



THE BSG BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF THE BADGERLAND S GAUGERS

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

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Badgerland S Gaugers

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So, what's happening with the Badgerland S Gaugers?"

Well after a number of months attempting to arrange a meeting between the board of directors of the Badgerland S Gaugers and the with the Waukesha Gandy Dancers, it finally came to fruition.

The BSG board has voted and decided to accept the offer of an associate BSG "**club**" membership with the Waukesha County Gandy Dancers (HO) model railroad club. In doing this, a space has been made available that will provide a permanent home for the modular layout. This will also give the club the ability to also set up the table top layout. Additionally, a kitchenette area is available. This gives us the capability of holding regular club general meetings and possibly other club activities. (Parties???)

All of the BSG inventory and modular layout has been moved into the Waukesha facility. Over the years the club's modular layout has been in need of repair. After setting the layout up, the plan is to replace much or all of the hand-laid track with flexible track sections. There will also be an upgrading of the scenery and structures. The club will hold work sessions at which any willing members can participate. Ultimately our members will be able to run their trains on the revised layout. With the table top layout also being set up, there will always be the opportunity to run trains.

It is the BSG boards belief, that this is the best move for the future of BSG. The Gandy Dancers HO club hold various open house weekends for their layout. This will also afford BSG of a lot more visibility and the opportunity to expand interest in S gauge and possibly increase the club membership. Last November BSG was invited to one WCDG to one of their open houses meets and we were able to hand out club literature including our swap meet flyers. There were a number of visiting individuals talking about their American Flyer Trains stored in their attics or basements.

If you are interested in viewing the Gandy Dancers club and our future location, this is their website:

www.wcgdrailroad.com

There are still some details that have to be worked out including the days and the hours that the clubhouse will be open for the members and the open houses. The trip to see the Gandy Dancers layout during open house events would be worth your time.

Hopefully there will be a BSG general membership meeting within the next month or so. We also hope that you all attend to see the club's future.

(Editors Opinion)

Some of us, (your Associate editor included) have been members of BSG from 1975. For nearly 47 years the club has been a nomadic tribe, occasionally holding meetings at member's homes. (Moses spent less time than that, in the desert, looking for the promised land.) Finding meeting hosts has become more difficult. A few years back, members had to sit on my basement stairs to provide enough seating space.

The membership has been decreasing over the past few years. A number of our most productive members have passed away. Outside of our occasional newsletters and free entrance into our swap meets, I feel that BSG has not offered our members enough. I believe that this move will revitalize the club and possibly increase the number of memberships. I also believe that had this move not been made, the club would be non-existent within a couple years. There is no other real S gauge purveyor of information in the state of Wisconsin than The Badgerland S Gaugers.

There are also some other plans in order to return to just **having fun with our trains**, within a club atmosphere. Although our organization is a form of business, when the enjoyment of being a member comes to an end, the membership levels will inevitably diminish.

Special Report

There is sad news from the American Flyer "S" Gaugers of the St. Louis Area. A short notice was sent out earlier regarding the report of the passing of Moe Berk. AFSGSLA is a group of model train enthusiasts that was founded in 1975. Moe Berk was club's coordinator since its founding and the driving force of the organization. The club's motto was "It's just for the fun of it!!!" At Moe's request AFSGSLA began hosting Fall S Fest in 1995 which helped diversify the event.

Long time BSG member Gil Bruck recently passed away. Gil was primarily a Lionel collector and operator but was mainly a model railroad enthusiast. He did have an American Flyer set and attended our meetings when he could. His Lionel layout appeared in the Classic Toy Trains magazine. For those of you who have ever been to the Lionel Club of Milwaukee, Gil was one of the major contributors of all of the scenery that was done there. No matter where you look on that layout you can see his fingerprints. He was the type of member that any club would welcome, he was a doer who seemed to have an everlasting smile on his face. I will miss him as a friend and model railroading will miss him.

