



# MARKER LIGHTS

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## NEW MIDWEST EDITOR AND WRITER

Hello. My name is Ken Yandek. In order to keep our general membership informed on the goings on here at the historic B & O Roundhouse we are re-instituting our newsletter. The plan is to publish the newsletter monthly so that everyone can see what just what has been accomplished and what is coming up. I am a retired mechanical engineer and project engineer that worked for 43 years for a local company that designed and built heavy machinery and systems for the foundry industry with customers such as Ford, GM and Caterpillar as well as railroad suppliers like American Steel Foundry. I hope that you will enjoy the newsletter and any comments or suggestions can be emailed to me at [newslet-termrps@gmail.com](mailto:newslet-termrps@gmail.com)

## NEW OFFICERS

As many members probably know, Don Zeyer has recently stepped down as president of Midwest Railway Preservation Society. Don had served faithfully for the past eight years in this position and has led the organization through a period of growth which has included many on site improvements such as the work performed on stalls six and seven of the roundhouse. Family commitments have made it harder for Don to devote as much time as he wanted to Midwest and he remains an active member.

Replacing Don as president is Steve Emling, a longtime member who was also vice-president of the organization. Many of you will recognize Steve as the engineer who operates our locomotive during open house events. His plans are to pick up where Don left off and lead the organization into its' next period of growth.

Taking over as vice-president is Alex Ciparis, another longtime member that offers a lot of experience in mechanical repairs to our equipment and rolling stock, as well as being the conductor on the passenger car during most of our open house events.

Also, taking on a new position is Steve Korpos. Steve, who is the Roundhouse Supervisor, is now also taking on the responsibility of Executive Director. Many of the duties that he performed as roundhouse supervisor overlapped with those of the executive director and now he officially carries that title.

## SANDBLASTING FOR ARCELOR-MITTAL

Midwest was recently awarded a contract from Arcelor-Mittal to sandblast and then coat with a rust inhibitor one of their yard locomotives. The locomotive came to Midwest dis-assembled and sandblasting was done in stall six of the roundhouse in an enclosed area. After the rust inhibitor was applied, the locomotive was returned to Arcelor-Mittal and the remaining parts of the locomotive were then sent to Midwest to be sandblasted and coated also. The locomotive is to be re-assembled and painted in the steel mill's maintenance and paint shops.

Arcelor-Mittal owns upwards of 40 locomotives within their three facilities and at any one time a number of them are out of service for maintenance and/or painting. Because of the proximity of Midwest to the Cleveland facility it is an ideal situation for them to contract Midwest to do the sandblasting for them. It shortens the timeframe required by eliminating co-ordination of shipping through CSX to and from a facility of greater distance from their plant. We may also have the opportunity to paint their locomotives once we get the paint booth donated by General Electric installed in the roundhouse.

Midwest may have the opportunity to turn around two or three locomotives a year for Arcelor-Mittal. The revenue brought in by the current project will greatly help Midwest to continue work on ongoing projects such as equipment and building maintenance. The possibility of two or three a year would create a revenue stream that could help create some financial stability into the future.

### **LIST OF TRUSTEES**

Steve Emling, President  
Alex Ciparis, Vice-president  
Steve Korpos, Jr., Executive Director  
Richard Kulik, Treasurer  
Charlie Sedgley  
Gregg Antz  
Mark Billey  
Tom Hunt  
Mitch Karibinus  
Ken McCown  
Dale Pietrasz  
Petar Stojavljevic  
Ken Yandek

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2018**

Dues are annual (1 year)

REGULAR \$35.00

FAMILY \$50.00

SENIOR (55 OR OLDER) \$30.00

#### **BENEFACTOR**

INDIVIDUAL \$100.00

BUSINESS \$100.00

PLATINUM LEVEL \$500.00

OR MORE PER PERSON PER YEAR.

EVERY DONATION MADE IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There is a great need for volunteer help weekly at Midwest Railway Preservation Society. No matter what your talents or abilities are there are many projects underway that can benefit from your help. Weekly e-mails sent out by our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Ken McCown, detail the planned projects for the coming Saturday, and everyone that wishes to help out will be assigned to a work detail with someone who is experienced in the task to be performed. Manual labor could include anything from track repair to re-organization of the facilities or maintenance of rolling stock and our ancillary equipment.

We are also in need of volunteers who are experienced in trades such as carpentry, masonry, electronics and mechanics. Anyone that has experience in project managing could be assigned to lead a work detail and there is always help needed in the office as well. If you are not sure where or how you would fit in we can find a place for you. And, as a bonus, lunches are provided for all volunteers on most Saturdays. If you can't come down on a Saturday but would prefer to volunteer on a weekday, you can call or e-mail the office and someone will let you know where your help is needed on the day you are available.

Some of the projects currently underway where help is needed are re-organization of the tool room for setting up the machine shop, sorting out parts for scrap, re-flooring the upstairs office, refurbishment of the warehouse building and cleaning up the roundhouse inside and out. Work has once again started up on 4070 and there may be help needed there also.

