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THE NEXT MEETING:

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

ELECTION OF TRUSTEE:

Alan Roman has been re-elected to a 3-year term as trustee. His new term will run from January 1 of this year until December 31, 2020. Congratulations Alan.

2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

2018 is here, so it is time to renew your C A S G membership if you have not already done so. Dues are \$ 20.00 per year and you may renew for more than one year. Dues are accepted at the normal rate prior to March 1 of next year. After that there is a late renewal fee of \$ 2.00 for a total of \$ 22.00 as of March 1.

The renewal form is included with this newsletter or you can go on-line to download the form.

JANUARY MEETING FEATURE:

Since the calendar and the club's participation in the Great Train Show kept us from having an Unboxing Day to show off and run our new trains last month, we will have a "Look What I Got for Christmas" feature at the January meeting.

Bring a new train you received in December and show it off at the meeting. We will suspend the fellowship time at about 7:30 and give anyone who brings a train item the opportunity to introduce it to the members.

FALL S FEST 2018:

The site and dates for the Fall S Fest 2018 are now confirmed. The dates will be November 2-3, 2018. The site will be Georgio's Banquets and Quality Inn and Suites, 8800 West 159th Street, Orland Park, Illinois 60462.

The cars will be the Illinois Central Railroad to match the theme of "S Curves Through Illinois." The three possible cars were now narrowed to two and the club decision on the cars was finalized at the November meeting. The car choices are the American Models 40-Foot insulated plug door box car and the 50-Foot gondola with cover. The final decorating for the cars is being researched.

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.

THE GREAT TRAIN SHOW:

For the third straight year, C A S G participated in The Great Train Show at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake. We used a 36-Foot by 16-Foot version of the modular layout. Outside of the C A S G modules, all of the straight modules made their first appearance ever at the Grayslake show. **Mike Klawitter's** module, **Brendan Sheehy's** second module and **Kurt Zahnle's** reworked module all premiered at the show.

Other C A S G members participating were **Mick Blidy**, **Bill Cantrell**, John Drozak, **Tim Fron**, **Will Holt**, **Joel Lebovitz**, **Leigh Maginniss**, Jeff Papierz, Roman Papierz, **Alan Roman**, Joel Weber and Alan Zielinski.

HOME MEETINGS:

We are now planning for 2018. The dates for July and August are set, while the April and October are probable dates:

April 21, 2018
July 21, 2018
August 18, 2018
October 20, 2018

The July meeting will be at **Bruce Lorence's** home in

Tinley Park. Bruce has received official permission to break through the wall between the train room and the family den and returning track to some of the space his original layout occupied. The date will be July 21.

The August meeting will be the annual family cook out day at **Will Holt's** home on August 18.

If you can host one of other the 2018 meetings, please contact **Dick Bukowski** at 847-338-1336 or e-mail, basstrek@hotmail.com.

C A S G OUTINGS:

We are looking ahead to plan outings for 2018, spring and summer. If you have any ideas bring them to the meeting or let Alan Zielinski know, 847-967-7070 or alanzee@aol.com.

THE C A S G EXCHANGE PLACE:

The latest sale list for this quarter was included with the November 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. The collection includes Gilbert era and Lionel era. In many cases, there are duplicate items in John's collection. Make your initial contact with Wayne about John's collection.

LIONEL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:

We have been accepted to once again be a Lionel Ambassador Program Club. The details are somewhat different than prior years. Those changes were covered at the November meeting. We will be putting together a list of the trains that we will request as part of the program. Items that can be put on the list are ones from the Lionel Volume 2 catalog and we will also be able to order items from the 2018 American Flyer catalog that will be available about February 1. If you have some ideas, please let **Dick Bukowski** know

IMPORTANT; We *really* need 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:

We have been making improvements on the control systems for the modular layout. By the time we get to The All American Railroad Show next March, we expect to have the ability to operate conventional AC, FlyerChief and Legacy/TMCC on the outer track. The inner track will be capable of conventional DC, FlyerChief and DCC. Switching between any of these mode will be through the use of simple toggle switches.

The current count on modules includes the eight corner modules, two six-foot staging track modules, one four-foot staging track modules, one four-foot module and one four-foot bridge modules owned by the C A S G.

Individual members own modules as well, all four-foot. These are; **Dick Bukowski**, 1, **Will Holt**, 3, **Mike Klawitter**, 1, **Joel Lebovitz**, 3, **Chuck Mosier**, 1, **Jeff Papierz**, 2, **Roman Papierz**, 2, **Roy Plotnick** 1, **Alan Roman**, 1, **Brendan Sheehy**, 2, **Kurt Zahnle**, 1 and **Alan Zielinski**, 1.

That totals out to 100-feet of straight modules. Our maximum size would be 59-feet by 19-feet.

If you are interested in building a module, contact Will Holt at williamholt@comcast.net or 630-881-9025. If there is interest, module building sessions will begin in the spring.

CLUB SHIRTS, CAPS AND BADGES:

Wayne Grassel, 847-256-4834 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:

The DuPage Division of the N M R A sponsors this show. We will be watching for the announcement of the dates for 2018.

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 receive free admission to the show. The club presents a layout at

the show. 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:

- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 6
- June 3
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

THE GREAT TRAIN SHOW

A report on the C A S G's participation is above. When we know the dates for the 2018 show, we will publish them in the newsletter.

HIGH WHEELER TRAIN SHOW:

We have received an update from the Fox Valley Division

of the N M R A. They now have confirmation from Harper that the construction will not be completed until after March of 2018 so there will not be a 2018 show. They do anticipate hosting the show in 2019 and having it in the renovated spaces at Harper College.

HOMEWOOD RAIL FEST:

This one day show has been a good event for us. When we have the dates for 2018, we will post them in the newsletter.

SOUTHLAND MODEL RAILROAD SHOW:

While we do not yet have dates, we are planning on participating in this show in 2018. When dates are available they will be announced in the newsletter.

TRAIN FEST:

At this point we plan on again cooperating with Badgerland S Gaugers for the Train Fest in 2018. The dates will be November 10-11, 2018

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UPCOMING S SCALE & C A S G EVENTS

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

January 19, 2018
Hinsdale, Illinois

THE GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW

February 11, 2018
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

February 16, 2018
Hinsdale, Illinois

THE GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW

March 11, 2018
Wheaton, Illinois

SN3 SYMPOSIUM

April 5-7, 2018
Dallas, Texas

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

April 21, 2018
To Be Announced

*NEXT MEETING:
JANUARY 19, 2018
HINSDALE VILLAGE HALL
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