This past December, S Scale model railroading lost another of its manufacturing leaders. Ron Bashista, the founder and owner of American Models passed away. His company produced S gauge 1/64th railroad cars and engines since 1981. His products were high quality, detailed, scale and Hi-Rail models. He was very helpful when our club needed a last-minute replacement car for the 2012 Fall S Fest the 50-foot gondola. He was very easy to work with when BSG was developing the 2021 Fall S Fest hoppers, that are for sale in this newsletter. The delivery was prompt and the cars are beautiful.

NASG Dispatch Info

In less than 4 months we'll welcome the return of the NASG National Convention in Buffalo, New York. The "Buffalo CanAm", being held August 2nd-6th, will be a fantastic opportunity to get back in touch with our S Scale community. We're expecting a great gathering of long-time members, as well as those who will make their first appearance at an S Scale event.

The 2022 convention website

www.nasgconvention.com is a great place to start for all your information needs, thanks to efforts of NASG webmaster extraordinaire Peter Vanvliet. Here you can register online for the convention and find out about all the exciting tours and activities we've got planned for you (and your significant other). Visit a natural wonder of the world, ride the rails and sip some ales, tour the heart of a historic transportation giant by bus and boat, and channel your inner craftsman/woman!

There is something for everyone; from shopping from the top S Scale vendors, taking in a host of amazing clinics, partaking in a model contest, viewing fabulous layouts, or just relaxing and dining with friends.

Make your plans now and book at the convention hotel with a special rate: [Buffalo Marriott Niagara](#). Be one of the first 64 to book 3 or more nights and enter a chance to win a free nights' stay! The convention hotel

offers the most convenient and enjoyable experience, and you'll also start your day out right with a complimentary breakfast.

It's been too long since we've seen each other, so make 2022 the year to get out and enjoy life AND model trains! We hope to see you soon in Buffalo!

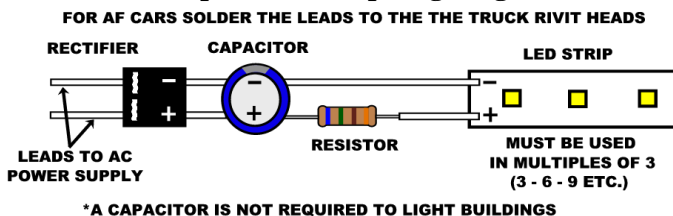
Ray's Rail-Ways

By Ray Puls

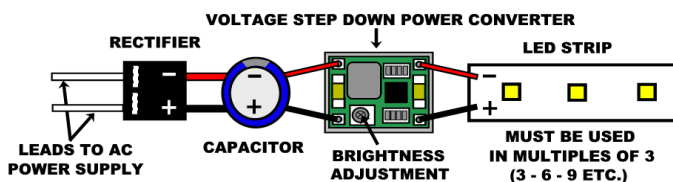
It's time to change the light bulbs in your model train cars. Whether they are in a caboose or a string of passenger cars, they might burn out at any time. Whatever power source you use they all have limited amounts of wattage/amps. If you are using a traditional AF style transformer too many lights and/or accessories may end up overheating and tripping the transformer. Most passenger cars have 18 Volt bulbs which is 6 watts. A five-car passenger train would amount to 30 watts not counting the draw on the locomotive.

There are a number of options to add LED lighting. In the diagrams below, it is noted that the capacitor is not required for the simple lighting of buildings. The main purpose of the capacitor is to store and maintain voltage to the led strips. If your track work is not perfect or occasional dirt is on your wheel sets, the capacitor decreases the flickering of your lit rolling stock. Then again if you prefer the "Disco" version of lighting in your caboose bulbs may be your preference.

Option #1 -Simple lighting



Option #2 -Adjustable lighting



This option gives you the ability to vary the lighting in individual passenger cars or various buildings

I checked for prices and availability at All Electronics: and did have to make some substitutions
Caps 2200mfd 35v Cat. # 2200R35 \$1.00 ea.
Resistor 1/2 watt 680 Ohm \$.10 ea.
1 amp bridge rectifier Cat. # Fwb11 \$.35 ea.

