

THE NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of C A S G will be **Friday, December 16, 2011**. It will be convened in the American Legion Room, Second Floor, Hinsdale Village Hall, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. Use the **North** (Maple Street) entrance to the building. The gathering time will start around 7:00 P. M.; the formal business meeting at 8:00 P. M.

RENEWAL TIME:

It is time to renew your C A S G membership for 2012. Some of you paid your 2012 dues at the November meeting. A renewal form was included with the November newsletter. And **please**, if you have an e-mail address and not yet provided it to the club, do so with this renewal. Not only does the club save money by being able to send as many newsletters as possible electronically, but it also allows us to send out news and other club communications between newsletters that we would have a difficult time doing without e-mail.

Dues are \$ 20.00. If your renewal is not received by March 1, 2012, renewals include a late fee of \$2.00, total \$22.00.

ELECTION TIME:

At the November meeting, the nominating committee reported that **Horacio Baggio** agreed to nomination for re-election to the office of trustee for the term 2012-2014. No other nominations were made from the floor. Ballots have been sent to all current members. Ballots may be returned by mail or presented at the December meeting. Ballots will be counted at that meeting and the results announced.

GETTING TO KNOW US:

One of our long time members is **Joel Lebovitz**. Joel has served the C A S G as president, vice-president and trustee. Joel was the author of our first club constitution and bylaws back in the 1990's.

Joel started in S model railroading as a youngster with American Flyer. He has been involved with trains ever since. His father started him on Flyer when his dad owned his own pharmacy in Blue Island. They later moved to the northern areas of the Chicago region.

Joel became a fan of the Chicago & North Western and models contemporary railroading extensively. He has switched from Hi-Rail to scale modeling. He is an active member of the Chicago & North Western Historical Society and also in the National Model Railroad Association. He served for a time as a trustee of the N M R A's Midwest Region.

Joel's family includes his father, his brother David, and step brothers and sisters.

ART DOTY:

Good news!

Art has recovered nicely so far. He has been taken off hospice care and his doctors are starting to lengthen his leash. He recently attended the Badgerland Christmas party and tells us he hopes to join us for the December meeting.

PHIL KOSIN:

Some of you will remember this former C A S G member who passed away a couple of years ago. He had an extremely large collection of S trains. All of his trains have been placed with an auction house. The collection will be sold within several of the monthly auctions that the auctioneer holds starting after the first of the year.

In the meantime, **Joel Weber** has all of the track from his large layout. There is some Gilbert track and a large quantity of American Models sectional and flex track. A significant amount of the AM track is still new. A lot of the track is spoken for. Joel will have the list of the remaining track at the December meeting. You may order items that you would like.

PLAYING WITH TRAINS:

Joel Weber's monthly Sunday afternoon train operating sessions have resumed for 2011-2012. The first Sunday of each month, Joel's layout is open from 1:00 to 4:00 P. M. for operating American Flyer and Hi-Rail trains. His layout is AC and/or Legacy/TMCC operation. Bring a train to run. Bring a friend.

And just a reminder, the first Sunday in January is New Year's Day, but Joel is definitely planning on the operating session that day.

UNBOXING DAY:

Last year we took advantage of Christmas falling on a weekend day to hold an Unboxing Day. We are planning on the same for this year.

The day after Christmas, members and their families and friends are invited to **Will Holt's** home to break in those new trains that were left under the Christmas tree by Santa. And not so new trains are welcome as well.

Starting at 1:00 P. M. come out and enjoy running trains on the portion of the modular layout or on the loops under Will's tree. Snacks, beverages and pasta will be available. Please R S V P to Will either via e-mail or at 630-881-9025.

HOME MEETINGS:

The home meeting schedule for 2012 is:

April 20
July 20
August 17
October 19

Things are shaping up such that the July and August meetings are close to set. So, we are looking for members to host the April and October meetings. Please call **Joel Weber** at 630-428-3917 if you are willing to host one of these meetings.

