

Upcoming Events

Sept. 13, 2009

Open House
10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.
At the Clubhouse
5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

Sept. 22, 2009

Club Meeting
7:00p.m.
At the Clubhouse
5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

Oct. 13, 2009

Work Session
7:00p.m.
At the Clubhouse
5259 Washington Road in
Albany, Ohio

Upcoming Birthdays

None for September

Notices

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 September Club Meeting to make changes to Article II of the bylaws about membership to the Club.

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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Jason, Walter, Rick, and Tom take a break as Kirk is getting a drawing of himself made at EnterTRAINment Junction.

Club News First Open House by Roger Crigger

Now that we are moved in and are getting things setup and put away, we decided to have our first open house to let the community know that we are here.

Our open house will be on Sept. 13 from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. It will be during the parade for the Albany Fair. Besides

having running layouts, that will be information about the club and you can see and buy tickets for this years Raffle table. We also have a one-day special that allows you to join the club for the rest of 2009 for only \$6.25. So bring your family and friends and see our home.

Club Picnic, Part 2 By Walter Parks

Here is the exciting conclusion to the club picnic to EnterTRAINment in July by Walter Parks.

As you make your way along the layout there are many railroad artifacts displays and some interactive displays. Climb a flight of stairs and you are on the observation deck with a bird's eye view of the entire layout. Its size is almost mind-boggling. Down the stairs and through another portal and your in modern diesel era which includes a city with skyscrapers and hi-rise apartments, container trains, mi-jack cranes, Amtrak, a drive-in theater, an antique auto show and much more. Up ahead is the exit and you have come to the end of your trip through EnterTRAINment, It took about 2 ½ hours and you wonder what you didn't see on your first tour of the layout, another trip is a must.

We gathered in the lobby after going through the gift shop and got character drawing of ourselves and then departed for something to eat. We toured an old station in Glendale, Ohio and had lunch at the Cock & Bull English Pub while watching CSX and Norfolk Southern on the two-track main below.

At about 5:00p.m. We headed back for Athens after a very enjoyable day of watching trains and enjoying each other's company. It was one heck of a picnic!

Looking Back -- The Coldest Day of the Year, Part 1 By Kirk DePeel

The cold winter wind bit at our faces as Jason and I stepped out of our warm van. Less than a mile away the triangle lights of the engine approached as the crossing gates started going down. I was surprised they hadn't frozen in place. This was railfanning at its extreme in the northern Ohio winter. Almost immediately my fingers went cold despite my thick gloves. It had to be worse for my son, who was wearing no gloves, so he could take his shot. Thankfully, it was easier to operate my video camera than his Nikon.

The two NS engines roar by at nearly 70 miles an hour followed by a mile

long string of double stacks. As soon as it passed the wind from the train hit us, dropping the temperature another 10 degrees. The thermometer we brought said it was 1 degree above zero. Add in the wind chill factor and it felt more like 20 below zero before the train passed. I quickly ducked back into the van, shaking my head at my son who stood there taking pictures with no gloves, a baseball cap, and a sweatshirt covered by a windbreaker. By the time he got in his face and hands were bright red from the cold, the first signs of frostbite. He told me to turn on the heater because he was cold. I almost laughed. What a knucklehead for coming on this trip in

the middle of January without a proper winter jacket or hat. And now he was complaining he's cold. WELL DUH – it's winter.

Come back next month for part 2 of Looking Back – The Coldest Day of the Year.

August Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 25, 2009

MEETING STARTED: 7:13PM

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: President Tony Magill, Vice President Kirk DePeel, Secretary Roger Crigger, and Treasurer Don Schultz.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Walter Parks, Bill Creighton and Keith Morrow.

MEMBERS: Jason DePeel, Tom Metters, Keith Morrow, Kenneth Shank, and Ralph Stobbs.

GUEST: None

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes from July 2009 meeting with change were approved.

1st Keith Morrow

2nd Tom Metters

Approved by Members

TREASURER REPORT: The checking is at \$2,109.30. The CD is at \$13,222.94.

1st Bill Creighton

2nd Kirk DePeel

Approved by Members

BUSINESS:

1. At the meeting there were 11 members out of 15 members, which would make a forum.
2. Don Schultz reported that the major bills that will be due between now and Feb. 9, 2010, when the CD matures will be insurance which is about \$200.00 and Rent. Roger Crigger also said that the Website is also due in November. Between the

checking and what we make off Raffles at Railfair we should have enough money to last until the CD matures.

3. The clubhouse rules handed out at the last meeting were discussed and changes were made. The new version will be handed out at the next meeting were it will be voted on.
4. The new membership to club format handed out at the last meeting was discussed and changes were made. Most notable was the 3-month probation was changed to three business meetings. The new version will be handed out at the next meeting were it will be voted on. Also a notice will be put in the newsletter to tell all members that there will be a vote to change the by-laws to include the membership format.
5. It was discussed that wood is needed to make legs for the two n-scale layouts. Don said that he would get the wood and Ralph said he would help to put it together.
6. It was discussed and then a motion was made to have our first open house on September 13 from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. Our open house will be during the parade for the Albany Independent Fair. 1st Kirk DePeel 2nd Don Schultz.
7. It was talked about having popcorn for sale or for donation during our open house. Kirk DePeel said that he would call the health department and any other group needed to make sure it is ok to do and to see if we needed any permits.
8. There was a motion made to prorate the dues to only \$6.25 for the last three months of the year. The prorate will be good at the open house only. 1st Keith Morrow 2nd Walter Parks.
9. Walter and Don presented an idea to do a book. The club would sell ads in the book to

raise money for the club. After it was decided that it would take too much time and money to make, it was suggested that we should start trying to push more to sell business card size ads on the Website for \$15.00 a year.

10. It was discussed and decided to stop sending out the postcard reminders and just send out the newsletter the second week of the month and have it cover all the events and reminders for the month. Members can submit articles for the newsletter. All articles must be submitted within the first week of the month to be in that month's newsletter.
11. It was said that all trustees should have and will get a copy of the lease for the building.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 1st Don Schultz, 2nd Keith Morrow

TIME MEETING ENDED: 8:57PM