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Opportunity is Knocking!

The recent passing of a Lincoln County School District Bond measure for needed capitol improvements has placed some 39 portable classrooms on the "to be removed" schedule. Each classroom measures approximately 24'x46', have a handicap approved restroom, air conditioning and heating. A committee of YPRHS members toured several of the buildings available. They agreed that the above units (two attached 28x40's) at the Toledo Elementary school were in prime condition



for potential reuse. The units were new in 1980. The committee was then expanded and are wrestling with a number of issues, namely:

- School District would like to see these units gone a.s.a.p. to start construction.
- Although the units are free, an early bid indicates that it would cost about \$15,000 to "unmarry, move, and remarry" on selected site. According to District all 39 units, including the above have been spoken for. Units in Newport, Toledo and Waldport will be salvaged this year. Those in Lincoln City in 2012.
- YPRHS presently has no property but leases one lot from the City of Toledo. The remaining lawn South of the Post Office would accommodate one unit.
- Based on an earlier relationship established with the Port of Toledo for submission of an ODOT million dollar grant for Transportation Museum and Riverfront pedestrian Pathway, YPRHS has stated their desire for Port's agreement to lease the originally planned 100x28 footprint to set up the units. The best location would be East of the present "One Spot" facility. The units would be modified to resemble many of the architectural components of the original Toledo train depot. Plans would be approved by the Ports' design committee and an appropriate lease agreement established.

(see initial design on page 2)

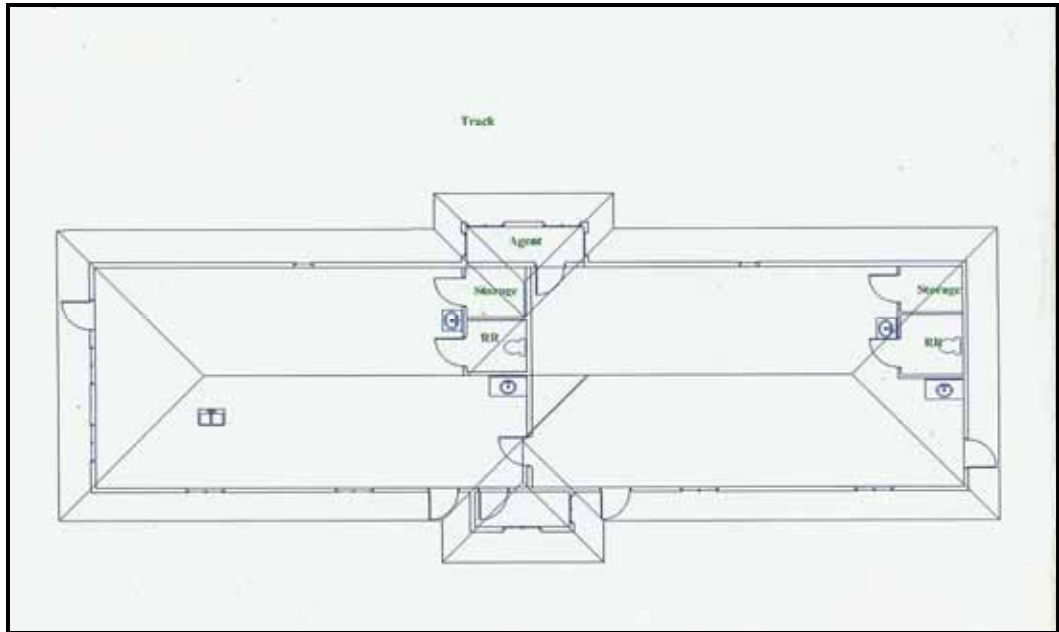
- A cost estimate is being developed by a local contractor for improvements.
- YPRHS would need to mount a substantial fund raising campaign to accomplish the project goals.
- On 6/9/2011 the Port broke ground on a new park and facility funded by Oregon State Parks and Recreation Dept. Part of that committed property is the same YPRHS is looking to lease.
- This facility would greatly expand YPRHS mission capability. With that said, the committee must also wrestle with the prioritization of the ongoing projects tabled for completion, i.,e. "One Spot" restoration, laying of spur track, and timeline development.

