



THE CHICAGO FLYER
 Newsletter of the
 Chicagoland Association of S
 Gaugers, Incorporated

August, 2009

THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the C A S G will be on **Friday, August 21, 2009**. The regular social hour will be at 7:00 P. M. The business meeting will start at 8:00.

The meeting will be held at:

Dave Wise's Home
213 Winding Creek Drive
Naperville, Illinois



Directions (to avoid construction in the area) – From northwest, southwest or west of Naperville, take 75th Street to Modaff Drive. Turn south on Modaff one block to Waxwing Avenue. Turn east onto Waxwing to Terrance Drive. Turn south on Terrance Drive to Winding Creek Drive. Turn east on Winding Creek Drive and follow it to 213. From north or northeast of Naperville, take Washington Street south to Bailey Road (south of 75th). Turn west on Bailey Road to Winding Creek Drive. Turn north on Winding Creek Drive to 213. From east or southeast of Naperville, take 75th Street west to Modaff Drive (past Washington). Follow the directions above when you reach Modaff.

Dave's American Flyer layout will be ready for running trains. Bring yours along.

LAST RUN:

Recent C A S G member **Phil Kosin** passed away August 10 after a serious illness. Phil was 58. Several members attended his wake on August 13.

Phil had joined our ranks at Fall S Fest 2002. While a member he was active as a trustee and our unofficial social chairman.

Phil was also an avid golfer and sports fan. He was publisher and editor of *Chicagoland Golf* and for many years hosted a radio talk show on golf. He grew up in LaGrange Park, finally residing in Naperville. Early in his career, he was a paramedic/firefighter in several Illinois communities.

He is survived by his wife **Kathy**, his father, a brother, two sisters, and several nieces and nephews.

Our condolences to Kathy and the other members of the family.

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Although we rarely do this, the **September meeting will be canceled**. The meeting night is the set up for the Southland Train Show (see below). It is also Rosh Hashanah. The effect is to limit both the number of members that would be available for set up at Oak Lawn plus the number of members remaining to participate in the regular monthly meeting. With those two events pulling people away from the meeting, it seems wise to cancel the meeting

VACANCY:

At the recent board meeting, **Skip Sanchez** was confirmed by the board to assume the office of secretary. He will fill that position for the remainder of this year and all of next year.

Since Skip had been a trustee, that position is now vacant. We need someone to volunteer to complete the term Skip vacated, through 2010. Please contact any officer if you were willing to serve as a trustee.

HOME MEETINGS:

The remaining home meetings for 2009 are August 21 and October 16.

We do not yet have a volunteer host for the October meeting. Someone from the south or southwest hosting is desirable since last year's meetings were almost all on the north and northwest sides.

If you are willing to host the October meeting, please contact **Will Holt** at 630-881-9025.

TRAIN FESTIVAL 2009:

As mentioned at several recent meetings, the largest prototype steam train gathering in recent years was held this past July 23-26 in Owosso, Michigan. Eight full-sized locomotives were under steam from 0-4-0T's to a 4-8-4. There were also model railroad layouts in operation and other prototype equipment on display.

Some C A S G members were spotted on the grounds of the event. **Len Holt, Will Holt, Chuck Mosier** and **Roger Sesterhenn** were among the more than 36,000 in attendance. All were toting still and video cameras.

The main building of the Steam Railroad Institute has a permanent, small S scale layout built by the Southeast Michigan S Gaugers with trains donated by American Models. Near the Institute is the old Grand Trunk Western Owosso depot. The Southeast Michigan club had their 4-foot by 8-foot layout operating there.

With all of that activity, we are scheduling a "Show and Tell" session at the November meeting so our members who were at the festival can share their photos and video with all of us.

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW:

Our schedule to participate for the remaining shows in 2009 is:

September 13
 December 13

For 2010, we are planning on participating at the shows on:

January 10
 June 13
 September 12
 December 12

When you participate with C A S G at these shows, you receive free admission to the show. We always have enough members present to permit everyone time to walk the show and see all the trains at the show.

