meeting was an excellent gathering with every item on the agenda completed before we adjourned at noon on Saturday. Our new President, Bob Knight drew a round of applause from all assembled for running such a smooth and enjoyable meeting. (Jokes included.) The complete minutes of the meeting are elsewhere in this issue.

As a result of the California lawsuit we are making every effort to protect ourselves both physically and legally, which is to say, both operating safely and having proper documentation. The NARCOA rulebook governs how we operate and our NARCOA/Affiliate/RR release is what protects us legally. To that end our former President, Bill Schertle, and Area 4 director, Bernie Leadon have worked with our lawyer to improve the wording on the NARCOA release. Right now the board members are voting on the final provisions, but by the

time you read this the new release will be in use. In addition, we are working on preparing a scripted text for each EC to read as part of the Safety Meeting/Job Briefing which will clearly explain just what each person is accepting for risk and what legal rights they are voluntarily waving to participate in our excursions. Basically, it will be one paragraph from the release and no, it will not be long and dry enough to put anyone to sleep. As a frequent EC, and as such, the first person to be named in any suit, I welcome the idea of each person on the run understanding exactly what they are agreeing to before we begin.

Finally, to all area one members, no, to all members: In 1958 I obtained my ham radio license and I enjoy radio operation and programming to this day. I picked up a Kenwood NX-700, the same as in my hi-rail, which I have programmed for every AAR radio channel, both the narrow band analog and the new digital channels, plus NARCOA 1,2, and 3, and yes, because I have a home near the ocean, all the marine channels too. This radio can be yours for zip, zero, nothing, IF you email me the best idea for marketing NARCOA to "civilians" and railroads. We need to get the word out as to who we are and you can help with your ideas. You get big time bonus points in my radio giveaway if you not only send me an idea, but offer to help do it! Get thinking, it is a great radio and we have a great hobby, so let's promote it!

Ride safely,
Keith

AREA TWO
(DE, MD, NJ, PA)
MARK NORTH

I would like to begin by thanking the members in this Area for their confidence in me. It is a privilege to serve as Area Director and I am humbled to represent the local members. I also would like to thank John Gonder for his many years of service to the organization as Area Director. John still fills several rolls in the organization including as an excellent E. C. As for his roll as Director, he left some big shoes to fill.

I view all of NARCOA as one big team that must work together in order to continue into the future. On that note, the team did very well last year as the safety record was really impeccable! Moving forward one major goal is to forge relationships with new host railroads and revitalize some old relationships that have been altered due to ownership changes. The excellent safety record is the most valuable asset that the organization can bring to these railroads. Let's all do our part by taking time to maintain our equipment and read and follow the rulebook. Remember we each have the responsibility to be good stewards for NARCOA so operate like someone is watching at all times.

Area two began the motorcar season with Gary Shrey's excursion on the Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad. Many thanks to Gary for opening the door to that organization, the potential there is phenomenal. By the time this issue of the Setoff is delivered the motorcar season will be coming to a close. There will still be time for a few more trips. E.C. Craig Hartman

will host his annual Turkey Trot on the Southern Division of the NYSW. The last scheduled excursion of the year will be Larry Manard's Toys for Tots run on the North Shore Railroad. This is a fun ride along with the bonus of doing a good deed for the community. It always makes me feel good to participate, collecting gifts and donations along the way as people bring them trackside. This type of excursion is also excellent publicity for the host railroad as well as NARCOA. If memory serves me correctly, the NARCOA group has become a winning fundraiser for the Toys for Tots program in the area.

Have safe holidays and see you on the tracks!

Regards,
Mark

AREA THREE (IN, MI, OH) JEFF LEVENGOOD

Greetings to all members in Area 3. Bob Hastings has informed me that there are some new members in our area and to them, welcome aboard. By the time you read this, the motorcar season will almost be over. As of this writing there has been no accidents or incidents in our area and again you have done an excellent job. Actually, it's been a very good and safe year so far for NARCOA as a whole, something we should all be proud of.

The annual board of directors meeting went well. As you probably know Bob Knight was elected by the board to be the president for the next year. Most of you know Bob and his wife Laurie. They have been regulars on many Area 3 meets for years. Congratulations

Bob, on becoming the President. The minutes of the meeting should be found elsewhere in this issue of the SETOFF. There are some minor changes in the rules but nothing drastic. One thing I want to point out is that with final approval of the changes we will now be able to use our smart phones to access the rule book. It will be acceptable to use the phone instead of carrying a paper copy of the rule book. Many areas of transportation now use this method of complying with the issue of rule books. Just remember not to be looking up a rule while operating your motorcar or Hi-railer.

Again, be safe and see you on the rails!

Jeff Levengood

AREA FOUR (KY, LA, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV) BERNIE LEADON

Hello Area Four Members-

The NARCOA Annual Meeting took place again in late September, and as usual, a lot was discussed. The Minutes of the meeting are printed elsewhere in this issue of the Setoff, and I will mention a couple important things to be aware of.

- The NARCOA & Affiliate Release Form has been updated, and should be posted on the NARCOA.org website by the time this Setoff reaches you. Please check the form at the bottom of page two, to see if you have the most current version, effective October 10, 2015.

Please destroy all previous copies of the Release form you may have printed, and be sure that any electronic versions you are storing are the most current one also.

It is also essential, that the two-page Release form be printed on two sides of the same piece of paper. This is so that the two pages cannot be separated. There is an article on the updated Release Form elsewhere in this issue of the Setoff.

- Tom Falicon is going to be putting together some recommendations for changes in how EC's are trained, and also insuring some uniformity in practice. Safety is always our most important job, and staying aware of current rail industry practices is important too. We are fortunate to have Tom's industry experience to help us in that regard.

- The Board defined again that for purposes of determining who is insured as family members of a primary insured member, that the term "Spouse" means "legally married". So after the recent Supreme Court ruling, this includes legally married same sex couples. But it does NOT include those who claim they are married in "common law". The reason is that the different U. S. states differ on common law, to say nothing of Canada.

- Electronic copies of the Rulebook are now OK to carry with you in your rail vehicle instead of a paper copy.

These and other subjects are covered in another article in this issue, titled "Other Annual Meeting Topics".

Thanks to those members who reached out to me prior to the annual meeting with topics of concern. I will get back to you about them directly.

Be safe out there,
Bernie Leadon

AREA SIX (MN, WI, IL) BOB KNIGHT

Greetings to all the members of area 6 and also an early...Happy Holidays....What an opportunity to report on several items happening in our area. First, was the Annual NARCOA Member Meeting taking place and was great to see several of our area 6 members in attendance with the meeting being held in the Chicago area. The Board did vote to keep the meeting at the same current location for the next three years. Also at that meeting, a new three-fold brochure was distributed to all the members in attendance. You will be receiving copies at future excursions so you can use the brochures to answer interested onlookers about our hobby.

You also will be proud to know, our member, Fred Lonnes has accepted the position of the Safety Committee Chairman. Fred's background is strong in the area of railroad safety based on his years of service in the railroad industry and long time NARCOA membership and his Great Lakes leadership and he is a Certified Excursion Coordinator. Also another area 6 member, John Becker, has accepted the position of Manager of Mentoring. He has a strong background in the area of computer knowledge, working in the customer relationship area and travels to many area motorcar excursions where he has an opportunity to meet members. When elected to the position of NARCOA President, I felt it best to seek additional members to serve the hobby and the two positions would work well for our members. By the way, thanks again for your support during the last election

several months ago.

Another important item is a "pat on the back" as many of you have been promoting our hobby by attracting new members to our area. When the

2015 NARCOA Membership Report was given, it was great to learn area 6 was in second place out of all the 11 areas for increase in our membership. You grew the area 3.7% from 103 members to 107! Area 1 had an increase of 5.2% when they went from 147 members to 155 this year.

Please keep up the good job as one of the board goals is to grow our association over the next year and also work on attracting young people to our hobby.

Please Keep it safe on the rails,
Bob Knight

AREA EIGHT (CANADA & INTERNATIONAL) JOHN BROWN

First of all I would like to welcome Andre Berthelot from the Province of Quebec and Callum McMurray from the Province of British Columbia to the NARCOA family.

Gordon Blake of Vancouver Island wrote me that he joined NARCOA after being told of NARCOA from Don Wigen. (Note Don Wigen is an EC in training) Gordon states the Society has a collection of speeders and thought he should learn more about them.

Gordon is 78 years young and is treasurer of Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society.

Gordon is also a conductor on their steam train. Gordon states he works part time in the Vocational Dept at a local College. Gordon also states they are discussing that all potential

motor car operators in the Society join NARCOA and will insure that all operators will make for a safer group that operates the speeders.

The Society is very active and has a large collection of industrial artifacts, including 3 steam locies, 2 diesel, 2 gas locies plus a lot of rail cars and speeders.

If a new member has written me about why and how they joined NARCOA and I have failed to report it in the Set Off please email me again as I might have deleted your email. Blame it on me having a senior hour. I apologies for any slip ups.

Once again I was at the NARCOA Board meeting in Chicago this year and the Newly elected President Bob Knight asked me to bring a Canadian Flag to the opening Ceremonies. Bob opened the meeting with the members giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA flag then asked for any Veterans to come forward. Then I was asked to say the words of O Canada as Bob and myself held the Canadian flag up. I found it very gratifying to have the Canadian flag at the meeting. No I was not prompted to sing O Canada as I couldn't carry a tune in a bucket if my life depended on it.

The meeting I am sure you all have read about it in your emails so I will not go into what went on.

I am pleased with what the Board agreed on and looking towards a better NARCOA.

As has been brought up many times how to get new members and as we went for lunch on the Friday I had on my Motor car shirt that Dick Ray had made for the group that went to the Gaspe 7 day trip under Warren and Al back in the mid 2006.

As I walked in to the restaurant I

was stopped by a gentleman leaving who asked for more information on the motor car hobby. As usual I was pleased to send him in the right directions. Only thing I was mad at myself for was I didn't have any of the new NARCOA brochures that had just been introduced to the NARCOA members. This is a slick 3 pages of colour photos and I would think all the information a person needs to know about and hopefully join NARCOA.

