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JANUARY MEETING: The regular January business meeting was held at the new Missouri Pacific Office Building, 1000 E. 4th St., North Little Rock, Ark.

The meeting was preceded by a guided tour of the Dispatcher's office where all the new facilities were explained by President Jim Wilson who had the "privilege" of being in on the installation of same.

Jim Mitchell explained the proposed new combined yard facilities that are being planned for the St. Louis gateway.

The nominating committee presented the following names in nomination to serve as officers for 1974. Nominations will be received from the floor at the February meeting and these names will be presented to the board of directors for election.

The nominations by the committee were:

**PRESIDENT:**                      J. Harlan Wilson  
   Charles Ost.

**VICE PRESIDENT:**                Mrs. Naomi Hull  
   Jim Mitchell

**SECRETARY:**                      George R. Holt

**TREASURER:**                      C. R. Byrd

**N.R.H.S. DIRECTOR:**              Clifton E. Hull

Nominations to the board of directors are voted on by the membership and these nominations were:

Bill Merck  
Fred Fillers  
Walter O'Rourke

Following the regular business meeting, slides were shown by Jim Wilson.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Regular February business meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 10, 1974 at the Missouri Pacific Building, 1000 E. 4th St. North Little Rock, Arkansas. Entry is by the door to the parking lot. This is the annual election and all members are urged to attend.

MoPAC GROUP FORMS: A group interested in collecting and preserving information and history of the MISSOURI PACIFIC and lines which it absorbed (I\*GN, StLB&M, M-I, Y&P, TP-MP, KO&G, C&EI, ART) is being formed. Those interested in exchanging and recording information of all kinds about the system and its multi-companied background are invited to join. Contact Ron Merrick, 3438 Euclid, Wichita, Kansas.

SSW-SP EXECUTIVE SPECIAL: Trinity Valley Railroad Club of Ft. Worth reports that what was to have been a hush-hush operation turned out to be a bigger publicity subject than if it had been planned to nit the public between the eyeballs. "A presidential special---preceeded flanked and followed by a platoon of hawkshaws---was set to pperato sefretly over the COTTON BELT from Pine Bluff to Plano thence over the SP to the West Coast. By the time the train left Texarkana, it was obvious that the trip wasn't going to be exactly as planned. Reporters and TV cameramen seemed to be at every station and paced the train continously along with a goodly number of just proletariat photographers. Cameramen were ordered off railroad property, but it finally turned into as sort of a good humored game. (SP)President B. F. Biaggini and Assistant Vice-President R. D. Spance (SP & SSW) would wave through a window and occasionally appear on the platform.

Not once did the train exceed 40 mph. The good condition of the track was indicated by the train gliding along like an olympic ice skater performing to the "Skaters Waltz". Overnight stops were at Hearne, Sanderson and Phoenix. The special was powered by No. 3208 (SDP 45) and consisted of private cars "ALAMO" "STANFORD", Daylight Chair No 2900 and private Car "SUNSET." (From the Bulletin Board)

RAILROAD GLASSWARE: The supply of Rock Island glasses is exhausted. Cotton Belt and Missouri Pacific are an order and hopefully will be received by the next meeting. Prices remain at \$1.50 each plus postage and handling if you want them mailed.

DUES: Another reminder that dues are now payable for the 1974 year. \$5.00 for regular membership and 3.00 for associate (non-resident) membership with an additional \$4.50 for N.R.H.S. dues if you wish. Regular voting membership is available to any resident of Arkansas or any one (non-resident) who is a full time employee of any Railroad operating within the State.

The Arkansas Railroad club is a not for profit organization that meets the second Sunday of each month at time and place to be announce. For further information, write P. O. Box 5584, Little Rock, Ark. 72205