A sign up sheet is available at every meeting, or you can contact Joel Weber at 630-428-3917.

TRAIN SHOWS:

The next annual train show on our agenda is the Southland Train Show, sponsored by the music department of the H. L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn. We have participated in this show since its inception and watched it grow in both size and attendance.

They tell us that this year will see them once again expand the space that the show uses in the schools' gymnasiums.

The schedule is:

Friday, September 18, 2009
 Set Up – 6:00 P. M. To 10:00 P. M.
 Saturday, September 19, 2009
 Show – 9:00 A. M. To 5:00 P. M.
 Sunday, September 20, 2009
 Show – 9:00 A. M. To 5:00 P. M.

There will be a sign up sheet at the August

meeting. Take advantage of this opportunity to come out and run your trains, or join in on the large group trains we often run when the modular layout is set up at shows.

We have the dates for the High Wheeler 2010 Show, sponsored by the Fox Valley Division of the N M R A. It is held in the athletic building of Harper College in Palatine, at the corner of Roselle and Algonquin Roads. The schedule is:

- Friday, March 5, 2010
Set Up – 6:00 P. M. To 10:00 P. M.
- Saturday, March 6, 2010
Show – 9:00 A. M. To 5:00 P. M.
- Sunday – March 7, 2010
Show – 9:00 A. M. To 5:00 P. M.

Customarily, some of us take the opportunity to enjoy additional fellowship time by going out for a snack after set up and for dinner after the show days. For additional information, contact **Joel Lebovitz** at 847-212-3541

FALL S FEST 2009:

The next Fall S Fest will be held at the Clock Tower Inn in Rockford by the Stateline S Gaugers. The hotel is at the intersection of Interstate 90 and State Street.

Now that they have a larger facility, they have asked us to resume the tradition of providing a layout the year before we host the Fest. We will need a specific count of those of you with modules who are willing to participate. There is plenty of space for us to use all of the straight modules available.

This is our turn to “return the favor” so to speak, since Stateline has helped us in the past with a layout when we hosted the Fest.

Please contact **Joel Lebovitz** at 847-212-3541

about your participation. If you own a module(s), let Joel know whether you will or will not be willing to participate.

MODULAR LAYOUT:

Just one work session remains on the new corners. This will be to paint them as the scenery is near completion. The session will be late in August, at **Will Holt’s** home. Hopefully we will be ready to have the new skirts made at the same session. We have two volunteers for sewing the skirt, but could use more to assure their completion in one day.

Some work has begun on the new straight modules that will form the staging track. A staging track will allow a train to be readied while trains are stilling running on both of the loop tracks. Once the new train is readied, it can roll out onto the main line without a prolonged interruption of trains moving on the main lines.

FALL S FEST 2010:

The car project is well under way. This should assure us that the cars will be here in plenty of time before the event.

We are currently seeking members of C A S G to act as subcommittee chairmen. Two roles of the six are filled as of now. The subcommittees are:

- Banquet
- Off-Site Activities/Layout Tours – Joel Weber
- On-Site Activities
- Promotion
- Registration
- Show Floor Management – Will Holt

Please let any board member if you are willing to serve as chair of one of these committees.

UPCOMING S SCALE EVENTS

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
August 21, 2009
Dave Wise’s Home
Naperville, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW
September 13, 2009
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
September 19, 2009
Hinsdale, Illinois

Cancelled Due to Scheduling Conflicts!

SOUTHLAND TRAIN SHOW
September 19-20, 2009
Set Up – September 18, 6:00 P. M.
Oak Lawn, Illinois

FALL GET TOGETHER
September 26-27, 2009
South Amboy, New Jersey

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING
October 16, 2009

INDIANAPOLIS S SCALE SHOW
October 9-10, 2009
Indianapolis, Indiana

FALL S FEST 2009
November 6-8, 2009
Rockford, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW
December 13, 2009
Wheaton, Illinois

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DAVE WISE'S HOME
AUGUST 21, 2009
NEXT MEETING:

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