



Badgerland S Gaugers Newsletter

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Gary Children - Jeff Young

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Previous General Meeting

February 23, 2013
Steve Lunde's home

Attendance: 15

Brad Nelson,
Larry Blank,, Paul Bartelak
Michael Coggins Gary Children
Dick Kloes, Jeff Madden,
Roy Meissner, Kathy Pilon,
Fred Vergenz, Steve Lunde
Rick Wade, Jeff Young
Phil & Mary Nisiewicz

President Meissner opened the meeting @ the home of Steve Lunde

Minutes from previous meeting were approved

The Treasurers report was given

The Treasurer reported on the latest swap meet in January it was well attended

No idea when the 2012 S Fest cars will arrive.

Dick Kloes reported on Mad City event. Dick mentioned he had enough help and thanked those who helped pack up on Sunday. Dick reported a huge crowd Saturday, and a smaller crowd Sunday. Mike Coggins was thanked for the construction of the amazing geezer gate. I believe only one train accident happened during the show?

The high rail layout by Ron Schlicht looked great as ever A few new features were added. the Thomas train and working figures, get many smiles from adults and all the kids Everybody like to see themselves on TV!!.

Jeff Young informed us of his pending surgery, and today he is feeling fine and should be home by the weekend.

Jeff informed me that though we had late payments this year, we should only have to drop 2 members. They can all come back with current dues paid.

I have a few membership cards I have not given out, but don't worry I will see everybody in the next few months.

The hosting of the NASG convention in 2014 was talked about, and we're still in discussion with Stateline group to help. No

firm commitment by them. We would need their help.

Jeff Young talked about club shirts and hat orders. He has enough for an order. Jeff informed the group this may be the last order for a while

The editor reported a few people are not getting their newsletter. When I send it out by the first week of the month, and if I don't get an error message or an email returned to me, I won't know it was not received by a member. I would check your trash once in a while I bet you will find the club newsletter in it, or e-mail me so it can be re-sent.

A large train show in Union Grove has come to me through e-mail "Fall Harvest Days" The date is September 13, 14, and the 15th on the Racine County Fair Grounds in Union Grove. We can talk more about this at the next meeting. I have sent for more info. I would be nice to have an S gauge layout?

Thanks Steve Lunde for hosting.

Fred Vergenz was our entertainment He brought some new trains to run on Steves layout. Steve layout looked fantastic with all the trains running on it.

Final S fest 2012 totals
409 registered mail or at the door.
120 cars purchased
110 banquets tickets
125 patches
11 domes tour
175 tables for sales

[President closed the meeting](#)

[Next meeting at Jeff Maddens](#)

[3/17/13 1:00 star](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2013 ACTIVITIES

Badgerland Meeting Jeff madden
March 17, Sunday 1:00

Cedarburg Train Show
March 10 Sunday

Delevan Train show
March 8-10 Friday, Saturday, and
Sunday

No Swap meet in March

April 2013 Events:

Badgerland swap meet Sunday
April 7 8-12

Larry Blank host meeting April
21, 1:00 p.m.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Our layouts looked great in Mad
Town-Madison Ron Schlicts High
Rail Club Layout was on display
at the Domes in Milwaukee this
past week Many people gathered
around to watch all the moving
figures, and working trains.
Keep helping at all our events as
you can.

Local Area Meets:

Badgerland Train Trade Show
Knights of Columbus Hall
3200 S. 103rd St. Greenfield, WI
8:00 A.M. To 12:00 P M

2013 April 7

September
October
November
December

Lionel Swap Meets\
Clarion Hotel-Milwaukee Airport
5311 South Howell Ave.
Milwaukee, WI
8:00 A.M. To 12:00 P.M

2013

March 17

October 27
November 17
December 15

Tri-City Train Show
Roma Lodge
7130 Spring St. (Hwy. C)
Racine, WI
8:00 A.M. To 12:00 P.M.

2013

September 3
October 6
November 3
December 1

NEW PRODUCTS

Fred Vergenz was running some
new engines from Lionel made for
American Flyer this past meeting.
It would be nice if I would get
updates from members if they have
new equipment.

I just received my car from the
California S Gaugers from a year
ago. It was the Winter O Green
Car. Love the paint job. You don't
see to many green cars like this one

Wanted

AF passenger car 653 Red
Contact John Barnish
262-367-378
jandjbarnish@yahoo.com

FOR Sale

Complete set of S fest patches
first year to current year.
Contact Harold Immeku
262-375-3775

American Flyer Christmas Cars
new in the box. Never run. \$95.00

CHRISTMAS CARS

6-84319 1993 American Flyer
Christmas Box Car
6-48321 1994 American Flyer
Christmas Box Car
6-48323 1995 American Flyer
Christmas Box Car
6-48325 1996 Holiday Box Car
6-48327 1997 American Flyer
Christmas Box Car

NORTHERN PACIFIC train set.
American Flyers most beautiful
train ever.

New in the original set box.
In addition to the original full set I
have the following extras all new
unused in the original box.
6-48116 PB-1 Non Powered
Engine with sound
6-48925 NP Passenger Coach
6-48934 NP Dinning Car
I paid \$870 for the Northern Pacific
set and extras but will sell for \$750
cash.

Due to health problems I was never
able to construct the planned layout
to run these trains.

Glenn Eisenbrandt
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For all new members:
Interested in club shirts or hats
Contact Jeff Young

Jeff Young --- No more orders for a while. Per Jeff

If you "have not" received a club badge
Contact **Ron Schlicht**.

