

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
P.O. BOX 765, Muskegon, Mi. 49443

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The May meeting will be held at the Muskegon Heritage Ass'n. office at 561 W. Western Ave. Meeting time is 7 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Our program for the May meeting will be 16 mm. movies. Gordon Lydeksen will show some movies he shot back in the early 50's and includes shots of #6323, #5628, #2684 and also some from around Durand. We will also have a movie supplied by Kalmbach titled THE MAGIC OF MODEL RAILROADING. A third movie from the National Railroad Historical Society will feature trolleys. Should be a super program.

On Saturday the 27th we again started #5208 and it spent most of the afternoon shuttling back and forth from the depot down to the mainline switch and back. Several of the members got their chance to take the controls under the supervision of Bob Kersch. The rolling stock by the depot has been shifted around bringing the flat car with the lifeboat to the front track between the engine and caboose. The older caboose was shifted to the back track.

We have a request from the committee in charge of the rolling stock. They would like each of you to bring a roll or two of paper towels to the meeting and donate to the group for cleaning journal boxes and repacking.

Brad will also be taking orders for t-shirts with 5208 CREW on them. Color will be yellow with blue lettering. Cost will be \$6.00 apiece and we need a minimum order of 36 shirts so bring in your \$6.00 and order a 5208 CREW shirt. At present he has orders for 6 shirts so we need 30 more to put in our order.

Two of our members have been in the hospital within the past few weeks. Bill Sprecken was in Mercy Hospital a couple weeks ago with a heart problem but is home now and is doing quite well but is going to have to cut down on some of his activities. Frank Anthony is in Tucson Arizona and had one or more coronary attacks and has recently had by-pass surgery. The latest report is that he is doing well and will be returning to Michigan in the near future. Look forward to seeing both of you soon.

Mayfest is coming up soon - May 19th to be exact. I believe we will again have the same large room that we have had for the past two years. Hopefully many of our members will participate as this is a good opportunity to show the people in this area who we are and what we are trying to do. If you have anything you would like to display please contact one of your club officers.

Last month we had a good turnout for our meeting at which we honored Mr. Lou Eklund for his donation of funds to purchase 5208. Brad & Mindy baked a cake in the shape of the engine & decorated it accordingly. Mr Eklund was also presented with an HO model of the engine. Brad painted and lettered the HO model.

Hopefully next month we will be meeting upstairs in our own quarters - if we have the electricity in at that time.

Kent Mc Faden