



# Badgerland S Gaugers News

“.... A social club for the promotion of model railroading -- especially S gauge including American Flyer, hi-rail, scale and other facets....”

Badgerland S Gaugers Charter

26th Year

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## BSG sponsoring the 2003 NASG Convention , New By-Law Amendment

### January Meeting

Sunday, January 20, 2001  
Steve Lunde's,  
Waukesha, WI

#### Attendance:

G. Children, Art Doty, T. Garrett, D. Goeke Jr. D. Goeke, K. Hypki, S. Jones, D. Kloes, J. Lebovitz, S. Lunde, J. Madden, L. Marotz, R. Meissner, B. Mosher, B. Nelson, K. Pilon, C. Porter, A. Pratt, R. Puls, R. Schlicht, R. Shimon, D. Smukowski, F. Vergenz, D. Westby, J. Young. (25)

### \$ Treasurer's Report \$

- a) Swap Meet Hall Rental  
\$559.13
- b) Swap Meet Journal Ad  
\$50.52
- c) Swap Meet Radio Ads  
\$150.00
- d) Schlicht Pension Subsidy  
\$300.00 per mo.
- e) Newsletter Printing  
\$34.21
- f) B.S.G. X-mas Party Meeting  
\$40.77

### BSG Reports

**Dave Smukowski** opened the general business meeting. There are more and more requests for Dave to bring the club's small traveling layout to various meets. There have also been larger model railroad shows that want the modular layout set up.

A discussion followed on our participation at these events.

Every year there is Chocolate Fest in Burlington WI, this is sponsored by the Nestles company. This annual event

has tremendous public attendance. There are other area model railroad clubs that bring their layouts. This is usually on the third weekend in May. There would be a lot of public exposure for our club. I will be checking into the accommodations and we will discuss it at a future meeting.

Green Bay has started an annual model railroad show. I've heard that it is getting bigger and better each year. But some of our members were not too impressed. This is a two-day show. Depending on how large this show gets we may consider going to that show.

The MSOE show is getting bigger every year. I'm not sure when this is being held, but more and more local clubs are setting up at this show. There is no S gauge presence.

**Chuck Porter** brought along some catalogs, calendars, pamphlets and other train related literature. What he brought, was there for the taking. Obviously it was desk-cleaning time again, at the Porters.

At the Mad City show coming up this week, Craig Wright has offered to have an open house for our members, to display his SN3 layout. He is also going into S scale and has started an additional layout for that purpose. This man is a top-notch modeler. We will have directions to his home at the club layout and will go as a group Saturday evening sometime after supper.

**Jeff Madden** gave a brief report on our request to host an NASG Convention. We will be the host of the 2003 convention. The "tentative" date is July 16, 2003. Some minor tweaks are being made to the financials.

Jeff also gave brief reports on the upcoming Spring S Spree and the Fall S Fest. The Spring S Spree will be a

family event this year, so be sure to take your wife, since it is being held over the Mothers Day weekend. Make sure to buy her flowers along with the train that she gets. Ouch.

Jeff passed around the new Lionel catalog and gave us other information regarding model-railroading activities in our area.

An off the track, bunch of discussions broke out, on nearly every subject imaginable, before Dave Smukowski once again grasped control of the meeting. (Every once and a while we tend to ramble and wander aimlessly in the vast expanse of model-railroading..)

There has been a request by the CASG that we bring our modular layout to the next Fall S Fest. This is touted to be the largest S Fest ever. We definitely need a lot more information out of CASG regarding the setup. Who, what and where the layout will be setup? . Will corners be there? We will await their input.

I'm not positive that I'll be attending, much less dragging 30 feet of the layout there. I also don't plan on working at an S Fest, other than ours.

Dave Smukowski also gave a report on the strides that the St. Louis club makes promoting S gauge in their area. They have multiple layouts set up, particularly during the holiday season. He suggested that we might build a very small, very portable layout to display. We do have a very good small layout builder in our club. Gil Bruck has done a fantastic job for the Lionel Club on projects of this nature.

Ron Schlicht is working with the Children's Hospital of WI, public relations department, in order to set up a layout during the Christmas season.

The preliminary plan would be from December 26<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

This past year they declined my offer. I was greatly disappointed. This year 2002, I am going over the "Bimbos" head. Unfortunately I was dealing with a young lady with a cold, at least that's what it sounded like over the phone. We played telephone tag a lot.

Germ. Can you believe it. That was her excuse for declining my offer. Germ. We S Gaugers must sound like derelicts or disease infested individuals. I'm going to drop this subject before I get as worked up as I was when I started this endeavor.