Once again Dan Page on the membership committee from Calif joined me on the Wednesday before the board meeting and Thursday we toured Illinois Rail Museum in Union, Ill then headed to Rochelle, Ill for train watching. I have known Dan for years and naturally met him on a speeder run in Pa. one year. We have become great friends and would not have met if not for NARCOA. Joining NARCOA is another family that one can have and find fellowship in.

As usual Friday and half of Saturday we were in the hotel for the annual NARCOA Board meeting.

Once again it was a pleasure to meet the NARCOA Board members I have known from years past and Leyland Stewart who along with his wife came from Texas to receive the Hank Brown award.

I also on hand was Bill Andrews and Mark North new area directors getting their introduction to the annual Board meeting.

Speaking of friends I was sad to hear the of the passing of Bob Hebb from Ayer MA.

I had met Polly and Bob on another Warren and Al runs from Palmer MA to St. Albans in the early 2000.

Once again Bob and Polly became good friends through NARCOA and

twice my wife Marilyn and myself stayed at their house for a week and we were shown around Boston. Like Dan Page if I didn't call Bob then he called me quite often.

Bob was a great guy and would do anything for you and myself and NARCOA will miss Bob Helm.

At the Board meeting we heard that there were no rear end accidents this year as of September. It was great news in my mind that hopefully our members are paying attention to how close the motor car is ahead of them.

John Brown

AREA SEVEN (ND, SD, NE, IA) CARL SCHNEIDER

The First Iowa Division has finalized several 2014 trips so far for this summer and is well on the way to having a great season. This schedule also includes a ride on the Iowa Northern Railroad in August that covers a portion of the ex-Chicago & Great Western mainline out of Oelwein, Iowa. This line hasn't been ridden in many years so this is an opportunity for some newer members to see trackage they've never run before. This ride will be in conjunction with the Oelwein Railroad / Heritage Days celebration so there will be other activities to see after our ride. Come join the fun!

By now you should have your motor cars all tuned up and ready for a trouble-free season because the snow will hopefully be gone by the time this article is published. It's been a very long and extremely cold winter which has kept many of us home bound and not able to do any work on our cars due to not having a

warm place to work. While checking your cars over, don't forget to also check your trailers. Nothing ruins an excursion like having your trailer break down enroute to a ride. One thing that many forget to check are the wheel bearings on the trailer for lubrication. I've encountered a 'hot box' on my trailer when a wheel bearing failed and that isn't something I would enjoy again.

The First Iowa Division had the annual membership meeting and potluck meal on April 5th. Chairman Brian Freeman resigned his office and Frosty Farrell was elected to replace him. With the membership spread out geographically, an attendance of 46 was a very good turnout for the meeting. It was a good time to socialize after such a long winter.

One project that's coming up for the First Iowa Division will be the rebuilding of a turn around at the far end of the Boone & Scenic Valley tracks using volunteer labor and some donated materials. The present turn around has been in use for several years and the weather has taken a toll on the lumber to where it's becoming a safety issue. This is planned to be finished prior to the first ride of 2014.

I hope to see many of you on the rails this summer.

Happy motoring and stay safe!

AREA NINE (CO, KS, MO, OK, TX, UT, NM) CHRIS WEAVER

Hello NARCOA members! I've just returned from a very exciting annual meeting. Elsewhere in the Setoff you should find the approved minutes and you will see the updates to our rulebook and policies. I
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wanted to share with you some of what's not captured in the minutes.

Prior to the annual meeting, President Bob Knight had each Area Director write some goals for NARCOA, which he combined into a list. Turns out a lot of us had very similar ideas and several themes emerged. Now, those goals are going to become a new area of focus for the board. There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm in our hobby and it is our job to work together to achieve those goals. Two of the focus areas that appeal to me personally are improved communication and membership growth. We kicked off several items right away and I expect that more will continue as the year progresses.

The first item kicked off was some updates to the "Frequently Asked Questions" brochure. Now it is a beautiful tri-fold that is the perfect size to carry along and give away. I think every single motorcar owner has been asked "What's that thing on your trailer?" and it's the perfect chance to promote our hobby. The small brochure size makes it the easy to hand out in this situation and might help us 'hook' a new member. Many were given out at the annual meeting to ADs (most of mine are already gone!) and more are going to be sent to each NARCOA affiliate. A special thanks goes to Keith Mackey for doing the leg work on this project and I hope that this will be an effective new way to promote the hobby.

Another item we are working towards is improved communication, and this one takes many forms. Have you been getting the NARCOA Bulletin? This is a way for us to send out information in-between Setoff publications. There

have been several bulletins recently including a message from your incoming president. If you're not getting the Bulletin, make sure we have your up to date email address! A related goal for me personally is to contact every single member who joins in Area 9. I'll be mailing a welcome letter with some basic information and photos to each new member. That way someone joining NARCOA has an opportunity to ask questions, and we can put them in contact with a good mentor or one of the local affiliates.

Finally, I'd like to say that we would love to hear from you, the membership! If you have ideas around these goals to promote NARCOA, recruit new members, or better improve the relationships and communication within our hobby, please let us know! We want to protect and grow NARCOA as a safe, welcoming and fun organization! Getting to run a motorcar is a great thing and we want to share that enthusiasm in as many ways possible. Hope to hear from you!

Chris

AREA ELEVEN

(CA, NV, AZ, HI)

BILL SCHERTLE

This summer Area 11 ventured into Area 10 to organize a joint multi-day excursion with Motorcar Operators West and Pacific Railcar Operators. PRO organized runs on the Coos Bay Rail Link between Vaughn, Coos Bay, and Coquille, OR as well as on the Eastern Washington Gateway RR between Medical Lake and Coulee City, WA. MOW organized runs on the Mt. Hood RR, Chelatchie Prairie RR, Tacoma Rail, and two branches

of the Idaho Northern and Pacific RR including the Joseph Branch in Oregon and the Cascade Branch in Idaho. The total mileage for the entire tour was around 1000 rail miles. Geographically, we travelled from the Oregon Coast to the wheat fields of Washington to the mountains and rivers of western Idaho. It was a well organized tour with thanks to our hard working EC's, Bill Andrews, Will Krasselt, Dave Balestreri, Rich Wilkins and EC in training Guy Howard. Next year possible tours include working with Area 8 and our newest affiliate, The Port Sub Railroaders, for runs on Vancouver Island and with our own Area 11 for another visit to the Grand Canyon RR.

Thanks to all our EC's for a job well done.

AREA TEN

(WA, OR, ID, MT, AK, WY)

BILL ANDREWS

This month I attended my first NARCOA meeting as Area 10 Director: I felt welcome & respected. Area 10 has had a great summer, with many successful excursions thruout the Northwest.

Great runs in MT. with Bill Taylor and WA. ID. with Will Krasselt and my favorite Coos Bay Railink sold out quickly with 110 operators spread over three summer runs. My ECIT Guy Howard contributed greatly to the success of these runs. We welcomed MOW operators who joined us on some excursions as they toured the Northwest. I look forward to here your positive communications.

YOU ARE NARCOA ; your comments and suggestions are valued.

Bill Andrews

KEITH MACKEY WINS FIRST SHINY WHEEL AWARD

One of the very important Board of Directors' goals this year is to improve in the area of communications and build on the goal of adding a "Personality" to our organization.

An important element of this goal was to recognize members who make the gears of NARCOA turn smoothly. As with any organization like ours, there are many individuals who work hard behind the scene, or as our Secretary, Bob Hastings likes to say, "Those of us in the boiler room who keep the NARCOA engine running smoothly."

This year, the board has created an award to recognize such members who give a great deal of time and effort to keep this hobby running smoothly, like a well-greased motorcar. The name of this award is the "NARCOA Shiny Wheel Award." Why Shiny? Because "They just keep rolling on!"

The first award, for the month of September 2015, was awarded to Keith Mackey for all his extensive efforts on behalf of NARCOA and you, our valued members.

Keith has been our webmaster for the last 10 years and has continually improved and developed the website into what you see and use today. As a result of Keith's tireless efforts, many members have made use of the website to list and sell motorcars over

the years besides consulting it for important NARCOA information.

Keith has been in the hobby for over 15 years and is a Certified Excursion Coordinator, living in Florida. He bought his first motorcar, an MT-19, on the West Coast and his first run was on the MOW "Volcano Tour."

Keith explained, "That was in the pre-NARCOA mentoring days, but I was mentored by Bill Andrews, to meet the MOW requirements." Since that beginning, he has traveled over 25,000 miles in 27 states, 7 Canadian Provinces and Mexico.

Thanks Keith for all your hard work for NARCOA!
Bob Knight, NARCOA President



2015 HANK BROWN AWARD

This award, given in memory of a well respected and long time Excursion Coordinator, is decided upon by the NARCOA Board of Directors through a nomination process that is open to all EC's. This year the Board voted to present the award to Leland Stewart of Texas. Leland is currently the President of Railroad Partners, Inc., an affiliate of NARCOA. RPI hosts excursions primarily in Texas on such railroads as the Blacklands Railroad, the Border Pacific Railroad, and the Texas State

Railroad. He has been in the hobby since 2001 and was mentored as an EC by Mark Springer in 2004. Leland has EC'd over 100 excursions and logged over 9,900 motorcar miles in many western states. In his own words he states, "I am honored to be able to serve such a great group of folks and only wish I had found this hobby sooner."

Congratulations, Leland!

2016 NARCOA MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION CAMPAIGN (NEW AND EXPANDED!)

The Membership Committee feels that our membership is slowly but continually slipping away. All of us must take an active role in replacing and growing our membership or we will all lose a fantastic hobby.

The NARCOA Membership Expansion Campaign (NEW AND EXPANDED) is designed to encourage active members to go ‘hunting’ for new members. The NARCOA Membership Committee will pay a bonus to any current member who brings in either a new member or a past inactive member.

Purpose: Expand NARCOA membership

Communicate the unique experience of NARCOA to the greater Railroad community

Involve the current NARCOA members in the growth of NARCOA

Timing: January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

Reward: A TWO MONTH Membership Bonus will be added to the renewal date of any active member who brings in a new member or a past inactive member.

