



THE CHICAGO FLYER
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THE NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of C A S G will be held **Friday, May 19, 2017**. It will be convened in the American Legion Room, second floor of the Hinsdale Village Hall, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. Use the North (Maple Street) entrance to the building. The gathering time will start around 7:00 P. M. – the formal business meeting at 8:00 P. M.

MAY MEETING FEATURE:

For May, we will have a session on scenery technics. **Will Holt** will present some of techniques used on the modules for the club layout. As usual, we will start the session about 7:30 P. M. And go up until the time of the meeting.

APRIL MEETING FEATURE:

The April meeting was held at the home of **John and Ingrid Drozdak**. John has been an avid HO model railroader for years, but has recently started to include S in his modeling activities. In addition to seeing his extensive HO layout that occupies the upper level of his house, we saw a couple of his current kit basing/scratch building projects in S. His HO layout replicates the Rock Island railroad in eastern Iowa and at time is up to three levels.

Thank you John and Ingrid for hosting.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER, 2017:

Included with this newsletter is the second edition of membership roster for C A S G for the year 2017. Two renewals came in just after the last newsletter was published.

That takes our membership to 72 members, only 2 below the 74 members that we had at the end of 2016.

Remember to **print out** this roster and keep it handy for contacting other C A S G members throughout the year.

FALL S FEST 2018:

Preparations are under way for the when we next host the Fall S Fest in 2018.

A site selection committee, chaired by **Dick Bukowski** has made a number of inquiries with potential host venues. Some have been ruled out for one reason or another and additional possibilities are still being sought out or reviewed.

The car committee is holding its first meeting during the first half of June. It is most likely that the car will be from American Models. Several types of cars are under consideration.

The theme for 2018 will be "S Curves in Illinois." A logotype design is underway.

The board is beginning work 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.

HOME MEETINGS:

As of the January meeting, the home meetings are set for 2017.

The remaining dates for 2017 are:

July 22, 2017
August 19, 2017
October 21, 2017

July will be at **Bruce Lorence's** home in Tinley Park. August will once again be the annual family day and picnic at **Will Holt's** home in Hoffman Estates. And the October meeting will be at **Dave Wise's** home in Naperville. Details on each meeting will be in the newsletter the month of the meeting, including the location map and final details.

We are now looking to plan for 2018. If you can host one of the 2018 meetings, please contact **Dick Bukowski** at 847-338-1336 or e-mail, basstrek@hotmail.com.

C A S G OUTINGS:

At the April meeting the members present voted for visiting the East Troy Trolley Museum in East Troy, Wisconsin. There is an interesting collection of operating traction equipment. The trolley ride will end at a small berg east of East Troy where

there is a very good restaurant. Lunch is on your own. After the return to East Troy we would visit the old-fashioned ice parlor on the town square. All of this will provide a great opportunity for members, spouses, children and grand children.

The date will be sometime in the first week or so of July. More details will be available at the May meeting.

Some of the members also showed interest in a non-official club outing to the Galesburg Railroad Days, June 22-25. It is possible to catch an Amtrak train from either Union Station or downtown Naperville that arrives in Galesburg around 11:00 A. M. and a return train leaves Galesburg about 6:00 P. M. The fare is about estimated. \$ 20.00 round trip. If you are interested in taking this excursion, let us know.

Also, several members indicated that they will be taking advantage of this year's visit to Chicago by the Nickel Plate Berkshire #765. It will be doing two daily round trips between Joliet and LaSalle Street Station on June 17 and 18.

THE C A S G EXCHANGE PLACE:

The latest sale list 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. The collection includes Gilbert era and Lionel era. In many cases, there are duplicate items in John's collection. Make your initial contact with Wayne about John's collection.

LIONEL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:

The Ambassador Program is going well. This membership year will run through next June. Now that the new American Flyer catalog is out, we will be looking at the items we will select for the 2017-18 program.

Mike Klawitter has joined the Ambassador Program committee.

IMPORTANT: We still need more members to be involved.

Contact **Dick Bukowski** if you are willing assist with the program in any way. Call him at 847-338-1336 or e-mail at basstrek@hotmail.com if you are willing to join the committee.

MODULAR LAYOUT:

All C A S G members should know that whenever the club takes the modular layout to a show, all members are welcome to participate, even if they do not have a module of their own. They are welcome for set up and/or for one or more show days. Bring trains to run if you wish. We need a number of members to participate in each show since we usually have three to four trains operating at all times. That means we need both operators for the trains and more importantly members to be available to talk to the attendees.

