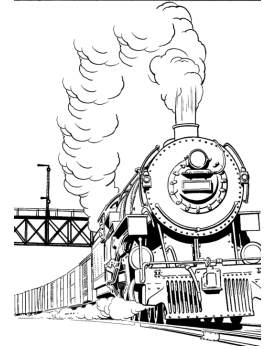




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Lots of Work Being Done At R.R. Park

Meeting Minutes

Bob M. Gave the financial report. Everything is in order. The yearly insurance bill came and will be paid. The track assignments were finalized. Equipment was moved to the proper tracks on June 1st. More track space was allocated for t-rails in the front buildings. Members are reminded to move their equipment forward on their track. We will put t-rails in open spaces on the end of tracks. We want to have train sets road ready for hauling passengers. Turn-outs were serviced on the work weekend. The double track bridge was serviced and track leaving the bridge was raised to even the grade. Our buildings need to have the trim repainted and the fence by the bathrooms need paint. We are going to take care of this. Planning is ongoing for Trainfest. We know this is a big commitment. We know that we will need better participation for this event. We had several pieces of equipment donated for use during our work weekend.

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A Message From MLES Safety Director

Date: May 18, 2014

To: MLES Members

Subject: Turnouts at R.R. Park

This weekend all of the main line switches (except a couple where the ballasting was going on) were lubed and adjusted. They and the lollipop switch stands were oiled and then sprayed with WD-40, on moving parts and metal tie plates, where the points scrape. Then the point springs were adjusted for tension so a wooden flat car that has the aluminum MLES trucks would pass through the closed switch and not derail.

This being said, in a few weeks, when the oil has gone away, the switch points MAY not close fully when thrown. IF this happens, the thing NOT to do is to increase the spring tension, The thing TO DO is to lube the switch. I have left the can of WD-40 on the bench of the Trainfest Building. A lot of work has been put into these switches. Lets keep them operating well.

Brad Smith
Safety Director

It was very much appreciated. If we would have had more people show up we could have gotten even more accomplished. The BOD meeting was held April 24th. Bob M. ordered a lock box from the fire department to secure a key. This will allow them access to the park in an emergency. Bylaws were discussed and will be updated in the future.
Sec. Pat C.

VP News Express

May was a busy month at RR Park. Turnouts have been cleaned and adjusted. We hauled over 80 tons on ballast Track surfacing and leveling was done. Also got the first weed spray treatment done. Our work weekend went well even though low membership turnout. See photos from the work weekend. June is here and RR Park is open for the season. Besides having fun running trains there is still plenty of work to be done. Please come out on Wednesday evenings weather permitting. Our first Steamup was help on June 1st. Also we are now holding the meetings at RR Park for the summer. Please check your Gazette for times. Hope to see you all at the meeting.
David G.

Calendar

Spring Steam Up
Railroad Park
June 1
11:00 AM to 4 P.M.

Gehrke's RR Open House
West Bend, WI
June 7 - 8
11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Membership Meeting
RAILROAD PARK
Jackson, WI
June 13
6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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M.L.E.S. June Meeting: Friday, June 13, 2014

The Regular meeting of the M.L.E.S. will be held at the
2620 N. Country Aire Drive, Cedarburg, WI., at 6:30 p.m.
See you all there!

If you have a presentation, or know of someone with an interesting program, please give our
program director, Ed Kofroth, a call at 414-425-7945.
He'd be glad to follow up on speakers or outings for club meets

Work Weekend May 17 & 18 Railroad Park



