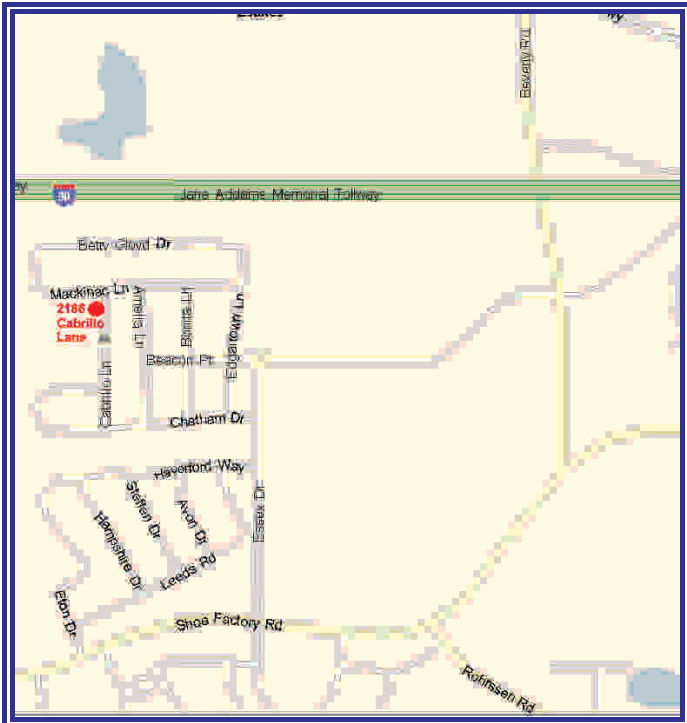


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THE NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of C A S G will be held **Saturday, August 18, 2018**. It will be convened at the home of **Will and Kelly Holt**, 2186 Cabrillo Lane in Hoffman Estates. See the map below. If you have any trouble finding the house, call 630-881-9025.



Trains will start running at 1:00 P. M with munchies and beverages available. At 4:00 P. M. we will have the business meeting followed by the cookout with burgers, brats and hot dogs. After the cook out, trains and socializing will continue into the evening. Detail are below.

If you are coming and have not already done so, please RSVP with how many will be with you for the day, williamholt@comcast.net or 630-881-9025. We want to be sure we have enough eats for everyone.

JUNE MEETING FEATURE:

C A S G members started arriving at **Bruce's** home at 12:00 Noon. Trains were running on two loops in the train room and one the new loop that encompasses part of the train room and the family room. We all got to see the hole in the wall that we have heard so much about.

In between rains showers, Bruce also ran the outdoor G Gauge for those interested.

As usual, activities went on well into the evening. Thank you Bruce and **Sheila** for having us!

WELCOME ABOARD:

John Davis has joined the ranks of the C A S G. John is another long distance member, living with his wife in Breezy Point, Minnesota, about 50 miles west of Duluth and 150 miles north of the Twin Cities. The Davis' moved to Minnesota in 1970. They have a daughter and five sons, eighteen grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He grew up on a farm in Indiana, where there was an American Flyer train set under the tree for him in 1947. However, since all of his friends had either Marx or Lionel O gauge sets, he felt left out. Subcoming to peer pressure, for Christmas 1949 he got a Lionel three-rail O gauge set. Over the years, he collect Lionel and built serval layouts.

He admits his has grown very tired of the third rail and is switching over to S for the two rail track. Since doing so, he has acquired a number of American Flyer trains. As a fan of the the Nickel Plate and the Erie. The Flyer Berkshires in those roads really cemented his move to S; he has two road numbers of each of the Berks available for those roads. He favors the late '40's and early '50's for era.

In his quest for more information about S model railroading he wound up connecting with **Ray Signorini** who he credits with helping him extensively and getting him to join C A S G.

He is a veteran of the U. S. Amy. His other interests include collecting fire arms.

John, we hope to see you at the Fest on November.

Also, former members **Frank Michlin** came to the July meeting and rejoined C A S G. **Gery Gasnick** has come back to our membership after an absence as well.

Welcome back Frank and Gery.