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President Bill Bain, using a software program, began some initial drawings for consideration of our classroom conversion project. This rendition shows two classrooms (each 24'x46.5) with hip roof similar to early depot design, with a wing attached to both east (trackside) and west (parkside) of unit. At present there are no windows in the units on the East



side. Any style of window treatments could be used. Existing windows are all double glass. In addition, the structure would need to have additional elevation to accommodate flood plain issues, plumbing and electrical run to the structure. Total footprint of this design would be approximately 24x93 not counting roof overhang. The plan drawing below shows the existing configuration of the classrooms. In addition to the bathroom in each unit, there is also a small kitchen unit with several sinks. A storage unit next to the restroom could be converted to an additional restroom in each unit. There is only one supporting pillar in each room, other than that the room is clear of obstructions. The ceiling is a suspended ceiling tile with installed fluorescent lighting. The heating/air exchange units are built-in wall units, west side.



204th Meeting of the YPRHS, Held on May 20th, 2011 at Union Hall, Toledo, OR.

Called to order at 1730 Hrs. Present: Bill Bain, President, Lane Plotner, Vice President, Tom Chandler, Conductor, Allan Preece, Treasurer, Mark Seibert, Secretary. Bob Topham, National Director, Edna Abbott, Leonard Freidberg, James Spang, Ralph Grutzmacher, Bob Demming and guest Brian Plotner. Misty Lambrech , Alt.National Director Stephen L. Wasby, in absentia. Accolades to Bob Topham for landscaping and Brian Plotner for paint work. Leonard is funded with us for another year. Minutes of the 203rd. Meeting accepted as posted.

Old Business. National Train Day Debriefing, Tom. It went well in spite of rainy weather. Edna ruled over the caboose and gave out good information to all present. G.P. mill tours a huge hit. Question as to why mill tours stopped. Answer was that after G.P. ceased lumber operations and became a paper mill, the tours became noisy and fairly dangerous to attend. Ralph stated that photo exhibitor was very enthusiastic and second photo person - a lady - sold pictures of train based graffiti. Ralph further stated that we oversold the children's activities and more preparation and development needs be done to better prepare for future efforts in this arena. The Renaissance Fair and Quilt Quest are both scheduled to return next year. Loose Caboose did a brisk business and use of the caboose bathroom leads us to explore options to better serve customers in regard to better sanitary facilities. Port District may have bathroom facilities available next year. It was unfortunate that we were unable to secure use of the track to use our rolling stock for this event. Negotiations continue and there is hope of future use. **Future of motorcar ownership by YPRHS, Tom.** Tom is concerned that it is difficult to access/use our rolling assets. Should we keep them, should we do something to allow easy use or should we sell them off to facilitate other projects? After some discussion, it was decided that we should keep the rolling stock and make covers over them that will allow easy access and provide both weather protection and security. Mark to contact member Dan Barrett concerning this and a cover over the disconnects. Report to come. **Extending our existing track is a tie-in with this concern.** It was also decided to make routine maintenance on these units a part of our monthly routine - first Saturday of the month at 12:00 noon is maintenance and running time for the units in question. Bill and Ralph will talk with P & W concerning associated issues and hope remains that we can get past this and on with our plans. **Library Archive Use From Website. Misty.** Pictures received. There is a possibility of copy right issues, but those pictures that are not identified as copy righted on the picture or verbally when presented to us are OK to use on the website. All pictures presented on the website are identified as for personal use only - no commercial use permitted. Lane will liaison with Peter at the library, assisted by Edna. Report at a later meeting. **NRHS Convention Participation, Bill & Tom.** West Coast needs participants. June 24th. Bill will be there - who else would like to attend? Tom will organize. Contact Tom if you want to go. **One Spot, Leonard.** Engineer side panel replaced and primed. Opposite side removed and primed. Progress continues. **RPO Roof, Brian.** Aluminum paint under the green top coat is causing it to peel. Preparations for repainting are well along. We need a cost estimate, please. **Caboose Roof is completed** and accolades to both Brian and Leonard for getting it done.

