



# Badgerland S Gaugers Newsletter

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

**Previous General Meeting 1/25/15  
@Merton Community Center**

About 15 members present:

The President Meissner opened the January meeting in Merton

The minutes from the last meeting were approved

The Treasurer gave his report: Are your dues paid up?

**Jeff Young Gave the Treasurer's Report.**

**Old Business:** Jeff Young reported last show tables filled. Told off rough schedule for 2015-16. March 2016 would have to be moved to 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April due to Easter. There was still some discussion of consolidating meets

to only 1 or 2 a year. Best advertising are the flyers - we need to make sure they get passed out.

**Mad City Canceled for BSG modular layout.** Ron Schlicht will still take his. Key members couldn't make it this year, plus truck rental would be more expensive than Trainfest as it involves a weekend. Those who thought they had passes for the show (other than Ron's helpers) will have to pay to get in.

**2016 Fall S Fest:** Jeff Madden reported on 2016 Fest car. Sprecher Beer or Root Beer logos on an MTH reefer appears to be the leading choice. Jeff Young is checking into this. Check the Sprecher website to see possible logos to use.

**New Business:** Most know of Greenfield News & Hobby closing. Sales of inventory continuing to March 4. This eliminates one of our free meeting places - too bad.

Mac McGrath is working on getting a bus for summer picnic to the National Ry Museum (Green Bay) that would be a joint deal for the BSG, State-Line and CASG clubs. Cost for 56 passenger bus would be app. \$1,000. That would come down to about \$20 per person if full. Let your officers know if interested. Late June seems to be consensus for time to go. Museum fee would be \$8.50. Mac working on deadlines.

**Thanks to Ray Puls for his clinic on installing SHS wheelsets into the Lionel cylindrical hoppers.** Basically either hi-railers or scalers need to change out the wheelsets in these cars as Lionel AF wheelsets don't track right. As well, the bolster height is a little off, but that's an easier fix. Also thanks to Joel Lebovitz for bringing a new Lionel AF diesel for folks to stare at.

## **BADGERLAND EVENTS 2015**

Feb. 2015

Meeting Feb. 15 Hosted by BSG  
@ Merton Community center 1:00 p.m.

Mad City train show Feb 21-22. Note: only Ron Schlicht's layout will go.

Feb. 22 - BSG Swap Meet

MARCH 2015

March 22, Need host, Tentative meeting again at Merton Comm. Center 1 p.m. NOTE: KE bridge is out over Hwy 16 near Pewaukee, so you'll have to get to the center kind of round-about. See details from Roy below!!!!

March 22 swap meet Badgerland - Note same day as meeting.

Delevan Train March 14-15

Circle B Train Show March 8

April 2015-----  
Larry Blank will host BSG meeting on Sun. April 19, 1:30 p.m.

Green Bay Train Show April 25-26

## **Sad Notes:**

**Sympathies to the Goeke family as Don's father passed away recently**

**The upcoming closure of Greenfield News & Hobby on March 4. Sale starts in Feb.**

## **: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

2015	February 22
	March 22

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

2015  
February 15  
March 15

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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.

Spring S Spree, Dayton, Ohio,  
May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – yes,  
Mother's Day weekend.  
You can make it back as  
events kind of end around  
2 p.m. Sat. – or you can  
take spouse or mother  
along.

NASG Annual Convention is in  
Kansas City, MO, Aug. 4-9.

Fall S Fest 2015: It's Halloween  
time in St. Louis. FSF is  
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1. Mailings  
coming in May or June.

Check [www.nasg.org](http://www.nasg.org) for detailed  
info on these last three  
events and downloadable  
forms.

