



THE CHICAGO FLYER

Newsletter of the Chicagoland
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THE NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of C A S G will be held **Friday, May 17, 2019**. 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.

WELCOME ABOARD:

Jonathan Burch has become a members of the C A S G since the last newsletter. He is a resident of Oak Park. Welcome Jonathan!

HOME MEETINGS:

For the October, 2019, we are still looking for a home meeting host.

The July meeting will be at **Bruce Lorence's** home in Tinley Park, July 20. The August meeting will be the annual cookout/family day on August 17 at **Will Holt's** home.

If you can host the October home meeting, please contact **Joel Lebovitz** 847-212-3541 (after 7:00 P. M. or weekends) or e-mail, jleb159@hotmail.com

The other anticipated date for a home meeting in 2019 is:

October 18, 2019

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 2018. 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 pausing the liquidation of his extensive collection of American Flyer. He is taking an updated inventory. Make your initial contact with Wayne about John's collection and Wayne will let you know when John is ready once again to sell items.

LIONEL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:

Dick Bukowski presented the 2019 club program at the March meeting. He was getting clarification on a couple of questions. A few members also volunteered to participate on the committee.

We could still use a couple of more members to join the committee for the program. 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:

With the pending change for Train Fest, we will likely proceed with building four more corners. With four more 45-degree corners we can do a layout with an S curve on both sides of any configuration we choose at a particular show. It would also allow us to do an L-shaped layout on occasion.

It is anticipated that we will start work on the additional corners in late May or early June. If you wish to assist with construction contact **Joel Lebovitz** using the e-mail or telephone below.

The C A S G has purchased a used 6-foot by 12-foot trailer for the modular layout. It is currently in Crystal Lake where we will be able to make the necessary repairs and set it up for transporting the modules and equipment. As soon as possible, we will want to complete the alterations necessary for use with the layout.

Now that the weather is improving, we expect to start on the repairs and modifications to the trailer soon. We will also be building racks with casters for all of the modules. Mountings for such things as the power box, the tool box and the like will be installed in the trailer with tie-downs for everything.

The committee chairman, Joel Lebovitz, will coordinate the refurbishing and equipping of the trailer. Please let us know if you are willing to take this role.

Those interested in helping with the repairs and modifications to the trailer should contact Joel Lebovitz, 847-212-3541 or jleb159@hotmail.com, to volunteer.

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

CLUB SHIRTS, CAPS AND BADGES:

Wayne Grassel has received that latest order for shirts and started 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:

This show has come and gone for 2019. We anticipate that it will again take place in mid- to late-March in 2020.

As we have more information, it will be included provided in the newsletter.

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 our 50-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.

The remaining dates for 2019 are:

June 2
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

THE GREAT TRAIN SHOW:

The show is already planned for the weekend between Christmas and New Years for 2019. We can expect the schedule to be similar as for 2018. More details will be available, as they become available. We are planning a 36-foot by 16-foot layout.

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 will not be able to hold this show in 2019. When this show is re-incarnated, the show will not be at Harper College. We look forward to the return this show in 2020.

HOMWOOD RAIL FEST:

The Homewood Rail Fest will be on May 18, the day after the May meeting, and we will participate. We will use **Will Holt's** small layout for ease of set up and take down.

The schedule is for our arrival at 8:00 A. M. for set up. The show runs from 9:00 A. M. until 3:00 P. M.

The train show portion of the Rail Fest is in the Homewood/Flossmoor Park District Auditorium in downtown Homewood, 2010 Chestnut Road.

Dick Bukowski will be the coordinator for the Homewood show.

TRAIN FEST:

At the March meeting, we learned that the Badgerland S Gaugers will no longer participate with their modular layout in Train Fest. C A S G has been asked to bring our modular layout and participate on our own at this show in November.

We spent some time discussing this. It was felt that we needed more details about the situation.

We will need a strong commitment from the C A S G membership to do this. In the past, we have had four members participate all three days; set up on Friday and the show on Saturday and Sunday. We will need more

members of C A S G than that for all the days and a solid commitment from any members coming for one or two days to make operating the layout and talking with attendees a priority, taking less time to walk around the show.

We will have further discussion of this show at the April

meeting.

WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR:

This show has also come and gone for 2019. We expect the next time it comes to our area will be in 2024 or so.

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UPCOMING S SCALE & C A S G EVENTS

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

May 17, 2019
Hinsdale, Illinois

SPRING S SPREE

May 17-18, 2019
Middleburg Heights, Ohio

HOMEWOOD RAIL FEST

May 18, 2019
Homewood, Illinois

S FEST WEST

May 18, 2019
Buena Park, California

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

June 21, 2019
Hinsdale, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

July 20, 2019
Bruce Lorence's Home
Tinley Park, Illinois

N A S G NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 30-August 3, 2019
Cincinnati, Ohio

**NEXT MEETING:
MAY 17, 2019
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS**

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