

The Manifest_(C)
Railroad News and Musings from
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Dyslexia can be, well, surprising, even if frustrating. Even having a calendar and knowing the dates of all events doesn't mean one can recognize where TODAY fits into all this. Returning from an out-of-state trip I find we have a meeting THIS THURSDAY and set up for the Great Train Expo THIS FRIDAY and then the NMRA op-sig meet is the next weekend! No rest for the weary. (I've also heard it stated as "No rest for the wicked." Maybe THAT'S it...)

The layout was being fine-tuned and cleaned by several hard-working members Saturday in preparation of the NMRA meet. It would be nice if the workload were divided more equally amongst the members. But some generous people have donated new throttles (controllers for the DCC layout), so we should be in good shape for the op-sig meet. Remember the layout is currently open to the public 9-noon on Saturdays EXCEPT when we're taking the portable layout to the show. So... this weekend come see our other layout and several other layouts and vendors galore at the Tulsa Fairgrounds. See The Great Train Expo website for details.

OK, let's get to the train safety items first. Many of you may have enjoyed Greg Allman's music and may want to watch the movie about him currently in production. A least one life has been lost so far in its making. Even if one "had an arrangement" with the railroad company, that's not the same as having permission to get onto the track, which is seldom a good idea:

http://www.newser.com/story/182743/train-hits-movie-crew-kills-female-crew-member.html?utm_source=part&utm_medium=u&utm_campaign=rss_topnews

And, yes, even passenger trains need to stay on the rails:

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=resources/traffic&id=9441256>

What do you do if a railroad company "doesn't feel the need" to inform the public that one of their trains derailed and is dangling over a bridge?

<http://www.examiner.com/article/train-derailment-several-train-cars-teeter-on-edge-of-railway-pan-am-hushed>

I noticed our mayor on TV saying it just isn't feasible to put in passenger rail service to/from Tulsa. (How long till the next election? Perhaps rail fans could form a PAC or hire a lobbyist...) California seems to be much more amiable to rail service, even super fast bullet trains:

http://news.yahoo.com/california-court-speeds-review-adverse-ruling-bullet-train-224952064--finance.html?soc_src=mediacontentstory

LOT's going on – come be a part of it. Our meetings are always the second Thursday at 7:00 PM.

LATE BREAKING NEWS!!! I just heard KOTV news, air channel 6, say they're presenting a special tonight on the future of rail passenger service in Tulsa/Oklahoma. Stay tuned!

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