The power system for the layout allows the use of trains running on conventional AC, conventional DC, Lionel Legacy, FlyerChief and N M R A Digital Command Control (DCC).

Participating with the club at shows helps build our membership and to promote S, 1:64 model railroading. Both of these are important.

We hope to schedule a couple of weekend sessions after the All American Railroad Show to cover how the layout is set up, and control systems that we now have.

– NEW MODULES:

Mike Klawitter's module is complete. It features a small hill with a country church and typical rural graveyard.

Jeff and Roman Papierz are doing two each. Jeff's will feature a factory with mill pond, a road crossing from front to back and a lake with a pier. Roman's are themed with a tunnel and city scape with traction running on the city scape.

If you are interest in building a module this spring, contact **Will Holt** at williamholt@comcast.net or 630-881-9025.

CLUB SHIRTS, CAPS AND BADGES:

Wayne Grassel, 847-256-4834 has started another waiting list for club shirts. The polo shirts are \$ 28.25 for sizes S through XL and additional \$ 2.25 for XXL and \$ 4.50 for XXXL. The dress shirts are \$30.50 for S through XL; add \$ 2.25 for XXL and \$ 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 call Wayne.

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:

The DuPage Division of the N M R A sponsors this show. We will be watching for the announcement of the dates for 2018.

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW:

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

Those participating with the club at the G M T S receive free

admission to the show. The club has selling tables for any members wishing to thin out their collections.

With the new regular schedule, some dates for Wheaton conflict with other regularly scheduled club shows. So at times we will need extra help for G M T S. The schedule for the remainder of the second quarter of 2017 is:

June 11, 2017

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August 13, 2017
September 10, 2017

THE GREAT TRAIN SHOW

We have received word that the Great Train Show in Grayslake will be held the weekend between Christmas and New Year's, December 30-31 with set up on December 29. The first Great Train Show was held this weekend four years ago. It produced an attendance of about 6,000, at least double that of the two shows that were held the weekend before Thanksgiving. They are hoping that this greater attendance will resurface by returning to that final weekend of the year.

Since this year the Sunday is New Year's Eve, they anticipate having shorter than normal hours that day, possibly closing at 2:00 P. M.

HIGH WHEELER TRAIN SHOW:

Plans for a 2018 show are under way. When we have details, they will be in the newsletter.

HOMEWOOD RAIL FEST:

We will be participating at this show on May 20. C A S G will be represented with **Will Holt's** small layout. If we have 4-5 members to staff the event, that will be plenty. So far we have **Dick Bukowski**, **Will Holt** and **Bob Lucas**. Let Will know if you can make the show, 630-881-9025.

SOUTHLAND MODEL RAILROAD SHOW:

We now have the probable dates for the Southland show. The show will be early October, the 7th and 8th with set up on October 6th. Since that will be a four-day weekend for the

school, we can expect to be able to start set up on Friday afternoon, probably about 3:00 P. M.

We will keep members up to date on the planning for this show.

TRAIN FEST:

For decades, the Wisconsin Southeastern Division of the N M R A has sponsored Train Fest, among the very largest of trains shows anywhere in the country, usually drawing an attendance of 18,000 or more. **Badgerland S Gaugers** take their modular layout yearly and C A S G members **Will Holt** and **Joel Lebovitz** have taken a couple of their modules to the show for the past several years. Also several of our members have made the trip to the Milwaukee area each year.

With the recent changes within the WISE Division, it is now possible for a larger S layout to be at the show. So, we have committed to a combined layout with Badgerland. The setup is anticipated to be on November 10 at approximately 9:00 A. M. with the show itself on November 11-12 from 9:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M. The show is held in the Wisconsin Exposition Center, Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis.

The layout will be a total of 17-feet by 49-feet. The norm is that Badgerland will operate on the inner track of the double loop and C A S G will operate on the outer loop. We will be taking four of the club corner to make S curves on the sides of the layout along with all of staging modules plus four member owned straight modules.

A sign up sheet will be at the meetings between now and November.

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UPCOMING S SCALE & C A S G EVENTS

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

May 19, 2017
Hinsdale, Illinois

HOMEWOOD RAIL FEST

May 20, 2017
Homewood, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW

June 11, 2017
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

June 16, 2017
Hinsdale, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

July 22, 2017
Bruce Lorence's Home
Tinley Park, Illinois

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF S GAUGERS CONVENTION

August 8-12, 2017
Timonium, Maryland

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW

August 11, 2017
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

August 19, 2017
Will Holt's Home
Hoffman Estates, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

September 15, 2017
Hinsdale, Illinois

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MAY 19, 2017
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