## **FOR SALE**

Fall S-Fest cars – Gondola with load,  
10<sup>th</sup> annual; stock car, 10<sup>th</sup> annual; box  
car, 15<sup>th</sup> annual. \$15 each plus \$4  
shipping or less for group ship. Also S  
Patches: '78, 82, 91: \$5 each plus  
50cents shipping. Contact Glenn  
Eisenbrandt 262-473-5322 or email:  
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If you would like BSG long or short  
sleeve shirt contact Jeff Young

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

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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 newsletter for sale  
contact your editor

IMPORTANT **DUES** SHOULD BE

PAID to the TREASURER JEFF

YOUNG no later than 12/31

LAST Date to pay without being  
dropped from the roster is 1/31/15.

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Christmas Again! By Ron  
Schlicht

On December 25, 1948 I received  
a 48T American Flyer Train set.  
(Actually I really wanted a  
bicycle.) Still it was Christmas  
and I was really excited, as most  
kids are when Santa visits. I don't  
remember if I still believed in him  
or not, but who cares. The Royal  
Blue, no smoke, no choo-choo,  
whirled around the small loop of  
track past a Plasticville suburban  
station and platform. Back then it  
was more fun just watching it go  
around and around than any child  
of today could imagine, or for that  
matter believe.

It was also enjoying listening to  
the radio (No TV). Sergeant  
Preston of the Yukon, Sky King,  
The Lone Ranger, and Green  
Hornet were some of my favorite  
programs. OK I'll admit it; I also  
listened to Billie the Brownie. In

addition there were my aunt's  
View Master Reels (No video  
games). Perhaps that was actually  
the first form of video games.

The Christmas Story, Roy Rogers,  
Gene Autry and Hopalong  
Cassidy were viewed over and  
over again. Call me goofy (it's  
never stopped anyone before), but  
every year I go through a ritual on  
Christmas day. I pull my Royal  
Blue set off the shelf, run it  
around the track for a while and  
then go through all of the View  
Masters reels that I still have. My  
cousins lost or destroyed most of  
the ones that we had (bummer).


It's December and a little more  
than 66 years later it is Christmas  
Again and I'm watching a train go  
around and around. This time it's  
on a 255 square foot layout. This  
time it's not just turning the speed  
up and down with a small  
transformer on a linoleum floor.  
As we get older things change. At  
an advanced age, some of us hear  
little voices now and then. This  
time it's coming from a train  
engine (and you thought that I  
was finally totally losing it). I  
have to blame a number of my  
fellow S Gaugers for this. (I won't  
mention their names - they know  
who they are). After seeing one  
member's engines running on my  
traveling layout and being  
prodded to purchase one, I  
couldn't help myself. Boy, Oh  
Boy, Oh Boy. Cab lights on, cab  
lights off, engineers crew talk on,  
crew talk off, horn on, horn off,  
bell on, bell off, smoke on smoke  
off, and I feel like the Mister  
Miyagi of model railroading. It's  
so much more than wax on, wax  
off.

Admittedly I am an old school American Flyer enthusiast and operator (that lower life form of S Gauger). It will be a tough choice as to which one of my favorite engines absolutely has to be removed from the layout to make room for the Lionel S Gauge U33C diesel locomotive. Finally (perhaps, probably not) there will be no more disdain and derision from the scale contingent about our TOY trains. OK, the lobster claw couplers are still there (I will probably change the front coupler to scale; I do it on the rear of all of my cabooses). This of course will not allow me to double head engines in the event that I win a lottery and buy more of this type of engines. I have to admit that these engines are absolutely beautiful and undeniable make AF look fairly rudimentary when put side by side. However there is one problem. I will have to make myself a wrist band, similar to those worn by football quarterbacks, just to be able to remember all of the possible functions that I can do. I don't have a Legacy System, but my limited memory bank probably couldn't handle all of those operations.

I must say that having a TMCC CAB-1 system on my layout has made running trains more enjoyable than ever. It is by far, the best investment that I have made in model railroading to date. Believe me, American Flyer engines run better with TMCC and require "NO", I repeat "NO" modification at all. I have 22 AF switches that operate from a remote. If you are a real man, you have a minimum daily requirement for having a remote

in your hands. Now what you need is a lounge chair that can elevate high enough to view your entire layout.