EXTRA SUPER BONUS – all active members who bring in **THREE** new or past inactive members within the contest period will receive a **TWELVE MONTH** extension to their membership! **HOLY COW!!**

Rules: NARCOA will extend the membership of any active member who brings in either a new member or a past archived member.

The new member or returning member must pay a full annual membership and MUST include the referring member’s name on the membership application.

The membership bonus will only be applied to the identified referring member (no trading on the black market).

A valid past member must have been inactive for a least two calendar years prior to rejoining.

Please don’t scam the system. Anyone suspected of cheating will have their name misspelled in NARCOA forever!! ;-))

Bob Hastings, Dan Page and Bill Delmar
NARCOA Membership Team

TENTATIVELY APPROVED RULE CHANGES

The following rule changes have been tentatively approved by the Board of Directors at the recent annual members meeting in Chicago. Members have 30 days from the date of publication in *The Setoff* to review these tentative changes and then contact their Area Director with any concerns or comments about them. At the end of the 30 day comment period the Board of Directors will vote once again to either approve or not approve the tentative changes. The rules with tentative changes include the following:

5.09 Smoking. All guests on railroad property are asked to use good judgment in smoking and shall not smoke where smoking is prohibited. Smoking may be prohibited entirely for specific excursions. Smoking includes the use of electronic cigarettes.

6.03 Inspections. The owner or operator of any equipment to be operated at a NARCOA insured excursion must complete the NARCOA Rail Vehicle Inspection Form verifying that their equipment satisfies

the NARCOA equipment standards and any additional special standards that are in effect for that excursion and present this form to the Excursion Coordinator prior to the excursion. The Excursion Coordinator and/or their designee may check the equipment to verify compliance and may refuse to allow any equipment on the excursion that, in their opinion, does not meet NARCOA safety standards.

6.09 Additional Rules or Equipment. Any additional rules or equipment mandated by the host railroad, the Excursion Coordinator, the NARCOA affiliate, or any governmental body, shall be announced in the information distributed prior to the excursion and participants reminded of the additional rules in effect at the safety briefing. The Excursion Coordinator and/or their designee may check to verify compliance and may refuse to allow operators who are not in compliance and/or equipment that is not in compliance.

The Board of Directors also *Continued on Page 11*

NARCOA & AFFILIATE RELEASE FORM UPDATE

B. LEADON- COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Members, and especially Excursion Coordinators:

The Board of Directors at the recent Annual Meeting has approved updates to the NARCOA & AFFILIATE Release Form, which must be signed by every participant at every excursion. Please download the new version, effective 10-10-15, from the narcoa.org website (www.narcoa.org/docs.htm).

Please remember to destroy any remaining copies of the old Release form, and use only the new version going forward. Also please remember that the **Release must be printed on both sides of one piece of paper**, insuring that someone signing has an opportunity to see both pages.

A director reported at the annual meeting that an EC had wanted to bring only one copy of “page one” of the Release form to his excursion, and only offer “page two” to participants to sign. This is not OK. The best practice is to have one two-sided Release form for each motorcar or other rail vehicle, and put the name of the operator at the top of page one. Then it is easy to double check the number of signatures on it, with the number of participants in that vehicle.

You don’t want a situation where participants sign any old release form handy, making it difficult at best to figure out if a particular person did sign a form.

Also important is to ask at each Safety meeting: “Has everyone here signed a Release form? You may not let anyone who has not signed a Release form ride in your motorcar or hi-rail. You must inform the EC if someone new wants to ride after the safety meeting.”

Rule Changes - Cont:

decided at the recent meeting that a digital copy of the NARCOA rule book in a cell phone, tablet, or similar device, will suffice to comply with rule 4.02 which requires no change in wording. Motorcar operators are reminded, however, that accessing the rule book in a digital electronic device while the person is actively operating a motorcar is not allowed.

4.02 Rule Book: All operators at a NARCOA insured excursion must carry the current NARCOA rule book, or copy thereof, and any applicable additional rules of the affiliate.

The whole point of the Release form is to protect you, the operator, the Excursion Coordinator, the Affiliate, the Railroad, and NARCOA, from lawsuit in the case of any incident or injury.

Please take the time to read the updated Release form. Pay particular attention to paragraphs 1 & 3.

Paragraph 1 is titled “Assumption of Risk” and ends with the statement: “I WILLINGLY AND KNOWINGLY ACCEPT THOSE RISKS, WHICH I UNDERSTAND COULD RESULT IN DESTRUCTION OF MY PROPERTY AND MY INJURY OR DEATH”.

Paragraph 3 is titled “Release of Liability”, and states that the participant understands that he is giving up his or her right to sue.

Excursion coordinators should consider reading those two paragraphs out loud at safety briefings, or at least the main portions of those paragraphs.

This is a hobby, but one which takes place in an industrial environment, which can be quite dangerous, if the Rules are not understood, and observed. It is our job, as Members, and Operators, to inform our friends who are riding with us, about those safety rules, and things like “Expect a train on any track in any direction at any time”. “Don’t stand on the rail, or climb on RR equipment”. If we all practice Safety, all day, every day, then we will have a very fun day on the rails, and so will everyone else.

SAFETY FIRST!

OTHER ANNUAL MEETING TOPICS

B. LEADON -COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Some other important topics addressed at the recent Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Who can operate a rail vehicle under a primary insured member's policy?

This information has been published on the annual Insurance Application, and says:

*“Restrictions (Para E): NARCOA defines who may operate a motorcar at a sponsored NARCOA excursion. Providing the insured member **is present** at the excursion under the supervision of the Excursion Coordinator, and is not operating another motorcar at that event, then with prior approval of the Excursion Coordinator and license verification prior to the excursion the following may operate:*

- 1. The spouse of the insured member if the spouse possesses a valid motor vehicle drivers license, a current NARCOA Certificate of Examination Card and has been mentored.*
- 2. A dependent child of the household, 14 through 21 years of age, possessing a valid motor vehicle drivers license, a current NARCOA Certificate of Examination Card and has been mentored. The child must be under the direct supervision of the insured member at all times. Authorization must also be obtained from the host railroad.....”*

There are two issues here to clarify: One is that this information has only been published on the Insurance Application, which most folks discard after sending in their insurance check. So we are going to also publish it the Policy Book. The second thing to clarify is where it says: “provided that the insured member **is present**”. The Board has defined “present” to mean that it's OK for the qualified family member to operate the motorcar while the primary insured member goes to the parking lot to get the tow vehicle, to move it to the set-off site. But it is NOT ok for the family member to operate the rail vehicle while the primary insured member is chasing the excursion in his truck on the highway, driving alongside the track. This person is not sufficiently “present”. Nor is it OK for a qualified family member to operate a rail

vehicle while the primary insured member is operating another rail vehicle at the same time.

Definition of Spouse: The Board has confirmed its definition of “Spouse” for the purposes of NARCOA insurance, as being one who is “legally married”. Since the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding same sex couples, the NARCOA definition of Spouse now covers them, as long as they are legally married. But NARCOA does NOT recognize partners who claim “common law” marriage, since the 50 U.S. states have differing laws in that regard, to say nothing of Canada. For that reason, only “legally married” spouses are qualified to operate a rail vehicle under the insurance of the primary insured member.

Electronic Copies of the Rulebook OK

Rule 4.02 “Rule Book” states that: *“All operators at a NARCOA insured excursion must carry the current NARCOA rule book, or copy thereof, and any applicable additional rules of the affiliate.”*

The rule in its current wording is now defined as including electronic copies of the Rulebook. This would include a copy of the rulebook in a cell phone, tablet or other device. This will not violate Rule 5.12 “Electronic Devices” as long as the operator of the motorcar does not access the electronic copy of the rulebook while the motorcar is in motion.

But please be aware that if members are going to rely on an electronic copy of the rulebook, they need to actually download it, and be able to access it anywhere, without internet service. The reason is obvious, because otherwise, you don't actually “have” a copy of the Rulebook with you.

IDAHO NORTHERN AND PACIFIC - CASCADE BRANCH

SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2015

BY BILL SCHERTLE

Twenty-one motorcars and two Hy-rails quickly and efficiently set on in Fruitland, Idaho with the aid of the local police department who detoured traffic around our operation. This was to be the final leg of a 3 1/2 week tour over several railroads in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Excursion Coordinator, Dave Balestreri, led the safety briefing along with our railroad escorts. The plan was to operate to Cascade, ID, a distance of about 95 miles, stay overnight, and return the next day.

The first 25 miles or so traverse mostly flat farm country but then the track ascends through Payette Canyon, along the Payette River, past Black Canyon Reservoir and into the pines of the higher elevation. The scenery is spectacular. Several rest stops were planned along the way with lunch being provided by the folks who operate the Thunder Mountain Line, a tourist line that operates various excursion trains including Raft & Rail, Pumpkin and Christmas Trains.

