

## Upcoming Events

**August 23, 2011**

Work Session  
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse  
5259 Washington Road in Albany,  
Ohio

**September 11, 2011**

Open House  
11:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse  
5259 Washington Road in Albany,  
Ohio

**September 13, 2011**

Club Meeting  
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse  
5259 Washington Road in Albany,  
Ohio

**September 27, 2011**

Work Session  
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse  
5259 Washington Road in Albany,  
Ohio

## Upcoming Birthdays

August 26 – Matthew Jackson

## Murphy's Laws for Model Railroading

- No matter the depth of your research, some geek will quickly point out that such-and-such herald wasn't in use until 6 months after the period you are modeling. And then proceed to remind everyone about that fact for rest of your (or his) lifetime.
- Clutter expands to fill all available space.
- Regardless of the size of your work bench, you will never have more than 18X12 inches of space to work within.
- At some point during your painting session, you will discover that you've been rinsing the paintbrush in your coffee, rather than the water.

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## *My Alternative Club Picnic By Kenny Shank*

By the time the club had set a date for the picnic my wife, Beth, had already bought the tickets. I wasn't even sure I would get the day off. But everything worked out and on the 17th of July, at 8:15 pm we were going to watch the lights go down for the first Act of the "Hatfield's and McCoy's."

One of the nicest things about the trip was we were NOT in a hurry. We were always trying to get somewhere else. And fast! This time Beckley, West Virginia was our destination.

The first time I saw Cabin Creek, WV was in 1985 on our way to Disney World. I-77 wasn't even done yet, ending somewhere on the other side of Beckley. Cabin Creek was below us a little and looked like train layout. The grass was so green and the houses and yards were neat and trim. At 70 mph it was as perfect as a picture. And as we dropped into the Paint Creek valley the mountains squeezed the freeway, a gravel road, the creek and the railroad tracks. Every once in a while there would be a small house or a trailer. It was so cool I almost wrecked!

Ten years later we decided to go to Disney again. Our son Sean was only 1 in '85 so now it was his turn. I was looking forward to seeing Paint Creek again and kept telling Sean about how cool it was.

Coming out of Memorial Tunnel, Cabin Creek looked almost like I remembered. Man, this was great! When we got to Paint Creek it looked nothing like it did before. The trees had grown and we couldn't see a thing! Man, what a Bummer!

Over the many years we made quite a few trips down I-77. Another trip to Disney, numerous visits to our kids and grand kids. And I've always wished we had the time to get off the interstate and explore those hollows. Until this July.

Now in recent years, they moved I-77 up the mountain a bit and made a huge cut through the ridge. This bypassed the Memorial Tunnel. But you still can see the south portal very well, but the north will hard for the driver. I could see some concrete walls but traffic was a little heavy and I missed it. We got off at the Sharon/ Cabin Creek Rd. exit, then south on Cabin Creek.

Now the first mile or so follows along the freeway. I had to set the cruise at 40 mph because I kept trying to keep up. When we turned away from the speed demons I settled down and could enjoy the view. The road was curvy and the creek was worse. We just climbed into the mountains as the hollow got tighter and tighter. We passed a working coal mine and got a couple of pictures of a silo and loading tippie. They were bigger than I've ever seen

around here. I guess they were so tall because of the tight space. After that we headed back to the highway.

There are 3 exits to Paint Creek Road: Montgomery, Mahan, and Pax. I didn't know it but it looks like on a map at Tamarack that you can drive clear into Beckley. We took the Montgomery exit. Looked like the road had been freshly paved, real nice job. But I was very disappointed when I couldn't find any sign of the tracks. We had a nice quiet drive though: no one behind us and only met 2 cars. There were a couple of times we looked down a driveway and it went through the creek instead of over. lol

We had decided to get back on the interstate at Mahan and stop at Tamarack before checking in the motel. There beside the road was an older couple taking pictures of the creek. I looked farther downstream and there was an abandoned girder-deck bridge. Around another bend was what looked like a viaduct of some kind. Didn't get any pictures of them, maybe next time.

Don Schultz suggested we check out Tamarack. Been past it many times but didn't know what it was. It was kinda' nice, high-end artsy stuff. Neat glass-topped table w/ fisherman half in / half out. I read the sign on it and told this woman who was admiring it, "For 18000 dollars I think you should get two". I didn't check to see how many hundreds of dollars it cost, but I took a picture of chicken who had just laid an egg. Figured it would be in my price range.

