



THE CHICAGO FLYER
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THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the C A S G will be March 19, 2010. It will be convened in 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 8:00 P. M.

2010 IS HERE – RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

If you do not renew, this will be your last newsletter.
If you will not be at the March meeting, please mail in your dues (\$ 20.00 plus the \$2.00 late fee) with the enclosed form to the treasurer:

Joel Weber
1332 Clyde Drive
Naperville, Illinois 60565-1230

The 2010 membership roster will be prepared and distributed with the April newsletter.

WELCOME ABOARD:

Arthur Gneuchs recently joined our ranks through Joel Weber's monthly operating sessions. Walter, a retired commercial banker, lives in Aurora with his wife. They have four children and seven grand children. He has an S hi-rail layout that operates with DCC. He could use someone to help him update his electrical wiring on that layout. He also works part-time at a local Ace hardware store.

GETTING TO KNOW US:

After last month's newsletter, **Bob Benson**, as unlikely as it seems, did step forward and admit to being older than **Art Doty**. Bob is, in fact, our oldest member, but you would not think it.

Bob spent his life working as an actor and still only considers himself semi-retired. He has worked on stage and on screen in live shows, radio, film and television. He also did voice-over work for radio and TV commercials. Most notable in his career was his role as writer, producer and talent in RCA's Stereo Action Drama, *A Christmas Carol*, the very first program aired on FM radio in stereo. Also, he spent several years on WGN television as "Uncle Bob" on *Lunchtime Little Theater*. He often took advantage of that opportunity to use his American Flyer train in that program oriented toward children. He remains active on the boards of the SAG and AFTRA unions for actors.

Bob lives in LaGrange Park with his wife of more than fifty years, Bonnie. Their son is a recording engineer at a Chicago studio and their daughter is the owner of a building maintenance company.

Bob hosted our last home meeting back in October which gave many of us the chance to see his 13' by 18' layout.

(Please send your information to **Will Holt** either through e-mail or snail mail to be included in this newsletter feature.)

VACANCY:

Skip Sanchez has assumed the office of secretary. He will fill that position for the remainder of this 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.

FALL S FEST 2010:

Much of the time at the March meeting will be devoted to stuffing, sealing and stamping the first mailing. This will include the registration information booklet, the registration form, the hotel registration form and a single page flyer on the meet cars. Since there will be some 1,400 packets to prepare, we could use as many hands as possible.

We still need three subcommittee chairmen. Expect a

call from someone on the board soon. 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. Time is of the utmost concern now. We must be moving ahead with all of our planning promptly.

SUMMER FAMILY OUTING:

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

This day trip 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.

HOME MEETINGS:

The April meeting will be at the home of **Bruce Lorence** in Tinley Park. Bruce has been working on his American Flyer layout of recent and reports that several Flyer accessories are operating and scenery has been started.

The remaining scheduled home meetings for 2010 are:

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. Please volunteer soon. Last year we often did not have a host until a couple of weeks before the meeting, which makes planning difficult.

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW:

For 2010, the remaining shows in which we plan on participating are:

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. If we have 5 or 6 members at each show, we have enough to allow us to talk to the many people who stop by to see our layouts and learn more about S gauge.

HIGH WHEELER 2010:

The club was well represented at this show the weekend of March 6 and 7. Along with the modular standard gauge layout, **Don Campion** and **Roger Sesterhenn** were there with the Sn3 layout. They had the real prime position being directly in front of the entrance to the show. They have made significant progress on both improving the operation of the layout and the scenery as well.

The modular layout was 40-feet long by 20-feet wide. The big deal there was "Big Boy." Over the weekend not one, not two, but three American Flyer 4-8-8-4's owned by club members plied the rails of the layout. We did attempt to load one down, but 40 some cars did not phase it a bit.

We had excellent interest in S, expecting to see 1-3 potential new members at the March meeting. Of those, one gentlemen had been looking to make contact with the

Chuck Mosier's Big Boy
Passenger Express



club, was pleased to find us and picked up membership information right then and there.



Joe Taylor's 2-8-0 and Will Holt's 4-6-2 Pass the Case IH Tractor Factory Siding

Also participating in the High Wheeler 2010 show were

Horacio Baggio, Dick Bukowski, Joe Craig, Will Holt, Anyd and Katherine Jugle, Joel Lebovitz, Chuck Mosier, Skip Sanchez, Joe Taylor, and Joel and Andrew Weber.

ALL AMERICAN RAILROAD SHOW:

The **All American Railroad Show** put on by the N M R A's DuPage Division will be at the Field House of Lyons Township High School in LaGrange. We have decide to use **Joel Weber's** and **Will Holt's** small layouts and tables at this show. That means there is no need to

set up on Friday night. The sign-up sheet will be at the March meeting. The revised schedule is:

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.
Load Out – 5:00 P. M.

For additional information, contact **Joel Lebovitz** at 847-212-3541.

SOUTHLAND MODEL RAILROAD SHOW:

The dates are now available for this show, sponsored by the music department of H. L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn. The schedule is:

Friday, September 24, 2010
Set Up – 6:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M.
Saturday, September 25, 2010
Set Up – 7:00 A. M. to 10:00 A. M.
Show – 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.
Sunday, September 26, 2010
Show – 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.
Load Out – 5:00 P. M.

More information will be available at future meetings and in future newsletters.

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UPCOMING S SCALE EVENTS

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

March 19, 2010
Hinsdale, Illinois

ALL AMERICAN RAILROAD SHOW

March 27, 2010
LaGrange, Illinois

RUNNING TRAINS AT JOEL WEBER'S

April 4, 2010
Naperville, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

April 16, 2010
Home Meeting – Bruce Lorence Hosting

SPRING S SPREE

April 30-May 1, 2010
Dearborn, Michigan

S FEST WEST

April 30-May 1, 2010
Arcadia, California

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

May 21, 2010
Hinsdale, Illinois

NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW

July 16-18, 2010
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

N A S G NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 21-25, 2010
Duluth, Minnesota

SOUTHLAND MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

September 24-26, 2010
Oak Lawn, Illinois

INDIANAPOLIS S SCALE MEET

October 9, 2010
Indianapolis, Indiana

FALL S FEST 2010

October 22-23, 2010
Tinley Park, Illinois

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NEXT MEETING:**

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