



THE CHICAGO FLYER

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THE NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of C A S G will be held **Friday, October 19, 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.

OCTOBER MEETING FEATURE:

We will use this meeting to collate the packets for the Fall S Fest. A number of items will need to be put into the packets for each registration. Also we will prepare packets for those who will register on-site.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEE:

The next election for officers and a trustee for the C A S G is scheduled for December. All officer positions are up for re-election. Since **Dick Bukowski** is concluding his second 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.

At the November meeting, the nominations will close. If you are willing to hold office, please contact Dick Bukowski at 847-338-1336 or e-mail, basstrek@hotmail.com.

FALL S FEST 2018:

Registrations continue to come in for the Fest, both in the mail and on-line.

We have noticed that a significant number of our own members have not yet registered for the Fest. We would certainly hope that all of our members will participate in the Fest. After all is not only a great time for S but a fund raiser that helps keeps our membership dues low. If you have not yet registered please do so soon!

The Fall S Fest cars were inspected at the August meeting. One or two of the cars are getting close to sold out. The box for each car has a special sticker on it that features the 2018 logo.

Our banquet speaker will be Fred Henize. He will reminisce about his days as a railroader. Preliminary designs for the center pieces are almost done and about to be reviewed.

Commitments for prizes and donations are coming in. Auctioneers, yes auctioneers, are lined up for the post banquet auction. And a coordinator is set for the silent auction.

Help is still needed for many aspects of the Fest. Contact **Dick Bukowski**, basstrek@hotmail.com or 847-338-1336 to sign up for helping staff the Fest. Many of the committees are already working hard on aspects of the Fest. Do not think that help is only needed in the fall. The committees are:

Banquet, Speaker and Center Pieces
Clinics
Contests and Prizes
Marketing and Publishing
Raffles and Auctions
Registration
Security
Site

The board is working on a Fall S Fest manual. If you have any records concerning how a Fest is done, be they electronic or hard copy, please see that they are shared with the board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!:

In the following months, there are an abundance of events in which the C A S G is planning on participating.

Fall S Fest is scheduled for **November 2-4**. The following weekend, **November 9-11**, is Train Fest in Milwaukee and we will once again combine with the Badgerland S Gaugers for a 17-foot by 50-foot modular layout showing off S model railroading.

NOTE: If you are planning on participating in Train Fest and did not let us know by October 1 you may need to pay for admission to the show or there is a possibility that we can work

out sharing of exhibitor badges. Also, if you are staying over Friday and/or Saturday night we need to know so we can add to the hotel reservations.

December 29-30 will be the Great Train Show. We will again plan on a 36-foot by 16-foot modular layout. The following weekend will be the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour, **January 5-6**. We may also need extra help with vehicles for moving the club owned modules and other items to and from the WGH show.

HOME MEETINGS:

With Fall S Fest work to be done, we are changing the October meeting from a home meeting to one at Hinsdale. We will use that night to stuff the registration packets. If you have any materials that need to be in the packet, make sure those items are available by the October meeting, the 18th.

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.

The other anticipated dates for home meeting in 2019 are:

April 19, 2019
July 20, 2019
August 17, 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 this year. 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.

THE C A S G EXCHANGE PLACE:

The latest sale list was included with the August 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 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 program.

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.

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 repairs needed 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.

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.

If you are interested in building a module in 2019, contact Will Holt at 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 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 or **Dick Bukowski** at 847-338-1336, 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 out 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.

We remaining dates for the 2018 shows:

November 11
December 9

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. 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 anticipates hosting the show in 2019 and having it in the renovated spaces at Harper College. We look forward to the return this show that has been awaiting the completion of the work at the college.

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

HOMEWOOD 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:

As you already know, the Southland Model Railroad Show for 2018 cancelled about October 1. It would appear that this show will also not take place in the future. If that changes we will provide the information when it becomes available.

TRAIN FEST:

We will again participate with Badgerland S Gaugers in the

Train Fest in the Milwaukee area this year. The dates will be November 10-11, 2018 for the show and Friday, November 9 for set up. Final details will be provided at the October meeting and about a week before the show.

The show is held at the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in West Allis.

A sign up sheet for Train Fest will be available at the October meeting. If you have not signed up by now, you may well have to pay admission to attend the show. If you can let us know, we might be able to share an exhibitor badge or two. Also, if you are staying for more than one day and wish to have us reserve a hotel room for you, please be sure to note that on the sign up sheet.

WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR:

For the first time since 2012, the show 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.

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.

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UPCOMING S SCALE & C A S G EVENTS

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
October 20, 2018
Hinsdale, Illinois

FALL S FEST
November 2-4, 2018
Orland Park, Illinois

Train Fest
November 10-11, 2018*
Set Up – November 9, 2018
West Allis, Wisconsin

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW
November 11, 2018*
Wheaton, Illinois

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

* Shows on the Same Date – Plan for Members at Both Shows.

**NEXT MEETING:
OCTOBER 19, 2018
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS**

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