By the sidewalk leading back to the van, I found a display that may explain the abandoned rail line. It had a map of sites along Paint Creek where skirmishes between miners and mine owners occurred and the dates. Most in the early 1900's but the latest was down by Mahan, in 1989. Striking miners dynamited a coal mine, and I suppose, closed it.

Later, the show we went to see was in an amphitheatre a little smaller than "Tecumseh". It was good. I learned some things, if they weren't lying about it. Show folks like to stretch things a bit. Before it started we checked the New River overlook. Caught an Amtrack heading north toward Charleston. Looked like a Z-scale model from way up where we were.

Well, I guess that's about all there's to tell about. We had a relaxing trip and it's been too long in coming.

Later, Kenny

## August 2011 Meeting Minutes. by Roger Crigger

DATE: August 9, 2011

Approved by Members

MEETING STARTED: 7:05PM

TREASURER REPORT: No report except that Kirk DePeel reported that he has deposited \$180.00 and spent \$88.14 for club stuff.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Roger Crigger  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Metters

OFFICERS PRESENT: President Kirk DePeel, Vice President Walter Parks, and Secretary Roger Crigger.

BUSINESS:

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Tom Metters.

1. At the meeting there were 8 members out of 16 members present, which would make a forum.
2. The club picnic was a success and was a good time for all that showed up.
3. At the moment the contact for rent on the building is month to month.
4. There are plans for a club trip to The Rat Hole on either the third or fourth weekend of this month, which would be August 19-21 or 26-28. Will leave around 6:00p.m on Friday and be back on Sunday.

MEMBERS: Jason DePeel, Dylan Popeluk, David Rapp, Kenneth Shank, and Bill Warthman.

GUEST: None

SECRETARY REPORT: There was no official meeting minutes from the July Meeting. Kirk DePeel just gave a highlight.

1<sup>st</sup> Dylan Popelok  
2<sup>nd</sup> Walter Parks

- There is one extra seat at the moment. For more information talk to Kirk DePeel.
5. The Raffle Table has been started. If you would like to help we have a work session on Tuesday's at 7:00p.m and most Sundays from 11:00a.m to 3:00p.m or 4:00p.m. Talk to Kirk about the Sunday times.
  6. There will be an open house on September 11 in junction with the Albany Fair Parade. Meet at the clubhouse at 11:00a.m.
  7. The club has some old railroad calendars for sale at a \$1.00 each.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 1<sup>st</sup> Kenneth Shank 2<sup>nd</sup> Walter Parks

TIME MEETING ENDED:  
7:28p.m.

## HOCKING LITTLE LOCOMOTIVE WORKS BY KENNY SHANK

Maybe not many of you know, but we have been operating since November of 2010. Walter Parks and I have been taking orders and even bought a few things ourselves. So far HLLW has donated a little over one hundred dollars to the Club from sales.

We started this to help the club keep our happy home. Walter and I were talking about ways to raise money and I called Walthers about becoming a dealer. Depending on the brand, dealers get a fairly steep discount and we can get on average about 1/3rd off the retail prices listed in the Reference book or the Walthers flyers many of us get in the mail. Ten percent of the wholesale price is donated to the club for Club Members.

For anyone who is not a member, we

can still make a good deal. I can take 13% off of the retail price listed and the Club gets even more!

Now there are some expenses and about 10% above wholesale covers them, but as long as they're covered I can deal a little on the items in inventory. The first order had a minimum so I bought some things I thought that would sell. Anyway, it's my money so I can deal a little. Just remember, the lower the price, the less goes to the club.

As for anyone who wants to order. There are 2 Reference Books at the Clubhouse. One HO and the other N and Z. These should be good for this year but the 2012 books are out and I'm going to order some soon. I have some in stock (2011) that I have

already dropped the price on if you're interested. Most items in the book just take about 1/3 off and that will be close to the final price.

Anyone who would like a copy of our inventory can talk to Walter at the Clubhouse, call me at: (740)590.6912, or e-mail me at: shankkenny@yahoo.com.

I can mail you a paper copy or e-mail a .pdf file.

Thanks for your support. Kenny