



## THE CHICAGO FLYER

Newsletter of the Chicagoland  
Association of S Gaugers, Incorporated  
[www.casg-trains.org](http://www.casg-trains.org)  
[www.fallsfest.net](http://www.fallsfest.net)

April, 2020

Entering Our 6<sup>th</sup> Decade

### THE NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of C A S G was to be held **Saturday April 25, 2020**. It was to be at Loren Chritchett's home. With the continuing stay-at-home recommendations, the meeting is **CANCELLED**. The visit to Loren's will be rescheduled.

### C A S G 2020 MEMBERSHIP:

With the renewal period over, we begin this membership year with 69 members. This is down a bit from our final membership count of 76 at the end of 2019. We do expect that we will receive a couple more renewals in the next couple weeks.

The current roster is included with this newsletter. Be sure you keep it handy so you can contact other C A S G members.

### SHARE YOUR LAYOUT, MODELING PROJECTS:

While so many of our chances to see each other have been cancelled of late and other opportunities in the near future are cancelled as well, Bruce Lorence started an e-mail exchange suggesting our members share photos of their layouts and/or S activities with the other members.

Using the group e-mail addressing with this newsletter share photos of your layout or S scale modeling project with the rest of the membership.

### SKIP SANCHEZ:

We have received some news from Skip. At this time he is very poor health. In January he was diagnosed with cancer. Since then he has had a couple of surgeries.

Those we in his back and his spine. The doctors removed most of the cancer, but were not able to get all of it. He is currently at home. There is a distinct prospect that he may not walk again.

If you get a chance, send him a card. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Skip.

### HOME MEETINGS:

We are now looking forward to the remaining home meetings for 2020. The anticipated Saturday dates are:

July 18  
August 22  
October 17

The July meeting will at Bruce Lorence's home in Tinley Park. It will be Saturday July 16.

The August date will be the annual family day. It will be at Will Holt's home in Hoffman Estates on August 22.

If you can host the home meeting in October of 2020, please contact **Joel Lebovitz** 847-212-3541 (after 7:00 P. M. weekdays or Saturdays and Sundays) or use e-mail, [jleb159@hotmail.com](mailto:jleb159@hotmail.com)

### THE C A S G EXCHANGE PLACE:

The latest sale list was included with the February 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](mailto:wgrassel@comcast.net) or telephone at 847-256-4834.

C A S G member **John DiMilio** ready to move on with the liquidation of his extensive collection of American Flyer. He would like to give C A S G members first shot. He would also be interested in any offer for the entire collection as a single lot. Make your initial contact with Wayne about John's collection and Wayne make arrangements for viewing the collection.

### LIONEL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:

**Dick Bukowski** is waiting to hear about the 2020 Ambassador Program. When he has the information, he will

present it to the club.

### MODULAR LAYOUT:

The trailer has had its second shake down cruise. It carried all of the club owned modular layout modules and equipment to and from The Great Train Show at Grayslake. As was expected, there are a couple more things that have been added to the list of changes we want to make. Nothing urgent so those items will be done this spring. Additional work to be scheduled includes:

- Remove all of the old lettering
- Rub out any remnants of the old lettering and decals
- Possible repaint of the entire trailer
- Wash and wax the trailer
- Modify or replace the trailer jack
- Modify the racks and the tie-downs, based upon the experience

The plans for work on the trailer and the modular layout have changed. Later this spring, the layout will be brought to Bill Cantrall's home in Oak Brook. When emptied, the trailer and carts will go to Dale Sutor's home for a few days while the adjustments are made to the carts and the tie downs.

Since the entire emphasis last year was getting the trailer up to spec, further work on modules was put off until this year. We are planning on building an entry module with lift up bridge, one more 4-foot staging track module and four additional corners. It also appears that we may need to replace or rebuild one, maybe two, of the existing corners.

