

Central Missouri Chapter Ozark Division Train Collectors Association January, 2012, Newsletter

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of them. This photo is a B unit (an E7, I think) that the RI modified with a cab and controls. The

A Box Cab Unit-Sort Of

Fr. Doyle sent your scribe several Rock Island photos. The Rock Island is not the most popular line among railfans for some reason in spite of many interesting operations. This is one

operation began in Chicago as the Rocky Mountain Rocket. The train would leave powered by an A and B unit (the B unit shown above) pulling a string of passenger cars. When the train got to Limon, CO, the train would be split. The A unit would go on to Denver with its cars; the B unit would go to Colorado Springs with its cars. The return trip east would be just the reverse with the train being put back together again in Limon for the trip east. The Rock Island is also one of the roads that had an E unit that had one power unit instead of two, with the rear of the unit set up as a baggage car complete with sliding door. "The Rock Island Line is a mighty fine road".

Woodland Scenics Burns Down

Anyone who had done any scenicing work on their layout has at one time or another bought Woodland Scenics landscaping materials. The company is located at the Linn Creek near Camdenton. On January 5th, one of the company buildings burned to the ground. The fire was so big that even Boone County firefighters responded. The company has posted information that this was just one of their buildings, and while it did house some manufacturing facilities, it was not a loss of sufficient magnitude so as to shut them down. Looks like they will be rebuilding and all of our favorite scenery materials will still be available.

The January Meeting

The January meeting was a little slow. A number of members showed up but the modules were still in pieces as left from the November meet. Most of the time was spend with a few members having a long discussion on how to rewire the layout. The intention is to replace the original wiring to eliminate the voltage drops currently being experienced, to improve TMCC operation, and to eliminate the 120 v cords and plugs. Ruben and Mark have the situation in

hand and are planning a Saturday session to see if the entire job can be finished in one day.

A routine business meeting was held. Members began paying the 2012 dues. Ruben Bolton announced that since he was unable to have his regular Christmas open house he is planning it for Saturday, January 21.

Rewiring Session

Mark and Ruben are planning a rewiring session for the modules on Saturday, January 14. at the clubhouse starting at 8:30 AM. All members are invited to participate. If you are coming, please bring along some tools that you can use to do the work-screw drivers, needlenose pliers, wire strippers/crimping tool, etc. Mark and Ruben will have all the necessary wire and accessories, and have a plan laid out for the rewire. See you there!

Paquin Show

It has been reported that the Parks and Recreation Dept. "Liesure Times" shows the Paquin Show date as Saturday, March 17. Yes, that's St. Patrick's day. Work on the layout should be completed by then. More information will be in future newsletters.

Train Town Has Moved

For those of you who have been to Train Town in St. Louis, be advised that they have moved. As of January 9th they will be located 1 mile west of their previous location. Their new address is 9832 Manchester Road in the Rock Hill Center across from McDonalds.

Dues are Due

It's that time of the year again when club dues and due. Once again it's only \$5. One heck of a bargain.

The February Meeting

The regular meeting for February will be Wednesday, February 1st, 2012. Mark your calendars now! We will be re-assembling the modules. Bring some trains to run!

Speaking of Meets

There are lots of train shows coming up in January and February including:

January 21, 2012
St. Charles RR Club
Heart of St. Charles Banquet Center
5th Street & I-70
St. Charles, Missouri

February 4 & 5th
Great Train Expo
St. Charles Convention Center
St. Charles, MO
February 18 & 19
Great Train Expo
American Royal Complex
Kansas City, MO

February 18
Alton Train Show
1513 Washington Ave
Alton, IL

February 25th
The Great St. Louis After Christmas Meet
Zion Lutheran School
3866 Harvester Road
St. Charles, Missouri

March 10
Boeing meet
Queeny Park
St. Louis, MO