

Upcoming Events

January 26, 2010

Club Annual Meeting
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse
5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

February 9, 2010

Work Session
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse
5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

February 23, 2010

Club Meeting
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse
5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

Upcoming Birthdays

January 30 - David Jackson

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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Membership

If you are interested in our Club and would like to join the Railroad Model and Historical Society of Southeastern Ohio, Inc. membership is \$25.00 per year for a single or \$35.00 for a family.

Dues for 2010

To all members, dues are now due for 2010. You can pay by check or cash to Treasurer Donald Schultz at a work session or meeting. You can also mail a check to the club at our P.O. Box listed above under "Need Your Help". Make checks to "The Railroad Club of Southeast Ohio"



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Picture of the 2009 Raffle Table at Railfair.

Reflections on Railfair 2009 by Kirk DePeel

Railfair 2009 was special compared to previous years. Perhaps it was because for the first time the club had a place of its own. This, in turn, helped us to be better prepared for this year's show. But more than that, this year we came together as a group. In a club that has had a history of ups and downs; we worked toward a common goal instead of just talking about it. We were able to meet several times a month to work on the club layouts and show off talents that others didn't know about. We built strong friendships that, frankly, didn't exist before then. Model railroading became fun again for this group.

This year's raffle layout was one of the best we've ever built. Two of the many highlights that made this layout special were the lit buildings and Tony's scratch-built bridge. There was also Walter's eye for building detail and his help making trees with Jason and me. And, of course, you can't forget about Roger's bat cave, which kept the layout kid-oriented, which was the audience we

were aiming for. Others also contributed with ideas and/or help with the scenery. In the past this would've been a one or two person project, but everyone had their hand in it one way or another. The end results were impressive and those who purchased raffle tickets told us so many times.

We also raffled off six other items. Don purchased a Lincoln Log train set, which did quite well. I was able to secure a train set from the Smoke Stack for a discount and weathered a hopper car that sat on a display Kenny built. Jason contributed a framed railroad photo and train calendar. Don also donated an impressive B&O clock, which he handcrafted. These were some of the best items we've raffled off in a long time.

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Christmas Day Open House By Walter Parks

Christmas afternoon of 2009 we held the first of what we hope will become an annual event, our Christmas Day Open House. The event was held at the clubhouse in Albany from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Refreshments were provided by the club members.

Members present were Dave Jackson, Tom Metters, Roger Crigger, Kirk and Jason DePeel, Tony Magill, and Myself. We also had family of the members present. Folks interested in model trains and railroading in general started

showing up just before 2:00 p.m. Some guests brought trains that had belonged to themselves or family members, many said that the trains had been safely tucked away and had not been run in years. Some people just interested in selling the old trains to someone that had an interest in them.

The club had operating layouts in "N", "HO", "S", "O", and "G" gauges and members intermingled with the visitors to answer questions about the club and railroading in general.

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Christmas Day Open House, Continued from front

Since we did not have a guest sign in book we are not sure of the exact number of visitors we had, but it was the consensus of members present that it was in the neighborhood of 100 to 125 people. All that attended appeared to have had a good time.

Thanks to everyone that took part in the open house for their help and support. May this year be a "Good One" for our club and Happy New Year to all.

Walt

How Well Do you know Your Steam Locomotives? By Roger Crigger

If you think you know your Steam Locomotive types, go ahead and try to match the names to the wheel arrangements. Some of the names stray a bit from the standard Whyte's classification, representing railroads which created their own names for certain wheel types. The answers will be listed in next month's newsletter.

Names	Wheel Arrangements
Allegheny _____	A. 2-4-2
Atlantic _____	B. 4-4-2
Berkshire _____	C. 2-6-0
Big Boy _____	D. 2-6-2
Challenger _____	E. 4-6-0
Colorado _____	F. 4-6-2
Columbia _____	G. 4-6-4
Consolidation _____	H. 2-8-0
Greenbrier _____	I. 2-8-2
Hudson _____	J. 2-8-4
Mastodon _____	K. 4-8-0
Mikado _____	L. 4-8-4
Mogul _____	M. 0-10-2
Pacific _____	N. 2-10-2
Prairie _____	O. 2-10-4
Santa Fe _____	P. 4-10-0
Southern Pacific _____	Q. 4-10-2
Ten-Wheeler _____	R. 4-12-2
Triplex _____	S. 2-6-6-6
Union _____	T. 4-6-6-4
Union Pacific _____	U. 2-8-8-4
Yellowstone _____	V. 2-8-8-8-2

Reflections on Railfair 2009, Continued from front

Like previous years, we were able to start bringing in the layouts two weeks before the show. This year's layouts included Sam's HO Christmas tree setup; Roger's, Tony's, and Kirk's/Jason's N-scale layouts; the club's HO layout, run by Walter, Kenny, and Dave; Matthew's (Dave's son) N-scale layout; Don's Lionel layout; and our 4x6 HO raffle layout. On the Friday night before Railfair, Dave kept an old tradition alive by providing pizza, out of his own pocket, for the club's pizza party. (Big thanks Dave!)

As for Railfair, it started out busy Saturday morning. About two-thirds of the raffle tickets sold that day were in the first 3 hours. During that time we received a lot of interest and questions about our club. Flyers about the Christmas open house and the December newsletter were passed out. By 1 p.m. things slowed and we were

able to relax and visit until things picked up again around four. All in all it was a positive day except for the "Kong" incident on Roger's layout, which I won't go into. We met and talked with a lot of people who relived their own childhood with their first train set. Of course, there were the kids who scrambled around the layout counting the cars on the trains. Some were invited to run the trains, and you could see the thrill and excitement on not only their faces but their parent's as well. It would be a lifetime memory.

Sunday is usually the slow day, but it actually turned out to be just as busy, if not busier, than Saturday. The day started at noon and never really slowed down. Raffle tickets were steady throughout the day and people seem to be passing through all the time. Kenny was a huge help selling tickets as was Jason and Walter (who could sell refrigerators to Eskimos). I was even

able to take a break from selling tickets and run my own layout for an hour or so.

At 5 p.m. we raffled off the prizes with the layout going to an 8-year old who was enthusiastic about model railroading. Then we packed up, moving most of our stuff to an unused store where we would pick it up later on that week. Afterwards we went out to Bob Evans to talk and share in each other's company. It was a perfect ending to a perfect Railfair. Can't wait until the 2010 Railfair!