

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

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Grand County Model Railroad and its affiliates, the Moffat Road Railroad Museum and The Sons and Daughters of the Moffat Road, will be held at the Granby Town Hall at 7:00 PM on **Tuesday February 15**. This meeting will follow the Meeting of the Active and Advisory Boards which will be held at the same location at 6:00 PM. Members are invited to both meetings. **Note that this is a Tuesday.**

There is both good and bad news. On the good side, the Union Pacific Railroad has given us a \$5,000 grant specifically for transport and renovation of the caboose. On the bad side, the funds will not be provided until June. We are pleased with this first received grant, which we can use as a boost toward future grants.

Also good, the truckers are on their way to Rhode Island to pick up the 70 foot coach. The 1906 coach got shrink wrapped last week in preparation for the move. On the not good side, the truckers got delayed by the severe snow storms in the northeastern U.S. but are expected to be back in Granby before the end of February. Thanks to the generosity of both members and non-members we have been able to raise the first \$9,000 to pay the truckers. They will carry us until we can raise the balance, hopefully within a few months. This coach, and the caboose, take us from an entity with nothing much in the way of hard physical assets to an organization with real property and prospects.

Dave Naples has located a pair of Bettendorf caboose trucks in Fairfield, Iowa at only \$750. We have to go get them and will do so when we raise the \$1,500 necessary to pay for them and the costs to bring them to Granby.

**Turn over for more**

Dave has also arranged for sufficient rails to go under both the coach and the caboose, to be donated by the Pueblo, Colorado railroad museum. Again, we have to go get them and will do so as soon as we can. The Town of Granby will clear snow from the site and lay down sufficient gravel as road base for the ties and rail. We want to get this done before the coach gets here.

The Christmas layouts have all been moved out of the Granby Town Hall, with the N Scale layout and materials finally getting to the Zacek-Smith's last week. Their check is in the bank. Helping to dismantle it and get the whole thing to storage were members Chuck Houck, Bob Lenz, J.R. Faivre, Larry Benson, Jim McKinney, Dave Naples and Jack Bakken and guest Bill Sandlin.

We will have plenty of work for all of us to begin our restorations of the caboose and coach as soon as we can raise sufficient funds to pay for materials. We have electricity on site and can bring it to both cars soon. The caboose stove that Chuck Houck will bring from Indiana in the Spring will really give us a good start.

Jack Bakken attended an all day session on historic preservation last week in Denver and learned a lot about guidelines for us to follow. Jack was there on behalf of the Grand County Historical Preservation Board, of which Dave Lively is chairman.

JVA's Craig Kobe, in Winter Park, has completed the structural engineering drawings (9 full pages) for the museum building. With the architectural drawings from Alan B. Carter and Associates and these engineering drawings we are ready to begin construction whenever we can bring in the bucks.

The railroad shed in Hot Sulphur Springs, vintage very early 1900s, is ready to be moved to our site. We have paid the costs of the building permits and just need a few thousand dollars to pay for moving and crane work to get this super addition to our site. Grand Mountain Bank held the title and has given us the legal documentation to transfer it to the club.

Under corporation law we must elect officers at our annual meeting. We need to have a quorum in order to meet the legal requirements so please do your best to be there. I understand that there may even be cookies.