

Central Missouri Chapter TCA Newsletter

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few remaining charter members of the Ozark Division (it was organized at a meet held in his



Modern KCS

Our Chapter President is known far and wide for his KCS train that he runs regularly. So your scribe thought he and you all might like to see what a modern KCS freight locomotive looks like. Cool, huh?

Earl Smarr

By now most of you will have already known that we lost Earl Smarr on November 27th. Earl was a life member of the TCA, one of the very

garage), and a charter member of the Central Missouri Chapter. Earl was known not only for his collection of O gauge trains, but also for his very extensive collection of die cast construction models, and Matchbox and other cars. Earl was a gentleman and a good friend. Those of us who knew him will miss him.

The Swap Meeting

The swap meet was perhaps the best one our Chapter ever produced. Our advertising must have been successful. The Columbia Daily Tribune once again donated an ad since the show was for the benefit of the Coyote Hill Children's Home. We sold 61 tables although one person did not show up. There were upwards of 180 adults who came through the door and brought lots of excited kids with them. Reports from those who had tables indicated that business was good. It was a nice day-that may have helped the turnout. Our big modular layout was running in fine shape and several members brought some spectacular trains to run. Near the end of the show Clay got out his military train. It stretched the entire length of the layout and was awesome. Russell brought his N scale layout, the S gauge was operating, and Mark and his wife had both a layout and a children's wooden table layout for the kids.

A big thank you to all those who turned out to help move the modules both to the hall on Friday and back to the clubhouse on Saturday, and for helping to set up the hall for the vendors. Some of us aren't as young as we used to be and all the helping hands sure made the job much easier. And a special thank to Mark's wife, Nancy, for helping take turns at the entrance table.

The Chapter Christmas Party

This year the Chapter Christmas party was held at your scribe's home. There was a very nice turnout. Chuck Madiger provided wine for the group and Henry Tucker provided some spirits. There were lots of good things to eat, some videos running that no one watched, trains running on your scribe's layout, and lots and lots of conversation. The kids had a dollhouse cabin to play with and cookies. At one point the membership adjourned to your scribe's office to look at and vote on proposed Ozark Division logos that had been sent out by the Convention

Committee chair. I'll be Don didn't think he would get that kind of response.

Everyone seemed to have a really good time. Lou opined that he might have his layout in shape to host the party next year. We're all looking forward to seeing it, Lou.

New Chapter President

Our Chapter President, Dennis James, has gone and gotten himself elected to be Vice-President of the Ozark Division. This means two things: 1) two years from now he will be President of the Division, and 2) he cannot serve as both a Division Officer and our Chapter President according to the TCA rules. So we are going to need a new Chapter President. Who is going to step up? And while we are at it, your scribe has been serving in this capacity for about 10 years and wouldn't mind at all if someone would like to relieve him for a while.

Dues Are Due

It's time once again for dues-still a real bargain at \$5/yr. We have already had 3 people pay their 2011 dues at the swap meet so we are off and running. If we don't hear from you by March we'll drop you off the mailing list. So don't forget or you will miss the exciting and very informative Chapter newsletter! ☺

Speaking of Meets

Now that the Christmas train meet season is over there doesn't seem to be anything on the calendar until February.

February 5, 2011
Great TCA Christmas meet
Immanuel Lutheran Church
9733 Olive Blvd
Olivette, MO

The January Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting date will be the first Wednesday in January-January 5, 2011!

Mark your calendars now! Bring your Christmas trains. See you there!

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Some Photos From The Party



Lots of conversation



Lots of good things to eat



Trains to run and more conversation



And fun for the kids