FALL S FEST 2018:

Registrations continue to come in come in for the Fest, both in the mail and on-line.

The Fall S Fest cars been completed. They were picked up from American Models on July 16 and samples were on display at the July meeting.

Our banquet speaker will be Fred Henize. He will reminisce about his days as a railroader. Preliminary designs for the center pieces are almost done and about to be reviewed.

Some commitments for prizes and donations are confirmed. Auctioneers, yes auctioneers, are lined up for the post banquet auction. And a coordinator is set for the silent auction.

Help is still needed for many aspects of the Fest. Contact **Dick Bukowski**, basstrek@hotmail.com or 847-338-1336 to sign up for helping staff the Fest. Many of the committees are already working hard on aspects of the Fest. Do not think that help is only needed in the fall. The committees are:

Banquet, Speaker and Center Pieces
Clinics
Contests and Prizes
Marketing and Publishing
Raffles and Auctions
Registration
Security
Site

The board is working on a Fall S Fest manual. If you have any records concerning how a Fest is done, be they electronic or hard copy, please see that they are shared with the board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!:

In the following months, there are an abundance of events in which the C A S G is planning on participating.

Fall S Fest is scheduled for **November 2-4**. The following weekend, **November 9-11**, is Train Fest in Milwaukee and we will once again combine with the Badgerland S Gaugers for a 17-foot by 50-foot modular layout showing off S model railroading.

December 29-30 will be the Great Train Show. We will again plan on a 36-foot by 16-foot modular layout. The following weekend will be the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour, **January 5-6**. We may also need extra help with vehicles for moving the club owned modules and other items to and from the WGH show.

HOME MEETINGS:

Only the October meeting is not yet set for this year. We have not had anyone step forward to host the meeting. The date for August is set, while October is the probable date:

August 18, 2018
October 20, 2018

The August meeting will be the annual family cook-out day at **Will Holt's** home on August 18. Plan on bringing trains to run and having family come along for the cook-out and other activities. **Kelly Holt** is working on a craft for that day.

If you can host the October, 2018 meeting, please contact **Dick Bukowski** at 847-338-1336 or e-mail, basstrek@hotmail.com.

C A S G OUTINGS:

With all of the activity we already have going on and the Fall S Fest work as well, we did not get around to a summer outing for this year. If you have an idea for a winter, spring or summer outing for 2019, let Alan Zielinski know, 847-967-7070 or alanzee@aol.com.

THE C A S G EXCHANGE PLACE:

The latest sale list is included with this newsletter. To purchase from the list, indicate an item that you are looking for or list an item for sale, contact **Wayne Grassel** via e-mail at wgrassel@comcast.net or telephone at 847-256-4834.

C A S G member **John DiMilio** is continuing to liquidate his extensive collection of American Flyer. Make your initial contact with Wayne about John's collection.

LIONEL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:

We have submitted a list of the trains that we will request as part of the second half of the program.

With the number of show we have over the next several months, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** for more members to participate, especially with the demands of the Fall S Fest in play this year.

Mike Klawitter has joined the committee but additional help is still needed. Contact **Dick Bukowski** if you are willing assist with the program. Call him at 847-338-1336 or e-mail at basstrek@hotmail.com.

MODULAR LAYOUT:

The C A S G approved the purchase of a used 6-foot by 12-foot trailer for the modular layout at the June meeting, contingent upon locating a storage site. As soon as possible, we will want to get the trailer and made the alterations necessary for use with the layout.

If you are interested in building a module in 2019, contact Will Holt at williamholt@comcast.net or 630-881-9025.

CLUB SHIRTS, CAPS AND BADGES:

Wayne Grassel has another waiting list for club shirts. The polo shirts are \$ 28.25 for sizes S through XL and additional \$ 2.25 for XXL or \$ 4.50 for XXXL. The dress shirts are \$ 30.50 for S through XL; add \$ 2.25 for XXL or \$ 4.50 for XXXL. Add \$ 4.00 for your name embroidered on the shirts.

The caps are a one-size-fits-all and available at every meeting for \$ 10.00. If you want one, just be ready to purchase it at a meeting or contact Wayne via e-mail at wgrassel@comcast.net or telephone at 847-256-4834.

