



THE CHICAGO FLYER
Newsletter of the
**Chicagoland Association of S
Gaugers, Incorporated**

September, 2009

THE NEXT MEETING:

As mentioned in the August newsletter, there will **NOT** be a formal meeting of the C A S G in September. Instead, the set up for the **Southland Train Show** (see below) will be the substitute for the meeting.

The October meeting, scheduled for October 16, will be held in a members home (see below).

CONDOLENCES:

When those of us visiting the funeral home for the wake for Phil Kosin arrived, we were taken aback to see **Dave** and **Veronica Wise** there as well.

Veronica's aunt had passed away and was being waked at the same funeral home at the same time.

Our condolences to Veronica, Dave and the other members of their family.

VACANCY:

At the recent board meeting, **Skip Sanchez** agreed to assume the office of secretary. He will fill that vacant position for the remainder of this year and all of next year.

Since Skip was a trustee, that position is now vacant. We need someone to volunteer to complete the term Skip vacated, through 2010. Please contact any officer if you were willing to serve as a trustee.

TRUSTEE ELECTION:

At the end of 2009, we have one trustee term that expires. That is the one currently held by Bob Brown.

If you are interested in running for election as the trustee for the term of 2010-2012, please let any officer know.

A nominating committee will be formed within a couple of weeks to seek candidates and report on a ballot at the November meeting. After the November meeting, a ballot will be mailed to all members and the election will be held at the December meeting.

An additional thought for the future. **Will Holt** and **Joel Lebovitz** will not be eligible to continue as president and vice-president, respectively, at the end of their terms in 2010. Think now about stepping up to the plate and running for one of those offices, or any other office, in the 2010 election.

HOME MEETINGS:

The only remaining home meeting for 2009 is October 16. The home meetings for 2010 are:

April 16
July 16
August 20
October 15

We need someone to volunteer, preferably from the south or southwest side of town, to host the meeting.

If you are willing to host the October meeting, or any of the 2010 meetings, please contact **Will Holt** at 630-881-9025.

TRAIN FESTIVAL 2009:

The largest prototype steam train gathering in recent years was held this past July 23-26 in Owosso, Michigan. Eight full-sized locomotives

from 0-4-0T's to a 4-8-4 were operating. There were model railroad layouts in operation, vendor displays and other prototype equipment on display.

C A S G members **Len Holt, Will Holt, Chuck Mosier** and **Roger Sesterhenn**, and as we found out at the August meeting, **Horacio Baggio**, were among the more than 36,000 in attendance.

With all of the activity that our members recorded on film, we are scheduling a "Show and Tell" session at the November meeting so we all can see their photos and video.

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW:

Our schedule for participation in the remaining shows in 2009 is:

September 13
December 13

For 2010, we are planning on participating at the shows on:

January 10
June 13
September 12
December 12

When you participate with C A S G at these shows, you receive free admission to the show. We always have enough members present to permit everyone time to walk the show and see all the trains available.

Your help is important. We have recruited a new member at virtually all of the shows we attended. We also sell some of the club inventory such as cars, trucks, etc. And we always have excellent opportunities to promote S scale.

A sign up sheet is available at every meeting, or you can contact **Joel Weber** at 630-428-3917.

TRAIN SHOWS:

Just around the corner is the **Southland Train Show**, sponsored by the music department of the H. L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn. We have participated in this show since its inception, watching it grow in both size and attendance.

They tell us that this year will see them once again expand the space that the show uses in the school's gymnasiums. Coffee and donuts in the morning, and lunch are provided by the school each day.

The schedule is:

Friday, September 18, 2009
Set Up – 6:00 P. M. To 10:00 P. M.
Saturday, September 19, 2009
Set Up – 7:00 A. M. To 9:00 A. M.
Show – 9:00 A. M. To 5:00 P. M.
Sunday, September 20, 2009
Show – 9:00 A. M. To 5:00 P. M.

Take advantage of this opportunity to come out and run your trains, or join in on the large group trains we often run when the modular layout is set up at shows.

The group trains planned are a large refrigerator car train on Saturday, and an intermodal car train on Sunday. Spontaneous group trains may also arise. We have cars available to allow us to mix Kadee scale and American Flyer compatible couplers in any train.