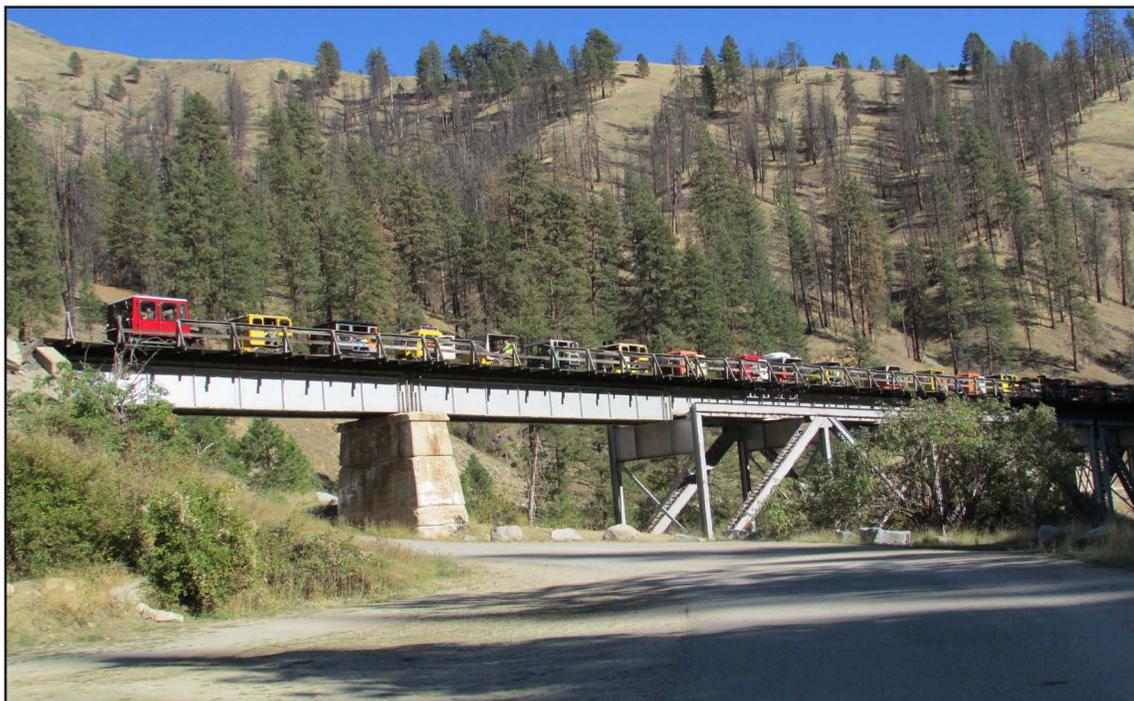


Above: Rest stop at Emmett, ID Below: Payette River Bridge

The end of the line is Cascade, ID, a mecca for fishermen and hunters. Our accommodations were in the Ashley Inn located a few feet from the tracks. The Ashley is a quaint, restful, and beautifully decorated inn that also provided us with a delicious buffet dinner. This dinner also served as the end-of-tour farewell banquet where

many folks were recognized for their efforts in organizing and executing this amazing tour.

The next morning we were surprised to find ice on our windshields but as we began to travel it slowly warmed up and we ended our excursion in the early evening, ready to begin our travels back home.



NCR REMEMBERS WARREN G. FROESE

BY MICHAEL P. FORD

Recently, North Central Railcars, Ltd. (NCR) hosted several Canadian motor car excursions in the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The excursion coordinator, Mike Ford, decided over the winter months that something special should be done to recognize the memory and contributions of Warren G. Froese, a NARCOA member, Area Director, and former NARCOA president, who passed away in October 2014.

In July of 2012, NCR hosted the very first motor car excursion on the Lake Line Railway, between Gimli and Clandeboye, MB. After the excursion, Warren and his wife, Sandra (Sandy), invited everyone to their home in Winnipeg for an evening of food, beverages, and fellowship. Both the motor car excursion and the evening dinner with Warren and Sandy were very well attended. A short time after this event, Warren was diagnosed with cancer and passed away a little more than a year later.

To remember Warren and his contributions to NARCOA during NCR's 2015 Canadian trips, a sticker was designed (similar to what sports team or other groups do to recognize the passing of one their own) to be placed on the front windshield of the motor cars participating in NCR's 2015 Canadian excursions. Every participant on the Lake Line Railway, Boundary Trail Railway,



Long Creek Railroad, and the Great Western Railway motor car excursions was presented with a sticker at the safety briefing to display on their motor cars in remembrance of Warren.



In addition, Hal Johnson made arrangements for Sandy Froese and one of their sons, Matt, to ride with the group on the July 15, 2015 Lake Line Railroad motor car excursion. Warren's parents, George and Verna Froese, rode with the group on the Boundary Trail Railway motor car excursion the following day. The family was very grateful for the opportunity to enjoy another motor car excursion and see some old friends, for the well wishes they have received, and the thoughtfulness of remembering Warren and his lasting contributions to a hobby that was very special and important to him.



Top: Mike and Fred pass out the stickers. Photo by Trevor Sokolan

Center: Warren Tribute Decal Photo by Trevor Sokolan

Left: Sandy and Matt Froese lend a hand unloading Hal Johnson's MT-19 at the start of the excursion on Manitoba's Lake Line Railway. Mark Perry Photo

A NEW MEMBER STORY

BY BRAD GALLENBERG

The past 10 months have been a blur. In those 10 months we purchased our motorcar, stripped it down and built it back up to a Narcoa approved vehicle. I also went through the entire process of the written test, becoming insured, mentoring on our first run, and our first non-mentored run.

But how did it begin?

Last year one of my friends, Paul, showed me a video about how amazing owning a motorcar can be. While I was watching the video thoughts were racing through my mind about how to get my wife onboard with the fascination that was forming inside me. The talk was easier than I anticipated. We watched the video together, and she was hooked!

Next was on to the purchase. Paul had a run-down CN MT-14 motorcar in one of his buildings that he had never put on track, I'm pretty sure he owned it for about 10 years before our deal went down. Paul always wanted a Milwaukee Road motorcar, through a friend he found one for sale, and I rode with him to load his new purchase. With his "new" vehicle on the trailer I knew my best chance at a motorcar was sitting back in his warehouse.

Our first Narcoa run was September 12, in Vinton, Iowa, on the Iowa Northern Railroad. In the weeks that led up to our making the seven hour trip down I had emailed Carl Schneider (the EC) more times than I can remember, and every question was answered. At one



*Above: The Gallenberg family, photo by Carrie Schneider;
Below: The Schneiders, photo by Sarah Gallenberg*

point I apologized to Carl for all the questions and his response back was "ask any question you want, I have a lot of answers!" When we arrived in Vinton we didn't know what to expect, but it exceeded every expectation, every person we met had their own story and they all treated us like we were important. Having issues with my transmission staying in high gear, I even had a few people giving me "pointers" on what the issue could be and how to resolve it. No big surprise when we emailed Carl back after the run and told him to put us down for the October 2-4 Appanoose County excursion! Only with the Appanoose County excursion we brought along two of our daughters, ages 8 and 6, who enjoyed the experience as much as we did.

In closing, Sarah and I are so grateful to all those we met in our first days of motorcar excursions. We are so grateful to the hospitality we were shown, the memories we will hold onto of this first year, and for the work it takes for this organization to be alive and well. Be rest assured fellow Narcoa members, I have already spread my love of the hobby to 2 other friends.... 1 of which is now on the hunt for the "right" motorcar!

Brad Gallenberg



NARCOA MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2015

President-elect, Bob Knight, opened the meeting by leading the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a reading of "Oh Canada" by International Area Director, John Brown. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 A.M., CDT, on Friday, September 27, 2015, by President Bill Schertle.

1. Board of Directors, Officers and Committee Chairs in attendance:

Area 1 – Keith Knowlton
Area 2 – John Gondor (absent)
Area 3 – Jeff Levensgood
Area 4 – Bernie Leadon
Area 5 – Will Thompson
Area 6 – Bob Knight
Area 7 – Carl Schneider
Area 8 – John Brown
Area 9 – Chris Weaver
Area 10 – Bill Taylor (absent)
Area 11 – Bill Schertle
Director-At-Large – Jaime Samuell (absent) Director-At-Large – Dan Berg (absent)
Treasurer – Tom Norman
Secretary – Bob Hastings
Affiliates Chair – Dave Verzi
Operations Chair – Bill Andrews
Rules Chair – Jim McKeel
Training Manager – Tom Falicon
Setoff Editor – Brian Davis (absent)
Member Manager – Dan Page
Webmaster – Keith Mackey

2. Elections –

- A. Bill Schertle seated the new Board members (Previously elected by the membership)
Area 2 – Mark North
Area 4 – Bernie Leadon
Area 6 – Bob Knight
Area 8 – John Brown
Area 10 – Bill Andrews
- B. Bill Schertle seated the new Officers (Previously elected by the Incoming Board via email ballot)
President – Bob Knight
Vice-President – Chris Weaver
Secretary – Bob Hastings
Treasurer – Tom Norman
Incoming President, Bob Knight, thanked Bill Schertle for his leadership efforts.
- C. Appointments made by President Bob Knight for the meeting:
Sergeant-at-Arms – Jim McKeel
Parliamentarian – Bill Schertle
Recording Secretary – Bob Hastings

3. Safety Briefing – Bob Knight held a safety briefing for the

meeting. He then articulated his goals and leadership style for the coming year.

4. Appointment of Directors at Large: Bob Knight appointed Ross Baxter (absent) and Tom Falicon as Directors at Large.
5. All Committee chairs have agreed to continue in their respective positions with the following exceptions:
A. Fred Lonnes assumes Safety chair
B. Dan Berg assumes Judicial Committee chair
C. John Becker assumes the Mentoring Operator Manager responsibilities
6. Approval of Minutes - Motion by Bernie Leadon to approve both public Email Minutes and confidential Judicial Committee Email Minutes of meetings held throughout the year. Second by John Brown. Motion approved with all voting in favor.
7. Hank Brown Award - The 2015 Hank Brown Award for exceptional Excursion Coordinator has been awarded to Leland Stewart. Nominations for the 2016 award will be opened in May, 2016.
8. Committee Reports:
Affiliates – Dave Verzi
Insurance – Tom Norman
Treasurer / Finance – Tom Norman
Membership/Database – Dan Page
Elections – Dan Page
Judicial – Bob Knight for Dan Berg
Rulebook – Jim McKeel
Rulebook Certification – Tom Norman for Al McCracken
Safety – Bob Knight
Operations – Bill Andrews
Hi-Rail / Custom Built – Tom Falicon
Excursion Coordinator Continual Training – Tom Falicon
Communications – Bernie Leadon
Webmaster – Keith Mackey
Motion by John Brown to approve all committee reports. Second by Keith Knowlton. Motion approved with all voting in favor.
9. Old Business
A. Bernie Leadon reviewed the results of the lawsuit. NARCOA won the lawsuit by summary judgment. Bernie presented a recommendation for improvements to the General Release form (addendum A – marked copy, and addendum B – clean copy) for review by the Board to be discussed on Saturday morning. He also recommended a standardized script to be used by Excursion Coordinators at every excursion.
B. Dan Page urged that the Board of Directors, officers, committee chairs and job holders keep the NARCOA Master Calendar updated in a timely manner.
C. Tom Norman recommended that the operator recertification be extended one (1) year to January 31, 2017. Bernie Leadon so moved. Second by Bill

Andrews. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

D. Shiny Wheel Award – Bob Knight awarded the 1st NARCOA Shiny Wheel award to Keith Mackey for his extensive efforts on behalf of NARCOA.

