



MNHG Newsletter

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Welcome friends and neighbors. This issue of the MNHG Newsletter will provide financial information for 2014 and the two main projects that took place, the roof replacement and caboose. The first table represents a Profit and Loss statement for 2014 but first an update on the caboose.

Caboose Update. December 19 the caboose arrived in Monarch. The event went very smoothly and lasted about 4 ½ hours for loading in Belt, delivery, and off-loading in Monarch. A small group of Monarch and Neihart residents was on hand as a welcome committee. After the New Year, research into the history of the caboose began thanks to researchers at the Great Northern Railway Historical Society and the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Society. The caboose was built as a boxcar in 1902 by the American Steel Foundry for the Northern Pacific Railway and given #1565 and later converted into a bay window caboose. In 1969 the caboose was refurbished, identified as #999998, and labeled as a Drover Car for use by men traveling with livestock. It and a sister caboose numbered 999999 served in the Flathead/Mission Valley area to south of Missoula for a number of years. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway sold the caboose to the Town of Belt in the late 1970s who converted it into a concession stand. Plans are to paint the caboose as it appeared in Missoula.

Now for the abbreviated MNHG profit and loss statement for 2014. Detailed information is posted on the Depot Ticket Window or will be provided upon request.

Income	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Donations specific for the caboose	\$2,150.00	*Business Expenses	\$15,223.84
Donations, Individual & Business	\$5,983.08	Subscriptions	\$55.00
Fund Raisers	\$3,540.00	Fund Raiser Expenses	\$1,306.33
Preserve Montana Grant	\$5,000.00	Other	\$125.65
Interest	\$30.30		
	\$16,703.38		\$16,710.82

*Includes Great Northern Railway Depot roof restoration, insurance, newsletter costs, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Roof Restoration Project. The original roof on the depot was built with trusses constructed in place and were found in very good condition. The old shingles were removed and areas of rotted roof sheathing were patched. A second layer of sheathing was applied over the entire roof and new shingles added. Architectural asphalt shingles were selected to replace the old as requested by the Montana Preservation Office. The following table gives the costs of the roof replacement.

Income	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Montana History Foundation Grant	\$5,000	Matching Funds for Montana History Foundation Grant	\$1,250
*Volunteer Labor	\$150	Construction Costs, Materials	\$6,084
**In-kind Donations	\$1,100	Construction Costs, Labor	\$7,435
MNHG Treasury	\$8,519		
Roof Replacement Total	\$14,769	Roof Replacement Total	\$14,769

*Volunteer labor priced at \$17 per hour applied to matching funds.

**Architect and Contractor donations applied to matching funds.

Caboose Expenses. BNSF donated 80 feet of railway, NCSGH & H Crane donated the loading and off-loading of the caboose and Shumaker Trucking donated the delivery of the railway, 20 yards of donated ballast, and the caboose. The Hermanos Motorcycle Club helped the MNHG Board of Directors spread the ballast with MNHG buying them lunch after hours of strenuous work. The Town of Belt was paid in January. The caboose will be dedicated this summer to Sue Majerus who volunteered many hours making this project happen. Sue was tragically killed in an accident last September. The caboose project:

Income	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Donations Specific for Caboose	\$2150	*Payment to the Town of Belt	\$2006
MNHG Treasury	\$183	Volunteer Lunch	\$152
		Dedication Plaque	\$125
		Cascade County Location Permit	\$50
Total	\$2,333	Total	\$2,333

*Caboose - 16.72 tons valued at \$120 per ton.

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2015/16 Depot Foundation/Stabilization Project. This is a huge project but will have a huge impact on the appearance of the historic Depot. The lower exterior walls will be reconstructed due to rotting caused by fill placed against the walls. The building will be raised, a thickened edge slab poured, and the building lowered. The north wall will be rebuilt after removing two overhead doors. This project will raise the depot to place the elevation as stated on the original 1899 plan. Once this stabilization is complete, the corrugated metal siding will be removed to expose the original siding. The cost of the project is \$68,500. Since January, \$32,500 has been raised. **Thanks** to the **Forest Service** and MNHG Board of Directors, \$12,500 in the cement floor demolition work has been done with volunteer labor. **We are looking for volunteers** to remove what remains of the original wood floor which will knock off another \$1,500. \$22,000 is needed to complete this project. Grants have been written but will not cover the remaining costs. We are asking for monetary donations to complete this stabilization project. Thanks in advance for your donation.

The Board of Directors meet the **second Saturday of the month at 1:00 in the Depot.** Please stop by and join us. Current topics are the plans for the **Monarch Rocks! Festival, August 8,** Depot restoration, and caboose windows.

Please visit our website for photos of the roofing and caboose projects as well as the Monarch Rocks! Festival vendor registration form. **www.mnhg.org.**

Mark your calendar for the next Monarch Rocks! Festival, August 8, 2015. This year will be bigger and better.....old car exhibit, wagon rides, food.....All proceeds from the Festival will go towards the Depot Foundation/Stabilization Project.

Your tax deductible donations are greatly appreciated and your dollars are well managed. Help us get the depot on a foundation. Please feel free to use the form below for your donation.

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