

Upcoming Events

May 25, 2010

Club Meeting
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse
5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

June 8, 2010

Work Session
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse
5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

June 22, 2010

Club Meeting
7:00p.m.

At the Clubhouse
5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

Upcoming Birthdays

May 20 – Tony Magill

There Was No April Meeting

Because we did not have enough members show up there was no meeting in April. So the vote to change the Bylaws will be in May.

Change to Bylaws

As stated in the Code of Regulations, Article XIV - Amendment to Regulations, this is your 2nd written notice that there will be a vote at the May 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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The Deshler Experience, Pt. 1 By Kirk DePeel

There's a saying that goes, "Life can be stranger than fiction". The irony of that statement wasn't lost on me as we drove north toward Deshler that late March night. Driving through a full-blown blizzard with ice and snow accumulated rapidly on my van was making visibility almost non-existence. Yet my navigator, the person sitting beside me and keeping an eye out for trouble, was a blind guy. Some things you can't make up.

My history with Deshler goes back more than ten years when my son and I discovered Crossroads Park, a place where you could camp by the tracks. Since then Jason and I have been making the journey two or three times a year, usually in the winter. Josh Pack had gone with us a few times so he was a veteran to the bad weather. But this was Walter's first trip and it was turning out to be an experience. Not that it seem to faze Walter, who sat there calmly as if it were a fine, spring night. I shook my head in bewilderment and tried not to plow into the semi I was following.

By some miracle was arrived at our motel near North Baltimore just as the snow was subsiding. With the night still young, we unpacked and headed for Deshler to get some night shots. Along the way we passed the intermodal yard CSX was building just west of North Baltimore. The yard is massive, over 3 miles long

from end to end. I've heard CSX plans to load and unload 30+ trains a day at this facility. From the look of things, security is also going to be tight when it's completed. Dirt has been piled up between the yard and road blocking the view and a 15-foot fence is being constructed to keep people out. While we never got a direct answer on when the yard was to be open, most people had heard late fall of this year.

Upon arriving at Deshler we were greeted by a couple of intermodal trains and some mix freights. The snow may have stopped but the night was way too cold to stand outside for very long, especially without a fire to stand by. We only exited the van when a train came through.

The next couple of hours passed quickly as we watched trains race by and talked among ourselves before calling it a night. On the way back we saw one more westbound cutting through the dark farmland in the distance. It's one of those scenes you wish you could take a picture of but know it would never capture what you saw or felt at that moment.

To be continued next month.

CSX's \$175 million dollar state of the art intermodal freight hub near North Baltimore, Ohio will occupy a 500-acre site along Ohio Route 18. It will be completed in 2011. It is a cornerstone of the National Gateway Project.

Scratch Building By Walter Parks

It's been a good day, you've chased trains and got many good photo opportunities, among them are some bridges and structures, which caught your eye due to their design or uniqueness.

Returning home you browse thru the walther's catalog for building kits, which resemble what you have seen. There is nothing even vaguely close. Is this the end of your hope to have a structure that closely resembles what you saw? The Answer is No because you have picture of the structure.

You can carefully study the picture to determine what materials you will need to scratch build the structure. You determine the approximate size, remember it does not have to be exact; it just has to convey the idea of the structure.

Once the size and the structure building materials have been determined you return to the catalog or go to your local hobby shop to order the materials required.

While waiting for the materials to arrive you can work on construction plans or even build a mockup of the structure from card stock paper or foam board, this will help you determine the sub-assemblies you will need to build and how to gut your materials for maximum utilization because Scratch building is not cheap. As you build constantly measure and re-measure each piece for fit and don't rush the job. It is much easier to build in sub-assemblies than it is to try to build the structure as one assemble, unless of course it is small and fairly simple, which might be a good idea for a first scratch built

structure. Work slowly and try to plan a head. The rewards of a scratch built building are a structure that is unique in the fact that it is a one and only, even if someone else chooses to model the same thing, it will not be like yours.

Start small and as you gain experience try more complicated projects. If your first endeavor does not work out exactly as you wanted it to, don't give up, try again. Many things in life don't always workout perfectly the first time.

Scratch building is fun and rewarding, give it a try.

Walt

Future Ironhead

I am happy to announce that that our President Tony Magill and his wife had their first child on April 30th. It was a boy and his name is Gabriel Austin Magill.

American Passenger Trains Quiz Answers By Roger Crigger

So how did you do on last month's American Passenger Train Quiz? Well here are the answers.

Train	Year Started Operation	Railroad
The 20th Century Limited	1902	New York Central
Broadway Limited	1912	Pennsylvania
Acela Express	2000	Amtrak
The California Limited	1892	Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe
The California Zephyr	1949	Prior to the formation of Amtrak, the California Zephyr (the CZ, or "Silver Lady") was a passenger train operated jointly by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad (CB&Q), Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad (D&RGW) and Western Pacific Railroad (WP).
Empire Builder	1929	Great Northern
The North Coast Limited	1900	Northern Pacific
The Orange Blossom Special	1925	Seaboard Air Line
The Royal Blue	1890	Baltimore and Ohio
Super Chief	1936	Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe