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## Depot Day Swap Meet

The first, annual Depot Day Swap Meet is now history. It was perfect weather the entire day.

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Lorene and Bob Fasnacht started early getting the food, drinks, and baked goods. Lorene was not alone. <deep breathe> Ethel Couturie, Beth and Andy Sloan, Mary Caraway, Angie Gomez, Kathy Perry, Stephanie Carrington, Carol Stewart, and Carolyn Rush. Thanks, Gals!!! Andy, too!



Some of the baked goodies - Ready to munch

Andy Sloan brought in his little gas grills and a pot burner, for the hamburgers and hot dogs. And those were good hamburgers. Only 4 hotdogs left at the end of the day.



Lots of baked goods brought in and I have no idea who brought what. Just that there was lots of good eats. The brownies <munch-smack> were delicious and moist. Terrific chocolate chip cookies, which passed the evening inspector taste test. HMMMMMM!!!!



Busy providing lots of good eats!!

Besides the food, the swap meet had lots of things brought in for sale, barter, trade or whatever....

Lots of G scale items available from Bob Fasnacht, Andy Sloan, a couple out-of-club guys, and D. Sheppard. And lots of things sold. Oh! And there was some HO, N and O gauge thingies, too. ;-))

And the chair cane lady, too. Neat!!



Jack Grill in front; Andy Sloan in back

Lots of train running all day long at the Jordan Lot. As Lorene said. " We all had a good time but was ready for the day to be over." A-MEN!!!

## President's Message

From the Club President, Keith Rapley:

"We need building re-habbers and makers ... the more structures the better



Any volunteers? Thanks to all that helped with the brand new "room".. Rap"  
 Also, from Keith: "...we need to rehab the ... "penalty box" with split jaws. I would like to do a test afterwards. Take one revolutionized engine and run everywhere with it From 1 to Siding #1 around to Siding #2 around to Loop#2 around to Loop#3 around thru the cut off to the Middle Loop around to the Penalty Box around and back out to Loop#1 (Rehabbing switches

and split jaws where we need too) Paul had volunteered to switch out buildings we need to give him some help.." Rap

## RR Museum Meeting

Saturday, 16 Oct, 9 AM, is the Annual General Membership Meeting for the West Florida Railroad Museum. This is the one time for all of the RR Museum folks to gather. One office is up for election, Secretary. Bobbie Dorner has done the job for a couple of years, but she needs to get along with other things. So we need a volunteer to help at the RR Museum. Remember, writing up the meeting minutes is easier than hauling a ton of dirt or rock.

## ECGRC Meeting

Saturday is also the Club meeting at Noon. Paul Weston is the conductor of this meeting. The minutes of the September meeting were emailed out by Bob Cope earlier. And the two treasurer reports were also emailed out by Bob Fasnacht. So print them out and bring them along.

We also have two new members. James Carey is from Defuniak Springs. Jasper (Mac) and Rose McMillan are from west Pensacola. Look for their pictures in the mug shot booklet at the train room. And maybe in a future newsletter.

## Welfare & Health

The editor still has skinned up shins and a few aches that nag and nag "You did too much, you idiot!!"

Chris & Susan Wolcott - We're nominal. My brother Craig died of cancer a week ago Sunday, and we just returned from his memorial on Saturday.

Stephanie & Bill Carrington - Just got back from Clearwater and Billy's Mom isn't doing well Bill is still in therapy and will be for awhile longer. I'm still mending and will probably have my left hand done in Nov. - Bill's mother passed away 6 Oct 2010.

Lorene & Bob Fasnacht - Nah, we remain sublimely insane.

Frank Paine - All is well. Thanks for checking.

Dee Miller - Thank you so much for thinking about me. I had eye surgery and MRI's for my back problems. All in all I doing good.

I have been trying to see if I could make one of your out of town shows that is closer to me but so far I had other commitments. August I spent a week in Gatlinburg/Pidgin Forge,Tenn. A week end trip to Charleston, SC. and in September I drove to Michigan for two weeks.

I am so pleased to see the accomplishments that all of you have made on the Jordon Lot. The track and shed look great.I have looked back at the pictures that Bill & I took at the start of this project and I know how proud you all must feel. Hope that everyone is well. I think of you all often.  
Love Dee Miller

Lawrence & Janet Ramstad - We are doing alright. I have a caretaker that looks after Janet for 24 hours a week in order that I can get out and get some things done. Janet's conditions continue to slowly decline over time. I guess the the hardest part is communications, she's very hard to understand, kind' a like the game we use to play at parties where you try to guess ones thoughts.

Paul & Marla Currier - I still suffer from a chronic back problem as well as with my heart. I don't seem able to get ahead of it. I don't drive much anymore so I don't think I will be able to be at the swap meet Saturday.  
Thanks for asking

Dennis McDermott - Health is great, spine not doing so good. Had a surgical procedure done on my spine last week. Six electrodes in spine to fry nerve ending to end pain. Right side is doing great, left side coming along. Trying to get in shape for the fair. I will be there as much as possible but can't do much lifting or bending.

## Newsltr Shorts

Well, Club Folks, it has been busy lately. At the Jordan Lot, at the RR Museum, at the work-a-day J-O-B, and on-and-on. Hence, this shortened newsletter. Will have info on the Pensacola Train Show and the Dothan Train Show in a future newsletter.

Also have a very nice article that Beth Sloan did about our infamous Orlando Gomez.

Words and phrases for you to cogitate on:

Brass Pounder	Ham	Extra Gang
Impact Register		Pearl Diver
Sanders		Blue Goose
Seals	Nervous Nellie	Reefer
Hog Law	Flying Switch	
Straw-hat boys	Short ton	

Answers later on in another newsletter.