



Where does this go? On November 5th, a good crew was able to put the XXth Annual Model Train Show modules away for another season. Thanks to all who came out to lend a hand. Shown here are members **Enstrom, Ferns, Kellerman, Staples, Marcos, Roof, Thomas, and Terhune**. (Meyer photo)

Transactions

Brief Instant Minutes of the November 8, 2017 SFMRRC meeting

1. Welcome. **President Ed Williams** welcomed everyone to the Santa Fe Children's Museum. He thanked secretary **Bob Spude**, our host for the evening, for the table full of Albertson Deli's finest sub sandwiches, chips and dip, fruit and cheese tray, water and cookies.

2. Meeting Guests and New Members. **President Williams** recognized new member **Joe Ascione**, who has been a modeler most of his life, is now looking into N scale, and looks forward to participating in club activities. Welcome! Guest **Frank Hoback** (spelling?) was interested in modeling, but was at the meeting looking for support to have the locomotive in the park repainted. **Paul Enstrom** and **Bernie Brock** were part of the group years ago that helped save the locomotive from removal and repaint it. **President Williams** asked them to work with him and see if there is something the club can do. They'll report back to the group.

3. Clinic: Model Making Industry. We began with a presentation by **Bill Gould** on his career in the model making industry. He gave a great presentation on that obviously innovative period of the 60s and 70s when he began as a teenager to enter the business, and the later operation of his Gould Models company. **Bill** dropped many familiar names and organizations in his presentations, and recalled many familiar events of that creative time. He said he was inspired at age 7 by a ride on the Empire Builder pulled by one of the last passenger steam locomotives, as well as by the mythic Fiddletown &

Copperopolis Railroad caricatured by artist Carl Fallberg, whom **Bill** met as a kid. He is now modeling that line in On30, one of the stops during this Saturday's open houses. Again, great talk with too many details to be captured here.

4. 2017 Fall Show at Hastings in DeVargas Mall & Plans for 2018. **President Williams** thanked everyone for their hard work in making the XXth show a success. Now, on to 2018. He tentatively has reserved the Hastings space again for our spring 2018 show. The initial discussion is to hold it the last weekend in April into May, for three weekends. The times will probably be the same as the fall show. This is only initial discussions with the mall. Stay tuned.

5. Dues and Treasurer's Report. Reminder: dues for 2018 are now due. **Gary Lee** asks that you mail your \$25 check, made out to SFMRRC, to him at 14 Loma Blanca, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506. The invoice is on the club web page and can be printed out and sent to him as well.

6. Children's Train Club. **John Harnisch** reports the Santa Fe Children's Museum Kid's Train Club meets this Saturday, November 11, from 10 to Noon. They are still looking for a volunteer to help the kid's with HO scale activities. If you wish to volunteer or have donations contact **John** at pjharnisch@msn.com.

7. November Open Houses--National Model Railroad Month **Vick Thomas**, coordinator, reports we have a good schedule for the November 11-12 open houses. The November 11, Saturday, open houses will be members' only event. We begin with breakfast at Café Fina near Eldorado then visit three layouts in the morning--**Hayden, Cover, Gould**--, then lunch will be at Tecolote café followed by three layouts in the afternoon--**Taylor, Haber, Rotto**. **Dave Jamriska** will host an open house at his home in Rio Rancho, November 12. Please visit the club web page for the schedule and maps. **Gould** reported we have reservations for 25 at Tecolote. **Hayden** reminded all the open houses will be open only during scheduled hours. If you're late, you're out of luck.

8. Christmas Train at First National Bank. **Mark Kellerman** and **Gary Lee**, met with the bank and are working out details. **Gary** prepared a sign-up sheet, which was passed out to the group at the meeting. Thanks to all who signed up. If you did not sign-up, the schedule will be posted on the club web page, which you can view and then let **Gary** know which times you are willing to take. The schedule is: set up Saturday December 9 starting at 9 with pizza at noon; operate Monday-Friday, December 11-December 15 from 9:30 a.m. to noon, then 1:30 to 4 p.m.; Monday-Friday December 18-December 22 same times; and finally Tuesday-Friday December 26-December 30 same times. Take down will be Saturday December 31, beginning at 9 a.m. Again contact him at lee.rg@wildblue.net to reserve a time slot.

9. Christmas Party. **Bill Flounders** has organized another great Christmas Party for December 10th, Sunday, starting at 6 and dinner at 7. The venue is Arabel's in the Agora shopping center in Eldorado. A flyer with menu has been emailed members. Please select a menu choice and send Bill a check (for \$20 per meal) and your choice at 11 Red Hills Lane, Santa Fe, NM, 87508.

10. Election. We hold the annual election each November. Unfortunately, no one has come forward to serve as president. **President Williams** has decided to ask a nomination committee to find a candidate. He has asked **Mark Kellerman, Dick Haber, Bob Spude, and Bob Hayden** to serve on the committee. Let them know if interested in serving.

11. Reminder Note 1: Santa's Village at Santa Fe Railyard Just a reminder from last meeting, from **Richard Moeller** that the RailRunner Santa's Village will be December 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Santa Fe Railyard. He will set-up the Santa Fe Children's Museum small Lionel interactive train layout as in the past, with the banner advertising the museum and the Santa Fe Model Railroad Club. The Railrunner provides volunteers to help him operate, but if you wish to lend a hand let **Richard** know (rsmoeler@cybermesa.com).

12. Questions, comments, ideas for the good of the Club.

Bill Flounders has sold his house and is moving to Tennessee, much to our great loss. He brought his N scale modules, which J T Terhune has agreed to store. He plans to leave January 1 or so.

The "Rails Along the Rio Grande" train show is November 18 and 19 at Sid Cutter Pilot Pavillion, Albuquerque. Details are on their facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Rails-Along-the-Rio-Grande-2017-1661926060780108/>

13. Door Prize. **Bill Flounders** hosted the last bingo drum door prize drawing. The ball malfunctioned, an omen or something like that, but he was able to pull out three names. **Cheryl Payson** offered her usual gift certificate and **Bill** brought two dollies to give away as part of the drawing. **Bill Gould** received the gift certificate, **Bernie Brock** one of the dollies, and **Tony Balano** the other. **Neil Wenthe** called for a round of applause for **Bill** and **Cheryl** for all their good work for the club over the years--so done.

14. Upcoming Club Meetings

Next month, December 10, is our Christmas Party, which will be, as tradition, more social than business.

Hosts for the coming months are: December – **Club Christmas Party** December 10; January into rest of New Year – **Host Needed.**

Let the secretary know if you are willing to host a meeting.

Next meeting: Sunday December 10, starting at 6 at Arabel's Restaurant, Eldorado.

Submitted by Bob Spude, secretary

*Note, thanks to Susan Cover for posting these minutes on the club web page,
<http://santafemodelrailroadclub.org/>*