

MTTV Annual Meeting
Museum of Transportation
January 26, 2013

Neil opened the meeting at 2:30 PM

In attendance:

Neil Norkaitis	John Crafton	Bob Leight	Wayne Rovig
Charlie Jones	Jack Jenkins	David Wilkins	Vince Love
Al Weber	Walter Henkel	Andy Sisk	Nick Spencer
Rocky Mastrorocco	Bob O'Neill	Joseph Spencer	Calvin Blanksteen
Noel Moss	Kelvin Wilke	David Stephens	Harry Kelly
Ron Gawedzinski	Bill Heger	Dan Sheerin	Steve Siegerist
Ron Nelson	June Schaefer	Wallace Dittrich	Neil Middendorf
Mike Jones	Chris Hampel	John Evans	David Beardsley

Guests: Bob Eastin

Report by Neil:

Financial report for 2012:

Neil went over the numbers for 2012. Even though we had a lot of cancellations due to extreme heat, our farebox donations were good. Total income of \$5035 exceeded expenses of \$4640, so, we're in good shape. Copies of the financial details were available for interested members.

Car 44: This car had a serious derailment last year. It will be examined and evaluated soon to determine whether or not it can be repaired.

Carl Horn: Carl suffered a head injury today while working on an MTTV project. He was hospitalized and more information will be available later.

PCC 1743: Restoration work is still progressing, although, not as fast as hoped for. More help is always needed, both physically and financially.
Thanks to Andy Sisk for the new picture at right.



Ride Program: Ride tickets are not required for trolley rides. We depend on farebox donations to help support our programs.

Fence by the Snowplow: Neil will continue efforts to get this done to ensure safe conditions around the loop.

Track Extension: Progress has slowed down significantly. A new budget is being developed to help TMA and MTTV to improve planning and progress.

Stopping at the Rubber Switch: The practice of eastbound trolleys stopping at the switch is to be continued this year. Stopping and checking the position of the switch is the safe way and the required way.

TMA Public Relations Plans: Bob Eastin told our group that new PR advertising plans will include more information about our trolley operations along with other museum features and activities.

Report by Charlie:

Thanks to all of our operators who kept the cars moving during 2012! In spite of record heat and mechanical problems, trolley service was provided with a minimum of cancellations.

Nine of our operators worked 15 or more shifts during the 2012 season.

Of these, five worked 20 or more shifts.

Two of them worked more than 50 shifts: Rocky Mastrorocco 56! And, Walter Henkel, 51!

Judging by our donations, we had plenty of pleased patrons which means that all of you gave them enjoyable rides aboard our streetcars!

Our Monthly Newsletter, **“MTTV News Loop”** will be continued in 2013. Pictures or other Input from MTTV members is needed and appreciated. More input (including pictures) from the restoration crew is needed.

2013 shift scheduling will be about the same as 2012. **Trolley operations will be scheduled on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, beginning on Saturday, March 30th.**

Additional shifts on holidays or for special groups will be arranged as needed.

Training dates:

Our spring training for streetcar operators will be:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 14, 15, 16, Thursday, March 21, and Saturday, March 23. Training begins at 9:00 AM on each date. Training schedule choices will be sent out sometime soon.

Fund Raising Auctions: I've had some past success in auctioning a few things to raise money for MTTV projects. If you'd like to donate something to be auctioned this way, I'll be glad to handle the communications for it. Railway related items are preferred, but, other things will be considered.

MTTV Roster: Members were asked to review the latest roster to verify that their contact information is correct.

Topics from the Floor:

Vince suggested reproducing a vintage streetcar transfer to be used as a handout along with the MTTV brochure. He will work on this idea.

Rocky reminded us that you don't get many farebox donations unless you ask for them. There was general agreement on this point.

Neil said that he would appreciate help from one of our senior operators to do some “on the tracks” training this year. Noel Moss said that he would do a couple of days.

Vince said that operators who wear traditional uniforms or dress neatly enhance our image with the public. Lacking a uniform, black or dark trousers, white shirt, and clip-on bowtie may be possible for most operators. Neil agreed and mentioned that this also gives us the “look of authority” that makes riders, especially children, pay attention to our words. For those interested in uniforms, Bill Heger gave me the website address of a trolley uniform supplier. It is: <http://www.trolleyville.com/transquip/jump.shtml>

Neil asked for a volunteer to act as liaison to TMA Electronic Communications efforts. He will get MTTV news info into the webpage, emails to members and other network social sites. Bob O'neill said that he would do this job.

Al asked that new people who are interested in joining MTTV stay after the meeting to get “signed up”.

Adjourned at 3:40 PM

Charlie Jones
MTTV Scheduler