



The Dispatcher

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Officers for 2002-2004

Superintendent:
Mark Gaeth

Dispatcher:
Chuck White

Treasurer:
Gene Cowan

Board of Directors:
Alan Bell
Bill Wemhoff

AP Chairman:
Daniel Metzger

Membership Chair:
Dan Brown

Meetings:
2nd Monday of
each month
7:00 pm

North Central Region

Northeast Hoosier
Division 3



MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Wemhoff	Dan Metzger	Rich Swhairt	Glenn Roon
Carl Dirig	Alleyne Metzger	Chuck White	Bill Piercey
Alan Bell	Max Metzger	Drake Omstead	John Cartright
Mel Wise	Victor Baird	Jim Arens	John Reitz

CLINIC

Drake Omstead showed us a tape that he and his late son-in-law produced about "The Batavia Club", This tape was very good and it showed you how the layout was designed for walk around control to be able to follow your trains. This was a novel idea back in the 70's when this club was first started. The club finally lost its space because the owner was able to sell the property for development. If you did not get a chance to see this tape please ask Drake if you could look at it, you will be impressed with the scenery and the concept that was developed for this railroad.

OLD BUSINESS

Chuck has the database updated again. See Chuck if you need a hard copy.

Picnic-Alan Toy is going to be getting back with us on dates that are good.

NEW BUSINESS

GATS-John Reitz is asking that you step forward and put on a clinic. This raises \$10 per clinic for our division and you get in FREE to GATS for putting one on.

John also says we need volunteers to staff the NMRA table. Here again we have six -FREE tickets for the people who are willing to help. SEE JOHN REITZ-TODAY.

NCR-Nomination for a director to the NCR BOD. It would be nice if we could have someone from our division volunteer for this position. This would give us two votes on the board. Mark Gaeth is one vote and the other would be the director. Please think about it. We need an answer by July 16, 2003.

CTC presentation-Mike Burget (Mike, is a class four signal maintainer for the CN Railroad) and John Depaw are going to be coming down from Detroit to give us a presentation on how CTC works on the real railroad. To help defer expenses there was a motion by Bill Piercey seconded by Glenn Roon to allow, up to a maximum, of \$100 to off set hotel expense and gasoline expense. Motion was voted on and carried.

In addition, since there was going to be an op-session right after the presentation at Alan Bells house there was a motion to allow up to \$50 to be spent on supplies so everyone could eat. Motion by Bill Piercey, second by Glenn Roon motion carried. If you want pizza to eat, you still need to chip in \$5.00 per person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Metzger told us that the G-club is going to have a permanent residence up at Fremont, Indiana at the outlet mall. Come join us and see what we are doing.

There will be two railroad presentations at the Heartland Museum, 325 South Broadway, Butler, on July 11-12 in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Antique Engine and Tractor Show.

1. Don Wetzel, chief pilot of NYC's M-497 jet train will make a presentation about M-497 and its July 23-24, 1966 high-speed test runs. It will be a PowerPoint presentation using his photos during construction and the runs from Butler to Stryker. During run #2 on Saturday M-497 was timed at 183.85 MPH during a 3.4 mile run at 180+, setting a U.S. passenger train speed record that still stands today. The maximum speed it attained was 196.

2. Craig Berndt will make a presentation on the history of DeKalb County Railroads.

Presentation times are:

DeKalb Co. RR's: Fri. 2:00 p.m. and Sat. 11:00 am

M-497 Jet Train: Fri 4:00 pm and Sat. 1:00 pm

\$2 entrance fee, 11 and under free.

Contact Craig Berndt if you have any questions.

berndtcj@earthlink.net

SHOW AND TELL Bring in Railroad related artwork.

Chuck White - brought in his signed poster of a South Shore Railroad advertisement.

Glenn Roon - brought in two ashtrays, and ERIE R.R. and a B & O R.R.

Drake Omstead - brought in a book on the NYO&W railroad.

Jim Arens - brought in a book on the Colorado Railroads.

Dan Metzger - brought in a map of the ERIE Railroad.

TREASURY REPORT

Contact Gene Cowan for more information.

Next Show and Tell:

Bring in your favorite model boxcar. It can be of any era; you just need to give a little bit of history behind it. It can be a proto type of a freelance. The choice is yours.

Next Clinic: Bill Wemhoff is going to put on this clinic titled "Proto-freestyle, you can make it work"



Round Robin Schedule:

Here is the Layout Tour Schedule.

"TBD" means "To Be Determined at a later time". These will be updated as soon as possible.

July 26, 2003, Friday 1:00 PM (Notice date change)

Host, John Reitz, 1401 Kenwood Avenue, Ft. Wayne

August 17, 2003, Sunday 1:00 PM

Host, Dan Metzger, 4322 Arlington Avenue, Ft. Wayne, IN

September 19, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM

Host, Mark Wilson, 11523 Green Holly Cove, Ft. Wayne, IN

October 17, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM

Host, Rich Swihart, 2519 East State Blvd, Ft. Wayne, IN

November date and time T.B.D. 2003

Host, Jeff Ashby, 7608 Antebellum Blvd, Ft. Wayne, IN

December 12, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM:

Host, Art Solomon, 1120 Lake Point Cove, Ft. Wayne

SPECIAL NOTICE:

October 4, 2003, Saturday 1:00PM

Host, John Reitz, 1401 Kenwood Avenue, Ft. Wayne

Gary Sturm will give a Railroad slide show.

Muchies & train running afterwards.

