It was great to accept Colleen French’s invitation to B Reactor Museum Association (BRMA) members and their spouses for an exclusive visit to B Reactor on September 13th. We sincerely appreciate her and the Mission Support Alliance (MSA) staff for their hospitality including transportation to B. Elsewhere in this issue of the Moderator you will find some pictures of our visit.

Things look promising regarding BRMA’s goal of making B Reactor a part of a Manhattan Project National Historic Park. Word from the National Park Service (NPS) is their study of the feasibility/need for such a Park will result in a report consistent with BRMA’s position. That is a single park with three distinct parts—Oak Ridge, Los Alamos, and Hanford. It also means that at all sites the history will not be limited to one or a few facilities but generally cover the complete Manhattan Project history for each site and perhaps extending through the Cold War period up to the present.

It is my understanding the study is currently going through some “housekeeping” checks but the bottom line of the report is not likely to change as it winds itself through the NPS concurrence chain. It would be nice if, but somewhat doubtful, the final report will get to the lame duck session of Congress after the November election. Therefore it will be necessary to ensure the new Congress in January is knowledgeable of and concurs with the report so the legislation creating the Park will be passed.

Thanks again to all who showed up and participated last January at the NPS open public meeting which addressed this topic. The Tri-Cities participation and input set the bar and provided an excellent example for the other two sites to follow. Here is a case where public voices were heard and clearly influenced the final result.

Another news item is that two railway cask cars and a locomotive will likely be available for placement at B Reactor. I just learned that DOE has not yet formally approved the transfer. I hope senior DOE management
B Reactor Tours Report (cont’d)

Calendar year. There has not been any announcement for additional Tours in the final quarter of this year.

All participation in the tours must be scheduled and be properly incorporated into the tour structure according to the guidelines laid down by Mission Support Alliance (MSA). Any BRMA member interested in taking part in the B Reactor Tours should make known their interest and be willing to make firm commitments for their participation. BRMA members must comply with the Rules and Guidelines set down by MSA in order for BRMA to actively participate in the Tour Program in the future.

At the start of the 2010 tour season there were eight BRMA Docents identified for scheduling and conduct of B Reactor Tours. At the end of the season the number of BRMA Docents was reduced to four routinely active Docents although BRMA now has five ‘badged’ Docents until December 31st. Hopefully the number of BRMA Docents will increase for the 2011 Tour Season.

From The Control Room (cont’d)

recognizes the value of these cask cars from a historical preservation standpoint and will not dispose of them in the landfill.

It was great to learn that finally the MSA contractor has a contract in place with the Atomic Heritage Foundation to make the necessary changes BRMA suggested for the videos used on B Reactor tours. The update of the “B Reactor---The First in the World” booklet, often referred to as the “Blue Book” by our tour guides and others, is also covered in this contract. The schedule to get this work completed is prior to the start of the next tour season.

This past tour season was another success story with more visitors than any previous year. Refer to Bob Horgos’ report in this issue for more details. Starting now and through the winter months MSA will be diligently working on planned upgrades and construction work that was not done while tours were being conducted. We can look forward to seeing these improvements accomplished next spring when the tours begin again.

Membership Report
By Burt Pierard, Membership Chair

2011 BRMA MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW ARE BEING ACCEPTED.

The dues are due on a calendar basis, but as usual, any dues or new memberships received in the 4th Quarter (after October 1) are credited to the following year, in this case, 2011. Some of you have already paid for 2011.

Those people are receiving a hard copy of this Moderator (even if you normally receive an electronic copy) and your 2011 Membership Cards are enclosed therein. To send in your Renewal, please use the Form below to Clip or Print. The final total count of 2010 Memberships was 92.

2011 Renewal and New Member Application

Name: _________________________________________________ Date: ____________________
Address: ________________________________  City:_________________    State: ___    Zip: _____
Phone: (h): (_____) _____________    (w): (_____) _____________ MSIN address: ___________
E-mail: ___________________________________________ (current Hanford employees)

☐ Individual ($20) or ☐ Senior (age 65+) or Student ($10) and ☐ New or ☐ Renewal
☐ Group ($25 up to 100 members; please add $10 for each additional 100 members)

For Group Membership, Official Representative: ____________________________________________

Additional tax deductible contribution: $ _______  Total Enclosed: $_________  (Tax ID # 94-3142387)
(Please make check out to BRMA)

Thank you; please mail this application with payment to:          B Reactor Museum Association
PO Box 1531
Richland, WA 99352
BRMA Holds Members Meeting At B Reactor Site

In late August, Colleen French, DOE Director of the Richland Office of Communications and External Affairs, contacted BRMA President Maynard Plahuta to invite us to hold our regular September 13th Membership Meeting at the B Reactor Site. "I thought this would be a wonderful opportunity for the BRMA members who haven't taken a Tour recently, if ever, to see what the Mission Support Alliance (MSA) Contractor has done, and is doing, to develop the Tours into a true museum experience for the public," she said. "I hope to establish this as an annual event at the end of the normal Tour Season."

BRMA readily accepted the offer and signed up 48 people to attend the Meeting/Tour. DOE provided one large bus and one middle-sized for transportation of the group to the Site.

Moderator Editor Richard Romanelli and BRMA Past President Gene Weisskopf in a serious discussion

Norm Miller (left) and BRMA Past President Hank Kosmata check out the 1/10-scale B Reactor model in the front face work area

Meeting in progress at front face work area

More photos on P. 4
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**Special B Reactor Program Planned**
by James Andre

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**Date:** December 7, 2010  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30 pm  
**Place:** Kamiakin HS Auditorium, Arthur St., Kennewick  
**Fee:** $15 (Fee will benefit BRMA, CREHST, and Community Education)

Advance Reservations Required:  
Call (509) 222-5080 or see [www.ksd.org/communityed](http://www.ksd.org/communityed)