E. Modification of Bylaws- (Left over from 2014 Agenda)

1) Bernie Leadon made a motion to modify Article 3, Section 5, "Terms of Office" by removing the section struck through and adding the section highlighted in bold to read:

a) "SECTION 5. TERMS OF OFFICE: *Each seat on the Board of Directors shall be a two-year term. Each Director shall hold office until the election results have been ratified the formal seating of their successor Director-Elect as the first order of business at the Annual Meeting, as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws. Time is of the essence with regard to the election of Directors and the ratification of election results; and the terms of existing Directors shall not be extended without good cause.*" Motion was seconded by John Brown. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

2) Bernie Leadon made a motion to modify Article 4, Section 4, paragraph 2, "Officer Elections" by changing the word "validate" to "ratify" and adding "late July or" as shown in bold to read:

a) "Officer Elections: *In late July or August of each year following the completion of the annual Area Director election, and prior to the next annual meeting, the sitting Board of Directors will validate ratify the Area Director election results.*" Motion was seconded by Carl Schneider. Motion was approved with all voting in favor.

10. New Business

A. Affiliate Committee (Dave Verzi). New Affiliates given preliminary approval by Dave Verzi:

1) Port Sub Railroaders and Tom Stallings (Individual). Motion to approve by Will Thompson, 2nd by Bernie Leadon, ten (10) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) abstained

2) Louis Francois Garceau (Individual). Motion by Keith Knowlton to keep on tentative approval status for one year, 2nd by Chris Weaver, eight (8) approved, two (2) opposed, one (1) abstained.

B. Membership Committee (Bob Hastings). Discussed the need to bring another new volunteer to cross train on Membership and Database jobs. Bill Delmar was suggested as a potential candidate. Hastings to confirm Bill's interest. Fourth position on the team to be considered.

C. Insurance (Tom Norman). Defined those family members permitted to operate under the member's insurance coverage:

1) The spouse of the insured member if the spouse possesses a valid motor vehicle driver's license, a current NARCOA Certificate of Examination Card

and has been mentored, provided the spouse is not operating another motorcar at that event. **The definition of spouse is a legally married person including a person of the same sex. A spouse in a common law marriage is not permitted to operate under the member's insurance coverage.**

2) A dependent child of the household, 14 through 21 years of age, possessing a valid motor vehicle driver's license, a current NARCOA Certificate of Examination Card and has been mentored. The child must be under the direct supervision of the insured member at all times. Authorization must also be obtained from the host railroad.

3) This language quoted from the Insurance Application will be placed into the Policy Book as primary document. The Insurance Application will be modified to note the appropriate rule. (Tom Norman / Jim McKeel). Bernie Leadon will write an article for the Setoff discussing this definition.

D. Rulebook Updates/Changes- (Jim McKeel) - The following changes were recommended by the Rules Committee:

1) "**Rule 4.02 Rule Book:** *"All operators at a NARCOA insured excursion must carry the current NARCOA rule book, or copy thereof, and any applicable additional rules of the affiliate."*

The rule in its current form would include a copy of the rule book in a cell phone or other device. This will not violate the electronic devices rule if the operator of the motorcar does not access the rulebook while the motorcar is in motion. Dan Page will issue a NARCOA Bulletin addressing electronic rule book usage.

2) Change **Rule 5.09 Smoking** to ban all smoking, include electronic cigarettes. Rule to read: "**5.09 Smoking - Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, is prohibited on all NARCOA insured excursions.**" Motion to approve by Bill Andrews, 2nd by John Brown, three (3) approved, six (6) opposed, two (2) abstained. The motion did not pass.

3) Change **Rule 5.09 Smoking**. To include electronic cigarettes. Addition is in bold. Rule to read: "**Rule 5.09 Smoking - All guests on railroad property are asked to use good judgment in smoking and shall not smoke where smoking is prohibited. Smoking may be prohibited entirely for specific excursions. Smoking includes the use of electronic cigarettes.**" Motion to approve by Bernie Leadon, 2nd by Carl Schneider, ten (10) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) abstained. The motion passed.

4) Change to **Rule 6.03 Inspections** to bring this rule into compliance with the changes made last year to the NARCOA Rail Vehicle Inspection Form.

a) Present "**Rule 6.03 Inspections.** *Excursion Coordinators, or their designee, must verify*

that all on-track equipment on any excursion satisfies the NARCOA equipment standards, and any special standards that are in effect at the time. Inspectors should notify the on-track equipment operator of any observations of equipment that is borderline on rules compliance so that the equipment can be repaired or corrected, as necessary.”

- b) Change wording to – “**6.03 Inspections.** The owner or operator of any equipment to be operated at a NARCOA insured excursion must complete the NARCOA Rail Vehicle Inspection Form verifying that their equipment satisfies the NARCOA equipment standards and any additional special standards that are in effect for that excursion and present this form to the Excursion Coordinator prior to the excursion. The Excursion Coordinator and/or their designee may check the equipment to verify compliance and may refuse to allow any equipment on the excursion that, in their opinion, does not meet NARCOA safety standards”. Motion to approve the change by Bill Schertle, 2nd by Keith Knowlton. The motion was approved with all voting in favor.
- 5) Change to **Rule 6.09 Additional Rules or Equipment** to remove the reference to the “Safety Inspection” by removing the section struck through and adding the section highlighted in bold to read:
 - a) “**6.09 Additional Rules or Equipment.** Any additional rules or equipment mandated by the host railroad, the Excursion Coordinator, the NARCOA affiliate, or any governmental body; ~~the requirement for same shall be announced in the meet notice and compliance shall be judged at the Safety Inspection, shall be announced in the information distributed prior to the excursion and participants reminded of the additional rules in effect at the safety briefing. The Excursion Coordinator and/or their designee may check to verify compliance and may refuse to allow operators who are not in compliance and/or equipment that is not in compliance.~~” Motion to accept the changes to Rule 6.09 by Bill Schertle, 2nd by Chris Weaver. The motion was approved with all voting in favor.
 - 6) Addition of new definition and operating compliance of a **Host Railroad Pilot**. Item was tabled for additional work by the Committee.
 - 7) Amend the current section titled (**Introduction**) **Railroad Rules**. Item was tabled for additional work by the Committee.
- E. Request by EC Jaime Haislip presented by Bernie Leadon to review Rule 6.07 in order to allow the operation of steam powered rail vehicles at NARCOA events. Motion by Bill Schertle to maintain the present

exclusion of steam powered vehicles, 2nd by John Brown. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

- F. Operations Manual – Tom Falicon
 - 1) **Section 2.02 NARCOA Certified Excursion Coordinator – Definitions**
 - a) Add sentence in bold for clarification. “**Certified Excursion Coordinator-in-Training** – A member who has completed steps A-F below and is in the process of being mentored. They will help organize and conduct motorcar excursions under the direct supervision of the assigned mentor. A **qualified mentoring EC must be physically present at the excursion, and the EC-in-Training may not supervise an excursion on his own, until and unless he becomes a fully Certified Excursion Coordinator.**” A motion to accept the change to Section 2.02 was made by Bernie Leadon, 2nd by Keith Knowlton. The motion was approved with all voting in favor.
 - 2) Discussed adding two sections to the Operations Manual regarding Operator and EC lapses in membership, re: mentored status (Page/Hastings). Discussion tabled with no action.
- G. Continual Training (Falicon)
 - 1) Discussed Ideas for improving EC training and oversight. Falicon to develop EC Training Program with on-line testing on a biennial basis. Will Thompson to assist the effort.
 - 2) Discussed change to safety flag dimensions. Tabled to Rules Committee.

Meeting was adjourned by President Bob Knight at 5:15PM

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 A.M., CDT, on Saturday, September 26, 2015, by President Bob Knight.

11. Lawsuit Follow up Discussion (Bernie Leadon)
 - A. Bernie Leadon recommended that the NARCOA & Affiliate General Release form be modified as presented in addendum ‘B’. Additional modifications were made by the Board to include the additional phrase in the first paragraph after the word “hi-rail truck” to read – “... **hi-rail truck or other on track equipment...**” and the additions of “**hi-rail truck**” following each entry of the words “motor car”. In the remainder of the release. Motion by Bernie Leadon to approve all changes, 2nd by John Brown. The motion was approved with all voting in favor.
 - B. Bill Schertle made a motion that all Affiliates be required to use the new General Release form as approved in a double sided single page format without modification or additions by the Affiliate. The motion was seconded by John Brown. Ten (10) voted in favor, zero (0) opposed, one (1) abstained. The motion was approved.
12. New Business (continued)
 - A. Task force reports:

