

Vice President's Report: John Carter requested ideas and volunteers for upcoming club meetings. The new ETSU meeting room has AV equipment that will facilitate the showing of VCR, CD, and DVD media and is equipped with sinks and chemical-resistant counter tops that will allow "how-to-build-this" type demonstrations.

President's Report: Fred Alsop thanked everyone for all their efforts that went into moving the club's layout from Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site to ETSU. He reminded everyone the top priority now is getting the N-scale layout up and running and that in addition to the regular Thursday night work schedules we will be putting in additional time on Saturdays (the latter in lieu of the time formerly spend operating the layout at T-H).

#### Old Business:

1. Hobie Hyder brought the new Atlas N&W caboose to donate to the club
2. Joe Roberts distributed a draft for a club calling chain and asked for corrections and/or additions.
3. John Carter got one set of Shortline wheel sets locally and has not yet ordered the remaining ones needed.
4. Mike Buster inquired as to the two passenger coaches to be donated to the club as memorial cars by Charles Causey so he could letter them. John Carter indicated he thought Charles was still trying to locate them in his inventory.

#### New Business:

1. Hobie will purchase a club appreciation plaque for Penny McLaughlin. Mike and Fred will draft the wording on it. The plaque will be presented at our June meeting.

2. The club will take Penny to dinner at Russo's Restaurant, 300 E. Main at our regular June 19 meeting. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. and Mike Buster will make the reservations.
3. ETSU Museum: Work schedule every Thursday night beginning around 5:00 p.m. and we will work on Saturdays (no scheduled time-just come when you can) with emphasis on the Bankus N-Scale layout. Members can work on their personal modules or on the N-scale at their convenience as we have 24/7 access to the room housing them just as we did at Tipton-Haynes. Lockbox combination is 4501. WE NEED FOR EVERYONE TO HELP GET THE MUSEUM OPEN AND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN THE LAYOUTS HAVE TO BE OPERATIONAL!! Members are encouraged to visit the Archives of Appalachia in the ETSU Library and make a list of the railroading photos we may want to have enlarged for display in the museum. Ideas for display items we may need to purchase are also sought (display cases, shelving, signage, RR memorabilia, etc.)

Announcements: Jim Milhorn, 527 Old Stage Road, 477-7955 is selling all his extensive HO scale train inventory (rolling stock, locomotives [some custom painted], track, power supplies, detail parts, decals, etc.). Call him and go by and pick out what you want at bargain discount prices.

May Meeting: Tuesday May 15, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in 312 Brown Hall, ETSU campus. (Note: President Fred Alsop will be out of state conducting workshops and VP John Carter will be presiding). Dinner for those who want to eat and enjoy some fellowship prior to the meeting at Ruby Tuesdays on State of Franklin at 5:45 p.m.



Here's a scenic idea – place a street festival right next to the tracks – it's both safe and fun – and the locomotives will drown the unwanted sounds from a poor band – Photo taken in Johnson City at the Blue Plum Festival Main Stage, June 3, 2007