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Annual Club Banquet at Golden Corral Strawberry Festival June Club Event - Silent Movie

Annual Club Banquet - May 19

Golden Corral Restaurant - 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

(15755 North Point Blvd. - Noblesville)

Traditionally, our Annual Club Banquet is the start of the busy, active season of train activities for our ILSR Club. Again this year, we will be returning to the Golden Corral Restaurant in Noblesville for this dinner meeting. *(next year, there is talk of returning back to the Monon Connection Museum for our Annual Banquet)*

Plan to arrive at the restaurant between 6:00 and 6:30 to be find your table and visit with friends. David Palmeter will officially welcome us all at 6:30 and direct us to the buffet serving tables. At 7:30, David will start the business meeting, pass out a few door prizes, and will introduce our two keynote speakers for the evening.

Jim Melton and **Damien Gabis** are coming from Valparaiso to show and talk about their first year of opening and operating the beautiful "Taltree Arboretum and Garden Railway" in northern Indiana. *(refer to pictures of this huge exhibit in the Sept/Oct. 2011 Newsletter)* Should be a grand evening for all and a great start for our 2012 year season.

NOTICE - Your reservation form is **page 5** of this Newsletter. Clear this date on your home calendars, fill out the number of reservations, cut out the bottom portion and send it along with your check to **Marion Hensley** ASAP.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS SAT., May 12 The "Good News" is this location is conveniently less than an hours drive for most of our Train Club members and the cost has not raised.(still \$20 per person)

Door Prizes -

It has been decided for the Club to spend a maximum of \$200 for Banquet door prizes. The Club is also looking for some nice things that people are willing to donate for the good of the evening. Please contact David Palmeter (317) 770-4919 if you can contribute a nice item for use as a door prize. THANK YOU!

Annual Strawberry Festival - June 9

Upland, IN. 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Live entertainment, food vendors, plenty of crafts and, of course, dozens of ways to enjoy strawberries. Start at the Train Depot at the center of town and you are on your own venue after that. Of course you will want to *(continued on pg. 2)*

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(*Strawberry Festival - continued from pg. 1*)
visit with our guys in the **Module Club** that are there with their great trains in action on the Module Layout. If you have any questions about this annual festival, get in touch with **Geoff Schwartz** or **Mel Turner**.

June Club Event - SUNDAY, June 10 - 2:30 P.M.
Silent Movie Showing "The General"
staring: Buster Keaton
Warren Central High School (Warren Performing
9500 East 16th Street Arts Center)
Indianapolis, IN.

Many of you will recall during the 1980's, The Paramount Pizza Palace located on E. Washington and I-465 in Indianapolis. The food was OK, but the reason most people stood in line to get a table inside was to hear the music on the incredible Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ. After approximately twelve or so years running, this restaurant closed and the organ was moved to Florida.

Some of you may also be aware that another fine theatre pipe organ, out of the huge Indiana Theatre in downtown Indianapolis, has been completely restored and re-located at the beautiful Warren Performing Arts

Center at Warren Central High School on Indy's East Side. This is a 3 manual / 18 rank Grande Barton theatre pipe organ with all the bells and whistles.

It so happens that on June 10, the famous Buster Keaton silent movie (circa 1927 feature length movie) **"THE GENERAL"** will be shown and accompanied by the theatre pipe organ - just as originally intended in the heyday of silent movies.

This is a TRAIN ADVENTURE that takes place during the Civil War and has captured the hearts of railroad fans ever since. It was first made into a movie in 1927 with none other than Buster Keaton and all of his hilarious stunts.

Since no one volunteered for a June Train "Open House", it was decided that we would make the silent movie **"The General"** our **main** June Club Event. (Please note this is a Sunday event-not Sat.) I feel certain everyone will enjoy this one!

Your reservation form is on page 5 of this Newsletter. Tickets are \$12 in advance (\$15 at the door). Mail your reservations to treasurer **Marion Hensley** so he has them by **Sat., June 3**. I will personally be handing out your pre-paid tickets at the box office one-half hour prior to showtime.

