

Central Missouri Chapter TCA Newsletter

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As usual the Hobo Joe Show was a smashing success. Your scribe was told that whoever was manning the door counted about 700 people through the door. That included children, of course,



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KCS Photo

Here is a cool photo of a KCS train crossing a river in Missouri. The photo is from the Railroad Pictures Archive and was contributed by Tom Beckett. The paint schemes on the locos are all different but the lead unit is a six axle KC unit. The following unit is from the KCS Mexican subsidiary. Our ex-President should enjoy this a lot.

The Hobo Joe Show

and there were lots and lots of them with smiling faces. The modules survived the move to the Tower with some damage that was repaired right

away. They went together fairly quickly although there were some initial electrical problems. Our crack TMCC expert Dennis lept into action and with some able assistance and with a lot of muttering under his breath was able to resolve the situation and save the day. Yay! The trains ran and ran and ran. There were old ones and new ones and some in between. One neat thing was that we had two Wabash train sets made up to simulate the Columbia Star Dinner train.

Something that appeared obvious as the modules went together is that as we have added bridges the layout has almost outgrown the floor area at the Tower. Looks like our expansion is going to come to an end. Or we'll have to leave part of the the layout behind when we do the Paquin show.

A big thank you to all who showed up to move the scenery and accessories back and forth from the clubhouse, and who brought trains to run. It really made it a fun day. Your scribe posted a video of the day on YouTube.

The April Meeting

The April meeting was held at the regular time in the regular place. The first order of business was to re-assemble the modules and assess damage caused by the move back from Paquin Towers. Although there was some damaged that needed to be repaired on the trip to Paquin, the trip back home appears to have happened with no further trauma to the layout. It took some time to re-assemble everything but by the end of the evening trains were running as normal.

Our President called a short business meeting. The first item of business was a critique of the move of the modules and suggestions as to how it all could be done better. There was some discussion on the wiring system, and several

suggestions on how to make it easier to assemble the modules to each other.

Pete Davis reminded everyone that the UP excursion would be in Jefferson City on May 29. The engine will be the UP 844 Northern and not the Challenger. (editor's note: the 844 is also way cool).

Your scribe reported that the web site is now back up and current. It looks different than it used to but much will still be familiar. Rather than attempt to use the old site code and the free software the library recommends but that doesn't work all that well, your scribe's new iMac has iWeb on it and it turned out to be fairly easy to just recreate the site.

New Lionel Catalog

The new Lionel catalog is now available on-line and at your favorite hobby shop. Lots of stuff in there for you to spend your money on.

Speaking of Meets

All your scribe could find for April and May is an Ozark Division meet:

Sunday, April 10
Ozark Division Meet
The Pointe
Ballwin, MO

The May Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting date will be the first Wednesday in May-May 4th.

Mark your calendars now!