- 1) Marketing (Keith Knowlton) Need a standard way to approach a new host railroads. Knowlton will lead the effort to develop a Presentation Book that contains history, safety, operations, etc. to be used as a presentation script to 'sell' NARCOA.
 - 2) Wheel Shunting: (Jeff Levensgood) Task Force reviewed all available documentation concerning wheel shunting of On Track Equipment including documentation of several railroads. Current NARCOA Rules forbid wheel shunting on NARCOA excursions. Task Force will draft a letter to Affiliates and Excursion Coordinators reiterating the point that only the two approved methods of grade crossing signal shunting described in Rule 1.02 may be used on NARCOA excursions.
 - 3) New Host Railroads: (Mark North) Task Force is working to open new railroads to NARCOA access. The plan is to collect data from sources like Norman and ECs, Create a database of railroads with NARCOA's previous contacts. Develop list of RRs we have and have not contacted. Coordinate efforts and approaches to expand accessible railroads.
- B. Membership (Bob Hastings/Dan Page) Reviewed list of ideas to encourage new members and retain existing members. Membership team will expand each idea into action items and implementation schedules. Keith Knowlton mentioned that there may be an article about NARCOA in the December 2015 issue of Popular Mechanics magazine.
- C. Bernie Leadon discussed a recommendation made by member Dave Sigafosse for a change to the JC Policy process regarding Misconduct. The Board decided to take no action at this time. Leadon will contact Mr. Sigafosse explaining this decision.
- D. Bernie Leadon proposed the following changes to the Policy Book:
- 1) Replace Section 5.04 to clarify the endorsement of candidates.
 - a) Present "**Section 5.04 Elections: Candidates for NARCOA Area Director may not seek or obtain endorsements of their candidacy by professional railroad management personnel, nor communicate the existence of same to the NARCOA membership**".
 - b) Proposed "**Section 5.04 Elections Only dues paying NARCOA members may endorse a candidate in any NARCOA election**". Motion by Jeff Levensgood to leave wording of Section 5.04 as it is (not approve the change), 2nd by Bill Andrews. Nine (9) approved, one (1) opposed, one (1) abstained. Motion was approved.
 - 2) Create new Policy Book item 4.07 "Calendar Photos".
 - 3) 1. "**Section 4.07 NARCOA Calendar Photos Area Directors are encouraged to promote the taking of photographs suitable for use in the NARCOA Calendar during excursions in their Area. Photos should be submitted to the Setoff Editor, who has final decision on which photos are used in the calendar.**" Motion to approve the new Section 4.07 by Bernie leadon, 2nd by Carl Schneider. Ten (10) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent. The motion passed. Dan Page will send a NARCOA Bulletin to the Area directors and the membership in the spring to encourage the submission of Calendar photos.
- E. Bill Schertle discussed the desirability of requiring that incident photos be taken promptly at every Excursion Incident. EC is responsible to have photos for Judicial Committee review. Tom Falicon will develop an instruction as part of the Excursion Coordinator continuing training initiative.
- F. Bob Hastings will arrange to have a new NARCOA rule book, version 8, printed to include all rule book changes approved by the membership following this year's meeting. Printed copies will be given to **new members only**. Renewing members are encouraged to download the new version from the web site when it becomes available. This is to reduce NARCOA printing expense. **Rule 4.02 Rule Book** requires that all operators must carry a copy of the current NARCOA rule book at NARCOA insured excursions. Extra printed copies will also be available in the NARCOA store. Note: Carrying an electronic copy of the Rulebook is now recognized as meeting the requirement to carry a copy of the Rulebook at all times while operating On Track Equipment.
- G. Chris Weaver discussed that Operations Manual Section 4.01 B does not match the change in the Rule Book which defines that the operator has responsibility for motorcar inspection. The proposed change is shown by the strike through:
Section 4.01-B. 2. *The Excursion Coordinator selects a team of qualified members to help with the following items.*
- a) *Registration*
 - b) *Inspection of motorcars*
 - c) *Grade crossing protection*
 - d) *Setting on and setting off of motorcars*
 - e) *Parking of vehicles and/or trailers.*
- 1) Weaver made a motion to amend the Operations Manual as shown, 2nd by Keith Knowlton, ten (10) accepted, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent. The motion passed.
- H. Meeting Adjournment at 12:00 PM CDT by Bob Knight

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Hastings
NARCOA Secretary
October 5, 2015

MINUTES OF NARCOA E-MAIL MEETINGS

On October 5, 2014, a summary of the voting concerning the minutes of the annual meeting held on September 26-27, 2014, was sent to the secretary for recording.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting by Bill Schertle. Second by Bill Taylor.

The motion was approved with eleven (11) voting in favor, zero (0) against.

All Board members voted and the minutes stand approved as corrected and amended.

PROPOSED RULE BOOK CHANGES

1.02 - Insulation; 2.13 - Turntables; and 4.15 - Following; plus the revised Code of Conduct.

On January 8, 2015, a summary of the voting on proposed Rulebook changes; 1.02 - Insulation; 2.13 - Turntables; and 4.15 - Following; plus the revised Code of Conduct were sent to the secretary for recording.

The recommended changes were as follows:

1.02 Insulation/Shunting. Wheels on all excursion equipment must be electrically insulated such that track circuits are not activated. The use of shunts to activate highway/rail grade crossing signals is prohibited, regardless of conflicting policies or rules or directives from railroad employees. Exceptions: 1. hard shunts (physically connecting the two rails with clamps and cables). 2. Electrically activating the signals by controls in the signal control box. It is NARCOA's position that activating the signals by means other than the two exceptions noted above is inherently unreliable.

1.04 Trailer Cars. Trailer cars carrying passengers are prohibited. Trailer cars used for other purposes are discouraged and may be prohibited at any individual event unless specifically approved by the Excursion Coordinator. Equipment towing trailers must have their taillight(s) and brake light(s) visible or the trailer must be equipped with operable taillight(s) and brake light(s) activated by the towing equipment. 2.13 Turntables. Hydraulic turntables, including OEM Fairmont turntables, must be equipped with a positive locking mechanism (a pin or latch) 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. If turntable audible warning device sounds while moving the car must be immediately stopped and turntable inspected.

4.15 Following. Operators must travel at a distance which allows stopping within half the range of vision short of the preceding operator. Particular caution must be exercised with wet or greased rail as braking ability will be greatly diminished.

Code of Conduct: NARCOA members are expected to: Remember that you are a guest while on railroad property. Be prompt, courteous, and respectful. Operate in a safe manner and practice safety at all times. Follow the directions and instructions of the Excursion Coordinator, his/her Assistant Coordinator, and any host railroad officials. Leave railroad property where you found it. Obey all NARCOA rules, policies, and procedures. Support the goals of NARCOA.

As the changes are a recommendation from a standing committee it is put forward for a vote and does not require a second.

At the end of a 30-day comment period the Board took a final vote to either approve or not approve these proposed changes.

The proposed changes passed with eleven (10) voting in favor, zero (0) voting against, One (1) not voting

PROPOSED RULE BOOK CHANGE

Proposal to not postpone voting on new passenger trailer rule

On January 16, 2015, a summary of the voting concerning a motion to not postpone voting on the new passenger trailer rule until the lawsuit was settled was sent to the secretary for recording.

A "yes" vote meant that the vote would **not be** postponed. A "no" vote meant that the vote would **be** postponed.

The proposed motion was passed with eleven (11) voting in favor, zero (0) voting against.

PROPOSED RULE BOOK CHANGE

1.04 Trailer Cars.

On January 17, 2015, a summary of the voting concerning a change to the NARCOA Rulebook rule 1.04 - Trailer Cars as recommended by the Rules Committee was sent to the secretary for recording.

The recommended change to Rule Book 1.04 Trailer Cars was as follows:

1.04 Trailer Cars: “Trailer cars carrying passengers are prohibited. Trailer cars used for other purposes are discouraged and may be prohibited at any individual event unless specifically approved by the Excursion Coordinator. Equipment towing trailers must have their taillight(s) and brake light(s) visible or the trailer must be equipped with operable taillight(s) and brake light(s) activated by the towing equipment.” As the change is a recommendation from a standing committee it is put forward for a vote and does not require a second.

At the end of a 30-day comment period the Board took a final vote to either approve or not approve this proposed changes. The proposed change to rule 1.04 did not pass with four (4) voting in favor, seven (7) voting against.

Proposal to approve pre-payment of \$2400 for two years of Wild Apricot Database subscription

On May 19, 2015, the pre-payment of \$2400 for two years of Wild Apricot was approved by consensus of the Board and was sent to the secretary for recording.

2015 BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS - AREAS 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10

On July 16, 2015, Dan Page, Election Committee Chair, sent the results of the “Even” Area Board of Director Elections to Bill Schertle, President.

Area 2: Mark North

Area 4: Bernie Leadon

Area 6: Chris Weaver

Area 8: John Brown

Area 10: Bill Andrews

On July 28, 2015, Bill Schertle forwarded the Board of Director election results to the current Directors for ratification.

The election results for Areas 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 were

ratified by the current Board of Directors with nine (9) voting in favor of ratifying the election results, two (2) voting not to ratify the election results.

HANK BROWN AWARD

On June 9, 2015, two members were nominated for the Hank Brown Award – Leland Stewart and Gary Shrey. By August 14, 2014, all Board of Directors had voted on the two (2) choices for the Hank Brown Award. The vote tallied as follows: Leland Stewart – seven (7) votes, Gary Shrey – four (4) votes

2015 OFFICER ELECTIONS

On August 10, 2015, Dan Page, Elections Chair, called for nominations for NARCOA President. On August 10, 2015, Bill Schertle nominated Bob Knight for NARCOA President. As there were no other nominations for NARCOA President, Bill Schertle closed the nomination process on August 13, 2015, and requested that the Board of Directors’ send their votes to Dan Page, Chair Elections Committee for recording. On August 15, 2015, Dan Page reported that Bob Knight had been elected NARCOA President.

On August 15, 2015, Dan Page, Elections Chair, opened nominations for NARCOA Vice-President. On August 15, 2015, Will Thompson nominated Chris Weaver for Vice-President. As there were no other nominations for NARCOA Vice President, Dan Page closed the nomination process on August 18, 2015. On August 19, 2015, Dan Page reported to the secretary that Chris Weaver had been elected NARCOA Vice President.

On August 19, 2015, Dan Page, Elections Chair opened appointments for NARCOA Secretary and Treasurer. On August 21, 2015, Dan Page reported to the secretary that Bob Hastings had been elected Secretary and Tom Norman had been elected Treasurer:

On August 26, 2015, President Bill Schertle made a motion to renew the current Sheraton contract for the next three years. Chris Weaver seconded the motion. The motion was approved with eleven (11) voting in favor, zero (0) voting against.

Robert Hastings

NARCOA Secretary

August 30, 2015

NEREX EXCURSION ON THE ADIRONDACK SCENIC RAILROAD IN NEW YORK STATE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3 - 5, 2015,

BY CARL S. CARLSON

NEREX coordinated an absolutely fantastic railcar excursion on the Adirondack Scenic Railroad in New York State from Saturday October 3 through Monday October 5, 2015. Although regularly scheduled excursion trains operate at both ends of this former New York Central Lines trackage (Utica – Thendara – Big Moose on the west end and Saranac Lake - Lake Placid on the east end), the trackage in between sees infrequent train service. Even though few trains run between Big Moose and Saranac Lake, the surface and line of this trackage is excellent. This trackage is a great asset to the Adirondack area.