- Bud Hunter

The General

1927 Silent Movie starring Buster Keaton

Save This Date . . .
Sunday, June 10

This famous feature length "silent movie" is a "must see movie" for train buffs since it is an action packed Civil War adventure that was filmed with authentic wood - burning steam locomotives and "link and pin" couplers as was typical of the 1800's.

The story revolves around Johnnie who has two loves: his train ("The General") and Annabelle Lee. When the Civil War begins, Johnnie is turned down for military service because he's more valuable as an engineer. Annabelle thinks Johnnie is a coward.

Union spies capture "The General" with Annabelle on board. Johnnie must rescue both of his loves. The plot of the movie is entertaining, however, the obvious draw of the film is Buster Keaton's amazing stunts, including the dangerous scenes of him riding in front of the moving train while attempting to dislodge large wooden planks blocking the tracks in front of him. The entire movie is one huge stunt after another as Johnnie jumps back and forth from cars to locomotive all on the moving train. (In today's movies, they certainly would have a "stunt man" filling in most of this action)

Map Below Shows Location of Our Club's June 10th Event at Warren Central High School

Most people will be driving in on I-465 on the east side of Indianapolis. **Get onto I-70 East.** Travel east (2 exits, I'm thinking) and **get off at the Post Road Exit.** Head south a few blocks and **turn East on 16th Street.** You will only need to go a few blocks and you will see Warren Central on your left side. (9500 East 16th Street) **Turn into the parking lot on the west side of the building.** Park and follow the signs to the **Warren Performing Arts Center. I will be at the door to pass out your tickets. Enjoy the show!! - Bud**



NS Celebrates It's 30th Anniversary

Created in 1982 with the merger of the Southern Railway and the Norfolk & Western Railroad, the **Norfolk Southern** now operates 20,000 miles of track in 22 states with 28,000 employees. As part of it's celebration, NS is honoring its corporate heritage by painting 18 brand new locomotives in historic paint schemes that commemorate dozens of railroads that eventually merged into the NS system. The EMD units will be painted in Muncie, IN. and the GE units will be painted in the company shops in Altoona and Chattanooga.

If you are fortunate to live in a town served by the NS Railroad, look for these special locomotives on the headend of freight trains rolling

thru your town. Some of the vintage paint schemes include Wabash, Nickel Plate Road, Norfolk & Western, Erie, Pennsylvania, Reading, New York Central, Lehigh Valley, Conrail, plus nine more. (*Who will be the first Club member to send me a picture of one?*) The Conrail and the Southern units are already completed. All units are to be completed by June 1st.

Also, I understand that former Nickel Plate Road steam locomotive # 465 (*housed near Fort Wayne, IN.*) will pull a special business train sometime this summer. This train will be operating out of terminals in Elkhart, Fort Wayne, Muncie (IN.) as well as Bellevue and Toledo (OH).

