



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

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BSG Completes Year On Positive Notes

April Meeting

Saturday, April 20, 2002

Dick Kloes

Milwaukee, WI

Attendance:

G. Children, Art Doty, D. Goeke Jr., B. Goeke, D. Goeke, J. Goeke, S. Jones, D. Kloes, J. Madden, M. McGrath, R. Meissner, B Nelson, K. Pilon, C. Porter, A. Pratt, R. Puls, R. Schlicht, R. Shimon, D.Smukowski, S. Smukowski, F. Vergenz, Guest K. Andrews (22)

\$ Treasurer's Report \$

- a) Swap Meet Hall Rental \$559.13
- b) Swap Meet Journal Ad \$54.18
- c) Memorial For Dave Sengenberger \$50.00
- d) Newsletter Printing \$40.13
- e) Down Payment for N.A.S.G. Convention At Olympia \$1000.00

BSG Reports

Dave Smukowski opened the general business meeting and went over the plans for Chocolate Fest in Burlington, WI. A rather lengthy discussion followed on the hours and the setup procedures.

Dave gave a report on our expanded presence at model railroad shows in southeastern Wisconsin. He also mentioned that we still could use additional help at the swap meets Contact Dick Kloes if you are

interested. Unfortunately we have lost the catering service at the swap meets, so it's coffee and donut time again.

Jeff Madden gave a report on the **2003 NASG Convention**, which will be hosted by our club, July 9th thru 13th, at the Olympia Resort. The car plans were discussed along with other particulars regarding this event. Don Goeke has spent a lot of time researching various types of cars and what might be used as a paint scheme

There have been meetings going on throughout the summer, planning the N.A.S.G. Convention. A web site is in the planning. There have been various committees formed. If you would like to help out, contact Jeff Madden.

Chocolate Fest Report was held May 18th & 19th, the weather did not co-operate at all. The temperature was in the forties and fifties. When you go on one of the thrill rides and add the chill factor, your face could go numb. Then of course the only way that I would go on some of the rides would be for my brain to go numb.

I don't know how many people came into the building, but the total attendance for the weekend was reported to be over thirty thousand. This was down about ten thousand from the prior year.

Ron Schlicht had a lot of club literature printed for handouts, along with other S gauge material.

The layout was scaled down to 34 ft. long by 10 ft. wide The hours

spent at the show by our club was Friday 12:00 to 10:00pm, Saturday 9:00am to 11:00pm and Sunday 9:00 am to 5:00pm. It was a general consensus to attend this event next year. We will need a little more help.

For any new members who are interested in club hats or shirts contact Jeff Young.

If you **“have not”** received a club patch or a membership card, contact Ron Schlicht.

If you **“have not”** received a club badge contact Dave Smukowski.

Down the Tracks



Next Meeting:

Sunday, September 8, 2002

1:00 PM

Location:

Dave Smukowski's

159 Cortland Lane

West Bend, WI

Phone: (262) 675-2664

Upcoming Meetings:

September – Dave Smukowski

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

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

Any other weekend or weekday evenings are acceptable.

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.

September	22
October	27
November	24
December	22

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

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.

No Meets Scheduled Until Fall

Wise Division Meets
Midway Motor Hotel - Airport
Meets usually open @ 12:30 PM
Trainfest 2002 November 9th & 10th

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

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.

No Schedule yet
Programs are subject to change without notice.

"Editors Comments"

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Dick Kloes hosted our last meeting. Every time you visit Dick's layout you see more progress. Dick's layout is pretty complex and is just not going to be completed

overnight. He just keeps on ticking and the results are impressive. It's kind of like being in a layout classroom and you can learn a lot with a visit. Dick is always eager to help other members solve their model railroading problems.

This was the first time in decades that we held a meeting on a Saturday. The turnout was very good. Any day of the week, isn't good for one member or another, for one reason or another. So we do the best that we can. As a result of the last meeting, the No Saturday comment has been dropped.

I put this modular layout tip in the last newsletter. "We use 8-pole terminal strips with non-insulated connectors. Most of us only make four connections. Changing the spacing on the connectors to every other pole eliminates any possibility of the lugs getting shifted and possibly making contact with an adjacent lug, thus creating a short." Well it happened at Chocolate Fest and we spent a bit of time looking for the problem.

We will need a new modular layout chairman for the upcoming year. I will be stepping down from that position. The Schlicht-Starosta modules will always be available for the major shows.

Harold Immekus is looking into the idea that the club members might want to go down to S Fest as a group. He has checked out a bus rental through a friend. There are various size buses at various prices. The cost would be somewhere between \$20.00 to \$25.00 round trip. If you think that this would be a great way to go, let us know. If we can't get 15 to 20 people interested, it's a no go.

Train Fest, Mad City and Chocolate Fest are going to be our main focus for taking the modular layout to shows. Most of you know about know about Train Fest and Mad City. But Chocolate Fest has a lot of people coming through the gates, so we will be attending this show until further notice.

I hope you are having a better summer than I am. See you at the picnic.

Volunteers Needed:

During the early hours of the swap meets, we need at least two additional people to occasionally rearrange some of the tables and get extra chairs placed.

Someone is **"still"** needed to transport the TV and VCR to and from the swap meet. This job does not require you to even be at the swap the entire length of the meet, just at the beginning and end. If no one volunteers, it will not be used.

New Member:

Cal Krasonya
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Plymouth, WI 53073
(920) 893-9552
calvink@bytehead.com

E-mail Change:

This change column is primarily meant to be used for changes to a members addresses, phone numbers, etc. We might occasionally use this for club information or revisions.

E-Mail Addresses:

There was a **"huge"** error in the last newsletter. **I had my new E-mail address wrong.** Please send your addresses or your updates to:

rschlicht2@wi.rr.com

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:

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

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

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10th Annual S Fest Gondolas (No
Trucks) \$15.00 ea.

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Until the next time. See Ya.
Ron Schlicht