

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
September 1984

NOTE: Meeting date changed from the first Tuesday of September to the second Tuesday of September due to Labor Day. The meeting will be held September 11, 1984 at 7 p.m. in Caesar's Lounge at the Muskegon Community College. Coffee & rolls as usual. The program for the meeting will be movies shown by Jerry Tyler. He has some oldies but goodies train movies.

Summer is about over and there are many activities coming up in the next few months. The first thing coming up is our rummage sale set for the 15th of September and we need all of your help. For those of you that have had good intentions of getting things ready to donate for the sale, now is the time. You can bring your items to the meeting on the 11th or call 726-2606 or 798-2331 to make arrangements to bring in your articles. If you have items too large, call either of the above numbers and we will arrange pick up of your items. Lets all get on this as we need a good sale to help the club. The sale will be held at the fire barn on Clay Avenue in Heritage Village.

October the 20th will see some of us going to Heston, Indiana for the live steam meet. Bill Sprecken and Glen Cryderman will be there with one of the engines they have built and there will be many more there from the tri-state area. If you haven't made the trip, you are missing a great time. We will be doing some filming for our upcoming tv series.

Work is due to commence on our building shortly now that we have some funds available. We do not have nearly enough to complete our building plans but do have enough to get started so work sessions will be held as often as possible. Jim Funnell will have more information on this at the meeting.

Fund raising program to start shortly to try to raise the money to purchase the diesel switcher from the C. & O. Railroad. There is also a possibility of obtaining an ex Grand Trunk Western steam engine for the club if money can be raised. We need the help of all members and other interested parties in attempting to raise the money for either or both of these engines.

At present, our status at the depot is rather up in the air what with the sale of the depot to Shaw-Walker company. Hopefully by the time of the meeting we will have some general idea as to what their plans are and how we stand in relation to keeping our rolling stock on the tracks by the depot.

West Michigan Railroad Historical Society will meet on the 13th of September at their renovated depot in Sparta. Some of us will be going to the meeting and if anyone would like to go contact one of the club officers.

Hope you all had a great summer. Will be looking forward to a big turnout on the 11th. See you there.