Name badges are provided at no cost to new club members when they join. For existing members needing to replace a name badge, contact Dick Bukowski, 847-338-1336 or Dave Wise, 630-548-4090.

TRAIN SHOWS:

ALL AMERICAN RAILROAD SHOW:

When we have the dates for this show for 2019 we will announce them in the newsletter. It can be anticipated the show will be mid- to late-March.

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW:

Cathy Bukauskus continues to coordinate club participation in this show. To participate contact Cathy at 708-606-7015, mombukauskas@aol.com or Dick Bukowski at 847-338-1336, basstrek@hotmail.com or put your name on the sign-up sheet at each meeting.

Those participating with the club at the G M T S at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, receive free admission to the show. The club displays outr50-Inch by 90-Inch layout. There are tables adjacent to the layout that are held for members who wish to sell some of their items. Contact Kathy for costs and availability for any particular month.

We remaining dates for the 2018 shows:

- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

THE GREAT TRAIN SHOW:

The dates for the show will be on the weekend between Christmas and New Year's this coming December. Set up will be Friday, December 28. The show will be Saturday and Sunday, December 29-30. More details will be available in the Fall.

The show is held at the Lake County Fairgrounds. We do receive an honorarium for participation.

HIGH WHEELER TRAIN SHOW:

The Fox Valley Division of the N M R A anticipates hosting the show in 2019 and having it in the renovated spaces at Harper College. We look forward to this show that has been awaiting the

completion of the work at the college.

The show will be at Harper College which is at the corner of Roselle and Algonquin Rods in Palatine.

HOMWOOD RAIL FEST:

It is anticipated that the Homewood Rail Fest will be on May 18 next year. We will plan on participating and get confirmation of the date as soon as possible. The train show portion of the Rail Fest is in the Homewood/Flossmoor Park District Auditorium in downtown Homewood.

SOUTHLAND MODEL RAILROAD SHOW:

We now have the dates for this show for 2018. The show, sponsored by the Music Department of H. L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn will be Saturday and Sunday, October 13-14, 2018. Set up will be on Friday, October 12.

A sign up sheet will be available starting with the July meeting.

The school is located at the corner of 107th Street and Central Avenue in Oak Lawn.

TRAIN FEST:

We will again participate with Badgerland S Gaugers in the Train Fest in the Milwaukee area this year. The dates will be November 10-11, 2018 for the show and Friday, November 9 for set up. There will be more details in the Fall.

The show is held at the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in West Allis.

A sign up sheet for Train Fest will be available at the July, August and September meetings. Be sure to sign up by the September meeting since Badgerland must have the list of names for exhibitor badges by October. Also, if you are staying for more than one day and wish to have us reserve a hotel room for you, please be sure to note that on the sign up sheet.

WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR:

The schedule for the 2019 World's Greatest Hobby on Tour has been announced. For the first time since 2012, the show will stop in the Chicago area. The show will be at the Schaumburg Convention Center, off Meacham Road, just north of I-90.

The last time this show visited the Chicago area, almost 32,000 attended. We recruited new members and introduced S to many at the show.

This is one opportunity we have every few years to use almost the entire C A S G modular layout since we have all day set up on Friday. We also receive an honorarium.

Plan on participating – we will need a lot of members to be sure that we will have enough train operators and members to talk to the large number of attendees.

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UPCOMING S SCALE & C A S G EVENTS

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

August 18, 2018
Will Holt's Home
Hoffman Estates, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW

September 9, 2018
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

September 21, 2018
Hinsdale, Illinois

THE SOUTHLAND MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

October 13-14, 2018*
Oak Lawn, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW

October 14, 2018*
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

October 20, 2018
Location TBA

FALL S FEST

November 2-4, 2018
Orland Park, Illinois

Train Fest

November 10-11, 2018*
West Allis, Wisconsin

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW

November 11, 2018*
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

November 16, 2018
Hinsdale, Illinois

* Shows on the Same Date – Plan for Members at both shows.

Next Meeting:
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