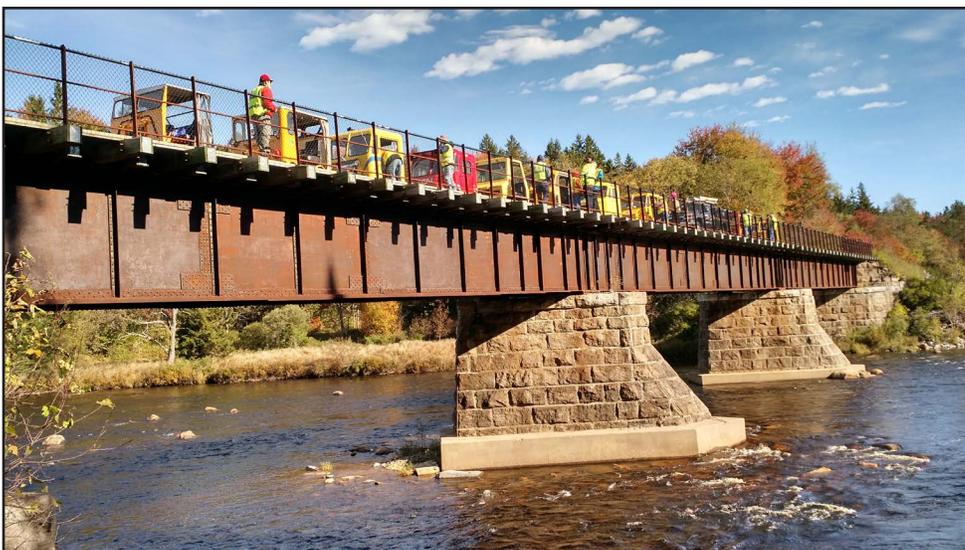
Advance set-on, with speeders pointed west, commenced at Thendara depot on Friday evening. Under sunny skies, set-on continued Saturday morning before the safety meeting conducted by NEREX EC Keith Knowlton. After points of safety and the operating plan were discussed by the NEREX Team and



our railroad host, we began the 30 mile journey to Remsen. At Otter Lake we took the siding, the speeders were tied down, and excursion participants walked to the Otter Lake Fire Department. In the fire house, we were treated to a wonderful hamburger and hot dog lunch hosted by the Department. While eating lunch, the eastbound Adirondack Scenic Railroad excursion train heading to Thendara could be heard passing in the distance. After lunch

we departed for Remsen and turned at the depot. The Remsen depot is in great shape and a restored New York Central caboose and a flat car were nearby. On one of the yard tacks across from the depot a heavyweight sleeper sat awaiting restoration. Now heading east, we once again took the siding at Otter Lake to meet the westbound excursion train powered by two Alco's and an EMD cab unit. After the excursion train cleared we headed to Thendara. The speeders remained on the track in front of the depot overnight. What a fantastic day!

The Autumnal foliage, scenic Adirondack vistas, and mostly blue sky were absolutely brilliant both Sunday and Monday! Sunday morning after the safety meeting we departed eastward for Saranac Lake. At Big Moose, excursion participants were treated to a delicious pancake breakfast in the depot! After breakfast we continued to Horseshoe Lake for a quick rest stop and brief safety





meeting. Next stop was the rebuilt depot at Tupper Lake Junction - a wye track is still located here. After travelling 73 miles we arrived at Lake Clear for a planned meet with the rail bikes of Rail Explorers USA. These folks began a successful operation in 2015 of rail bike tours between Saranac Lake and Lake Clear. What interesting machines! The speeders followed the rail bikes a further seven miles to Saranac Lake, where the speeders were turned and then tied up for the night in front of the depot. Two shuttle vans were arranged to convey excursion participants from the depot to the hotel. One van was made available for the evening to folks for transport to area restaurants outside of those available in walking distance. Another fantastic day!

Monday morning after a van ride from the hotel to the depot, speeders were serviced. After the safety meeting we departed westward for Thendara. At Tupper Lake Junction excursion participants were treated to a choice of delicious sandwiches,

chips, and cookies to take to the lunch stop at Horseshoe Lake. Subsequent arrival at Thendara heralded another successful excursion. A big THANK YOU to the wonderful folks at the Adirondack Scenic Railroad for their permission and hospitality to

enable the NEREX Team to host an absolutely wonderful, enjoyable, memorable, and safe speeder excursion!

Top Opposite: NEREX excursion participants nearly ready to head from Thendara to Remsen, New York, Saturday October 3, 2015.

Bottom Oposite: Speeders on bridge over Moose River near Otter Lake, New York, Saturday October 3, 2015.

Above: One of the rail bikes at Lake Clear, New York. The speeder excursion followed the rail bike group from Lake Clear to Saranac Lake.

Below: Speeders at Saranac Lake depot, ready to depart for Thendara, New York, Monday October 5, 2015. All photos by Carl Carlson



A-OK RAILROAD

BY DRAKE RICE



the safety briefing in Wister, the Sunday set on point and then traveling East about 7 miles to Howe, Oklahoma where the A-OK has an connection with the KCS. After a turn around the group travel back through Wister to Red Oak, Oklahoma for a break and turn around, then back to Wister for the set off. The total mileage for Sunday was 54 miles. This made for a weekend of 188 miles of enjoyment on the A-OK Railroad. A special thanks to Mr. David Donoley and all the staff of the A-OK that always make our trips a great enjoyment for NARCOA Members.

OK Railroad in Southeastern Oklahoma on October 10-11. The Saturday was a beautiful weather day in the region with bright sunny skies and temperatures that started in the 50's and finished in the low 80's.

Fourteen Motor Cars along with two Hy-rail truck met at the 8:00 am set on for the inspections, set on and the safety briefing. Ron Ferrier, A-OK Safety Officer discussed track conditions and safety concerns regarding the railroad. This was followed by the NARCOA safety briefing by Drake Rice, EC and Jay Hastings EC in Training.

The set on the for days trip was in McAlester, Ok and would be on the former Rock Island Choctaw Route east approximately 64 miles to Wister, Oklahoma and back for a total mileage of 128 for the day. Always a great stop in Wilburton, Oklahoma for a rest stop at the A-OK Headquarters and time to visit with

David Donoley, President and CEO of the railroad.

The trip on Sunday begin with

Photos by the author



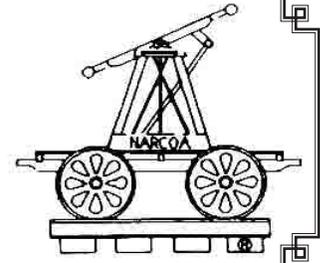
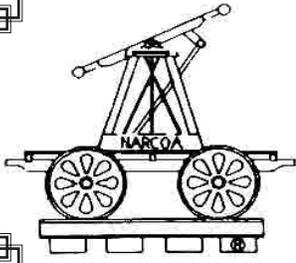
NARCOA EXCURSIONS

AS OF OCTOBER 21 2015

Please submit all excursions and ads directly to

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The *SETOFF* downloads directly from the website
for the most current information.



Nov 1 - TX posted 10/02

Capitol Metro Transportation

Llano to Scobee Spur. 54 RT miles. Fee \$25.
EC Leland Stewart (210) 863-5397. Advanced
registration required.

Nov 7 - 8 - GA posted 01/11

The Hartwell Railroad

220 RT Miles RT each day out of Bowersville, Ga.
Our 3 year on the HRT. \$155. All attendees must
wear a reflectorized safety vest/shirt. No refunds
after October 7, 2015. May reserve excursion via
email. EC and affiliate [Bobby Moreman](#).

Nov 7 - CA posted 09/09

Western Railroad Museum

Motorcar Operators West will hold its Annual
General Meeting at the WRM in Rio Vista. It will
include a 12 mile electric trolley ride and a 25
mile round trip motorcar excursion to Canon. E.C.
Dave Balestreri.

Nov 7 - IA posted 02/02

Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

The First Iowa Division is hosting a 1-day ride
on the former Ft.D.D.M.&S line out of Boone,
IA. Mileage for this excursion is 20 miles and
we will ride the line three times during the day
and possibly a night run. The cost is \$20 per car
plus membership in the Iowa Railroad Historical
Society (\$25). EC for this ride is [Carl Schneider](#),
1302 6th Ave SE, Altoona, IA 50009-2002. 515-
967-5181 (H) or 515-494-4401 (C)

Nov 14 - 15, - NH posted 08/31

New England Southern/Hobo Railroads

The "Snowflake", Former B&M White Mountain
Branch, overnight excursion, Concord to Lincoln ,
Saturday, return on Sunday. Approx 140 mile RT.
Fee is \$335, includes overnight accommodation
and dinner at Lincoln. 30 car limit. EC for this
NEREX excursion is Gordan Wallick.

Nov 14 - 15 - OK posted 07/26

Farmrail Railroad

The Oklahoma Railway Museum event on
Farmrail out of Clinton. Total mileage approx. 200.
\$70.00 per unit. EC [Drake Rice](#) 405-478-3225.
Jay Hastings is EC in training.

Nov 14 - 15 - AL posted 07/15

Autauga Northern RR

Set on Prattville begins Friday. Saturday Prattville
to Maplesville, 75 RTM. Sunday Prattville to
Billingsley, 45 RTM. Cost \$150 per car. 30 car
limit. SERO affiliate. Contact EC [Chris Thompson](#),
(251) 463-3270. EC in training Jonathan Blair.

Nov 21- GA posted 09/08

Blue Ridge Scenic RR

Blue Ridge to Ellijay - Supper stop in Ellijay 2nd
trip. Price: \$5 per car active Blue Ridge Scenic
Railroad Volunteers. All others \$10. Eat at Cajun
Depot or bring a picnic! Coordinators: [Carl
Hymen](#) (706-455-0492), Barry Vincent (706-276-
2283). Set on At Davenport Wood Yard. 1st Set-
on 12:00, Safety Briefing at 12:45 PM. 2nd Set-on
at 3 PM, Safety Briefing at 3:30 PM.

