



**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)

**November 16, 2018**

#### THE NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of C A S G will be held **Friday, November 16, 2018**. 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.

#### NOVEMBER MEETING FEATURE:

We will use this meeting to take a breather from all of the activity leading up to the Fall S Fest 2018. We will spend some time with a report on the Fest.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEE:

Nominations for the election will be closed at the November meeting. All officer positions are up for re-election. Since **Dick Bukowski** is concluding his second consecutive term as president, he is not eligible to run for another term. All other officers, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and office-at-large, are eligible to stand for re-election. The trustee position currently held by **Joel Lebovitz** is ending. He is also eligible to be re-elected.

If you wish to nominate someone for any office, please be sure that you have their consent to be nominated and are willing to serve.

If you are willing to hold office, please contact Dick Bukowski at 847-338-1336 or e-mail, [basstrek@hotmail.com](mailto:basstrek@hotmail.com).

#### FALL S FEST 2018:

As mentioned above, we will spend some time this month to review the Fest.

We did sign up two new members and two returning members at the Fest.

#### WELCOME ABOARD:

At the October meeting, **Joe Slezinger** attended and became a member of C A S G.

Joe has been interested in railroads and model railroading pretty much all of his life. While studying electrical engineering at Northwestern University, he had an internship at Electromotive in LaGrange. He continued with EMD after graduation from Northwestern in 1968

He held multiple positions at EMD including service, sales and quality control. This gave him plenty of opportunities to ride trains and visit railroads across the country.

He left EMD in 1989 and started his own business in electrical control equipment repair and did some manufacturing for model railroading. He is now mostly retired.

His model railroading interests over the years have been very diverse. He was in HO for twenty some years and currently has Hi-Rail O gauge. Also, he is an active live steamer belonging to the Illinois Live Steamers and served for a while as that club's president. Via that relationship, he knew **Will Holt's** father, **Bill**. For his live steam interest in 1½-inch scale he has a complete machine shop.

He enjoys travel and history. His five trips to Europe have given him the opportunity to meet and become friends with several prominent model railroaders over there. He enjoys classical music and does photography as well.

Joe became interested in S through his significant other, **Jo Anna Dunn**. Her late husband had received American Flyer as a child from his Milwaukee Road railroader father. Jo Anna has passed these trains on to Joe. He is now collecting American Flyer and planning a layout. The layout will be in the house he has just purchased in Hoffman Estates after living in Oak Park for 44 years.

Welcome aboard Joe!

As mentioned above at the Fall S Fest we sign up two returning members and two new members, including our first members ever from Canada. More on them next month.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!:

**December 29-30** will be the Great Train Show. We will again use a 36-foot by 16-foot modular layout. We will probably need whoever is going to be responsible to transport club modules to

and from the World's Greatest Hobby Show to be available to pick up much of the layout that appears at Grayslake.

The following weekend will be the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour, **January 5-6**. We again will need extra help with vehicles for moving the club owned modules and other items to and from the WGH show.

#### HOME MEETINGS:

For 2019, we are looking for hosts for three of the home meetings.

The August, 2019 meeting will be the annual cook out on August 17 at **Will Holt's** home. If you can host the April, July or October, 2019 home meeting, please contact **Dick Bukowski** at 847-338-1336 or e-mail, [basstrek@hotmail.com](mailto:basstrek@hotmail.com).

The other anticipated dates for home meeting in 2019 are:

April 19, 2019  
July 20, 2019  
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](mailto: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](mailto:wgrassel@comcast.net) or telephone at 847-256-4834.

C A S G member **John DiMilio** is continuing to liquidate his extensive collection of American Flyer. Make your initial contact with Wayne about John's collection.

#### LIONEL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:

We have submitted a list of the trains that we will request as part of the second half of the 2018 program. More complete reports will be coming in future newsletters.