"Another" discussion followed on this subject and promotional ideas for BSG.

**Ron Schlicht** gave a report on upcoming Mad City Model Railroad Show, February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Setup is from Noon-9:00 pm Friday. Show hours are from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on both days. You have to pay for parking unless you get there around 7:30 am. If you are coming on Saturday or Sunday and have applied for a pass, this is how you will pick up your pass. Enter at the main entrance. Proceed to the area around the main ticket booths. Look for, or ask for, a member of the staff. They usually keep the passes at a table behind the ticket booths. State the name of our club first and than your name.

**If you do not get a separate notification with this newsletter, you do not have a pass.**

**New BSG Patches** will be ordered in the near future. The new patches will be the same as the old patch with the following exceptions.

- a) The new Badger.
- b) Est. 1975 added
- c) 3/16" Scale added
- d)

The old patches will be given out to new members until the old ones are gone. We have very few left. If you want the new style patch, it can be purchased from the club. The price will be determined after we receive the patches.

A long, long, long discussion followed on club equipment, on future purchases, and on what equipment will be run at model railroad shows.

We have module rules that state that **"scale trains" will be run on the outside rail** and **"high rail" on the**

**inside rail.** There are a few issues that will have to be worked out at the upcoming Mad-City show. The major hurdle is AC verses DC.

Perhaps we should have signs or displays at the shows that show the difference between scale and high rail. My telling the public the difference is not enough. I'm one voice in a usually, noisy hall.

We need more volunteers to take care of the various facets of running the club layout. Being the modular layout chairman among other things is getting to be a bit much. Dick Kloes, Dave Smukowski, Jeff Young, Steve Jones and I have full plates.

Dick Kloes and Ron Schlicht are completing the club's inventory. Ron Schlicht has a complete inventory listing of all of the club's high rail equipment and has volunteered to store and maintain the high rail equipment.

**Steve Jones** has added an interesting item to our web site. There is a banner that goes across the top of the site that advertises some of the vendors at our meets. Free advertising, who could ask for anything more.

**Joel Lebovitz** gave a report on some of the CASG activities, which included some information on the upcoming Fall S Fest 2002. CASG now has a web site on trainweb.org.

**Brad Nelson** has a standing offer. If you would like to run some of your equipment and don't have a layout of your own, call him up. You can see your choo choos run on a first class layout.

**Don Goeke** brought along newly released S gauge vehicles along with some other equipment. Some of it was strictly for ogling over, and some was for sale.

### **In Memorial**

I am sorry to report the passing of one of our valued BSG members, Dave Sengenberger. Dave has been a member of our club since 1995. Since he joined our club, he was the type of member that we are always looking for, that valued commodity, a volunteer. He was always willing to help out. He will be missed at Trainfest, the Mad-City Show, our general meetings and club social events.

Education was an important part of his life. He received a PhB degree from Northwestern University and PhD degrees from the University of Oklahoma. Dave taught in the Mundelein school system and his college teaching positions included teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Valparaiso University, the University of West Florida, Carthage College, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and the College of Lake County.

Dave was also a past member of the American Flyer S Gaugers of the St. Louis Area, and a current member of the Chicago Area S Gaugers as well as their secretary and newsletter editor. Also being an "active" member of our club means he was obviously an avid model railroader and train enthusiast. Dave traveled around the country and always shared his travels and gave members tips on how to get the most out of their rail fanning trips.

For those of you who may not have met Dave, he was a true gentleman who was always willing to pitch in and lend a hand, without being asked. He will be missed.

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## **Down the Tracks**



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### **Next Meeting:**

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**Sunday, February 24, 2002**

**1:00 PM**

**Location:**

**Brad Nelson**

**S47W24775 Lawnsdale Rd.**

**Waukesha, WI**

**Phone: (262) 547-9425**

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

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February 24th – Brad Nelson

March – Jim Maslowski\*

\*Held @ Harley-Davidson

April – Dick Kloes

September – Dave Smukowski

Call Ron Schlicht, if you wish to host a General Meeting.

Main criteria for hosting a meeting  
Not on a swap meet Sunday,

Weekdays permissible.  
Saturdays do not exist.

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February	15
March	15
April	19
May	17

Programs are subject to change without notice.