Nov 21 - 22 - TX posted 10/15

Capitol Metro Transportation

Llano to Scobee Spur – Approx. 54 miles RT each
day OR McDade to Giddings – approx. 42 miles
RT each day. Contact EC prior to run. This will
be a cleanup ride. Mentoring available. Hyrails
welcome. Fee: \$25 membership to Railroad
Partners, Inc. EC [Leland Stewart](#) 210-863-5397

Nov 27 - NJ posted 07/17

NYSW Southern Division

Confirmed trip over the Southern Division of the
NYSW, now known as the Turkey Trot. A great
way to end the year before putting the car away
for the winter, see the NYSW without leaves, a

totally different view! Will travel to/from Hawthorne to Pelton, maybe further. Craig W. Hartman, E.C. Sponsored by [Mid Atlantic Motorcar](#)

Dec 5 - PA posted 02/10

Toys for Tots on the North Shore Railroad

Approx 86 miles from Northumberland to Beach Haven and return. We will be collecting toys and donations for Toys for Tots along the right of way. Cost \$60 and at least 1 new, unwrapped toy. Send check and SSSE to: Central PA Excursions, PO Box 145, White Deer, PA 17887. Contact [Larry Maynard](#) (570) 337-3979.

Dec 5 - CA posted 10/16

Amador Central RR

Christmas Toy Run. \$25.00 run fee if you bring a new toy for the kids and \$45.00 with no toys. Let's put some smiles on the children and make some great memories for them. Two runs from lone to Martel for a total of 40 miles. Contact E.C. Tom Correa @ 209-296-4356 for further information.

Dec 5 - 6 - TX posted 10/15

Capitol Metro Transportation

Llano to Scobee Spur – Approx. 54 miles RT each day OR McDade to Giddings – approx. 42 miles RT each day. Contact EC prior to run. This will be a cleanup ride. Mentoring available. Hyrails welcome. Fee: \$25 membership to Railroad Partners, Inc. EC [Leland Stewart](#) 210-863-5397

Excursions Held On A Regular Basis

Feb 1, 2015 - Jan 31, 2016 - PA

Northern Central Railroad

Excursions on the Northern Central Railroad from New Freedom, Pa to York, Pa on various dates. E.C. [Dean L. Grote](#) call 717-637-7647 or e-mail for details.

Feb 1, 2015 - Jan 31, 2016 - PA

Stewartstown Railroad

Excursions on the Stewartstown Railroad from New Freedom, Pa to Stewartstown, Pa on various dates. Northern Central Railcar Association E.C. [Dean L. Grote](#) call 717-637-7647 or e-mail for details.

Feb 1, 2015 - Jan 31, 2016 - GA posted 01/28
Heart Of Georgia–West Railroad

Southeast Railcar Operators, Inc. will be having NARCOA Motor Car runs and work days on the HOG West Railroad from Richland, Ga. to Omaha, Ga. on various dates. Contact [Will Thompson](#) E.C. 229-723-8231 Home or 229-359-5701 Cell Or Larry Crowe, E.C., Home 229-776-5882, Cell 229-326-3736.

Feb 1, 2015 - Jan 31, 2016 - GA posted 01/28

Cater Parrott Railnet

SERO will be having motorcar car runs on the Cater Parrott Rail net from Valdosta to Willacoochee and from from Madison to Newborn on various dates contact EC's [Will Thompson](#) EC Home 229-723-8231 or Cell 229-359-5701 or Frank Ahouse 229-886-4707

Jan 1, 2015 through Feb 1, 2016 - TX posted 09/05

Capitol Metro Transportation

Railroad Partners, Inc. will host NARCOA motorcar runs from Llano, TX to Scobee Spur, TX – Approx. 54 miles RT. or McDade, TX to near Giddings, TX – approx 23 miles RT on various dates. (EC)[Leland Stewart](#) 210-863-5397

Feb 1, 2015 through Feb 1, 2016 - TX posted 01/11

Mississippi Delta Railroad

SERO will be having NARCOA motorcar runs and work days on various dates on the Mississippi Delta RR between Swan Lake, Clarksdale and Lula Mississippi. Contact E.C. [Chris Thompson](#), phone (251) 463-3270.

Feb 1, 2015 through Dec 31, 2015 - CA posted 02/03

Amador Central Railroad

RRCHS will be having NARCOA Motor Car Runs open to all licensed motorcar operators and Work Parties from lone to Martell on various dates throughout the year for members. Please contact EC [Tom Correa](#) for information and times/dates on the work parties and runs.

SUPPLIERS

If you are a supplier of motorcar parts and wish to be included here, please contact the Editor. No endorsement is made of the products, services, or vendors. All listings are for members' consideration only, and are at the discretion of the Editor.

Carey Boney, Careyboney@embarqmail.com or Carey Boney, 1605 Powers RD. , Wallace, NC 28466 phone 910-285-7489. Engine parts for RQ,QBA,ROB,ODB, ROC and parts for F-4,C-5,F-6 and C-8 carburetors. Frame and some body parts.

Brown Railroad Equipment / Dan Brown, www.brownrr.com. 4 Amersham Court, Glen Carbon, IL 62034. (618) 288-6698. The entire remaining Fairmont factory inventory of motorcar parts was bought by Brown when Fairmont stopped making motorcars in the early 1990's. Web site has NOS inventory look up by part number. Over 200 cars for sale. Se hablé español.

Railroad Motor Car Resource Library / Doug Cummins, rrstuff@hawaiihost.us 1146 W. 27th St. Independence, MO 64052-3222. Library of rail motorcar manuals, performance sheets, parts lists, maintenance instructions.

H & H Mfg. CO. hhimaparts@aol.com (707) 887-7181 Full service machine shop and manufacturer of after-market Fairmont parts. Large supply of new and used Fairmont and Onan parts including transmissions, engines, brake and drive sprockets. Frame and aluminum door and side panels. Assorted rail motorcar project cars for sale.

Tom Falicon Raildawg@gte.net 1227 Sawmill Creek Rd, Bryson City, NC 28713 ph: 828-488-8063 after six. Fairmont Billet Shift Knobs.

Fredericksburg Shops, fredshops@earthlink.net or www.fredericksburgshops.com or 209 Creamery Rd., Fredericksburg, Ohio 44627, phone: 330-465-0713 2PM-6PM Eastern time. Newly manufactured motor car parts and accessories. Many original producers identified, and their parts are again for sale. Shop also does car repair. Formerly Les King & Company.

Model T coils for 2-cycle cars Improved design Model T ignition coils for all Fairmont 2-cycle motorcar applications. These coils are built inside of a sealed plastic weatherproof case with the proper wiring clips to match the timer clips. These are top quality USA made and will work on either 6 or 12-volt applications. No ballast resistor is required. \$110.00 each. Please add \$10.00 for shipping via priority mail. Randy Rundle, Fifth Avenue Antique Auto Part, 415 Court Street, Clay Center, KS 67432. phone 785-632-3450. fifthaveinternetgarage.com

L&S Speeder Repair and Restoration heatmor@itctel.com 17504 438th Ave., Henry, SD 57243 phone (605)532-3470. Custom motorcar trailers - will build to your specifications.

Dave Myers at: dave@redspeeder.com or 928-380-7056 MT-19 Temporary Axle splint. Fairmont transmission sprockets, and special sprockets of interest when re-powering a car with non Onan engines.

Tom Phair tom@phairs.net phone (925) 820-4159 Complete line of the David Clark Company Intercom systems and railroad type Motorola Radios; new double chain sprocket kits, large inventory of NOS Fairmont parts. Some motorcars for sale.

Fairmont OEM seats. These are the original seats manufactured for Fairmont U.S. cars Black, folding tubular frame with walnut Naugahyde and dual density foam. The most comfortable seat you will ever find. \$199.95 plus USPS shipping. Also available are seat backs, (\$84.95) and seat cushions (@\$99.95) and seat frames (@\$117.00.) Call Clinton Andrews (313) 822-2000 or ClintonAndrews@comcast.net. Note: Because of manufacturer's price increases, this is the last batch at this price

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NARCOA has combined everything into a one stop shopping location for all your NARCOA gear.

To place an order please contact **Dan Page**
 6432 Mukai Ct. Huntington Beach CA 92647-6160
 (714) 847-5906 dan.h.page@gmail.com

Narcoa Safety Vest - \$15.00 + S/H each in sizes M, L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL.



Reproduction Fairmont Data Plates - These plates fit on the engine cover. They are correct for late 1930's to late 1960's cars. M9 M14 M19 S2 ST2 A3 A5 59C - maybe others. \$6.00 per plate except Membership plate which is \$3.00 + S/H.



Wheel Inspection Tools - The clear plastic wheel profile is necessary to determine if the wheel is flat, thin in the flange area, or has wear between the flange and the flat section of the tread. Use the wheel profile as your first step in diagnosing "hunting" on the rails. Use two of the clear plastic wheel profiles to determine track gauge. The stainless steel caliper is necessary to determine if you have the required 1/8" minimum wheel thickness.

One plastic wheel profile is \$11 + S/H.
 Two plastic profiles are \$17 + S/H.

Stainless steel wheel calipers with laser printing (they'll outlast your grandson!) are \$30 each including+ S/H. One plastic profile and one stainless steel wheel caliper go for \$35+ S/H. The new calipers have a bold mark at the 1/8" minimum. The new stainless steel calipers are shown below.



NARCOA Lanterns Trainman's lanterns produced by Star Headlight and Lantern. They are the model 292, which features a bright halogen lamp along with a conventional bulb. A standard 6 volt lantern battery is required (not included). The body is orange plastic with the NARCOA name, motorcar logo, and "Safety First" imprinted. The lamps are an effective tool for night signaling and make great presentation items for our railroad hosts. Cost is \$29.00 each + S/H

Special purchase - add \$5.50 to each lantern purchased if you would like a D cell x 4 battery adapter which eliminates the need to use the 6 volt lantern battery. There is no additional shipping cost for these adapters when purchased with a lantern.



NARCOA now has an LED version of the lantern. The LED is brighter, lasts longer and uses less energy. Also increased vibration resistance will extend life of the LED bulb. LED version is \$39.00 + S/H and comes in safety green. Regular lanterns are available in safety orange and yellow.

