



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....*

Established 1975

2023 February Issue

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

Ray Puls opened the BSG January general meeting, which was held January 15th, 2003.

Roy Meissner gave a brief treasures report. No figures regarding financials will be in posted in the newsletters.

Old Business: Ron Schlicht gave a final report on the last BSG Fall S Fest.

Member Dave Wiedenkiller gave a report on a major issue that he had with LBR.

Clubhouse Clatter

Happy New Year. Let's hope that this year is better than the last three. For the Badgerland S Gaugers this year will probably be the best ever. It's all about the club house.

What's up at the club house? As previously mentioned, the modular layout was in terrible condition. It is now time for "**Gentlemen start your engines**" On January 23rd trains ran on the modular layout for the first time in over three years. Mainly through the efforts of Ray Puls the layout is now functional. The track has been regauged and new rail joiners have been made. Since the layout will not be taken to model railroad events anymore, for the most part, the joints have been soldered. It took quite some time and effort to accomplish this. This has only happened through the efforts of our President Rays Puls over about a six-week effort. Besides the horrible trackwork, the wiring was all messed up, creating shorts in various areas of the layout.

BSG club member Tom Patterson brought a "**scale**" DC engine and scale cars for a test run on the layout and it ran just fine. At the open house sponsored by the Gandy Dancers, both layouts were in operation. The tabletop layout was running refurbished American Flyer 316 & 287

steam engines, which were donated to the club at one of the local swap meets. Many thanks to Ray Puls who put a lot of work into two units that originally appeared to be basket cases for parts only. All of the freight cars used were also donated by some club members, plus a number from one of our Fall S Fest registrants. At this point, BSG has not had to make any financial investment to have engines or freight cars for the layouts.

There were two weekends of open houses at the club, over the two, various members participated Tom loaded up the outside track with a 30-car freight train pulled by his fully powered an S-Helper, Maine Central A-B-A,

Ray Puls ran his Lionel AF Northern Pacific passenger train and his Soo-Line, American Models, F-Units with 39 SHS ore cars. Fred Vergenz was at both open houses and brought his Kansas-City Central, ES-44 units along with other sets and engines. All in all, the layouts never lacked having trains run. Until the "fool-proof", AC-DC plug-ins are established, Fred has loaned BSG a DC power supply and Ray Puls is utilizing his Lionel Legacy setup. There are also some small American flyer transformers available. Even though the layouts are fully functional there will a continuing effort to improve the trackwork. The following was taken by Ray at one of the open house days.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0apY7rR3nM&t=124s>

The next step will be planning of the structure locations and a ton of repair to the existing scenery. There will be work sessions planned for any member who wishes to participate. In addition, the layout will be expanded, not in length or width, but inward. On most oval or round layouts, the center of the layouts are dead zones, non-functional floor space. We will start modestly on one of the ends. removing the backdrops and extending the layout inward. This will give us more usable surface area for additional structures and scenery.

At this time, due to some plans for sidings and expansion, the outside rail will be used primarily for scale trains and will be DC powered. Many of the older Gilbert engines will run AC or DC and can also run on the outside loop. Although we have a ways to go, at least we can run trains during the planned scenery improvements. A passing siding is in the works and a staging area is also planned.

The layout committee for both the layouts, now consists of Ray Puls and Ron Schlicht. We encourage all of our members to join in on the future planning of the layouts. If you are able to attend any of the upcoming meetings, please contact either Ray or Ron if you like the idea of being one of the architects of the new and improved club layouts.

We are also interested in your ideas regarding work sessions, not only for the layouts, but the clubhouse surroundings. In addition, if you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to email or call Ray or Ron.

NASG Dispatch Info

The January/February issue of the Dispatch featured an introduction to the new editorial staff. There has been some rumblings regarding the balance of scale versus American Flyer/Hi-Rail. All publications, whoever they are, depend on input from not only the editors but from the readers. Having corresponded with the AF/Hi-Rail editor, it appears that the Dispatch has had little input from that segment on the membership. As with the Dispatch, the BSG newsletters will contain the information that it receives. In the event that you want to see more American Flyer or HI-Rail articles, there is no crystal ball that an editor can look into and see other layouts or articles. The BSG newsletters are probably going to focus on whatever I can conjure from my layout or that of Ray Puls. If you're happy with that, I'm more than satisfied with the content.

If you want to contact the NASG Dispatch with articles or photos, the AF/Hi-Rail assistant editor is Stephen Law his email is doctorstephenlaw@gmail.com. The scale assistant editor is Dick Karnes at mk2202@yahoo.com. You know who I am.

Local Area Meets

I recently attended the new swap meet in New Berlin (Note the Location has already changed.) It is an all scale meet and was well attended. With the promotional effort that the sponsor of the show is making, I believe that this will be a worthwhile meet to buy or sell at. the show was

I have not received any information on the Kenosha meet or how well it was attended.

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

New Berlin, WI
8:00 am To 12:00 pm
Admission \$4.00

2023	February	26
	March	19

Check website: www.milw-lrrc.com
or call 262-754-9900

New Location

New Berlin Model Train Swap Meet
OAW Indoor Sports Complex
5330 s. Racine Ave.

New Berlin, WI
9 am to 1:00 pm
Admission \$5.00

2023	April	23
	July	16
	September	24

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

2023	March	5
	April	2

Wisconsin Southeastern Division Midwest Region **(WISE) Meets**

2023	Sunday	March 19
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1:00 P.M.

New Berlin Entertainment Center
16000 West Cleveland Ave.
(Non-Members \$5.00 WISE Members Free)

2023	Sunday	April 16
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1:00 P.M.

Location to be determined

(Non-Members \$5.00 WISE Members Free)

Visit WISE Division Websites for more information
www.wisedivision.org

Misc. Events

For information on the 2023 Spring S Spree, check www.nasg.org or www.sspree.info for detailed info on the Spring S Spree in 2023. It will be in Dayton, Ohio

sponsored by the Miami Valley S Gaugers on March 31 and April 1. This will be a good place to buy and sell all types of S items. It will be at the Crossroads Expo Center, Exit 59 off I-75 – 6550 Poe Ave., Dayton, OH 45414.

The next NASG convention will be in July in Harrisburg, PA from July 26-29, 2023. This will be an ideal location with nearby attractions such as the EBT, the Strasburg and Amish areas, Hershey Park, historic Gettysburg and the nearby Norfolk Southern railroad attractions. Check under events at www.nasg.org under the Events section.

“Membership Dues”

Final Notice !!

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, this will be the last newsletter that you will be receiving.

In the near future BSG will send out a membership roster. Respecting our members privacy, it will be sent as a separate email attachment, to “BSG Members Only” and will not be posted on our website.

Participating membership \$20.00

Spouse membership \$10.00

Family membership \$35.00 *

*Family rate regardless of number of immediate family members. Immediate family member definition is: spouse and children under the age of 18. “Any member under the age of 18 will not have voting rights.”

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Next BSG Meeting

Date: Sunday February 26th

Time: 1:30pm

Club Location:

Corner of South & Grand Ave.
Waukesha, WI 53186

Future Meeting Schedule:
Sunday March 19th 1:30pm @ Our Clubhouse

BSG Inventory

Contact Ron Schlicht Phone (414) 477-7866 Email:

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2016 Sprecher Brewery Reefers \$55.00 Each



2021 Fall S Fest Hoppers (Hi-Rail Only) \$55.00 Each
Furnished with Coal Loads



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BSG encourages its members to share any new or existing product information they may find to be beneficial. 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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