Remember AC, DC, DCC (Sunday only) and TMCC controls will be available. Since this now a large layout, longer trains will be helpful.

We have the dates for the **High Wheeler 2010** show, sponsored by the Fox Valley Division of the N M R A. Held in the athletic building of Harper College in Palatine, at the corner of Roselle and Algonquin Roads, the schedule is:

Friday, March 5, 2010

Set Up – 6:00 P. M. To 10:00 P. M.
 Saturday, March 6, 2010
 Set Up – 7:00 A. M. To 9:00 A. M.
 Show – 9:00 A. M. To 5:00 P. M.
 Sunday – March 7, 2010
 Show – 9:00 A. M. To 5:00 P. M.

At all of these shows, some of us take the opportunity to enjoy additional fellowship time by going out for a snack after set up and for dinner after the show days. For additional information, contact **Joel Lebovitz** at 847-212-3541

FALL S FEST 2009:

The next Fall S Fest will be held at the Clock Tower Inn in Rockford, hosted by the Stateline S Gaugers. The hotel is at the intersection of Interstate 90 and State Street.

We will resume the tradition of providing a layout the year before we host the Fest and need a specific count of those of you with modules who are willing to participate. There is plenty of space for us to use all of the straight modules available. This is our turn to “return the favor;” Stateline helped us in the past with a layout when we hosted the Fest

Also, club members willing to help man the layout for at least part of the time at the Fest are needed.

Please contact **Joel Lebovitz** at 847-212-3541 about your participation. If you own a module(s), let Joel know whether you will or will not be willing to participate.

MODULAR LAYOUT:

Just one work session remains on the new corners; to paint them as the scenery is near completion. The session, postponed from late August and now probably in October, will be at **Will Holt's** home. Hopefully we will be ready for the new skirts to be made at the same session. We have two volunteers for sewing the skirts, but

could use more to assure their completion in one day.

Some work has begun on the new straight modules that will form the staging track to permit a train to be readied while trains are stilling running on both of the loop tracks. Once the new train is set up, it can roll out onto the main line without a prolonged interruption of trains moving on the main lines.

FALL S FEST 2010:

The car project is well under way. This should assure us that the cars will be here in plenty of time before the event.

We are currently seeking members of C A S G to act as subcommittee chairmen. Three roles of the six are filled as of now, since **Joel Lebovitz** agreed at the board meeting to assume the role of registrar. The subcommittees are:

- Banquet
- Off-Site Activities/Layout Tours – Joel Weber
- On-Site Activities
- Promotion
- Registration – Joel Lebovitz
- Show Floor Management – Will Holt

Please let any board member if you are willing to serve as chair of one of these committees.

SUMMER FAMILY OUTING:

We have missed out on having a summer outing the last couple of years. A suggestion has been made that we schedule a visit to **Bob Jackson's** S scale layout in Springfield, Illinois. Bob's layout is featured in the September 2008 *S Gaugian*.

This would be a day trip and could possibly include a picnic and a shopping trip for the ladies in the group that go along. We will discuss the possibility at the next few meetings since considerable planning will be necessary if we decide to make this a club event.

UPCOMING S SCALE EVENTS

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW
 September 13, 2009
 Wheaton, Illinois

INDIANAPOLIS S SCALE SHOW
 October 9-10, 2009
 Indianapolis, Indiana

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
 September 19, 2009
 Hinsdale, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
 October 16, 2009

Cancelled Due to Scheduling Conflicts!

FALL S FEST 2009
 November 6-8, 2009
 Rockford, Illinois

SOUTHLAND TRAIN SHOW
 September 19-20, 2009
 Set Up – September 18, 6:00 P. M.
 Oak Lawn, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
 November 20, 2009

FALL GET TOGETHER
 September 26-27, 2009
 South Amboy, New Jersey

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW
 December 13, 2009
 Wheaton, Illinois

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 H. L. RICHARDS HIGH SCHOOL
 SET UP FOR THE SOUTHLAND TRAIN SHOW
 NEXT MEETING:**

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