



2025 November Issue

Members were in attendance:

Ray Puls, Ron Schlicht, Jeff Madden, Bob Blomberg, Larry Blank, Don Goeke, Tom Patterson, Doug Stoll, Roy Meissner, Paul Bartelak, Larry Lechner, Fred Vergenz, Jerry Ponewicz and Wayne Friedrich.

President Ray Puls called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roy Meissner gave the treasurers report:

This month's report was especially favorable regarding the progress of income and expenses about the upcoming Fall S Fest. The treasury is in good shape.

Old Business:

None was really discussed as most new business was rehashing most items about the upcoming Fall S Fest

New Business:

1. Jeff Madden made a trip to Michigan and picked up the FSF Milwaukee Road boxcars from American Models. He and his wife even received a nice tour from Karen and Joe. It should be noted that Jeff offering to pick up the 2025 Fall S Fest cars saved BSG club the cost of shipping which would have been considerable.
2. Progress on registrations for the Fall S Fest were discussed and seemed to be favorable.
3. FSF door prizes, raffles, contest setups were discussed and approved.
4. FSF table setups for the Thursday before at the Waukesha Expo Center (fairgrounds) was discussed. Members and some vendors could set up on this day (Oct. 30)
5. Clinics were scheduled – 2 on Friday and 2 on Saturday. John Mann, Doug Stoll and Ray Puls were the presenters. Doug did one each day.
6. A few members agreed to meet to stuff the registration packets.

7. The open house schedule for Sunday, Nov. 2 was organized. To be open were Jeff Madden, the BSG club layout, the Lionel club, Larry Blank and Ron Schlicht.
8. Signed up for the banquet on Saturday evening at a nearby Machine Shed restaurant was discussed. It seems 51 had signed up. The banquet menu was finalized as we had to make choices for the buffet items. Jeff Madden was put in charge of ordering the BSG anniversary cake from a local grocery store.

Meeting adjourned.

Clubhouse Clatter

So, what's happening with the Badgerland S Gaugers The passing siding has been completed and the revisions to the proposed inner loops are being started. With the Fall S Fest preparations, there was not a lot of progress on the layout.

Our membership lost another long-time member Gary Children. Gary was originally into HO, but redid his layout and selected S Gauge as his choice of preference. He was a scale enthusiast and had a lot of S gauge structures gracing his layout. His intentions were to downsize his layout and as a result, he donated a number of structures to our club. After his passing his son and daughter have offered to donate any train related items to BSG. All of these will greatly enhance the Badgerland S Gaugers modular layout. Many thanks to his family.

The holiday seasons are approaching which means that we will again have a Christmas display in the upstairs storefront windows.

As mentioned before, if you have any G gauge items that you don't have any further use for, we are attempting to make the window display, which operates on a motion activated switch, more like a layout, rather than a train running on a carpet.

If you want to get an idea of what the window displays look like, check out our website. After the Christmas season, when the display comes down, there is little to look at, other than the trains and track.

We need to draw more attention in order to get people to come into the clubhouse. **We need more members.**

Fall S Fest 2025 It's Over

This year's event was a mild success. One of our main issues was the 2025 commemorative FSF car. We based the initial order on the amounts of cars sold over the past three Fall S Fests, the 2024 St. Louis, 2023 Chicago and the 2021 Badgerland sales. Typically, we have ordered 5 or 6% of the cars in Scale. S Fest cars are usually not a proto-typical designs, and not ordered by scale enthusiasts. Obviously, we made a good choice in the Milwaukee Road design that we selected. **22%** of the orders were for scale cars and we sold out the first run in the first four weeks or so of registration. Not wishing to have an overstock and having to try to sell the cars for years, we made a second order for 80 more cars. They also sold out. This resulted in some individuals unable to purchase a 2025 car.

BSG might pursue an after-Fall S Fest, third order. Check out our website in the next few weeks or so, for possible information. If you still want a car and the numbers justify it BSG will place an order.

There are concerns over the future of Fall S Fest which is approaching 50 years of being held. Gone are the days of six to seven hundred registrations, five to six hundred car sales, two to three hundred patches and over 200 banquet attendees. It was the 48th annual Fall S Fest convention of which BSG hosted 15 of them. Chicago (CASG) is the leader in the creation of Fall S Fest and hosted the highest number of 16. Rockford area club (SLSG) joined the rotation for 9 years and St. Louis (AFSGSLA0 with 8 years.

The 2026 Fall S Fest (the 49th) is scheduled for November 13th, 14th & 15th by the Chicago Area S Gaugers to be in Orland Park, Illinois at Georgio's Quality Inn and Suites (same as 2023).

Tentatively, the St. Louis club will host the 50th Fall S Fest in 2027.