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Please note the new BSG secretary and newsletter editor

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Remember:

Change of addresses should be sent to your Editor to insure we can change it on BSG's e-mail group listing and put it in the newsletter.

If you have any items that you wish to place in the for sale contact your editor

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Next Meeting is at Jeff Madden's Sunday March 17 1p.m. Jeffs number is 262-968-3729 438 Bron Derw Ct. Wales, Wi. 53183

slightly off track
by ron schlicht

The Mad-City Model Railroad Show and Sale 2013 is over until next year. As usual BSG was represented by two layouts the BSG modular and my Hi-Rail.

After perhaps 15 or more years of BSG "talking" about a geezer gate for the modular layout, (talking is our major product) one of our newest members, Mike Coggins decided to build one. For coming out of the gate for the first time (what an appropriate term "coming out of the gate") it worked pretty well. This also meant that the layout grew in length by four feet. I'm sure that there will be some "tweaking" taking place on the "**elderly access unit**", but thank you Mike on your initiative and effort. I'm impressed.

The new sixteen feet that Dick Kloes and other club members worked on are nearly complete. They are totally functional and the scenery is pretty well done. Then of course scenery is never done. In most cases detail and "clutter" really add the finishing touches. In saying that, the modular layout has taken a big step forward in the past couple years and is better than it has looked in years. By the way, this is not only my opinion but others have commented on that subject. A lot of thanks should go out to Dick Kloes

and all of those who have helped out to get the new modules functional and nearly complete, in particular Gary Children. This also means that Dick does not have to constantly disassemble and drag his home modules up and down from his basement just in order for BSG to have a modular layout to promote S gauge in Wisconsin.

I made another interesting observation. Since my own layout was directly across from the modular layout, I sensed members seemingly having more fun and the level of enthusiasm appeared to be greater than in the recent past. Was I wrong or was I intoxicated? Pepsi can do that you know, or maybe it was the Doritos. Or maybe the modular group was imbibing in some unnatural spirits. Next time invite me over.

Being picky and outspoken, which is my prerogative, since no one else chooses to write an article for the BSG newsletters, there is still room for improvement on the layout. After all the entire layout will not be set up until November 7th 2013. That's "only" 262 days between shows.

I like a lot of stuff on a layout. I have seen enough of some other boring layouts over the years. I'm not talking about our clubs. When an attendee just walks by a layout without really stopping to look at it, that is a sign that something is lacking and there is no wow factor. In contrast I have the "Gypsy Rose Lee" attitude of "let me entertain you". Admittedly I have to attempt to get ones attention in other ways. Taking my clothes off would certainly not be a pretty picture, not to mention that I would probably get arrested and I might even lose my BSG club membership. Mmmmmmm.

I am hoping that a few more members get energized by the recent improvements to the layout and

pitch in to strive to make the club layout even better. This might also invigorate those who have already put a lot of work into the layout.

Once again, in my opinion I think that it is a good idea to alternate the Don Goeke circus and theme park with the scale structures look at the two shows that BSG attends. This means that every other year at Trainfest and Mad-City, the layout will have a different look. It won't be the same old, same old, been there, saw that. Change is good and this could be a unique element in the modular layout.

When I cease to have something different on my layout for the subsequent year, I will no longer be taking the layout to shows. With age coming on, that is the one certain change that could be the "BIG" change. But I'm referring to the layout. Nobody wants to continually read yesterdays newspaper. Then again if you do, get a life or definitely make an appointment with your physician.

As a sidelight the Goeke family's amusement park always draws a lot of attention from the "little people" who, by the way, are the future model railroaders. Because of their lack of understanding of the artistry, precision and time spent, they could crush one of those fine scale structures and would care less. Just don't break their toys, but give them flashing lights, bells and whistles or the cardboard box that their toys came in.

Getting back to the show, I don't know what the attendance was this year. It seemed steady but was not as overwhelming as I have seen it in past years. It was a bit chilly outdoors but in actuality the travel conditions were probably the best that we have had in years.

As usual, since I am always very busy at my layout, I cannot

comment on the rest of the show since I really didn't see much of it. Most dealers are closed between 7:00 and 8:30 am when I get to actually look around and the layouts aren't functional. In addition most of the model railroaders aren't that functional at that time either.

I am happy to say that the additional two feet that was added to the width of my Hi-Rail layout was well received by the public. In addition it is certainly a joy for me to be able to get a chair and a stool inside and finally be able to sit down after all these years. The Ray Puls, Thomas train is a big hit with the kids and the 32 celebrity figures give mom and dad something to do while junior (or junioress, I know that there is no such word) watch the trains go around and around and around and around. The Rich Eveleth camera train has always been a huge hit. Sometimes it's actually hard to get the adults out of the way in order that the children, for whom it is intended, get to see themselves on TV.

Many thanks also go out to all of the members that helped run trains, and tend to the public. A sign that the modular layout has made even more strides is the fact that the layout was up and running in less time than in the past.

Thanks again to all of those who helped out at the end of the show, the breakdown was also faster. I want to personally extend my gratitude to Mike Coggins, Roy Meissner, Ray Puls and Danielle Goeke who helped Rich Eveleth and I get my layout packed up and loaded. This resulted in my getting home earlier than usual.

Until the next time or whenever the spirit moves me, one way or the other, See Ya.