**2021 FALL S FEST GENERAL INFORMATION Pg. 1**

You are invited to join the ***Badgerland S Gaugers*** who will be hosting the **”Rescheduled” 45th** Annual Fall S Fest. Every year since 1975, during the Fall season, the largest contingent of ***S Gauge*** model railroaders assembles to share their wares, stories, interests and tips on 1:64 scale model trains. The venue includes all facets of S gauge from tinplate to scale. A.C. Gilbert would have loved an event like this. In saying that, S Gauge has progressed to some of the finest scaled model trains in the country. It has developed past the toy train stage. Even the American Flyer brand, that is produced by Lionel, is not just child’s play item. Some of their offerings have reached the level that even Scale enthusiasts have considered purchasing. (Changing the couplers and wheel sets is always an option.)

Over the past 44 years there have been a number of Fall S Fest cars produced. There have been a lot of reefers, box cars, some tank cars, gondolas and some 3-Bay hoppers. Keeping in mind that many Fall S Fest attendees are American Flyer enthusiasts, one overlooked car has been the 2 bay offset sided hoppers. A great number of the A.C. Gilbert AF sets came with that type of car, from the early sets in the 40’s to the bitter end.

Countless model railroaders prefer a proto-typical car. The Badgerland S Gaugers are trying an "out of the box" approach. In researching past Milwaukee Road railroad cars, they rarely made colorful freight cars. The bests selling Fall S Fest car that BSG ever produced was the 25th anniversary Milwaukee Road reefer. Some liberties taken with the artwork on that car. BSG has been given a 5-year licensing agreement from the Milwaukee Road Historical Association to use Milwaukee road imaging. The MRHA that has seen our renderings were highly complimentary

This year is also the **45th** anniversary of the Badgerland S Gaugers. BSG was the idea and coordinator of the late Charles “Chuck” Porter. A number of the 16 original charter members are still active in the club. BSG and CASG joined together to initiate the Fall S Fest tradition. It has grown to a four club event with the addition of the State Line S Gaugers and the American Flyer S Gaugers of the St. Louis Area. For 2021 BSG is making every attempt to keep this event as affordable as we can. We hope that you enjoy your stay. As usual, we will continue a long tradition of buying, selling and swapping S gauge train equipment and related items, plus the traditional clinics, tours, train races and other events that we all have become accustom to. Renewing old friendships and making new ones is as much about this annual event as the trains themselves. There will be something for everyone.

**Where:** **Again, we will be at a new location.**

**The Four Points Sheraton-Airport.** This facility has recently joined the Marriott chain of hotels and been updated and remodeled. It is located on the south side of Milwaukee county across from General Mitchell Airport. If attendees are coming anywhere form the southern area of the country, the location is optimal, it’s just off of the I-94 interstate. There is no need to drive through the city. The airport exit leaves you just hundreds of feet from the hotel.

The room rates are **Only $95.00 per night per room,** (1 to 4 occupants).

As an added incentive for **$105.00 per night per room** occupants will receive vouchers for their breakfast buffet, normally a $10.95 per person charge. This is a special **Fall S Fest** rate. Call the **direct hotel phone number (414) 481-2400** **(Code FSF)** for reservations and this offer. Be sure to mention that you are there for the 2021 Fall S Fest. There is plenty of free parking available adjacent to the various S Fest activity areas. For any one traveling by air or train, there is a free shuttle service available from both General Mitchell Airport and the General Mitchell Amtrak Station, which is 1 mile away. **(This is not the downtown station.)**

**Directions:** See directions and Map on last page**.** The distance to downtown Milwaukee is less than 10 miles away. Many of the major local attractions in Milwaukee are less than 15 minutes away from the hotel. Access to the freeway system is just off of the Four Points parking lot.

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Due to the uncertainty of the corona virus effect, Badgerland S Gaugers are moving registration date deadlines later than usual this year. In saying that we would deeply appreciate your **early registration** in order to help us with event planning and insure the necessary hotel arrangements are in place. The postmark date on your registration will be used as the date to meet the reduced rate deadlines. BSG can only have a certain amount of rooms blocked for Fall S Fest attendees. Early registration insures that you will have an on-site room for the FSF event.

Depending on the amount of vendor tables sold, there will probably be two trading halls.

The halls are 100 feet apart and both on the same level.

