

RPI Hot Shot

Roundhouse Preservation, Inc. * Hot Shot=Train with very high priority compared to other trains.

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Longtime railroader to speak to RPI

Herb Steinike Jr. (at right in photo), who worked for the Union Pacific for 40 years, is the featured speaker for RPI's annual meeting this year.

Mr. Steinike is shown with his father, Herb Steinike Sr.

A resident of Gove, Kansas, Mr. Steinike served in various capacities while working for the U.P.: fireman, signal department and section crew to name just a few. He made many trips between Sharon Springs, Kansas and Hugo during this time, becoming friends with local U.P. employees.

Mr. Steinike has collected various railroad memorabilia and photos throughout the years (including the photo at left), which he will share with us, along with stories about how work was done on the railroad and his experiences. Please join us for his very informative presentation.

Roundhouse group's annual meeting set for March 30, 2014

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Members of Roundhouse Preservation, Inc. will be at the former Hugo depot in Hines Park on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at 2 p.m.

Among other business at this meeting, members will elect RPI board directors. The board term is currently expiring for RPI treasurer Roxie Devers, who has expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the board.

The roundhouse property is owned

by Lincoln County, and as County Administrator, Roxie provides a helpful and necessary link between the owners and the volunteers trying to preserve the old structure.

Diana Welz, elected to the board at the last annual meeting, has moved away from the area and can no longer serve. A replacement to fill out the remaining two years of her term will be elected at the annual meeting. Diana had been serving as secretary for the group; those duties

have been assumed by Linda Ashmore.

Linda and Dee Ann Blevins, RPI president, each has one year remaining, and those board seats will be filled by election at the 2015 annual meeting.

Members will renew memberships at this meeting, and dues will be collected:

- \$25 per individual
- \$50 per business/organization
- \$500 per lifetime membership

Doors and Windows Coming Soon

These are exciting times once again! We're finally moving forward on the installation of new doors and windows on the roundhouse, with the work starting late this spring or early summer.

The process of accepting bids and awarding the project changed this time from that done previously. All interested contractors were required to submit paperwork to become pre-qualified in order to bid on the project. Dave Wittman, project engineer, Merrill Wilson, historical architect, and Roxie Devers, County

Administrator, met on September 25, 2013 to review the submittals. After verifying information and checking on previous work completed, two firms, Spectrum General Contractors, Inc. and Wattle and Daub Contractors, were determined to be qualified to bid.

On February 19th, representatives from the two firms, along with Dave and Roxie, attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting. The long awaited bid opening was scheduled for March 18th at 10 a.m. at the County Commissioners' meeting.

While it's standard to issue a Notice of Award within days of the bids being opened, there was a glitch with the Colorado Department of Transportation, and the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was not submitted for the Commissioners' approval and signature.

It's unknown when the IGA will be sent, but hopefully, it won't be more than a matter of weeks after the bid opening.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support in saving our roundhouse.



100 years ago

Activity at the Hugo roundhouse was often hectic and busy, but the daily routine a block to the east at the Union Pacific depot seemed fairly peaceful in 1914.

—from the Willis Cummins collection