

Upcoming Events

September 12, 2010

Open House

10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse

5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

September 14, 2010

Club Meeting

7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse

5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

September 28, 2010

Work Session

7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse

5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

October 12, 2010

Club Meeting

7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse

5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

Upcoming Birthdays

September 21 – Marcus Fila

Horseshoe Curve Trip

The Horseshoe Curve Trip is coming soon and for those of us who are going, we can't wait. For those of you that can't make the trip, look forward to an article on the trip in the near future.

Officers and Trustees Meeting

We are looking at having the meeting on Wednesday, September 22 or 29 at 7:00p.m. Final Decision will be at September Meeting.



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The Deshler Experience, Pt. 4 By Kirk DePeel

This month we finish The Deshler Experience by Kirk DePeel. Hope you had fun reading it and come back next month for a new story or what ever we come up with.

While we waited for a train we feasted on meat and cheese Walter had brought along to share. Staying warm was an issue, but if you stood out of the wind and in the sun it wasn't too bad. After 20 minutes our first train showed up and then they came in bunches. There is a siding just pass the diamond and you could see the NS trains being stacked up waiting for the east-bounders to clear the route. Once they did the west-bounders got their chance to continue their journey toward Chicago and St. Louis. Josh took a nice picture of an NS train crossing the diamond with the tower and signals framing it. This picture now hangs on our clubhouse wall. Check it out.

With the sun setting we decided it was time to head back to Deshler for dinner (pizza) and a fire. Again, we were hoping CSX would throw us a train but it was not to be. As we pulled into Crossroads Park there were five other railfans waiting around. Jason quickly hooked up the computer and discovered a train heading toward us. While he was doing this I got the fire ready and in no time it was burning nicely. Unfortunately with the wind blowing the way it was it didn't really keep you warm. Other railfans crowded around the fire, grateful that someone had brought wood to start one. Walter and I choose to watch the trains from the comfort of a warm van. As night fell the train actively picked up, which is the norm for Deshler. More trains run through Deshler at night than during the day. It also got much colder. By 9 pm it had to be in the low 20's and the wind made it seem colder than that.

Around this time a train was approaching Deshler from the north, and Jason wanted to get a shot of it crossing under a signal bridge south of there. We piled everything in the van and left the fire to the other railfans. Three miles away we pulled up next to the signal and waited. What we didn't know was that there were several east and west bound trains that the dispatcher was going to allow through Deshler first. That meant we were in for a long, cold wait. Now this is farm country, so there was nothing, and I mean

nothing around except empty fields. We waited 45 minutes on the side of the road and not one car drove by. In the distance we could make out Deshler with its tall grain elevators lit up and the trains headlights slicing through the town and beyond into the darkness.

Finally a bright light appeared on the horizon and the signal turned green, indicating it was our train's turn to cross through the diamond. I braved the wind and cold with Jason for the 10 minutes or so it took for the mix-freight to get there. The chill went into your bones and no matter how long you sat in front of the heater you never seemed to warm up. But it was another chance to catch a train crossing under the B&O signals before CSX took them down. It was worth the wait.

After the train passed we decided to head back to the motel to get some much needed sleep. I decided to take a short cut via one of the country roads instead of driving to Deshler and backtracking. As Walter would say, it was an adventure and we'll leave it at that. We were all happy to get into our warm beds and fall asleep. And there was no repeat of the ghostly appearance like the previous night.

Day three started around 8:30. A quick run to Deshler rewarded us with a couple of trains but not much else. We headed for home after that, eating breakfast (McDonalds) along the way and stopping at Marion to do some train watching. Thankfully the day had warmed up where it was tolerable to stand outside. Roughly five trains passed through while we were at Marion and after eating at the shovel restaurant, we headed south for the hobby shops. By early Saturday evening we where home and this one was in the books. It was another memorable trip of the Deshler experience.

August Meeting Minutes Highlights By Roger Crigger

DATE: August 10, 2010

MEETING STARTED: 7:13PM

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

TREASURER REPORT: The Checking is at \$3,276.99 and the CD is at 7,929.95 as of the meeting. After reading the balance for the checking and CD, Don Schultz read, signed and handed in his Resignation for Treasurer.

1st Kirk DePeel

2nd Walter Parks

Approved by Members

BUSINESS:

- At the meeting there were 11 members out of 20 members present, which would make a forum.
- There was an open floor for nominations for a new Treasurer to finish Don Schultz term. Walter Parks said that David Jackson seemed interested in the job. Since no one else was interested in the

job, David Jackson was nominated as our new Treasurer 1st Kirk DePeel 2nd Don Schultz, approved by members. If he wants the job, David Jackson will be voted in as new Treasurer at the next meeting.

- It was asked and stated that someone needs to fill out the paper work for the Kroger Rewards Program. The Kroger Community Rewards Program is a new effort that provides financial support to non-profit organizations based on the money spent at Kroger stores by members enrolled in the program.
- Kirk DePeel needs a head count for the September Trip to Horseshoe Curve so he can reserve rooms. It cost about \$70.00 for a room with three beds, and \$40.00 for a room with two. Head count so far was 5 with two more maybes.
- There will be an open house on September 12 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. The open house will be during the Albany Fair and the parade through town.

- We our still looking for a day to have the Officers and Trustees Meeting. Wednesday September 1st at 7:00pm was looked at as a possibly. The Officers and Trustees will be contacted when a date has been found.
- If you want a hat or shirt with the club logo on it please see Walter Parks. He needs to know what Color and Size you need and he needs the money when you make the order. Add \$1.00 for shipping.
- All new members at the meeting need to fill out the membership application form.
- Railfair 2010 will be the second weekend in December. We can start move in the weekend after Thanksgiving and move out anytime before the end of the year.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 1st Roger Crigger 2nd Don Schultz

TIME MEETING ENDED: 7:49PM

Train Movies Quiz By Roger Crigger

Let's test your movie knowledge. In this month quiz I want you to tell me what year the movie was released and who was the star or stars of the movie. Some movies included can have important train scenes but not necessarily involve trains throughout.

Movie	Year Released	Star or Stars
The Train		
Emperor of the North		
The Taking of Pelham One Two Three (original)		
The Great Locomotive Chase		
Night Passage		
Breakheart Pass		
Von Ryan's Express		
The General		
Bullet Train		
Hurricane Express		
Money Train		
Rails & Ties		
Runaway Train		
Silver Streak		
Under Siege 2: Dark Territory		