All of the tables will be the standard banquet size of **8 ft. long by 30 in. wide**.

The dealers will be seated **behind the tables.** Milwaukee fire codes will dictate the aisle spacing.

**BSG is planning on 6ft. wide allowing for handicapped maneuverability.**

If any items for sale are placed on the floor, they must be within the confines of the outside edge of the table to avoid any tripping hazard. Tables other than furnished by BSG are not allowed. Display, such as carts or other forms of display will be charged for space using the standard 8 ft. by 30 in. footprint. As listed on the registration sheet, if you require a special footprint or plan for your display, please send a sketch to the registrar, if emailed use a PDF format if possible. Your details will be passed on to the hall layout committee. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your requests. Vendor location is at the discretion of the Badgerland S Gaugers.

Unless the Badgerland S Gaugers received previous notification or an arrangement, table/tables or space that is not occupied by **6:00 P.M. on Friday November 5** will be eligible for resale. **(No Refunds.)**

**Silent Auction Rules**

1) It will be held in a separate room will be open from **11:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

2) Bid sheets will be provided by BSG.  **A minimum has to be marked.**

3) There will be a maximum of **5 items per vendor.**

4) **Auction closes at 2:00 pm** Participants (Buyer & Sellers) must settle up and remove sale items.

5) All cash transactions will take place between the buyer and seller. **BSG will not handle the money**.

6) Sellers then present the bidding sheet to the BSG rep and pays 10% of the final bid (selling price).

**Note:** BSG will make periodic announcement for during the event at and **1:45pm and 1:55 pm**

reminding sellers & buyers to check your items and bid sheets.

 **BSG will not be responsible for unclaimed items.**

 **Visit The Badgerland S Gaugers Website for Periodic Updates**

 [**www.trainweb.org/bsg or NASG.org**](http://www.trainweb.org/bsg%20or%20NASG.org)

**You can also just Google Badgerland S Gaugers**

 **Click on Shows & Events, Scroll down to Nov 5 thru 7**

**and hit MORE INFO for all of the latest 2021 Fall S Fest Information.**

The Badgerland S Gaugers 2021 Fall S Fest and the co-sponsors the Chicagoland Association of S Gaugers, State-Line S Gaugers and the American Flyer S Gaugers of the St. Louis Area are the official sponsors for the Annual Fall S Fest brand name and have no affiliations with any other S Gauge events.

**2021 Fall S Fest “**Preliminary” Schedule

**FRI. & SAT. NOV. 5 & 6**

**Schedules for Clinics**

**& Various Activities T.B.D.**

**Information will be made**

**Available in Your FSF Packets**

**or Handouts at the**

**Registration Area**

9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**Model Contest Room Open**

**Awards at 2:00 P.M.**

**Pickup of Entries After Awards**

5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

**Model Contest Entries Accepted**

**Room will be Open for Viewing**

**Locked @ 9:00 P.M.**

Structures - Locomotives - Rolling Stock

Both American Flyer & Scale

NASG Rules Apply

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7**

**Layout Tours**

9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

**All Day Tours**

9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Morning Tours

**Directions, Times & Details**

**Will Be Provided**

**at the Registration Area**

**Friday & Saturday**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6**

**Registration – Show Office Opens**

8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

**Trading and Dealer**

Open to the Public

1:00 P.M.

Train Races & Incline

Stock Steam, Stock Diesel,

Open Class & Hand Car Race

11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Silent Auction

Rules Apply

3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

**Moving Out**

**Trading Vendors**

**Layouts & Manufacturers**

5:00 P.M.

**Cocktail Hour**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Annual S Fest Proceedings**

**Opening, Seating & Dokes**

(Advanced Extra Fare)

**6:30 P.M.**

Buffet Serving Begins

**8:00 P.M. Approx.**

Post Banquet Activities

Speaker, Auction Etc.

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5**

**Registration – Show Office Opens**

8:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Move In & Set Up

You will be directed to your tables

By BSG staff members

**Trading and Dealer Area:**

8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

**This is for Set Up “Only”**

**Layouts, Manufacturers & Vendor**

**Personnel Will Be Admitted**

**Doors Open To Public**

**Trading Hours are as Follows:**

1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

**Security will be provided**

**at the hotel on Friday night.**

**“No one” will be allowed inside the convention areas after 9:00 PM Friday.**