



# MNHG Newsletter

*Spring 2017*

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Plans are being made for the continued restoration of the Monarch 1902 Great Northern Railway Depot.

### Great Northern Railway Depot Restoration.

The continued restoration will begin soon before the end of April. Plans include:

- **The construction of the boarding platform** on three sides of the Depot.
- **Replacement of the original windows.** It was hoped the original windows could be repaired or rebuilt, but after consultation with the historic architecture specialist in the State Historic Preservation Office in Helena, it was determined the original windows had deteriorated beyond restoration. New windows were

ordered in the fall of 2016.

- **Construction of the second freight door.** One of the two freight doors was constructed in July of 2016. The location of these doors became apparent when the corrugated metal siding was removed in 2016. The west freight door was convenient for travelers and small shipments of freight. A second east freight door where the 'home track' was laid allowed boxcars to park for off-loaded into the depot or directly onto wagons, most likely used for large shipments of mining supplies or agriculture shipments. The MNHG Board of Directors have been searching for old cast barn door trollies to use in place of modern shiny steel trollies on the doors. Last fall during the MNHG Board visit to the Great Northern depot in Carter, Montana, the board noticed Allith•Prouty barn door trollies on those freight doors. The Board has been and will continue to search online for Allith•Prouty trollies.
- **The framing the ticket office walls.** The Montana Department of Transportation removed the wall that separated the ticket office from the freight area when the Depot was used as a highway maintenance site. **Overfelt Construction** has volunteered to frame the wall if MNHG purchases the materials. **Johnson Madison Lumber** provided a discounted price for the materials.
- **Rebuilding the ticket office window.** This window allowed passengers in the waiting room to purchase tickets or pay for freight shipments. Marks on the waiting room wall indicate the location of a counter for passenger use. **Dick Olson Constructors** has volunteered to rebuild the window and counters at no charge.
- **Electrical work.** The electrical service was removed from the Depot roughly thirty-six years ago. MNHG is currently collecting bids for the wiring of the depot. Motion lights will be placed on the east corners for security purposes in this isolated location. A circuit will be run to the Drover Car caboose and another to a railway crossing signal that was a recent gift from a Monarch/Neihart resident. The signal has flashing red lights in four directions which will be operating during special occasions at the depot.
- **The second MONARCH sign** for the south Depot wall based on the original sign plans from the Great Northern Railway Historical Society will be made and donated by the contractor, **Dick Olson Constructors**, and a sign company, **Kelly's Sign**.

**Monarch Rocks! Festival.** The fourth annual Monarch Rocks! Festival will take place **August 12 in Monarch, 10:00 – 4:00.** A **gun cabinet** donated by **Pepsi** will be raffled at 3:30. Tickets can be purchased from any MNHG Board member or email [mnhg@3rivers.net](mailto:mnhg@3rivers.net). The cost per ticket is \$10.00. The MNHG Board of Directors are excited to show off the restoration projects done over the past year in the Depot and Drover Car Caboose. Both will be open to the public. Greg Kinder and friend will be performing, Greg on acoustic guitar and his friend on fiddle and they welcome others to jam with them. An exhibit of old cars from the Skunk Wagon car club in addition to anyone bringing their vintage restored/unrestored vehicles. The 1913 Ford Rev. Snow, who preached in Monarch and Neihart from 1914 – 1927, will be on display. Ted and Tom, two Belgium palomino horses, will again provide free sight-seeing wagon rides around Monarch. Vendors are available selling a variety of items and **Electric City Concessions** will provide food.

## Testimonial:

*MNHG has done a great job raising additional funds, working with historic preservation experts to determine what and how work needs to be done, and bringing their community together to accomplish the restoration work.*

**Montana History Foundation, 2016.**

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MNHG has vacancies on the Board of Directors. If you like history and want some fun, you can apply to the MNHG Board of Directors by contacting [mnhg@3rivers.net](mailto:mnhg@3rivers.net).

**Your tax deductible donations are greatly appreciated and your dollars are well managed. Please feel free to use the form below for your donation. Tax ID 46-1853767.** All donations are used for the restoration of the Monarch GN Depot.

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