

# RUN 8

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## President's Message

by Jerry Michels

Time is short this month, so I'm going to present the news in bullet form. Thanks to all who helped decorate for Christmas. The club is ready for the show. Thanks to Bob Roth for handling some of the advertising duties. I really appreciate his help this year. Thanks also to the members who have signed up for the show. I truly understand that this is a busy time of the year, and signing up for specific slots during the show is sometimes a hardship. Thankfully, we have a good group of people who are willing to take on this responsibility. To those of you who haven't taken the time to sign up, have you given a thought to those other members who are covering for you? How about signing up for at least some time slot? If everything works out, a final schedule should be attached to this issue of Run 8. There will also be a schedule posted at the club.

**Land Purchase Moves On.** The survey for the land has been completed, and the survey has been sent to TSTC in WACO. We hope to close through a title company in the near future. We will be buying a little over 10 acres of land.

**Helium Car.** We have run into somewhat of a snag here. The car is actually in Amarillo, but the BNSF doesn't want to move it, supposedly, because of antiquated brakes. The car was mistakenly sent from Excel to Amarillo. If we can work out the move from the Amarillo yards to TSTC, we have permission to store the car at the pallet plant until we can get the turnout replaced on our land.

**PFE Reefers.** The 1962 scheme is in. Ads will be in Model Railroader in the January, February and March issues. We received a nice write-up on the cars in the latest issue of the Union Pacific Historical Society *Streamliner*.

**Display Cabinets.** Member George Bates has set aside two very nice display cabinets that were scheduled to be scrapped by the Discovery Center. In addition, as the Discovery Center continues its renovation, other items may become available.

**OKC Train Show.** For those of you going to the

we will have a booth and will have the PFE cars for sale (and some cement cars too, I hope!). If any member has a display case we can borrow, let me know. We'd like to have a display of the built-up cars rather than just showing them on the table or in the boxes. As of now, I believe the following people are going to the show: Skip Smith, Virgil Young, Joe Sweeney and Bob Roth. I would encourage you fellows (and anyone else going to the show) to get together and make a bit of a schedule together so the booth is manned during the show. I won't be able to make it this year due to the other three out-of-town trips between now and Christmas, but I'll be able to put in some additional time at the show.

Although I'll see most of you during the show, I want to take this opportunity to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Looks like we'll have a nice Christmas present if the land deal goes through soon.

## Secretary's Report

by Virgil Young

Amarillo Railroad Museum Business Meeting  
November 4, 1999, Western Plaza

President Michels called the meeting to order at 7:59 PM. There were 16 members present. President Michels asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last meeting as published in Run 8. There being none, the minutes stand approved as published.

President Michels called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Smith reported the following for the month of October:

Beginning Balance:	\$8,071.58
Income:	\$1,683.90
Expenses:	(\$1,187.31)
Closing balance:	\$8,568.17

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Value of ARM's mutual funds (11-2-99)	
Select	\$12,927.27
Ultra	\$12,712.34
Heritage	\$17,450.90
Total	\$43,090.51

Financial report on PFE cars	
Expenses:	(\$5,513.32)
Income:	\$4,300.85

Balance:	(\$1,212.47)
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The Roberts Street property is sold and the club has \$4,326.55 added to its treasury. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

The helium car donated to the Amarillo Railroad Museum was sent to Amarillo by mistake. The car, number NHAX 1242, is sitting in the Amarillo yard. Member Tom Jones talked with the yardmaster Earl Crow. Earl said that the brake system on our car is obsolete and they cannot move it out of the yard in its present condition. He also said that several other cars, slated for Edwards Air Force Base, will have to be repaired before those cars can be sent. Another possibility is for the club to hire a truck with a heavy-duty trailer, and have the car transported to our site at the old air base. President Michels had talked with Jeff Ford, president of TPRHS, about working in cooperation to have both of the helium cars moved to Amarillo. President Michels does not know what effect the latest developments will have.

The 1962 PFE paint scheme kits are in. These kits have the billboard lettering to the right of the side doors. It is not clear when the 1960s Northern Pacific scheme kits will arrive. It is hoped that they will be here before the Oklahoma City Train Show. President Michels said that a billboard scheme kit had been sent to Dick Bale, Editor of Rail Line News, who will report on the car in a later issue. A member reported that the company which publishes Rail Model Journal has been sold. Robert Schleicher, Editor, will remain in his present position.

President Michels called the club's attention to the work schedule posted at the front of the room. He urged members to sign up for at least twenty four hours of work. President Michels said that ads will be placed with newspapers, TV and radio stations. Member Bates said that as a non-profit organization, we could get a free one-week ad on the TCA Cable Advertising Channel. President Michels announced that we would decorate for the Christmas Show at the November 18 Thursday night meeting.

President Michels said that another project the club should undertake is to sort all of the model railroad magazines, set aside one good copy of each month for the club library and box the rest for sale at the Oklahoma

City Train Show. He announced that the club will have tables at the Oklahoma City Train Show for selling PFE cars and, hopefully, Northern Pacific reefers. Model railroad magazines would fit right in.

There was some mention of buildings and rolling stock for the raffle layout. Director Sowle pointed out that all cars should be 40 foot or shorter since the curve radius is so small. The club will add two or three of the cement cars.

President Michels praised the Lockheed-Martin model railroad club's layout and said that we could schedule a visit some weekend. The Trinity Industries tour might also be included. He said that April would be a good month to schedule these visits.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virgil Young, Secretary