For all non-believers, yes there is a Santa. For me, he was just hiding inside of a credit card. In 2014 it is "Christmas Again!"

 Oh yes, I too can wax nostalgic for all those old TV shows. Hey, do you remember Hoot Gibson, Gabby Hayes, Durango Kid, Lash Larue, Bob Steele, the Three Mesquiteers, Zorro, Randolph Scott? Gee, I sound like the Statler Brothers. Some of these old shows are showing up on ME TV and GET TV.  
Jeff

Do we all have New Year's Resolutions to get working on your train layout or rolling stock?? This is the time of year to "hunker down" and do that, especially now that football season is officially over.

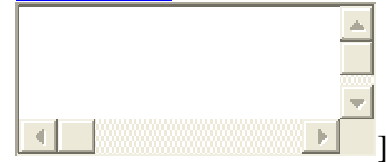
Bridge out>>>>>>>>  
The bridge over Hwy 16 and Hwy KE/North Shore Dr/Jungbluth Rd is closed. The ramps are open. If you are coming to from Milwaukee to Merton via 16 you can get off on KE as before. You can only go north toward Merton. If you are coming from the west on 16, you will have to get off at North Ave in Hartland. Turn left on North Ave to Hwy K, right on K to KE Winklemann Rd. Coming from the south, you will have to come through Hartland. Best take Hwy 83 to 16, 16 to North Ave. I will give directions to get back to Milwaukee at the Feb meeting.

I would like to encourage people to bring things they are working on for a show and tell time in addition to any program we will have. Projects don't have to be completed. We would like to see what you are working on.

Roy

Reminder: Don't forget to check the website shown earlier in this newsletter.

### [What's New](#)



High rail conversion for Flyonel Cylindrical Hoppers

Tools:

- 1] Small arbor press
- 2] Truck spreading tool [Port Line Hobbies]
- 3] Small phillips tip screw driver
- 4] Cradle
- 5] A precision measuring device, I found a digital device at Menards for about \$12.00.

This is a fairly simple but somewhat time consuming project. To complete it you will need four axle sets of S Helper wheels or other high rail wheels that would fit the axles. The measurement that I used is only for the S Helper wheels. If you use different wheels you will have to measure the back to back spacing on that set and shorten the spacer accordingly. When I

measured the b to b spacing on the scale wheel set it measured .755", spacing on the high rail wheels after checking several sets was .715" to .720" a difference of .035" to .040", thus the need to shorten the spacer.

1] Start by pressing the S Helper wheels off of the S Helper axles with the arbor press and set these wheels aside

2] Carefully remove the rotating bearing caps from each axle of the cyl. hopper and set these aside.

3] Remove the screw attaching the truck to the car and remove the truck.

4] Remove the two screws that fasten the coupler to the truck and remove it.

5] Turn the truck over and loosen the two screws attaching the sides of the trucks to the center piece, [two turns loose is enough]

6] Now use the spreading tool to gently press the side frames apart, only go far enough to get the axle out, I did only one axle at a time.

7] Now that you have one wheel set out of the car, pull the wheel and axle assembly apart by hand, you will have one axle piece with one wheel and one axle piece with the wheel and the plastic spacer. Holding the wheel and axle attached to the plastic spacer you can now shorten the spacer .035" to .040" or between 1/32 to 3/64 inch. I cut mine off with a modelers hand saw. After shortening the spacer you will need to clean up the hole into which the axle half will go, I used

an oval needle file, inserting it into the hole and turning it a few times.

8] You will now press the axles out of the scale wheels, and at this time you can put the first pair of high rail wheels on the axle halves. These, if you are using the S Helper wheels, you will be able to install them by hand no need for the arbor press here.

9]. You can now install the axle half back into the plastic spacer, just be careful to start them straight, these also you can put together by hand, no need for the press.

10] You are now ready to reinstall the first axle back into the truck. Repeat for the three other axles and you will have a high rail Flyonel Cylindrical Hopper.

Hope that this will help you out.

