



MRHS MAINLINE

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Further Reminisces of

Roy Ashley

Submitted by Kent McFaden

Continued from the December 2005

MRHS Mainline

...From Edmonton I went to Elko, B.C. The railroad was well up on the side of the mountain & there was not station. From the place where passengers were discharged, a very steep path led down to the flat land beside the Kootenay River, where the saw mill was located. I could not carry my heavy cases down and keep my footing, so I half walked and half slid down the path, letting the cases slide down beside me. The train was scheduled to return about four in the afternoon, but they said it was often late. Having completed my business that afternoon, I started for the railroad as it would have been impossible to get up there after the train came in sight. It had been fairly easy to come down the path, but when I stood there and looked up I knew I had a problem. To carry the cases up, even one of them, was out of the question. So I took one of them, scrambled up, inching the case up on the ground beside me. After reaching the top I slid down and repeated the process. Then, sitting on one of the cases I began waiting. I waited and waited. It began to grow dark and me hungry, when one of the mill hands came up with a big double beefsteak sandwich. -Oh boy! I sat there in the

dark until about eight o'clock, when I heard the train whistle for the station. You may be sure I stood plainly in the glare of the headlight.

Save the Receipts... Points for Profit Program Begins for the MRHS

A new program has begun, and it could have wonderful financial benefits for the MRHS. The program, entitled "Points for Profit" will allow us to shop at local businesses, save our receipts, turn them into points, and then the points become profit! All we have to do is SAVE THE RECEIPT! When you shop at a participating business, save the receipt, turn it in to your MRHS Board Members, and we will turn it in to the program. The collection of receipts is not limited just to club members, so get your family, friends and anyone else you know to give you the receipts. The current listing of sponsoring businesses is highlighted elsewhere in the newsletter, and you can check out the web site www.pointsforprofit.com for more information.

Bylaws and Policies Committee Update

The Bylaws and Policies Committee continues to work diligently to develop a new set of bylaws and policies for the MRHS. The bylaws are mostly finished, and over 16 policies are under development. If you have opinions on

January Meeting Program

**The Last Steam Train
From Durand to Detroit**
Presented by Nick Korstrange

**Tuesday, January 3, 2006
7:00 PM
Don't Miss It!**

the way the MRHS is governed, let your voice be heard and talk with a committee member.

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Secretary: Thomas Van Bruggen
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Jamie Morrison
Jim Funnell

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MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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2006 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

INDIVIDUAL (\$20 YEARLY)

FAMILY - SPOUSE AND CHILDREN UNDER 18 (\$30 YEARLY)

SPOUSES NAME: _____

CHILD _____ AGE _____ CHILD _____ AGE _____

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Modeling Interests

- N HO O S
 Z LARGE SCALES
 STATIC DISPLAY
 MODULAR
 OTHER

Historical Interests

- PRESERVATION
 PROTO
 OPERATIONS
 COMPANIES
 ROUTES
 OTHER

THE MRHS ENCOURAGES THE PRESERVATION OF PROTOTYPE RAILROAD EQUIPMENT & STRUCTURES FOR THEIR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, PROVIDES A PLACE FOR MEMBERS TO CONSTRUCT A RAILROAD MUSEUM AND MODEL RAILROAD LAYOUTS, AND



Prez Sez
By President Thomas Anderson
2005 Highlights

2005 was a very busy and active year for the MRHS. Following are some of the highlights for the MRHS:

- January-
New Board and Budget approved
Hosted NMRA Division 4 with 3 member layout tours
- February-
Inventory of MRHS property located off-site begins
- March-
Spring Train Show nets approx. \$1400 for the club
- April-
MRHS helps the Coopersville & Marne Railroad with track maintenance
- May-
Postcards developed to highlight and advertise the MRHS
- June-
Bylaws and Policies committee formed to review and update MRHS governing documents
- July-
MRHS hosts the Muskegon Lions and Hackley Library groups for tours of our facilities
- August-
Annual membership meeting held at the Coopersville and Marne Railroad with a charter train ride
- September-
Fall Train Show brings in over \$2300, much of which came from sale of portions of a large HO layout donation
- October-
Old Hackley Park Train holiday display originally purchased by the MRHS and Muskegon Heritage Association is obtained for repairs and rebuilding
- November-
MRHS represented and showcased at the Holland Train Show, resulting in Calvin College TV interview
- December-
Holiday Open Houses highlight the Christmas Season. New MRHS calendars are created. A new Board of Directors is elected.