## Area Meets:

**Badgerland Train Trade Show**  
**Waukesha Expo Center 4-H Bldg.**  
**N1 W24848 Northview Road**  
**8:30 A.M. To 12:30 P.M.**

March	17
April	28

**Lionel Swap Meets**  
**Knights of Columbus Hall**  
**1800 South 92nd St. West Allis**  
**9:00 A.M. To 12:30 P.M.**

February	17
March	17
April	21
September	15
October	20
November	17
December	15

**Tri-City Train Show**  
**South Hills Country Club**  
**3047 Hwy. 41 (I-94) E. Frontage Rd.**  
**8:00 A.M. To 12:00 P.M.**

March	3
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**Wise Division Meets**  
**Midway Motor Hotel - Airport**  
**Meets usually open @ 12:30 PM**

February	17
March	17
April	21

Bus Trip                      May  
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**Great Midwest Train Show**  
**DuPage County Fairgrounds**  
**Wheaton, IL**  
**10 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

March	10
April	21
May	5

**Chuck Zehner's Wonderful World of Trains. All-Star Railroad Night**

Programs are held at the Milwaukee School of Engineering Student Center, 1025 North Broadway, Milwaukee, WI.

Doors open at 7:00 pm.  
Programs start at 7:30 pm.

## Final Dues Notice!

**You will no longer be receiving the newsletters or have any BSG member privileges as of 2/28/02.**

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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.

**Make your check payable to:**  
**Badgerland S Gaugers**  
Send it to our Treasurer  
**Jeff Young**

I would like to get the new membership list out as soon as possible. Please don't delay.

## "Editors Comments"

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Steve Lunde hosted our last BSG general meeting. Steve has a really nice high rail layout. He has a mix of American Flyer with the latest S gauge releases. Personally I love layouts with an over and under bridgework. The

track work has two levels with a grade that comes up, travels around the periphery of the layout, through mountain tunnels, then back over the top of the main line. It's cool. He has mixed in structures of varying scales into the roadways. If you could not attend the meeting at Steve's, you missed a fun one. We had a great time at his home.

Steve is one of our newer members. A newer member is defined as someone who has joined the club within the last two or three years. These members seem to end up as keepers. Your editor defines a keeper as one who you can probably depend on, to help out when needed.

How much attention do people really pay to the newsletter. I tried a test. In the treasurer's report item d) is Ronald Schlicht Pension Subsidy \$300.00 per mo. I wonder how many of you saw that item before you got to reading these "Editors Comments" . For those of you who nearly hit the ceiling, blew your top, called every other officer before reading on, congratulations you passed the test. For those of you who missed it, you flunked, which could make me look like a bigger crook than the Milwaukee Country elected officials. The difference is that I would be thrown out of the club and sued. Our elected officials will probably sue the taxpayers. But alas my seminary training bridles my lust. Sometimes being the editor is a lot of fun. You members don't learn a lot of train stuff, but then again I don't know a lot about train stuff.

Because of the way our bylaws are written I have to wait until next month to put out a membership list. I have to wait until March 1<sup>st</sup> for our delinquent dues payers to make up their minds. So all of you who are asking about a new membership list, don't blame me

There still seems to be a misunderstanding regarding the associate member status. The "only" thing that an associate member gets is the newsletter. No free entrance to the swap meets. They can attend one general meeting per year. They do not receive a patch, membership pin or membership card, which can be, used as a discount card at various local hobby shops.

All of the above listed are advantages or privileges of a full membership. Our club is no different than many other organizations in that respect.

Know what you are “not” entitled to as an associate member.

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**The Proposal for a Family Rate was voted on and passed as follows:**

Participating membership \$20.00

Spouse membership \$10.00

Family membership \$35.00 \*

\*Family rate regardless of number of immediate family members. Immediate family member definition is: spouse and children under the age of 18.

All family members have full membership rights.

All family members will receive a club patch.

All family members will receive a membership badge. (Blue Pin)

All family members will receive a club membership card, which entitles them to full member privileges.

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**Changes:**

None at this time. This is primarily meant to be used for changes to a members addresses, phone numbers, etc. We might also use this for club information or revisions.

**E-Mail Addresses:**

Please send your addresses to:

[ronaldschlicht@msn.com](mailto:ronaldschlicht@msn.com)

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**Wanted:**

Chimney for Plasticville Log Cabin (1)  
Chimney for Plasticville Ranch House (1) Any Color  
Contact Dave Smukowski  
Phone: (262) 675-2664

**This Column works. A few members have found what they needed through providing a list.**

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)

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**--For Sale:**

21st Annual Fall S Fest Glasses  
\$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.

We still have a variety of S Fest patches, 25<sup>th</sup> @ \$5.00 ea. 16<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> @ \$4.00 ea. plus the 3<sup>rd</sup> @ \$15.00 ea.

10<sup>th</sup> Annual S Fest Gondolas (No Trucks) \$15.00 ea.

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*Until the next time. See Ya.  
Ron Schlicht*



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