



Badgerland S Gaugers News

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30th Annual Trainfest Report, 26th Fall S-Fest Report, 2001-02 Elections, By-Law Amendments

October Meeting

Sunday, December 2, 2001
Roy Meissner's,
Merton, WI

Attendance:

T. Garrett, Jones, D. Kloes, L. Marotz,
J. Maslowski, R. Meissner, B. Mosher,
K. Pilon, A. Pratt, R. Puls, R. Schlicht,
D. Sengenberger, D. Smukowski,
F. Vergenz, J. Young, Guest R. Boehn
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\$ Treasurer's Report \$

- a) Swap Meet Hall Rental
\$559.13
- b) S-Fest 2004 Hall Down payment
\$1000.00
- c) Swap Meet Journal Ad
\$
- d) BSG Insurance Policy
\$306.00
- e) Portable Layout 1/64 Vehicles
Supplies \$48.00
- f) BSG Picnic
\$266.30

BSG Reports

Dave Smukowski opened the general business meeting.

Jeff Young brought up the subject of our annual charitable donations. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we give the same amounts that we did last year. The sum of \$100.00 each will be given to Food For Families, Toys For Tots and The Salvation Army.

Art Doty report was not given. Dave Smukowski reported on some of

the activities that were taking place with the portable layout. Don Goeke and Dave Smukowski are taking the layout to smaller model railroad shows in southeastern Wisconsin.

Dave Smukowski gave a report on the planned BSG sponsored NASG convention. The preliminary plan is for the convention to be held at The Olympia Resort. There will be a number of tours most of which are in the planning stages. Everything stems on the acceptance of our proposal to the NASG. The layout tours may be a bus trip. A patch and a car will have to be created. There is still a lot of work to be done and as usual there will be a need for BSG members to lend a helping hand. An NASG convention is quite different from Fall S-Fest. The whole idea of profitability does not appear to be a major problem. This has always been a concern of our membership. A discussion of varying topics pertaining to the convention followed.

Dave has also started the ball rolling on Fall S-Fest 2004. It will again be held at the Waukesha Country Expo Center and we plan on having the same caterer. Other aspects of Fall S-Fest 2004 are being looked into by some of the club officers and members. Many of the same tasks will have to be performed. If you helped out at the last S-Fest, the next one should be a breeze for you. If you have any ideas on how to improve the event, don't keep them to yourself. We need all of the input we can get. (If it's a really dumb idea, we'll ignore you, but will not throw you out of the club).

Dave reported on some other model railroad activities in our area.

Dick Kloes reported on the BSG swap meets. Our first few shows have been relatively successful. The catering idea has worked out rather well. They are happy and we are happy. This also means less work for our members hauling coffee pots, making coffee and picking up the donuts. Due to other commitments we will have some of our swaps in the north hall, some in the south hall and some in the main arena. This hide and seek program is done in order to keep some of our senior members mentally sharp. It also adds an element of intrigue to the swap meets. We're just a fun loving group.

Trainfest was discussed at length, most of the discussion centered on the new facilities being constructed at the State Fair Grounds. Any suggestions that we might have would center on any help that we could give if asked.

Roy Meissner is proposing that we hold our elections every two years, and have the length of office be two years, with no term limits for the offices of president and vice-president. No term limits will be set for the Secretary and Treasurer. The Editor is a voluntary job, which has been attached to the office of the Secretary.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the amendment as stated above. The vote was unanimous.

Ron Schlicht mentioned that other clubs have a family plan. We have members that belong to other clubs with family plans. Please write down their plan and bring it to the next meeting. It may help us in formulating a BSG plan.

The following are some of the ideas that were kicked around.

Programs start at 7:30 pm.

2002	January	18
	February	15
	March	15
	April	19
	May	17

Programs are subject to change without notice

Trainfest 2001

30th Anniversary

Trainfest is The Schlicht-Starosta 24 ft. were on The only real disappointment was that we did not have the camera in the train over the entire weekend. This is such a popular display we will have to have an alternate plan to what we are doing now, because the present setup is unacceptable.

