



THE CHICAGO FLYER
Newsletter of the Chicagoland
Association of S Gaugers,
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November, 2009

THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the C A S G will be November 20, 2009. It will be held at the American Legion Room, Second Floor, 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 8:15 P. M.

TRAIN FESTIVAL 2009:

As you will recall, some C A S G members were in attendance at the Train Festival 2009 in Owosso, Michigan last July. The November meeting will feature an elongated "Show and Tell" time for **Horacio Baggio, Will Holt, Chuck Mosier** and **Roger Sesterhenn** to have their photographs and video on display for all of us to share.

This once-in-a-lifetime event was the largest steam locomotive gathering east of the Mississippi River since the end of main line steam operations in the U. S. The event was sponsored by the Steam Railroading Institute and was held on the Institute's grounds in Owosso.

The locomotives included the Southern Pacific GS-4 #4449 Daylight 4-8-4, the Pere Marquette #1225 Lima 2-8-4 Berkshire, the Nickel Plate Road #765 Lima 2-8-4 Berkshire, the Little River Railroad #110 Baldwin 4-6-2 Pacific, the Leviathan #63 Replica 1860's era 4-4-0, the Flagg Coal Company #75 Vulcan 0-4-0T, the Little River Railroad #1 0-4-0T and the Viscose Company #6 0-4-0T.

Four of these steam locomotives have special historical significance. The 4449 was among the locomotives that moved the 1976 Freedom Train across the United States during the Bi-Centennial celebrations. The 1225 was the model used by animators for the Hollywood film release of *The Polar Express* starring Tom Hanks. Little River Railroad is the smallest 4-6-2 ever built by the Baldwin Locomotive Company. Leviathan 63 is a brand new full-size replica of the Central Pacific's 4-4-0, built from the ground up and completed this past April.

Come on out to the November meeting and share in what more than 36,000 people enjoyed this past summer.

BOARD MEETING:

A meeting of the officers and trustees is schedule for shortly after the November meeting. If there is any matter of club business you wish the board to consider, please let any board member know so that it may be added to the agenda.

GETTING TO KNOW US:

For a number of very good reasons, we have members who rarely, if ever, make the monthly meetings. That means their interests and stories are unknown to many others in the club. Conversely, those of use who regularly attend meetings are unknown to them.

That being said, starting in January will be a regular monthly section of the newsletter where a regular attendee and a rare attendee to meetings will share some of their thoughts and interests, and personal history with us through the newsletter.

Please send your information to **Will Holt** either

through e-mail or snail mail soon to be included.

VACANCY:

Skip Sanchez has assumed 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 complete the term Skip vacated, through 2010. Please contact **Joel Weber** at 630-428-3917 if you are willing to serve as a trustee.

TRUSTEE ELECTION:

At the end of 2009, one trustee term expires; the one currently held by **Bob Brown**.

A nominating committee is seeking candidates and will report on a ballot at the November meeting. After the November meeting, a ballot will be mailed to all members. 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 scheduled home meetings for 2010 are:

April 16
July 16
August 20
October 15

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

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW:

Only one show remains for 2009:

December 13

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

January 10
June 13
September 12
December 12

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

TRAIN SHOWS:

The major 2010 shows are **High Wheeler 2010**, **the All American Train Show** and the **Southland Train Show**.

For the **High Wheeler 2010** show, sponsored by the Fox Valley Division of the N M R A. at Harper College in Palatine, 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.

The date is now available for the **All American Railroad Show** put on by the M N R A's DuPage Division. It will once again be at the Field House of Lyons Township High School in LaGrange. The schedule is:

Friday, March 26, 2010
Set Up – 6:00 P. M. To 10:00 P. M.
Saturday, March 27, 2010

Set Up – 7:00 A. M. To 9:00 A. M.
Show 9:00 A. M. To 5:00 P. M.

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

In addition to our usual schedule of Chicago area train shows, we have started initial plans to cooperate with the Badgerland S Gaugers for a large modular layout for the National Train Show to be held in Milwaukee next July. The National Train Show is a public show that annually is sponsored by the National Model Railroad Association in the city of the N M R A's national convention. Next year the N M R A's 75th Anniversary so we expect it to be an especially grand show.

FALL S FEST 2009:

The Fall S Fest was held at the Clock Tower Inn in Rockford, hosted by the Stateline S Gaugers.

In addition to the feature of the Train Festival 2009, expect to hear some Fall S Fest stories as well at the November.

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 actually anticipate delivery during the first quarter of next year.

A painted sample of the orange over green car was shown at the Fest.

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.

And in looking forward to 2011, our member Gary Baloun owns 12-inch to the foot trains that are at the railroad museum in Monticello, Illinois. Monticello is about 75 miles south-southwest of downtown. We will consider this trip for 2011.

UPCOMING S SCALE EVENTS

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
November 20, 2009
Hinsdale, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW
December 13, 2009
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
December 18, 2009
Hinsdale, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW
January 10, 2010

Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
January 15, 2010
Hinsdale, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
February 19, 2010
Hinsdale, Illinois

Sn3 SYMPOSIUM 2010
February 24-27, 2010
Houston, Texas

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NEXT MEETING:
HIGHLIGHTS FROM OWSSO'S TRAIN FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 20, 2009
AMERICAN LEGION ROOM
2 FLOOR - HINSDALE VILLAGE HALL
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS

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