



# Badgerland S Gaugers Newsletter

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**Badgerland Display Committee:**

Gary Children - Jeff Young

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**[www.trainweb.org/bsg](http://www.trainweb.org/bsg)**

**Previous General Meeting**

April 21, 2013

Larry Blank home

**Attendance: 16**

Brad Nelson, Larry Blank,  
Jeff Madden, Roy Meissner,  
Kathy Pilon, Fred Vergenz,  
Ron Schlicht Rick Wade,  
Gil Bruck Larry Pries, Wayne & Karen  
Bartelt, Ray Puls Mike Coggins  
Joel Lebovitz Steve Lunde

President Meissner opened the meeting at  
the home of Larry Blank

Minutes from previous meeting were  
approved

The Treasurers report was given by the  
President as Jeff is recovering from his  
surgery. Hope Jeff is feeling better

Inventory report was mentioned by Dick  
K. Ron S is using a spread sheet for this  
inventory. Ron is taking pictures of all  
cars on the layouts. If you have any club  
equipment, Please let Ron S know what

you have!!!! It was reported we have a  
boat load of extra equipment.  
Ron S mentioned we should try to sell it  
at swap meets.

Steve Lunde reported on the 2014 NASG  
convention hosted by State Line and  
Badgerland. Steve feels with State Line  
helping it should go very smooth. Open  
homes were talked about it. More details  
to follow

“Art Doty report” by Jeff Madden  
Jeff reported on the S Spree, plus  
upcoming NASG Convention

Union Grove Model Railroad & Circus  
Display Show was mentioned September  
13, 14, 15 Badgerland will attend with  
the table top railroad. We can use help  
from any club member!!  
Call Rick Wade, or Rich Eveleth

Our host Larry Blank had a very  
interesting presentation on how he put  
his layout together It took him along  
time to do it, Like changing lights, for  
his scenery making all the solutions up  
that stuck up his house, and the wiring..  
In the end his layout looks great. Larry  
will be writing articles for the newsletter  
this year. Thanks Larry and thanks for  
hosting the meeting

Rick Wade and Rich Eveleth attended  
the model train show at the Civil  
Museum in Kenosha 6/28-30. I was well  
attended by over 2,300 train goers.  
We had very nice comments on our  
layout. The biggest questions were, how  
does one get started in model railroading,  
what products to buy, and can you buy  
AF trains? This show is growing bigger  
and bigger each year!

Thanks Larry for hosting  
New Business: none

President closed the meeting

**EDITOR NOTES:**

It’s sad that the annual picnic had to be  
postponed for this year. I hope some  
member can sponsor it next year. We  
did start a little late this year on it, and  
that may be the problem. We should  
bring it up in the meeting earlier in the  
year. We have many activities coming  
up, and we need everybody’s help again.  
Thanks to all who helped in the past.  
We need host for meeting Let me know

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2013-2014

SEPTEMBER 2013

General Meeting –no host found

Union Grove show Sept 13-,14-15

OCTOBER 2013

General Meeting—no host found

NOVEMBER 2013

No General meeting  
S Fest-Stateline Nov 1-3  
Train Fest—Milwaukee Nov -9-11

DECEMBER 2013

Christmas meeting no host found  
Discovery World train show Dec21

JANUARY 2014

General Meeting no host

FEBRUARY 2014

General meeting no host  
Mad town train show Feb 19-20

MARCH 2014

General meeting no host  
Cedarburg show March 9  
Domes train show March  
Delevan Train Show March

APRIL 2014

General meeting no host found  
Title Town Train show April 26-27

**Local Area Meets:**

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

2013 October 27  
November 24  
December 22

2014 January 26  
February 2  
March

Lionel Swap Meet

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

2013	September October 27 November 17 December 15
2014	January ?? February ?? March ??

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Tri-City Train Show

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

2013	September 1 October 6 November 3 December 1
2014	January 5

### **LARRY BLANK ON TRACK** **Building a model railroad in S**

Once Scenery is added to a train set it then becomes a model railroad. I would like to give a basic description of how I planned and built my S scale layout and the methods that are used to create its scenery.

A great thing about our hobby is that what works for one person isn't always the way someone finds right. What is best is whatever brings the most enjoyment to the individual modeler and works for them. Again one person's layout is best when it's what he likes and not to satisfy anybody else. What is important is to actually build something in S and make a dream a reality.

For most of us our interest in trains began when we got a flyer set under the Christmas tree and trains were more of a presence in our culture then they are now. It was great that it was American Flyer. After all, who ever saw a real railroad like the one that passed by my house with 3 rail track-sorry Lionel folks. The site was just right as it gave the feel and left off a real train, not something small and delicate say like HO -sorry HO people

After having American Flyer in our youth and maybe adding to it over the

years some of us began to want a layout like the one in the model train magazine. For me I was inspired by a series of articles in the 1964-1965 issues of Model Railroader.

Now with the desire to make a layout there was one big problem, going to the local hobby shop little to nothing was available in S Scale. Only in the last 20 years or so has enough come about that if one wants to build in S he can.

Once we have made the commitment to have S gauge it gives us choices that other scales don't. Stay with pure flyer, Mix it with high rail, go scale, finally narrow gauge. I chose the scale set in the 1930's to early 1940's.

Now where to put it? Given that S is a bigger size for most of us that means a basement room? My wife had other ideas for this basement space, not trains Quote "It should be used for family parties, weddings, etc." First I had to decide if the layout would be scale with a track radius of 4 feet around the room was the best. So the sales pitch was-"Gee Hon if you want the room for a party it can be moved into the laundry area." It never happened!!! My railroad empire had just started give it a foot hold and by manifest history it just took over.

Most trains layouts start with a flat table top and a circle of track from this the starting point there are many ways to go. Track plans can be point to point, cut and back, continues circles, or any combination. I chose to keep it simple with two round the room loops, one high and one low with a hidden connection segment. The lower loop can be one division with its own yard and trains will run several times around to simulate a long distance. From the lower loop a train will progress to the upper loop another division and add up more miles before stopping at a second yard-final destination thus simulating a point to point run.

Next time basic bench work!

### **Wanted**

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

### **For Sale**

Complete set of S fest patches  
The first year to current year..  
Plus an American Flyer pancake 350  
watt transformer \$40.00  
Contact Harold Immekus  
262-375-3775

Wanted:  
Code 148 rail any amounts  
262-652-2489  
Ask for Lee Marotz  
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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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### **The Next Event;**

**September??????**

**General Meeting-no host**