If you are interested in building a personal module in 2020 or assisting with the new club modules, contact **Will Holt** at [williamholt@comcast.net](mailto:williamholt@comcast.net) or 630-881-9025.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The Badgerland club has changed their mind and will keep some of their existing modular layout. They are willing to sell two 6-foot modules. The modules will mate with ours. If you are interested, contact **Joel Lebovitz**, 847-212-3541 (after 7:00 P. M. or Wednesdays and Sundays) or e-mail, [jleb159@hotmail.com](mailto:jleb159@hotmail.com)

### CLUB SHIRTS, CAPS AND BADGES:

**Wayne Grassel** 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 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](mailto: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 **Joel Lebovitz**, 847-212-3541 or **Dave Wise**, 630-548-4090.

### TRAIN SHOWS:

#### **ALL AMERICAN RAILROAD SHOW:**

The show for 2020 was **CANCELLED**. It is expected that the show will take place in 2021.

The show is held in the Field House of Lyons Township High School at the corner of Brainard and Cossitt Avenues in La Grange.

#### **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](mailto:mombukauskas@aol.com) or **Dick Bukowski** at 847-338-1336, [bastrek@hotmail.com](mailto:bastrek@hotmail.com).

Those participating with the club at the G M T S at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, 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 Cathy for costs and availability of tables for any particular month.

Note We have already received word that the May show is **CANCELLED** as was the April show:

~~May 3~~  
June 14  
August 9  
September 13  
October 11  
November 8  
December 13

#### **THE GREAT TRAIN SHOW:**

The dates show for 2020 are not yet set. Since 2020 is a leap year, Christmas and New Year's day will be on Friday. The show management is not yet sure how they will schedule the show. When we have the dates, they will be put into the newsletter

The show is held in the Event Center, Lake County

Fairgrounds, 1060 East Peterson Road, Grayslake, Illinois 60030.

It provides one of the largest audiences of any of the shows we do. Last December's attendance was about 4,500. We do receive an honorarium for participation.

**HIGH WHEELER TRAIN SHOW:**

The Fox Valley Division of the N M R A has found a location for this show in the future. The division will book a date, hopefully in March of 2021.

As more details become available, they will be available in the newsletter.

**HOMEWOOD RAIL FEST:**

The Homewood Rail Fest has been **CANCELLED** for 2020. We have been informed that th Fest will take place

in 2021.

**TRAIN FEST:**

The next Train Fest is November 14-15, 2020. We have been assured that the Chicagoland layout will be in the main building this year.

As more details become available they will be in the newsletter. Remember that we need to have our roster of members participating no later than September 30. And we will need to make hotel reservations for those who will participate all three days, or Saturday and Sunday. So be looking at your calendar and be ready to commit in August or September. We need to provide the show management the list for preparation of exhibitor badges on October 1, 2020.

© 2020

Chicagoland Association of S Gaugers, Incorporated  
Founded 1969

[www.casg-trains.org](http://www.casg-trains.org)  
[www.fallsfest.net](http://www.fallsfest.net)

**UPCOMING S SCALE & C A S G EVENTS**

EVENTS IN **RED AND STRIKE OUT** ARE CANCELLED

~~**C A S G MONTHLY MEETING**~~

~~April 25, 2020~~

~~Loren Critchett's Home  
Park Forest, Illinois~~

~~**SPRING S-SPREE**~~

~~April 30 - May 2, 2020~~

~~Marion, Ohio~~

~~**THE GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW**~~

~~May 3, 2020~~

~~Wheaton, Illinois~~

~~**C A S G MONTHLY MEETING**~~

~~May 15, 2020~~

~~Hinsdale, Illinois~~

~~**THE GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW**~~

~~June 14, 2020~~

~~Wheaton, Illinois~~

~~**C A S G MONTHLY MEETING**~~

~~June 19, 2020~~

~~Hinsdale, Illinois~~

~~**N A S G NATIONAL CONVENTION**~~

~~July 7-11, 2020~~

~~Bloomington, Minnesota~~

~~**C A S G MONTHLY MEETING**~~

~~July 18, 2020~~

~~Bruce Lorence's Home~~

~~Tinley Park, Illinois~~

**APRIL 25, 2020  
LOREN CRITCHETT'S HOME  
PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS  
NEXT MEETING: CANCELLED**

Chicagoland Association of S Gaugers, Incorporated  
% 2186 Cabrillo Lane  
Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60192-4633