

## Upcoming Events

**April 27, 2010**

Club Meeting  
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse  
5259 Washington Road in  
Albany, Ohio

**May 11, 2010**

Club Meeting (**New Day**)  
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse  
5259 Washington Road in  
Albany, Ohio

**May 25, 2010**

Work Session (**New Day**)  
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse  
5259 Washington Road in  
Albany, Ohio

## Upcoming Birthdays

April 17 – Tom Metters

April 29 – John Tysko

## Need Your Help

We needed your help with railroad stories, tips, how to, jokes, or anything else you can come up with for your newsletter.

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## Change to Bylaws

As stated in the Code of Regulations, Article XIV - Amendment to Regulations, this is your written notice that there will be a vote at the April Club Meeting to make changes to Article 3, Section 1 and 2 to change annual and regular meeting to the second Tuesday of the month.



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## *Why I Invite People To Run Trains By Kirk DePeel*

I was about seven when my dad took me to my first, and only, train show with him. The show was located in a huge two-story department store whose name escapes me today. I remember walking in and seeing the layouts sprawled out everywhere. The sights and sounds of trains chugging and smoking while pulling long strings of brightly colored cars over bridges and through tunnels are burned in my memory. It was pure heaven to a young boy in love with trains.

Most of the layouts were American Flyer with some Lionel setups mixed in for good measure. There was one HO layout on display, this being before HO would become popular and overtake both scales. I remember someone asking one of the members if he thought HO would ever become as popular as American Flyer. The guy laughed and said it was a passing phase and nothing more. Funny, but years later I heard someone say the same thing about N-scale. But I digress.

Now my dad was a model railroader although he hadn't the time (or patience) for the hobby. It was only after his death that I learned of his love for trains, both real and models. He was one of these people who was right on the edge. If someone had offered to let him operate one of their layouts that day, I think he would have dove into the hobby headfirst. Instead he walked away not knowing the true fun and enjoyment of building and operating his own layout.

Since joining this club, my son and I have always made it a point to invite people at the show to run our trains for just that reason. We wanted to get people interested in the hobby and, hopefully, join our club. Unfortunately, N-gauge is not the best scale when it comes to shuffling cars around. Don's switching layout served that purpose wonderfully, but we needed something more spread out

and detailed.

The three HO yard modules on the other hand had seen better days and were screaming to be redone. Their use was limited to holding cars since any switching involved using one of the two main lines. The joints between the modules had become warped making the tracks uneven, which resulted in derailments. The wiring had never been completed, and there were dead spots in areas. And most of the buildings that had been on the yard were gone, causing gaps in the scenery.

So a group of us (Walter, Dave R., Kenny, Jason, myself, and others) looked at revamping the yard. It was decided a switching layout would give us the biggest bang for our buck. Not only would it increase the operational interest, but also it would allow us to add prototypical operation in the form of an interchange track. Interchange tracks are more common than flat yards yet they are seldom modeled.

After playing with the track plan, we actually were able to create two separate interchange tracks. Not only that, but the two main interchange tracks actually hold more cars than the old yard it replaces. Plus, with a new fourth module, we were able to add a number of industries and greater interest to switching.

While work progresses we will continue to seek out advice, suggestions, and ideas to make the switching layout more interesting. It is our goal to have the layout wired and running by Railfair. It is our hope that we will have a large part of it scenic for the show. This is a club project, so have fun and get involved.

## March Meeting Minutes Highlights By Roger Crigger

**DATE:** March 23, 2010

**MEETING STARTED:** 7:14PM

**PLACE:** The Clubhouse at 5259 Washington Road in Albany, Ohio

**BUSINESS:**

1. At the meeting there were 10 members out of 15 members present, which would make a forum.
2. The trip to Deshler, Ohio is Thursday. Cost for a room is \$31.00 for single and \$41.00 for double. If you would like to go see Kirk for more information.
3. Roger Crigger said that he would work on fixing the problem with members not receiving the newsletter.
4. The motion made to change the club meeting to the second

Tuesday and the work session to the fourth was talked about again and the vote to change it will be at the next meeting and the written notice to alter, amend or repeal or to adopt new regulations will be in the next newsletter.

5. Rising dues was talked about again and Roger Crigger wrote an article about in the newsletter. It will be talked about again before a motion is made. Opinions and suggesting are welcomed.
6. James Patterson from Colorado will be in Athens and would like to visit the club on Tuesday or Wednesday. Roger Crigger will be there to meet him and he would like to get as many members as possible to show up to meet him. He is moving into the area in June and is talking

about join the club.

7. Railfair will be the second weekend in December.
8. The club has a Facebook page now under the Ironheads of Seo. Please stop by and visit it.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** 1st Bill Creighton 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Morrow

**TIME MEETING ENDED:** 7:41PM

## American Passenger Trains Quiz By Roger Crigger

This month I am going to really test your train knowledge. Below is a list of some famous American passenger trains. Your goal is to list when they start and what railroad they original belonged to. Answers will be in next months issue. Have Fun!

| Train                      | Year Started Operation | Railroad |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| The 20th Century Limited   |                        |          |
| Broadway Limited           |                        |          |
| Acela Express              |                        |          |
| The California Limited     |                        |          |
| The California Zephyr      |                        |          |
| Empire Builder             |                        |          |
| The North Coast Limited    |                        |          |
| The Orange Blossom Special |                        |          |
| The Royal Blue             |                        |          |
| Super Chief                |                        |          |