Getting your badge is always going to be somewhat of a problem, if you are not present Friday. The badges also act as parking passes. The only way for non-Friday people is to pay for parking, and pick up an entrance pass at the exhibitors entrance in the southeast corner of the north building. The only other option would be for an associate to pick up your pass and drop it off for you. Now if you don't trust your friend or he or she is unreliable, you're screwed. I have no clue what the plans are for next year.

This years Trainfest was once again held in both the north & south exposition buildings. Once again, the floor plan was very well done; the wide aisles meant no gridlock. We were in the south hall again this year and had a very nice location. There is still room for improvement on the overall layout.

Again congratulations to the WISE Division for a job well done. Unofficially over 17,000 people came through the door. We had two enemies this year, the weather, which just happened to be beautiful outdoors, and a Green Bay Packer vs. Chicago Bear game that actually meant something. That hasn't happened in about 25 years.

The State Fair Park has started construction the new convention facility. This will be to the southeast of the existing north and south halls. The existing halls will continue to be used until the new one is completed. The WISE Division We want to make sure that they know this is "NOT" HO.

Dave Sengenberger brought the stanchions. They were spaced and taped in place with duct tape. The taping in place worked real well. In the past we have always had to go out and reposition them constantly, as they always seem to end up right on top of the layout. Little hands like to grab things. Big hands would like to grab some parent's throats.

Regarding the near disaster of this past year, I have **already** sent in the application and layout plan for Trainfest 2002.

The Mad City Model Railroad

Show, held in Madison, WI, will be coming up February 16th & 17th, 2002. Some of the same rules will apply for this show. Let's get our stuff together early. Let me know if you will be attending this show. I am assuming that the layout will be the same size as Trainfest. I need to know whose modules will be there (completed) and who will be helping out. I will be getting no more than 20 passes. Those will be given to "WORKERS". A worker is defined as someone who assists for a period of more than 3 hours. Other members are admission-paying attendees.

2002 Dues Are Over due!

Article IV Dues, Income and Expenditures
Section 1

A. Dues Schedule

1. All dues are due by January 1
2. Any member who fails to pay their dues within 30 days shall be notified by mail (This amounts to the notice in the newsletter.) Any member not paid by March 1 shall be dropped from membership.

B. Dues Rates

1. Participating members - \$20.00 per year.
 2. Participating members under the age of 18 - \$5.00 per year.
 3. Associate members, newsletter only with no voting rights - \$10.00 per year.
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Jeff Young

"Editors Comments"

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Members Response To the E-mail question.

Personally I like to read a hard copy of my newsletters. (I see the mistakes easier.) Many of you do not have computers or E-mail access. To those, you do not have to read the rest of this column.

How often do you read your E-mail? How often do you visit our web site? Would you be content with not receiving a mailed newsletter? Would using either E-mail or the web site for your newsletter be acceptable to you? This is one method, which we could use, to save money on our newsletters. E-mail is faster than the U.S Postal Service

If you have any questions regarding whether or not some of the information in the newsletter is correct, it can be verified through an E-mail message. Most of the time you can call me, but if you are long distance, it can be costly. Of course how many times has their ben a mistake in the newleter. Another advantage is that after receiving the newsletter, you can simply reply with an "I got it". This way I have a confirmation.

How reliable is E-mail? I don't know, but everyone that I have dealt with, including city hall, E-mail has worked out pretty well. How often do people change Internet services? What effect would this have? Will your software be able to read the newsletter? Let's ask all of those who are experts on this subject for their input. If you would like your newsletter E-mailed to you, respond to me with an E-mail. This will also insure me that I have your proper E-mail address.

26th Annual Fall S-Fest

The State-Line club hosted this years Fa

Changes:

New Member:

Paul Rembas
204 Wisconsin Ave.
Waukesha, WI 53186

E-Mail Addresses:

Please send your addresses to:

ronaldschlicht@msn.com

This is a new E-mail address. I am
no longer employed at Rockwell.

--Wanted:

I only list items under "Wanted" for
two or three newsletters.

Please contact me if you want a listing
continued or it will be dropped.

The same goes for the "For Sale"
column.

Interested in swapping, mention it.
(Train Related Items Only)

--For Sale:

If you are interested in any of the

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Until the next time. See Ya.

Ron Schlicht