

# Central Missouri Chapter Ozark Division Train Collectors Association November, 2011, Newsletter

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certainly has been a big help. Here is a different

## Fiddle Tracks For The Layout

We have always had a problem finding a spot on or near our layout to put trains onto the track or take them off. We even have had some curved track in one corner on which to stage trains. The table that our intrepid Past President came up

solution that one group developed that looks like it would work great. There must be a crossing installed just to the left of the photo, or a set of cross-over switches somewhere out of the photo

to allow trains exiting to the left of the photo to cross over to the outside track. It's a neat concept but it looks like it would take a much larger layout than ours to fit the island tracks in. But it's a thought!

### **The November Meeting**

The November meeting was somewhat short and to the point. The crew was doing a last minute check-out of the layout. There was a short business meeting at which the primary subject was the plan for moving the modules to the Knight's Hall, and the set up of the hall for the meet.

Lou reminded that the Christmas party this year will be at his house in Peirpont on December 10 at 6 PM. More information is provided below. Mark your calendars now before any other parties are announced. Lou should have his layout running and we don't want to miss it. An a related note, the regular meeting in December is cancelled due to the party.

The layout was dismantled for movement to the swap meet.

### **Our Swap Meet**

Our swap meet was the biggest one we have put on both in terms of tables sold and people through the door. The initial count appeared to be over 250 people through the door not counting children. We had 66 tables sold which filled the hall. Our modules were set up, the S gauge layout was set up, the N gauge layout there, Hal had a loop of large scale in operation and the Wahrenbrock's had their layouts going. A full hall. We actually had to turn away several people who wanted tables.

It looked like people were buying things. At least people were going home with boxes and bags in their hands. For the first time I had several people ask me why we don't do this twice a year. I told them that I thought that might be

overkill; better to have folks want more and not get it than to do too much and have folks get tired of it. Besides, we're getting to old to handle more than one of these, I think.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out both on Friday and Saturday. It makes moving the layout manageable. And thanks for helping set up the hall. Everything seemed to go smoothly for the entire time.

### **MTH Catalog**

The MTH 2012 Vol I catalog is now available either from the MTH web site or from a dealer. Since there aren't any dealers in our area the quickest way to see the catalog is to download it. No steam engines in this catalog and a lot of European stuff.

### **York Meet**

Several of our club members made it to the York meet this year. Chuck reports that he barely got all his stuff into his car for the trip home! Lou didn't have near that much luck. He did report that he attended the vendor presentations at the Museum and verified that MTH reports they are having production problems and there will be no new steam engines in 2012 Volume 1. He also reports that Lionel announced that their production is ahead of schedule and items in their new catalog are already in the warehouse ready to ship.

### **Speaking of Meets**

Lots of train shows coming up in November and December:

November 26 & 27  
Great Train Expo  
Gateway Center  
Collinville, IL

November 27

Mid-America Meet  
BTC Exhibit Hall at I-435 & Front Street  
1775 Universal Avenue  
Kansas City, MO

**NOTE-THIS IS A DATE CHANGE**

December 17  
Great St. Louis Train Show  
Immanuel Lutheran School  
9373 Olive Blvd  
Olivette, MO

**Let's Have A Party!**

President Lou Eggerding will be hosting the annual club Christmas party at his home in Pierpont on Friday, December 10, starting at 6:00 PM. He asks that people bring an appetizer and/or adult beverage. He will have sandwich makings and other things. He is planning to start as early as 5:30 in the event folks may also have other commitments later in the evening.

Lou also wants everyone to know that he lives on the end of a cul-de-sac with a long driveway and on-street parking is somewhat limited. He has three parking spots in front of the upper garage, and two more around back in front of the lower garage. The lower parking has direct wheelchair access into our family room and layout room. As usual spouses are encouraged to attend.

**Directions to Lou's House**

***From St. Louis***

Take I70 West to exit 128, US 63, south or left.

Take US 63 South 7.4 miles to MO 163 west or right. This exit has an ATV dealer, and a Meek's lumber yard, and is just past a large water tower.

Take MO 163 West for 4.5 miles to the first stop sign. There is a small store to your right. Go straight through the intersection. The road name changes to highway N.

Take highway N 1.7 miles west to Brookfield Estates on your left.

Turn left onto Brook Valley Road. This tee's onto Lake Meadows Way.

Turn right onto Lake Meadows Way. Take this until it ends at a cul-de-sac. Our drive way is straight through. The address is 9225 Lake Meadows Way.

***From Central Columbia, I70 Exit 126***

Take Providence (Mo 163) south for 5.5 miles, across Broadway, Stadium and Nifong/AC. Continue south until Providence changes to one lane each way. Continue to the next stoplight and turn left. This is still Mo 163. There is Rockbridge Elementary on the corner.

Continue for 2.6 miles through Rockbridge State Park to the first stop sign. This is downtown Pierpont and the Pierpont general store is on your left.

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Lou's phone number is 573-657-2331.

## The December Meeting Cancelled

The regular meeting for December is cancelled on account of the Chapter Christmas party. The next regularly scheduled meeting date will be Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Mark your calendars now! We will be re-assembling the modules. Bring some trains to run!

## Some Scenes From The Swap Meet



A special thanks to Mark Wahrenbrock for having  
the presence of mind to take photos!