Lets all work together to make 2006 even better!

Compiled from the Presidents Report at the December 2005 General Membership Meeting by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen

Prez, Tom

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**Points for Profit...
 Sponsoring Businesses**

**BONUS KICK OFF
 PROMOTION...**

Any receipt in December earns the normal 200 points per dollar spent, plus a bonus 50,000 for each receipt! Start Shopping!

- Brutus' BBQ-Steakhouse
New Harvey St location
- Cool Stuff Gift Shop-
Sherman across from Applebee's
- Van's Car Wash & Quick Lube-
Sherman/Apple/Whitehall Rd
- Advanced Hearing: hearing aids, etc.
Holton Rd, just west of US 31
- Investment & Retirement Consulting
Group
Call 231-798-007 for consultation
- North Muskegon Eye Care
301 Center, just off Four Corners
- Shoreline Insurance
875 W. Broadway, Roosevelt Park
- Carnival Cruise Lines
Save the receipt from your cruise!
- Studio Creations of America

More businesses to come...

**Member News and
 Donations to the Club**

DUES...DUES...DUES

January is the month to get you 2006 dues paid. Fill in the form below and send in your dues for the year! Don't lose the privilege of using the library, running the layouts, and receiving discounts at hobby shops.

For those that have paid, your membership cards will come with your February 2006 MRHS Mainline Newsletter!

New Books and Donations:

- Where the Tracks Cross on the GTW in Durand, MI
- Michigan Central RR Station Record of train movements 1931- Donated by Andy Busard
- 6 foot map of Grand Rapids trackage, including yards- Donated by John Rothwell

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Calendar of Events

- Friday and Saturday, Dec 30-31 2005
 Toy and Hobby Show at
 Novi Expo Center
 (96 and Beck Rd, Novi)
- Tuesday, January 3 2006
 MRHS General Membership Meeting
- Saturday, January 7, 2006
 Riverbend Annual Train Show
 New Location 5625 Burlingame
 Grand Rapids
- Tuesday, January 10, 2006 7:00 PM
 MRHS Bylaws Committee
- Tuesday, January 17, 2006
 MRHS Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 7, 2006 7:00 PM
 MRHS General Membership Meeting
- Sunday, February 12, 2006
 Lansing Model RR Club
 Open House 1-5pm
- Saturday-Sunday, February 18/19 2006
 Ann Arbor Model RR Club Show
 7190 N. Maple, Saline MI
- Tuesday, February 21, 2006 7:00 PM
 MRHS Board Meeting
- Saturday-Sunday, March 4/5, 2006
 Great American Train Show
 Novi Expo Ctr.
 March 26th - MRHS Show, Walker
 Arena, Muskegon MI

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Discounts, Library Access, Layout
 Access to name a few...

Get your dues in so you don't lose these privileges of membership.

If you have a check mark by your name on the envelope, your dues **have not been** paid for 2006

**Individual Membership:
 \$20/Year**
**Family Membership:
 \$30/Year**

2006 MRHS Officers

- President: Tom Anderson H: 744-9782
W: 773-6411
- V. Pres: Steve Bowyer 788-3876
- Treasurer: Andy Busard 755-6298
- Secretary: Thomas Van Bruggen 767-8177
- Director: Jim Beal 722-2599
- Director: Jamie Morrison (616) 780-4914
- Director: Jim Funnell 744-1979

