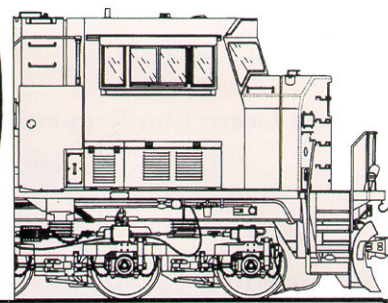


IRONHEAD GAZETTE



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May Meeting Minutes

DATE: 24 May 05
MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER @ 7:10 PM BY Tad G.
PLACE: Athens County Shrine Club House on Connett Rd., The Plains
OFFICERS PRESENT:
PRESIDENT: ROBERT SCHMOLL, Esq. VICE PRESIDENT: TAD GALLAUGHER
SECRETARY: JIM LEE
TREASURER: WILLIAM BEELER, Esq.
TRUSTEES: KETHI MORROW, TAD GALLAUGHER
MEMBERS: Kenny Shank, Tom Metters, Bob Dehman, Ralph Stobbs, Walt Parks, Don Schultz, Tony Magill, David Bidlack, Roger Granger, Bill Creighton, Laddie Heninger; Excused were Ralph Calvert & Robin Lacey.
MINUTES APPROVED: 1st: Laddie 2nd: Walt
MP Yes

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Tad reported that Mr. Guggenheim of the Mall leasing agency has affirmed that the mall will be available for Railfair. We can stop looking for an alternate location for Railfair for this year. Nothing new about club house space in the mall.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim reported on a significant addition to the club library in the form of a donation of 100 books, 14 videos, 7 calendars & 6 RR maps from the Nelsonville Pub Lib (from the collection of Ed Sanford). Three club members checked out books at the end of the meeting.
Roger reported on the status of the club web pages with a rough draft memo on a laptop. He asked for member contact information to include on the website.

Tad reported on upcoming club display/run activities this year: Parade of the Hills, Aug 24-27, Nelsonville Pub Library; Heritage Run, Sept 24-25, Jr Fair Bldg, Athens Fairgrounds (1/2 of the bldg avail for us); Little Cities of Black Diamond, Oct 16, Miller Elem School, Hemlock/Corning; and Railfair, date TBD, University Mall, Athens. Another upcoming show is a RR Historical/Photo/Art Display at the Dairy Barn in Jan & Feb of 2006 or 2007. Tad reminded everyone about the club trip to the National Train Show, 9th July, in Cincinnati.

Laddie reported that he & Don & Jim are building wooden train sets for sale at Railfair. He also mentioned that Foodland in The Plains offered us a fund-raising opportunity operating a food vendor cart near their store Labor Day Weekend. They provide all materials and food, we keep the proceeds. All present agreed to go for it.

The club picnic will be at the Dehman's again, on a Saturday in July, date TBD.

NOTE: The June 28th Meeting will be held at Ralph's Train Barn in Shade, OH.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1st: Jim 2nd: Roger MP Yes
Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lee

Upcoming Award Events

All meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Shriners Club Building at 7 p.m. The address is: 50 Connett Rd., The Plains, Oh. For Directions call Tad G. 594-8534

June 22, 2005

Club Meeting
Ralph's Train Barn

1 kit tree, and 1 scratch tree (all trees will be used in October's monthly build)

July ?(to be announced at the June meeting) 2005

Club Picnic
Bob Dehmann's Train Yard

please bring a covered dish, the club will furnish miller's goodies and the drinks.

Directions to Ralph's Train Barn

Go up Morrison Brown Hill on 33 toward Shade. Proceed to Shade Jr. High Building. Go past it and make the first left past the Lodi store (Shade Rd.) Follow the road for 3/4 of a mile until you come to an intersection. (Fossil Rock Rd.) You will see a red building and a house with a red roof, on the left. Turn in you are there.
If you find these directions confusing meet me at McDonald's parking lot (on the plains) NO LATER THAN 6:20 and I'll take you there and bring you back.

Special Events

15th Annual National Train Show July 8 - 10,
2005 Cinergy Center Cincinnati, OH

Get your name on the seating chart! The Grey Ghost will depart from McDonalds, (on the plains) at 5:30 am July 9th, bound for Cincy and the greatest train wreck this side of the Mississippi! A limited number of seats are still available. Please confirm yours at the June meeting at Ralph's Train Barn. If you can't attend the meeting, but would like to make the trip call Tad Gallagher at 594-8534 and leave a message. Hope you can make it!

The 15th Annual National Train Show, the world's largest model train show. Each year this illustrious event is held in a different city and state in North America. Cincinnati, Ohio will host the 2005 extravaganza, which will showcase all aspects of model railroading including the industry's newest and most unique products and services from national manufacturers and retailers from the U.S. and around the world. The event will cover more than 162,000 square feet of space, including 33,000 square feet featuring extraordinary operating model train displays.

