



SUPER'S REPORT

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June Meeting

I trust everyone that made the June meeting is right on schedule now. Gary Evans did a nice job on an excellent clinic titled "Do It Yourself Timetable". Gary showed how he developed a timetable for his home layout. He gave advice and hints on how to "grow" one's own timetable to fit a layout. Gary used his timetable for the "NoWhere Line" to demonstrate what might be included in such a timetable. Gary's presentation certainly gave us a lot to think about concerning timetable operations and our home layouts. Thanks, Gary!

We had a bring & brag, also on timetables. Timetables from different lines were brought in to share.

An interesting point was raised. Some railroads have always said that their timetables are railroad property, only lent to employees for the period they cover. Some of these railroads have now sic'ed their lawyers onto collectors who are selling or buying old timetables on eBay, saying they must be given back to the railroad. That's another publicity triumph for the rr industry.

Looking Ahead to July

We'll be taking our hobby outside in July. That meeting will be held July 24 at Dan Metzger's house. Dan is going to host a tour of his large scale garden railroad. Dan has brought in to our meetings some really neat examples of rolling stock for his line. Plan on coming to Dan's, to see them in action. The meeting will start at 1:00 PM and should be over by 4:00 PM.

Due to a new NMRA privacy policy, and concerns about personal and Internet security, we won't be posting or doing a mass mailing of Dan's address or the directions to his house. If you need that information, **email me** or **put a request on our Yahoo group**. I will send you a personal reply.

Future Plans

Our August meeting will be a 3-in-1 layout tour program. It will be a regular 3rd Monday evening meeting. But we will begin at Eddie Allen's layout, move on to Mark Wilson's, and then finish up at my place. More info will follow later.

Annual Picnic Date September 18

Our annual picnic has usually been the Sunday after Labor Day. This year we will move it back a week. The picnic will be September 18th. Alan Toy will once again be our host. More later.

And Further Down the Line...

In case you missed my announcement back in November, here's a reminder. Our Div3 will be expected to host a Regional Convention again, in 2015. There are 9 divisions in the North Central Region. Four are larger than Div3, one is roughly the same size, and three are smaller. The

three smallest ones do not do conventions, as they are felt not to have enough warm bodies to get it done. So there are six divisions that do conventions, and thus 2009 (our last time) + 6 = 2015. I'd like to ask everyone in Div3, to try to make one of the NCR regional conventions before then; either 2011, 2012 or 2013. These are being put on by other divisions of our region. Go to enjoy yourself, but also see what they do, what seems to work, and what does not. Try to bring home some ideas and opinions.

WC Update

WC management has put the word out to all stations. A group of potential investors will be touring the line in mid-August. So company facilities are getting cleaned up, polished up and painted up.

The local track gang foreman reports that most of the track supplies long on order have arrived. They were delivered by FedOx's familiar white oxcart with the blue and orange "FedOx" on the side. No wonder they took so long. Anyway, the engineering department says that if there are no further delays, track work projects should be completed before the snow flies. It's hard to think about that day with the weather slated for 90+ this weekend.

A time and distance survey has been started on the local division. The goal is to allow dispatching to draw up a new timetable for the line, to take advantage of line upgrades. The WC's chief dispatcher took part last month in a seminar hosted by the chief dispatching executive of a noted eastern railroad. Information gained there has led to this effort.

Until next time,
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