Highway 20 sign sponsorship. Greg and Barbara Smith will sponsor for 2011. East portal sign needs sponsor? \$100

New Business. New operating hours from June 1 though September 6th. We will try 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. to see how it works out. Sign up sheet to be posted in the Box Car. **We need to develop a simple one page Docents Guide** that hit's the high points of our exhibits. This is very important as the **primary job of our organization** is conducting tours and this cannot be effectively done without a standard guide available to all for use. **Portable Classroom Research, Bill. School measure passed. We can have classrooms and will I.D. the best ones for our use. We need a temp. site to put them on and Bill will talk with City about possible site. Bob will assist with this.**

Allan Preece served pizza. Bob Topham program included CSX Safety Training DVD module for contract workers.

Nominations for Parker Posey Perpetual Award to be made for 2011. Award made later.

List of 2011 Officers, Staff and Appointees (to date)

<i>President</i> - Bill Bain	<i>National Director</i> -Bob Topham	<i>Time Keeper</i> -Allan Preece
<i>Vice President</i> - Lane Plotner	<i>Chapter Historian</i> - Lloyd Palmer	<i>Senior Director</i> - John Keefer
<i>Secretary</i> - Mark Seibert	<i>Conductor</i> -Tom Chandler	<i>Webmaster</i> -Misty Lambrecht
<i>Treasurer</i> - Allan Preece	<i>C.C.B.W</i> -Leonard Freidberg	<i>Small Engines</i> - Lane Plotner

Owney Station Celebration

Special Pictorial Cancellation of “Owney” the Rail Post Office Dog Stamp

On the First Day of Release

July 27, 2011 10:00 to 7:00

Bring your Doggy to the Celebration



Back in the late 1800's a dog that became known as “Owney” adopted the Albany Post Office. He then began riding the Railway Post Office Cars with the mail and ended up going around the world twice. Each station that he spend some time in put a tag on his collar. With almost 1,000 tags, he was outfitted with a vest. He is known to have been the guest of honor at a Republican Convention, a Chicken Farmers convention and rode with Thomas Edison on the very first operating Ferris wheel at the Chicago Exposition.

Upon his death, he was taken to a taxidermist and resides now in the Smithsonian Postal Museum in Washington D.C.

The USPS is honoring Owney with a stamp of his own. Release Date July 27, 2011

Interested persons can leave self-addressed envelope for stamp and cancel in the RPO prior to event.

Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society is proud to present the Owney Station Celebration.

Stamp release and cancellation – 10:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Dog Agility Trials and Obedience Demonstrations – 2:00 to 6:00

Coloring contest winner awards – 6:00 P.M.

Owney Look-alike Contest at 4:00 P.M.

Food Booth and Special Events

Sponsors: Lincoln County Animal Shelter, Toledo Feed and Seed, Sue’s Dog Training, United States Post Office, Toledo Branch, *The Wavelength*, Toledo Rotary, 4-H

Contact: 541 336-5256 or yprhs@peak.org



Recent Donations

A well designed 4'x12' HO layout , self-contained on rolling wheels, has been given to YPRHS by Daryll Hadley. It has been put in storage as there is no place presently to display. It has numerous buildings, vehicles, rolling stock and scenery.

The black painted wooden train built by Bob Parks of Toledo, measures almost 6 feet in length. This is very sturdy and will be used in our education program



with Head Start children. They have little hands but big hearts and we challenge them to build a bridge for the train. Someone has indicated that it is too bad it has been painted all black. Maybe this is a project for an older youth group project.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

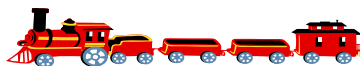
- *Member and "Board" meeting—June 17*
- *Toledo Summerfest—21 through 24*
- *July 27— Owney Mail Dog Stamp Cancellation*



Between storm clouds Brian Plotner and Leonard were able to mask SP RPO 5132. After a good deal of patching and scraping, Brian then applied two coats of oil based paint to the roof. Brian had done the entire car 3 years ago but found that the base coat of aluminum



Steel safety cable hooked to by Brian.



applied years ago to roof by original owners, SP, delaminated.