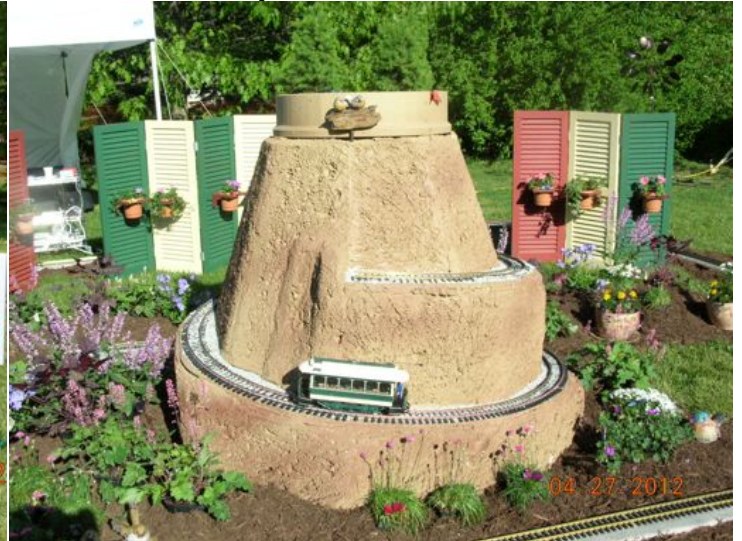
Orchard in Bloom

JEFF CARTER CREATED A NEW TRACK PLAN AND HAS TRAINS RUNNING
APRIL 27, 28 AND 29

- Photos by Ned Newhart



Mike Smith, Dale Olson, Don Davis and Ned Newhart (not pictured) ran the trains on Friday (the best day in terms of the warm, sunny weather).



New this year was "Jeff's Mountain" which Jeff Carter built especially for the Trolley Car line. Notice the brightly colored shutters with hanging flower pots.



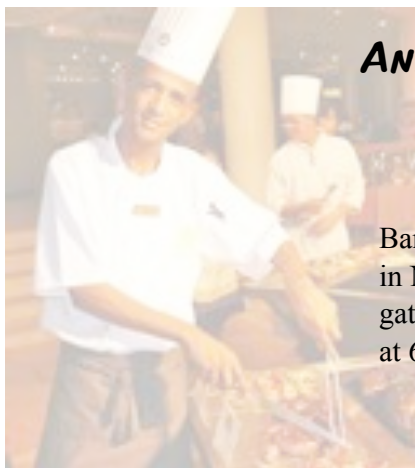
A Dad and his Son sat down to "set for a spell" and to admire the beautiful Large Scale Trains in operation.



Close-up shot of the custom painted green & ivory ILSR Traction Co. / Indianapolis, Indiana Trolley.

Jeff built this year's display to be 35 feet wide and 20 feet deep. The mountain was 5 feet high and 5 feet wide at the base. Geoff Schwartz assisted Jeff building the mountain. A used LGB auto reverse unit was used on the trolley line. Flowers were from the Blue Moon Farm in Tipton, Indiana - thanks to Pattie Chester. The mulch was given to us by Lemcke Landscape Co. **Install/Tear Down Crews** were Dave Beck, Mel Turner (flower transportation), Paul Williamson, Marion Hensley, Paul George, Randy Banks, Wendy Cooper and Jeff Carter. **Daily Running Help** were Dale Olson, Paul Bossert, Randy Banks, Bud Hunter, David Palmeter, James Driesbock, Ned Newhart, Mike Smith, Don Davis and Paul Williamson.

THANKS TO ALL!



ANNUAL ILSR SPRING BANQUET RESERVATIONS

(Must be received by Marion Hensley by May 12, '12)

You are cordially invited to join us for our Club's annual Spring Banquet on Saturday evening, May 19, at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Noblesville. (15755 N. Point Blvd.; Noblesville, IN. 46060) Plan to gather and pick your table between 6:00 & 6:30. Dinner Buffet will start at 6:30; Meeting, door-prizes and guest speakers will begin at 7:30.



SUNDAY, JUNE 10 ILSR RESERVATIONS 1927 SILENT MOVIE "THE GENERAL"

(Must be received by Marion Hensley by June 3, '12)

Join us for this great, classic train movie at Warren Central High School (Warren Performing Arts Center) accompanied by the Grand Barton Theatre Pipe Organ. You may pick up your reserved tickets at the door from Bud Hunter between 2:00 & 2:30 P.M.

Club Members - **Mail in your reservations to the (1) Annual Spring Banquet** and the **(2) Silent Movie "The General"** before the deadlines shown - to: Marion Hensley;
11675 Atlantic Rd.; Fortville, IN. 46040.

You are encouraged to save postage as well as time, by sending in both event reservations at the same time (before the May 12 deadline). You also can, of course, elect to send in your reservations separately. (please observe the deadline for the "movie" is June 3) - **Bud**



Reservations for the silent movie "The General"

I would like to make ____ reservations @ \$12 each to see "The General".

