



The Dispatcher



Officers for 2004-2006

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North Central Region
NMRA

Northeast Hoosier
Division 3

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

Meeting Notes

North East Hoosier Division 3 - October 11, 2004

Rich Mohr, John Reitz, Walt Griffin, Art Solomon, Dan Brown, Chuck White, Daniel Metzger, Gary Evans, Gene Cowan, Reid Cowan, Mel Wise, Richard Schwab, Jeff Ashby, Don Rhodenbaugh, Mark Wilson, John Phenicie and John Cartwright (17 total)

give his on "Hand Laid Track" on Sunday. John will conduct a clinic on "Weathering" on Saturday. Gary Evans will see if he can bring his Time Saver. My notes have Mark Wilson also agreeing to help out.

Old Business

Hoosier Division 3 Brochures completed. The cost for printing 500 copies double sided was \$34. Motion passed to pay this bill. Chuck also advised the plastic holder (aka a Shelf Talker) at Hobbyland had been shattered beyond repair, and that a new one was needed to replace it. Suggestions were made for him to check Office Depot for ones made of cardboard or to visit Meyer Plastics as they had some for sale.

- The Op Sig Aprons are in. Drake has an expense of \$140 for which he'd like to be reimbursed. He called Jeff. Jeff advised Drake that: we'd either need to see a bill or receipt, for Drake to present a bill at our next meeting, or send the bill to Gene Cowan; in order for us to cut him a check.

- Fort Wayne Layouts for National Convention in Detroit for 2007.

It was decided we'll go forward with hosting these, and to be prepared for when the tour bus shows up. Layouts to be open include: Mark Wilson's, Rich Schwab's, Alan Bell's, Dan Metzger's, John Reitz's, Walt Griffin's and the Garrett Model RR club's. Anyone else interested in having his/her layout on the tour should contact Chuck White

- GATS is Nov 6 & 7. We're in Area 301. John Reitz has a limited number of passes, so he'd like to reserve them for clinicians and NMRA members who aren't affiliated with one of the layout clubs. We've been assigned two clinics. Alan Bell will

NEW BUSINESS

- Chuck routed around a brochure about the upcoming auction of Ward Kimball's estate.

- Art Solomon inquired about receiving The Dispatcher by email. This matter has since been resolved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Gene Cowan distributed copies of our current financial statement showing how much we had in Savings, Checking and the CD. Our finances continue to be in good shape. The CD has accumulated over \$330 of interest since the funds were first deposited. Balances are stable with only occasional expenses, such as the one passed tonight. Gene also advised his health is okay, per the comment in last month's Dispatcher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Maumee Valley Rail Road Club's Show & Swap will be on Saturday, 10/16 from 9 am to 2 pm. Location is at Coliseum Bingo on Washington Center Road. Admission is \$3.00 with children 12 & under free.

- Round Robins will be at Mark Wilson's on 11/20 and Art Solomon's on 12/11. John Reitz said he had 12 people at his home on 10/8 and 9 for the Op Session at Bill Wemhoff's on 10/1.

- Chuck White & Gary Evans are going to the NCR convention in Lansing from 10/21 thru 10/24. Alan Bell plans to head up Friday morning and stay thru Saturday. Anyone wanting to go with Alan should contact him directly.

- The latest version of the MR Phone List will be emailed soon. Let Chuck know if you have any changes, additions or corrections.

- Science Central's Train Fest is coming up Thanksgiving Weekend. Contact has been made with a request for "seed money" so our Division could sponsor a "make & take" clinic similar to the one we hosted at the Annual Meet. A request was also made of SC for sponsorship/funding for the various local club's to help them with the expenses of building and maintaining their layouts. So far, there's no word on any funding.

CLINIC/SHOW & TELL

At this point, Gary Evans was going to show us a tape of pictures/images he'd taken this summer, but the VCR ate his tape and refused to play it. Despite the best efforts of several of our crack technicians, the VCR also would not surrender Gary's tape. He later got it back from the folks at Sirva. This episode with the VCR consumed so much time, that Jeff decided there wasn't enough time for the next portion of his clinic, so he postponed it until next time.

For the photo albums Show & Tell, Don Rhodenbaugh brought his pix of his trip to Alaska and his ride on the Alaskan Railroad. John Cartwright brought "A History of the Cincinnati Northern Railroad" by Dr. Jim Brown. He got it through an inter library loan from the Chicago Public Library. According to John the book is now out of print. Chuck will see if he can find any on the 'net. A copy also is in the collection of the Van Wert County Public Library.

DRAWING

- Walt Griffin won as did Gary Evans. These were gift certificates for \$10 from Hobbyland. Again, this is great support by one of our local hobby shops. Everyone is encouraged to support this store/retailer.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

