

July 2018 NEWSLETTER

August Meeting - 6:45 PM - Tuesday , August 7th, 2018

Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire, WI

Summer Update

Trains have been running every Sunday, July 4th was cut short by heavy rain and wind. Ridership is similar to last year with several days of over 300 adults and about 200 children. Also lots of babies. Crews support has been great. We are attracting new members and a few former members are back. All are learning train operations.

Projects for the summer have been coordinating the round roof replacement, the Crown boiler sale, acquainting everyone with No. 16's new boiler, and modifying the water tower to inject boiler treatment while filling the tank. We are also lining up the Chippewa Corrections crews to help track laying for the "West Branch Line". So stay tuned.

Old Crown Boiler

The original boiler is close to being sold. We advertised it in two sites, 15 inch gauge railroading and discoverlivesteam. We had three inquiries. The first could not fit the boiler to his locomotive, the second was luke warm, and the third is buying it at our asking price, \$2000. We performed a hydro to check for any leaks before finalized the sale. The pictures show the gauge run up to 180 psi, 30 psi above maximum operating pressure, Al Brun doing the boiler wash, Al helping Dave Peterson get the boiler reading for shipment.



Pictures by Dave Peterson

CHIPPEWA VALLEY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

President Update

Mike Kuhn informed us at the July meeting that his recent changes to his employment has made it difficult to remain as president. Essentially he has been transferred to Minneapolis for an extended time period to learn about upcoming changes at Xcel, but he is not moving there. He also will taking additional educational courses. Mike will remain as active as he can helping with running a train or two in August and completing the wiring project in the depot, roundhouse, and steaming bay. We wish Mike well and understand his situation.

Rob Brazeau, vice-president will run our meetings until the next election. Please give Rob his support.

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Chippewa Valley Railroad Foundation 2018 Meeting Schedule

To be held at the Chippewa Valley Museum 6:45 P.M.

***NOTE: The August meeting is changed TO THE FIRST TUESDAY OF AUGUST
We will discuss the schedule for remaining meetings at the August meeting***

August	7 th	<u>Changed</u>
September	11 th	
October	9 th	
November	13 th	
December	11 th	

Upcoming Projects

Roundhouse Roof Replacement

Monday, August 20th and Tuesday, August 21st.

The Chippewa Valley Home Builders (CVHB) will remove and replace the roof. We will need to volunteers to be on side and assist with moving equipment out of the way etc. The CVHB will provide the labor. We will buy the material.

Chippewa Corrections Crew - Track Work

September: Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th and October: Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd. We will begin track work for the West Side Branch and other track projects. We need 4 volunteers each day to supervise. The crew does most of the work.

Winter Projects

We will set priorities in September and then go to work.

July Minutes Separate Email

Agenda Chippewa Valley Railroad Foundation

August 7, 2018 Meeting

Approve July Minutes

Approve Treasure report

Old Business

Insurance

Round House roof update August 20

Bypass track update

Any other old business

Old boiler sale update

New Business

Speeder car

Baggage cart

Change remaining meeting dates back to 1st Tuesday

Election of Officers

Coal

Skid Steer

Wheel Work

Any other new business