With the number of show we have over the next several months, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** for more members to participate, especially with the demands of the Fall S Fest in play this year. **Mike Klawitter** has joined the committee but additional help is still needed. Contact **Dick Bukowski** if you are willing assist with the program. Call him at 847-338-1336 or e-mail at [basstrek@hotmail.com](mailto:basstrek@hotmail.com).

#### MODULAR LAYOUT:

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 layout. As soon as possible, we will want to complete the alterations necessary for use with the layout. However, with the weather getting colder, we might not accomplish much before next spring

Those interested in helping with the repairs and modifications to the trailer should contact **Dick Bukowski** to volunteer; 847-338-1336 or e-mail at [basstrek@hotmail.com](mailto:basstrek@hotmail.com).

If you are interested in building a module in 2019, contact Will Holt at [williamholt@comcast.net](mailto:williamholt@comcast.net) or 630-881-9025.

#### CLUB SHIRTS, CAPS AND BADGES:

**Wayne Grassel** has 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 **Dick Bukowski**, 847-338-1336 or **Dave Wise**, 630-548-4090.

#### TRAIN SHOWS:

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

When we have the dates for this show for 2019 we will announce them in the newsletter. It can be anticipated the show will be on a Saturday in mid- to late-March.

##### **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, [basstrek@hotmail.com](mailto: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 date for 2018 is:

December 9

The dates for 2019 are:

- January 19
- February 10
- March 10
- April 14
- May 5
- June 2
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8

**THE GREAT TRAIN SHOW:**

The dates for the show will be on the weekend between Christmas and New Year's this coming December. Set up will be Friday, December 28. The show will be Saturday and Sunday, December 29-30. More details will be available, especially at the December meeting. 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 is hoping to host the show in 2019 and having it in the renovated spaces at Harper College. However, time is running short for them to plan and promote the show, so 2019 is becoming unlikely. We look forward to the return this show if not in 2019 then in 2020.

The show would be at Harper College which is at the corner of Roselle and Algonquin Rods in Palatine.

**HOMWOOD RAIL FEST:**

It is anticipated that the Homewood Rail Fest will be on May 18 next year. We will plan on participating and will get confirmation of the date as soon as possible. The train show

portion of the Rail Fest is in the Homewood/Flossmoor Park District Auditorium in downtown Homewood.

**SOUTHLAND MODEL RAILROAD SHOW:**

We now have confirmation that Southland show at Richards High School will not happen ever again. We will miss it.

**TRAIN FEST:**

Train Fest in the Milwaukee area has come and gone for 2018. We will include a report in next month's newsletter.

We anticipate that C A S G will again cooperate with the Badgerland S Gaugers for the 2019 show. The show is held at the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in West Allis.

**WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR:**

For the first time since 2012, the tour will stop in the Chicago area. The show will be at the Schaumburg Convention Center, off Meacham Road, just north of I-90.

The last time this show visited the Chicago area, almost 32,000 attended. We recruited new members and introduced S to many at the show. The N A S G will also have a 10-foot by 20-foot booth. Several S manufacturers will be present as well.

This is one opportunity we have every few years to use almost the entire C A S G modular layout since we have all day set up on Friday. The layout plan is for a 47-foot by 20-foot. We also receive an honorarium.

Plan on participating – we will need a lot of members to be sure that we will have enough train operators plus members to talk to the large number of attendees. It is also confirmed that we will need transportation for the club modules and accessories to and from the show.

© 2018

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**

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING  
November 16, 2018  
Hinsdale, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW  
December 9, 2018  
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING  
December 21, 2018  
Hinsdale, Illinois

THE GREAT TRAIN SHOW  
December 29-30, 2018  
Set Up – December 28, 2018  
Grayslake, Illinois

WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR  
January 5-6, 2019  
Set Up – January 4, 2019  
Schaumburg, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW  
January 13, 2019  
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING  
January 18, 2019  
Hinsdale, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW  
February 10, 2019  
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING  
February 15, 2019  
Hinsdale, Illinois

*NEXT MEETING:  
NOVEMBER 16, 2018  
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS*

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