LED strips generally 5 meters on EBAY \$7.00-\$10.00 (The strips are over 16 ft. in length and amounts to quite a number of units depending on how many items you want to illuminate.)

If you wish to mount the components on a board, Breadboard solid line Cat. # SB-ST1 \$3.15 ea. this should make at least 11 pcs.

The Photo Shop

The Photo Shop section of the newsletter will be an area where we hope that members can share pictures of their trains, layout, projects or other areas that may interest to our members. (No "cheesecake" pictures of your wife.) In the event that there is little response to this, you will have to put up with stuff from me.

As previously mentioned, the club had the BSG, 2012 Fall S Fest, Soo Line gondolas with the container loads for sale. have recently sold out.

Our past BSG president, Steve Lunde, added a really nice touch to this car. At that time, he brought his car to a general meeting, I was so impressed that I just had to do it myself. I used materials that I just happened to have in my "stuff". The wood was 3/16in. x 5/32 in. and .040 in. x 3/16 Balsa. Don't ask where I got the scale bolts, I think that they were Grandt Line, I don't remember.



BG Inventory

BSG still has some 2016 Fall S Fest cars 2016. For those who were unable to attend the 2021 Fall S Fest. There are still some FSF hopper cars left. Contact Ron Schlicht Phone (414) 477-7866 Email: rons48tblue@gmail.com

2016 Sprecher Brewery Reefers



CARS ARE \$55.00 EACH
Hi-Rail/Scale Cars \$55.00 Each
 (Very Limited Supply)

2021 Fall S Fest Hoppers



(Hi-Rail Only) \$55.00 Each

Local Area Meets

Badgerland S Gaugers
American Legion Post, #537
9159 W. Beloit Road, Milwaukee, WI 53227
8:00 am To 12:00 pm

2022	October	16
	November	27
	December	18
2023	January	22
	February	26
	March	26

Lionel Swap Meets
New Berlin Entertainment Center
16000 West Cleveland Ave.
New Berlin

8:00 am To 12:00 pm

2022	October	16
	November	20
	December	18
2023	January	15
	February	26
	March	19

Tri-City Train Show
Roma Lodge,
7130 Spring St, Racine, WI 53406

8:00 am To 12:00 pm

2022	October	9
2023	March	12
	October	8

*Note the meet will no longer be a monthly event.

For further information:

Contact Ron Soldberg (262) 488-0193

Great Midwest Train Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL
9 am to 3:00 pm

2022	May	1
	June	5
	August	7
	September	4
	October	2
	November	13
	December	4

Misc. Events

Gandy Dancers Open House Schedule
831 N. Grand Ave. Waukesha, WI
10 am To 6 pm

2022	May	7
	August	20
	October	1
	November	12-13
	December	3

Lionel Railroad Club Open House

2022	November	26 th & 27
2023	April	1 th & 2

Spring S Spree May 13th & 14th 2022

Hosted by the Pittsburgh S Gaugers

Washington PA County Fairgrounds

2151 North Main Street

Washington, PA 15301

For More Information, Visit:

www.SSpree.info

Final Notice

If you still plan on being a member of the Badgerland S Gauger, Please remit your dues to the club Treasurser. In addition if there are any address, phone number or email changes let us know.

If you no longer wish to be a BSG member, **“This will be the last newsletter you receive.”**

BSG encourages its members to share any new or existing product information they may found to be beneficial. Your opinions or advice regarding the use and performance of the products are welcomed. In addition, share your scenery, technical or operational experiences on your own home layouts for the BSG newsletters. Photos are encouraged.

Send any comments or suggestions to:



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BADGERLAND S GAUGERS

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"S" SCALE & AMERICAN FLYER TRAINS

Under the miscellaneous events column, the Gandy Dancers will be holding an **“Open House”** Saturday May 7th.

This will afford you the opportunity to see the facility that the Badgerland S Gaugers Club will be calling home.

In addition, you will see their layout, although under construction, is really something to see.

At this time the only entrance door is located about the middle of the block between the corners of Grand Ave. and South St. The club is in the basement and uses the elevator for access.

Club Location:
831 N. Grand Ave.
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