The Spring S Spree for 2026, sponsored by the Pittsburgh S Gaugers, will be on May 29-30, 2026 at the South Franklin VFD Social Hall in Washington, PA. This is about 20 miles south of Pittsburgh. Check www.sspree.info or call 724-287-6829.

The 2026 NASG Convention will be on August 5-9, 2026 in Dearborn, Michigan. It is sponsored by the NASG and the Southeastern Michigan S Gaugers. For details check out the NASG website: www.nasg.org/events/index.php.

Due to a declining number of members and aging of those who are considered the main core of "active" club participants, for the **Badgerland S Gaugers** hosting any future Fall S Fests, we have to admit that our participation in this annual event, it is sad to say but, **It's Over!**

The BSG Searchlight

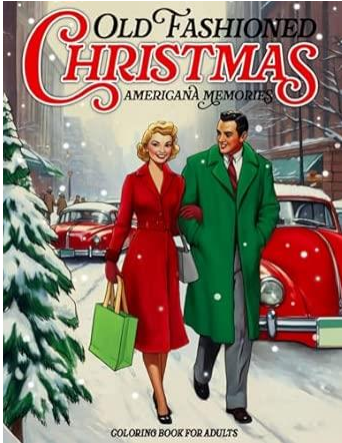
For Sale, "mint condition", prior to 1952, American Flyer accessories for sale. The proceeds from all sales will go to BSG. For info some of these items or photos contact: Ron Schlicht

For Sale: Plasticville structures and accessories, boxed and unboxed, plus a number of small parts. Some are available in different color variations. Contact Ron Schlicht: rons48tblue@gmail.com.

With what BSG has on hand, it's like a Mini-S Gauge Swap meet. Items are available at all meetings or call or email Ron Schlicht when clubhouse will have staff there, other than the general meetings. There is a multitude of rolling stock from the Brad Nelson collection, most of which is American Models, S-Helper and various other manufacturers. A very limited amount of Fall S Fest cars are also available.

The Photo Shop

Old Fashion Versus NEW AGE



No More Trains.

I don't know how many times I rode on one of these. One like this circled around the toy department at the Boston Store in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. You had an aerial view of the whole toy department and the train layouts below.



More "big" kids than little kids. Now the closest thing to a train layout are the train shelves at Menards and the ceramic buildings on cotton the other side.



Local Area Meets

*In the event that any of our members are aware of an event that they believe would be of interest to other club members please contact your newsletter editor and we can post the event.

Lionel Swap Meets

New Berlin Entertainment Center

16000 West Cleveland Ave.

New Berlin, WI

8:00 am To 12:00 pm

Admission \$4.00

2025	November	16
	December	21
2026	January	18
	February	15
	March	15

Check website: www.milw-lrrc.com

or call 262-754-9900

Open House November 29th & 30th

Wisconsin Southeastern Division Midwest Region (WISE) Meets)

*New Berlin Public Library

15105 Library Lane

New Berlin, WI

1:00 pm

*Admission Free

	*January	10
Mad-City Train Show	February	21 & 22
Location TBA	*March	21
	*April	18

Check website: <https://wisedivision.org>

Great Midwest Train Show

DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL

9 am to 3:00 pm

Admission \$8.00

2025	December	7
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Model Railroad Train Show

Kenosha Union Club

3030 39th Avenue Kenosha, WI

9:00 am To 1:00 pm

Admission \$5.00

I do not have any other Fall dates at this time.

They are on Facebook and I don't have Facebook. Their website is not up to date. If anyone has the dates for their meets, I will gladly post them.

BSG Inventory

Contact Ron Schlicht Phone (414) 477-7866 Email:
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2021 Fall S Fest Hoppers (Hi-Rail Only) \$50.00
EachFurnished with Coal Loads



Special Offer: Pair for \$90.00

Shipping \$10.00 on 1st car. \$3.00 ea. additional car.
The cars are also available at the BSG clubhouse

Next BSG Meeting

Date: Sunday November 16th

Time: 1:30pm

Club Location:

Corner of South St. & Grand Ave.
Waukesha, WI 53186

Notice:

It's getting around that time of the year.

What time is that, it's dues time.

Annual dues is **\$30.00** a year.

Why Join?

BSG has a clubhouse layout where members
have a place to run their trains.

Eight or nine meetings per year at which
liquid (alcohol free) beverages are **"free"**.

Occasional Instructional Clinics

Member discounts on BSG products.

Large inventory of items for sale.

We share the facility with the Gandy
Dancers HO club, who have what is in the
making of a great layout. You will see
somethings that you won't see anywhere
in the country on any train layout.

Now for a Real Stretch:

Any member who would like to run for any of the
listed club officer's position positions please contact

President Ray Puls by phone, email or U.S.P.S

Elections will take place in December.

Get your name on the ballot ASAP.

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Photos are encouraged.

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