So, whatever your age or ability, we would love to see you come down and lend a hand. The only requirement being that you are a member in good standing and would like to have some fun with other people having a like interest in preserving Cleveland's railroad history.

## **NEED FOR DONATIONS**

Organizations like Midwest Railway Preservation Society rely mainly on membership fees and donations to stay solvent. Unfortunately, the dollars generated from membership and donations fall far short of what is required to pay our monthly expenses of rent, insurance and waste collection to name a few. CSX required insurance alone costs over \$20,000 per year. This past winter we found out that our gas bills were no longer being paid by CSX and now we will also have to pay for electricity. Needless to say, in a facility as old as ours, these bills add up especially during the winter months.

In order to make ends meet, we have leased out our two switch engines to short line or industrial railroads. We also lease space on the grounds for storing private rail cars. Stall space in the roundhouse is being leased to Horizon Rail for locomotive rebuilding and American Steam for the rebuilding of the Reading 2100 locomotive. Other income is generated by holding open house events starting with the Bunny Run in the spring and ending with the Ride with Santa in December. We also host Paranormal Nights periodically in association with Orbs, and the occasional photography group shoots.

All of the income described just barely covers all of our normal expenses and leaves little extra for routine maintenance and ongoing projects. Having to lease stall space also limits what we are able to

do with our own rolling stock and the restoration of the 4070. There is very little that we can do on 4070 when it is parked in stall 6 of the unrestored portion of the roundhouse during the winter months.

This year we have been fortunate to supplement our income by being awarded a few contracts such as the sandblasting job for Arcelor-Mittal and the supply of display items for the new Towpath Trail by Cleveland Metroparks. In order to help offset our added expenses the board of directors are reviewing options such as an increase in membership fees along with possibly increasing fees for track storage and stall rental.

If anyone has a few extra dollars, any donation would be greatly appreciated. Some companies also offer matching donations for charitable contributions including non-profit organizations like ours. There are some organizations that can exist solely on revenue from their members. Unfortunately, Midwest cannot.



### **POWER CAR UPDATE**

Progress is being made on refurbishment of the power car. The floor has been repaired including installation of new diamond plate. Exhaust fans have been installed to facilitate heat dissipation and interior wiring has been redone to accommodate the fan installation as well as exterior marker lights.

As for the exterior of the power car, rusted side panels have been repaired and if all goes as planned, the car will soon be sand blasted in preparation for priming before receiving its' new finish coat of paint. When completed, it will be Nickel Plate green to match our three passenger cars, Mt. Baxter, No. 62 and No. 90.

The power car contains two generators, a main and a back-up, which when connected to a string of passenger cars will supply electrical power for lighting and heat. The car can be leased along with our passenger cars or separately in order to generate revenue for Midwest.





### **NEW WINDOWS FOR THE WAREHOUSE**

One project at the historic B & O roundhouse that was high on our priority list is refurbishment of the old warehouse building. Plans are to eventually turn the room at the south end of the building into the registration center for open houses and events and also a permanent home for the gift shop.

Ed Paladar has taken it upon himself to spearhead the effort to get this job done. Over the past few years he has performed repairs to the roof and gutters. Old glass block windows have been removed and are being replaced along with the necessary repairs to the window frames. The exterior brick walls are being tuck pointed and the room itself has been cleaned out to facilitate the window replacement and repairs to the interior.

Although the brunt of the work is being done by Ed, there are other areas of this project that volunteer assistance would be appreciated. Stop by on a Saturday and lend a hand.

### **EQUALIZER II**

Anyone that goes to the movies and chooses to see “Equalizer 2” starring Denzel Washington, should keep an eye out for background props that the production company rented from Midwest. Items provided were used to complete sets that were built for scenes shot inside passenger cars and include light fixtures and window shades.

The production company visited our facility last year with the possible intention of filming on site. They decided it would be more economical however to rent the items they could use and pay to have them shipped to Hollywood for use in their own set and then ship them back when finished.

The word is that they appear somewhere within the first 15 minutes of the film.



# OPEN HOUSE



## At the Roundhouse

### Open House dates

**August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup> October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Ride with Santa November 24<sup>th</sup>, December 1st**

**11:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.**

### Paranormal Nights

**August 25<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Midwest Railway Preservation Society.

**Historic B&O Roundhouse**

**2800 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**Cleveland, OH 44113**

Get guided tours of the site

Learn how railroads helped make Cleveland an industrial giant

Climb on board an original, elegant "parlor coach" from the 1920s

Hear the history of the famous "4070" steam locomotive

Share in our vision to save the Roundhouse

Visit our gift shop

Suggested Donation for Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under

Free admission to all members in good standing

**All proceeds to be used for Roundhouse restoration efforts**

Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes as the site is still in rough condition.

Children must be under the supervision of an adult at ALL times. Visitors with disabilities are

Welcome but should know that the site and equipment are NOT ADA-accessible.