WHEN: Friday, July 8 - Sunday, July 10

WHERE: Cinergy Center Cincinnati, Ohio

DATES & TIMES: Friday, July 8 Noon - 6 p.m.

Saturday, July 9 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, July 10 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ADMISSION: Adults \$10.00 Senior Adults (65+) \$ 9.00 Two-day Ticket (valid for one person only) \$18.00 Children (6-12) \$ 5.00 Children Under Age 6 Free

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

It's All Here - All of the latest and greatest model trains, accessories, collectibles and more from the world's best-known manufacturers and retailers geared for all model railroaders - from first-timers to old-timers. Junior Clinic Program (JCP) For Kids Ages 6-15 - Kids at the show can take part in a free hands-on program that teaches all types of model train activities - everything from assembling tracks and trains to designing scenery. Teens will have the opportunity to interact with computer-controlled train layouts.

Ask The Collectibles Appraiser - Have an old train set hidden away in the closet? Wondering what it's worth? Bring it to the show and find out from The Collectibles Expert. Free to all attendees.

Children's Play Area - 1,200 square feet of fun including trains, games and more for children of all ages to enjoy during the show. The area is chaperoned at all times and is free of charge.

The Dynamic LEGO(r) Fantasy Land - This 3,500 square foot area is dedicated to the creation of a dynamic display featuring operating model railroads, hundreds of train cars, various landscape settings, scale buildings (anywhere from one foot to seven feet high), retractable bridges, and more...and all made entirely out of nearly two million LEGO(r) pieces! Hands-On Demonstrations - Learn how to get started on your own model railroad empire and find out the latest techniques from well-known exhibitors and pros.

Awards Schedule

July - No Build Club Picnic

August - No Build Summer Vac.

September - Photo Contest, Heritage Run (@ the Athens Co. Fair Grounds, Jr. Fair Building).

Oct. - Build a small diorama, using the trees you made in May and June.

Nov. - Build a building that has been affected by mother nature, on old worn out barn, a burnt building, a tornado torn trailer. (use you imagination and those trees.)

Those of you who have time we need manpower for the raffle table and the club L/O.

Who is it?

Can you identify who and where this is?

It's worth 50 pts. in the awards program!



Answer to last month's question:
The Junkyard, From the raffle table at Railfair

President: Bob Schmoll • Vice President: Tad Gallagher • Secretary: Jim Lee • Treasurer Bill Beeler

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The Round Trip Bus Tour from Cincy to Columbus

By TOM METTERS

A whirlwind trip covering 325 miles and more than 12 hours provided holiday excitement for nine members of the Railroad Model and Historical Society of Southeastern Ohio as they visited Cincinnati and Columbus to view three large rail displays. Utilizing a van and driver from the Creative Coach Company of Junction City, which also operates numerous Fun Bus excursions, the Railroad Club members went from Athens to Cincinnati where they visited the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Station and the Cincinnati Gas and Electric office then traveled up Interstate 71 to Columbus and the Huntington National Bank office. Returning to Athens via Route 33, they stopped in Logan for supper.

The first stop in the Queen City was at Union Terminal which is now a museum and where a holiday train show is was its 11th season.

There was a wide variety of miniature train displays and children were given an opportu-

nity to ride through a winter scene on a special train designed especially for them.

Going downtown, the next stop was at the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company office (now Cinergy) at the corner of 4th Street and Main where another display of trains of varying gauges awaited the visitors.

That train display has been a holiday season regular at the firm since 1946 when an O-gauge layout made its first appearance. It then was given to the Cincinnati firm on a permanent loan in 1968. There were additions to the layout in 1974.

The layout now measures 36 1-2 feet by 47 feet and is one of the largest portable models in the world. It includes around 300 cars and more than 50 locomotives on more than 1,000 feet of track. Upon arriving at the Huntington National Bank office on High Street in Columbus, the Railroad Club members were treated to a holiday train display which is now in its 12th year of operation.

The display was originally built in 1992 by Paul Busse of Applied

Imagination in Cincinnati. It includes seven trains and a trolley which utilize more than 280 feet of track.

Buildings in the display are patterned after ones which were located in Germany. One of the highlights of the display is a six-foot cathedral modeled after the Frauenkirche, the Church of Our Lady, in Dresden, Germany which is a sister city of Columbus. The Frauenkirche was destroyed during bombing toward the end of World War II but is being restored.

A waterfall located near an eight-foot castle which was inspired by one built for Bavaria's "Mad King" Ludwig II in the 19th Century, pumps around 600 gallons of water per hour.

The castle and waterfall took three months to construct while more than 10 months were required to finish the Frauenkirche cathedral.

All-in-all, the trip served as a form of a Christmas gift to the members and a chance to pick up tips on train layouts from individuals in the two cities and possibly gain an idea they might want to make part of their own layout.