Hopefully we can have a balance between northern, southern and western homes to make it easy for members at one extreme or another of the region to attend at least one of the home meetings.

CLUB SHIRTS AND BADGES:

Another shirt will be order list has been started. It will be placed when there are enough shirts on order.

The first order of name badges has arrived. A waiting list for the next order has been started. The badges are no cost to members.

TRAIN SHOWS:

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW:

By the time you read this, the December show will be over. A report will be the January newsletter.

The shows planned for 2012 are:

January 8
June 10
September 9
December 9

Contact **Joel Weber** at 630-428-3917 or **Will Holt** at 630-881-9025. Five or six members in attendance give us enough staff to allow us to talk to the many people who stop by to see our layouts and learn more about S gauge.

Remember, if you participate with the club at the show, you receive free admission to the show and the club has a selling table for any members wishing to thin out their collections.

WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR SHOW

This show will return to the Chicago area in January of 2012. The location will be the Schaumburg Convention Center located with the Renaissance Hotel at the corner of Algonquin and Meecham Roads in Schaumburg, just north of the Woodfield Shopping Center. The club will receive compensation for taking the layout to the show. We are planning on going pretty much full size on the modular layout with all modules present. That would be a layout 58-feet by 19-feet. With the command control systems we have available, we will certainly be able to regularly run 4 to 6 trains almost all of the time. We will also be able to do some long group trains frequently.

Don Campion and **Roger Sesterhenn** are anticipating bringing the CLANG narrow gauge. In addition, there will be an all-S booth sponsored by the N A S G.

The last time the show visited Chicago, more than 25,000 attended, and that was on the Thanksgiving weekend. We can expect to be able to show off the C A S G and S model railroading to upwards of 30,000 attendees. (*Translation – Lots of help needed!*)

The show schedule is:

Set-Up – January 13, 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.
(Exact Times for C A S G Set Up TBA)
Show – January 14, 10:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M.
Show – January 15, 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Move Out – January 15, 5:00 P. M.

HIGH WHEELER 2012

The dates for this show are March 3-4, 2012. Set up will be the evening of March 2nd at 6:00 P. M. A sign up sheet will be available at meetings starting in January. We anticipate using the modular layout for this show

ALL AMERICAN TRAIN SHOW

The tentative date for this show sponsored by the DuPage Division of N M R A is next March 17th. As is the case with the High Wheeler show, a sign up sheet will be available starting in January. We will probably use a small version of the modular layout or the two small layouts owned by members.

SOUTHLAND MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

The dates for the 2012 Southland show are expected to be late October. When the dates are final, we will publish them.

FALL S FEST 2010:

The Elgin, Joliet and Eastern box cars from our last S Fest are delayed into 2012, possibly into the second quarter.

Des Plaines has had little success in getting their tooling for trucks and couplers moved from Sanda Kan to one of their new builders. So, they have solicited quotes to do new tooling. When the new tooling is complete, a better time table can be established.

Des Plaines has assured us that the cars *will be made*. Our cars are a part of a production run that includes the first release of the old Pacific Rail Shops tooling for the 1937 A R A 40- and 50-foot box cars.

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UPCOMING S SCALE & C A S G EVENTS

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW

December 11, 2011
Wheaton, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

December 16, 2011
Hinsdale, Illinois

UNBOXING DAY – NEW TRAINS

December 26, 2011
Hoffman Estates, Illinois

PLAYING WITH TRAINS AT JOEL'S

January 1, 2012
Hinsdale, Illinois

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW

January 8, 2012

Wheaton, Illinois

WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR SHOW

Set Up – January 13, 2012
January 14-15, 2012
Schaumburg, Illinois

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

January 20, 2012
Hinsdale, Illinois

Sn3 SYMPOSIUM

February 16-18, 2012
Albuquerque, New Mexico

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

February 17, 2012
Hinsdale, Illinois

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**NEXT MEETING:
ELECTION OF TRUSTEE 2012-2014
DECEMBER 16, 2011
AMERICAN LEGION ROOM
HINSDALE VILLAGE HALL
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS !!**