

GRAND COUNTY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB
MOFFAT ROAD RAILROAD MUSEUM
SONS & DAUGHTERS OF THE MOFFAT ROAD

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There will be no regular club meeting this month. Nearly everyone helped with the Christmas layout in the Granby Town Hall and we have had many opportunities to visit with each other and with the many people interested in the Moffat Road Railroad Museum and our club.

Here is the list of all who helped to make the display a resounding success, by operating the layouts, constructing them, providing materials, answering questions from the more than a thousand visitors, etc. Dave Naples, J. R. Faivre, Craig Downing, Dale Reed, Larry Benson, Jack Bakken, Carol Hunter, John Volp, Jim McKinney, Bob Lenz, Wally Baird, Dave Lively, Hunter Leroux, Sarah Albright, Lois Yost, Jennifer Baker, H.R. Vogel, The Town of Granby, Alpine Lumber and Country Ace Hardware. On behalf of the Grand County Model Railroad Club, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. Thank you also to all the people who made donations in our jar, amounting to more than \$400.

Yes, it's a sad thing, but it is now time to tear the layout down, move everything to storage and get on with the major projects which have been somewhat in abeyance during the holiday season. If you can help, please join us at the Granby town Hall, tomorrow, Saturday January 8, starting at 9:00 AM. Wally Baird is opening the building for us.

The caboose arrived on Monday morning, December 27, with Dave, Jim and Jack present to watch and record the event. Thanks to Sky Crane and Paul MacDonald, the caboose was lifted off the flat bed trailer and installed on site on the railroad tie cribbing in about an hour. Realizing that the caboose is about 85 years old, made mostly of wood, the restoration project will take a lot of work. Dave Naples, Wes Chessman and Jason Borda have agreed to lay out a work plan for the job. This newsletter will let you know when and how you can all help.

Lyle Hileman's N Scale layout has been in the Town Hall lobby during the holiday season. The winning bidder was Amy Zacek Smith. We are committed to help her get it moved to its new location and set up.

Even after spending almost \$3,000 to bring the caboose to our museum site, we continue to have positive bank balances since a number of pledges and donations have come in during the last month. Our decorated Christmas tree with a model train circling it at the Lions Club benefit at Beavers achieved the highest silent auction price of the event. This has added \$370 to our operating account.

The 1906 coach still sits on its tracks in Rhode Island. We still have hopes that sufficient funds will be raised this month to bring it to Granby. However, it appears that January 31 may be the last date for our action, after which we will lose the opportunity (and our deposit) and the donors will withdraw their gift to us. Since this appears to be the last remaining coach in the U.S. of the series which went over Rollins Pass it will be a real shame if Grand County loses this piece of our history. If you know of anyone who could help us fund the acquisition please get in touch with Dave Naples. Our only cost to bring it here is for its transport, loading in Rhode Island, and unloading in Granby. Since it is partially restored and many of the original fixtures and features are still in place, our work to restore it is not extreme.