My check is enclosed for \$_____. Name _____

Reservations for the Annual ILSR Spring Banquet

I would like to make ____ reservations @ \$20 each for the Annual Spring Banquet on May 19th at the Golden Corral.

My check is enclosed for \$_____. Name _____

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UPDATE INFORMATION

2012 FOUR CLUB TOUR

As all of you are aware, Saturday, July 14, we are hosting three Ohio Garden Railroad Clubs, plus a group from the Valparaiso "Taltree Arboretum and Garden Railroad" in Northern Indiana.

I am always amazed at how much camaraderie and "good times" we all have with other Large Scale Railroaders on these Four Club Tours, even if in some cases, people we are with are total strangers. The fact that they (we) are all Large Scale "railroaders" is all the credentials needed!

Indiana Large Scale Railroaders	
2011 Financial Statement	
Starting Bank Balance 1/1/11	\$7,998.40
<u>Modular Group</u>	
Income: Beginning Balance	\$2,324.40
Train Shows	<u>450.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,774.40
Expenses:	
Truck Operating Expenses	\$1,175.11
Total Expenses	\$1,175.11
Year Ending Balance for Modular Group	\$1,599.29

<u>Train Club</u>	
Income: Beginning Balance	\$5,674.00
Dues	1,660.00
Shirts	57.00
Name Badges	88.00
Bus Trip w/meals	1,155.00
Club Dinner	1,080.00
Orchard in Bloom	
(plants)	110.00
Ckg Acct Interest	<u>3.58</u>
Total Income	\$9,827.58

Expenses:	
Newsletter - (Printing,	
Postage & Misc)	\$1,368.16
Shirts	81.38
Badges (Indy Labels)	95.77
Bus Trip w/meals	1,385.50
Club Dinner	733.08
Door Prizes & center pieces	566.66
Domain Reg.	19.95
Orchard in Bloom Plants & Sup.	242.48
Youth Grant (Train Starter Set)	<u>187.50</u>
Total Expenses	\$4,680.48
Year Ending Balance for Train Club	<u>\$5,147.10</u>
Ending Bank Balance 12/31/11	\$6,746.39

Respectfully submitted by Marion Hensley, Treasurer

Have we seen some great Large-Scale Railroads on our visits to Ohio? Of course we all have! Do we in our own ILSR Club have some "showcase" Large-Scale Railroads to admire. You all know the answer to that question. **Most Definitely!!**

I know that over half of our Club has generously accepted job assignments to be greeters, hosts, traffic control, bus captains and communication staff. (David Palmeter could still use some additional staffing, so if you would like to get involved, it is still possible. Call David ASAP.) Whether you have a job assignment or not, it is hoped that everyone will make every effort to attend the "Opening Luncheon at 11:00 A.M. at the Christ's Community Church in Fishers. Your lunch ticket will also be your ticket for a "free" train ride to see Lance Brock's Garden Railroad. Plus, you will tour railroads at Jeff Carter's, Randy Banks and Andy Chester's **PLUS** our Club's modular layout at the Luncheon. Look for a special info & reserv. form mailing the 1st week in June.

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2012 Club Event Calendar

- May 19 Annual Spring Club Banquet - Indy
Golden Corral in Noblesville, IN.
- June 9 Strawberry Festival - Upland, IN.
- June 10 (Sun.) Silent Movie "The General"
Warren Central H.S. Performing Arts Center
- July 14 Four Club Bus Tour of ILSR Railroads
- Aug. 11 Club Road Trip to "EnterTrainment Jct." (Cincinnati, Ohio)
- Aug. 14 - 19 National Garden Railway Convention - Chicago, IL.
- Sept. 15 Club Pizza Train Trip (leave "Hobbs Station" - Nobelsville)
*special train ride to a Pizza restaurant - This event will
replace the annual Club Picnic.*



**"SECURITY CAMERA" CAUGHT THIS
"BLUE HERON" FISHING ON BUD'S RAILROAD
(HE HAD TWO FISH FOR 9:00 BREAKFAST)**