

**Central Missouri Chapter
Ozark Division
Train Collectors Association
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quite obviously the prototype for the Beep. The makers of the model seemed to have taken artistic liberty and stretched the prototype a little and added

Prototype for the “Beep”?

For all of you “non-believers” who thought that the RMT Beep was just a make believe fantasy locomotive that someone thought up because it was “cute”, your scribe offers the above photo. This is

a second truck. In the O gauge hobby it seems like none of the vendors can help themselves; they just have to tinker around and change something. Still, those of you who have a Beep can rest easier at night knowing you did not succumb to a fantasy locomotive. You have a model of the real thing.

A Sort Of A New Look

You surely have noticed that there is a new look to the “masthead” of this newsletter. The Ozark Division has a shiny new logo that was developed in conjunction with the 2013 convention planning. It looks so nice that your scribe decided to use it on our newsletter too.

The May Meeting

Attendance at the May meeting was somewhat sparse but trains were running. Chuck brought a very nice C&O set, Lou had a GM&O passenger train, and Dennis broke out part of his KCS set. We also had some old stuff in action. Lots of trains and lots of noise.

The President promised he only had 2 items of business and that the business meeting would only take a few minutes. Right. A half hour later as the discussion rapidly went astray the business meeting was adjourned. Lou announced that Candlelight home had contacted him and requested a train display. Lou has a 4 x 8 display layout so he will contact Candlelight for a date and time. Your scribe will help out and others are certainly welcome. Other discussion ranged from reminders of a G gauge home layout open house to the UP steam excursion.

Special Ozark Division TOFC Car

There was an article in the March issue, and discussion at the March meeting, regarding a

special Ozark Division fund raiser car-a Lionel traditional sized TOFC flat car lettered Frisco, with a Frisco “Pigs Are Beautiful” trailer. The cars are on order. Initial delivery was quoted as late spring or early summer although that does remain to be seen. Within the next few weeks the Division will begin ads for the car in the TCA Headquarters News. The cars can be ordered by going on-line to the Division web site and filling out the order blank. If a credit card is used it will not be charged until the cars actually ship. Your scribe will do his best to keep the Chapter informed as to the status of the cars. Your scribe recommends that if you want one, place an order as soon as the order forms are up on the web site.

New Catalogs Are Out

Now that York is over all the new catalogs are out. Even Atlas O has an update. If you can't get to a shop that offers them, both the Lionel and MTH catalogs are on-line. Both can be downloaded as a .pdf file. Even Williams By Bachmann has their offerings available. Guard your bank accounts!

UP 844 Schedule

Union Pacific has posted a detailed schedule on their web site for the 844 steam excursion. It will arrive in Jefferson City on Thursday, May 31 at 2 PM. It will be on display all day Friday, June 1, and will depart for St. Louis at 8 AM on Saturday, June 2. Don't miss it. It is a beautiful machine and one you won't see again for quite a while.

Columbia Star Dinner Train

Pete Davis reports that the dinner train is reportedly going to start service at the end of the month. At least that is their goal. The dinner train web site is: www.dinnertrain.com/.

Large (G) Scale Train Sale

John Brophy sent a note that he is having a large scale train sale on June 3rd and 4th. John operates John's Trains within the Switch Stand Train Shop at 9120 Lackland in St. Louis. He says that everything large scale in on sale: engines, cars, track, buildings, sets, accessories, transformers and more. Includes new and used items-no pre-sales at these prices. For information call John at 314-703-5943.

Speaking of Meets

Your scribe was not able to find any local meets or shows for May or June.

The June Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting date will be the first Wednesday in June-the 1st. It's early in the month this time so mark your calendars now! Bring some trains to run!