



THE CHICAGO FLYER
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THE NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of C A S G will be held **Friday, June 15, 2018**. 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.

JUNE MEETING FEATURE:

A long time part of Hi-Rail and American Flyer trains has been operating cars; ones that are animated.

What is your favorite operating car? Dump car, auto loader, milk car? Bring your favorite and tell us all about it.

We will suspend the fellowship time at 7:30 P. M. for any of the members who bring an operating car to briefly tells us about it.

MAY MEETING FEATURE:

Dick Bukowski demonstrated an American Flyer FlyerChief GP-7 with Blue Tooth Connectivity at the May meeting.

Using his smart phone, Dick showed how the various screens appear. When using a FlyerChief equipped locomotive on the Lionel app, even more control of speed, lights, sounds and other functions are available.

Thank you Dick.

HOMEWOOD RAIL FEST:

A few of us took part in this annual event in Homewood. **Dick Bukowski, Will Holt, Bob Lucas and Dale Sutor** represented the club at the day long event on May 20.

Will's small layout ran all day. Dick hosted the Lionel Ambassador Club table. The interest in S was extensive and it would not be surprising if we get a new member or two from the contacts made at Homewood.

Also present was **Dave Wilma** from the Stateline S Gaugers with his American Flyer layout. Among his helpers was **John Bukauskas**.

FALL S FEST 2018:

A significant number of registrations have already come in for the Fest, both in the mail an on-line.

The Fall S Fest cars have been ordered and delivery is expected about August 1st.

A banquet speaker has been confirmed. 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 that in which the C A S G is planning on participating. With that in mind, included with this newsletter is a month-by-month calendar of C A S G activities. Print the calendar out and keep it handy! Note that some include a couple of events on the same day so we will need to split our membership to cover both events. The highlights are as follows

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.

In late December/early January we will again have two weekends in a row. **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 4-6**. It is hoped that we will use a near complete version of the modular layout. We will try to schedule so that member modules used at the Great Train Show will not be used at the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour.

We may also need extra help with vehicles for transportation of the club owned modules and other items to and from the WGH show.

Since all of these activities are great opportunities for us to promote C A S G and S model railroading, we need to have as many members as possible participate in all of these events.

Mark your calendars now!

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 dates for July and August are set, while October is the probable date:

July 21, 2018
August 18, 2018
October 20, 2018

The July meeting will be at **Bruce Lorence's** home in Tinley Park. Bruce has received official permission to break through the wall between the train room and the family den and return track to some of the space his original layout occupied. The date will be July 21.

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:

We are looking ahead to plan outings for summer 2018. If you have any ideas bring them to the meeting or let Alan Zielinski know, 847-967-7070 or alanzee@aol.com.

THE C A S G EXCHANGE PLACE:

The latest sale list was included with the May 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.

The sale list has proven a nice benefit of membership. Many items have changed hands via the list.

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:

We will be putting together a list of the trains that we will request as part of the program. Items that can be put on the list are ones from the Lionel Volume 2 2017 catalog and we will also be able to order items from the 2018 Big Book catalog. If you have some ideas, please let **Dick Bukowski** know.

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:

We have a line on a used trailer, for a very reasonable price, that we might acquire for transportation and storage of the club owned modules and equipment. It should also allow for member owned modules to be stored along with the club modules or even brought together before a show permitting a single vehicle to transport everything for any one of the shows that we do.

If you are interested in building a module, contact Will Holt at williamholt@comcast.net or 630-881-9025. One member will be building modules this year. Others are welcome. Module building sessions will begin over the summer.

CLUB SHIRTS, CAPS AND BADGES:

Wayne Grassel, 847-256-4834 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 presents a layout at the show. 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.

HOMEWOOD 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 August meeting.

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

TRAIN FEST:

Badgerland S Gaugers has officially asked us to participate with them in the Train Fest in Milwaukee again this year. Last year was quite successful so we are planning on it. 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.

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 attendees.

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UPCOMING S SCALE & C A S G EVENTS

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

June 15, 2018
Hinsdale, Illinois

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July 21, 2018
Bruce Lorence's Home
Tinley Park, Illinois

N A S G CONVENTION

July 24-28, 2018
Boxborough, Massachusetts

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW

August 12, 2018
Wheaton, Illinois

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

**NEXT MEETING:
JUNE 15, 2018
HINSDALE VILLAGE HALL
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS !**

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