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New 2017 Train Season Begins

Everyone Check Your Membership Directory

2017 Club Dues Are Due

Happy New Year Everyone

Be sure to check the “Club Calendar” in this issue of “**2017 Club Calendar**” events that are shaping up to start off our new year.

The Great Train Show on Feb. 4-5 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on 38th St. always brings out a big crowd of people. There is always something we railroaders need or want to augment our railroading interests. It may be a new freight car or just a new train shirt of our favorite railroad. It may even be a new book of railroad history on a favorite railroad or a new DVD. There are literally dozens and dozens of vendors with every imaginable item you could possibly desire. You don’t own a railroad lantern or padlock? They have them “For Sale” at this show.

Of course, our own ILSR fantastic Modular Railroad is fully on exhibit. You should see the details that have been added just in the last 6 months. All gauges from N Scale to Lionel to G Gauge are represented at this show. Break that Winter “Cabin Fever” - come on out and “HAVE A GOOD DAY”!

Club Roadtrip to Schultz’s Hobbies in Kettering, Ohio. Chris Schultz has been a ILSR Club Member since 2012. If you have not met Chris yet, it is because as a Hobby Shop Owner, he simply is not free enough to make it to a lot of our meetings and open houses. However, Chris has helped our Modular Division out on many occasions and has

contributed “door prizes” at our Club Banquets every year since 2012.

Last year, Chris officially opened his new store with 3 operating layouts exhibited. His model train inventory includes all scales (including G) and related details. Chris specializes in Custom Layouts and repairs in all scales and his store is open 7 days-a-week.

So, James and Phil have arranged a Club Roadtrip to visit Chris Schultz’s store on **Sat., March 25**. We plan on “car-pooling” over to Kettering that morning.

Those wishing to take part in this trip -

- (1) We are all starting off from the Bob Evans Restaurant at **10:00 A.M.** located at I-70 and S.R. 9 (this is the Greenfield exit)
(travel time over is under 2 hours) *cont.*

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- (2) We will stop at a nearby fast food restaurant close by to the Hobby Shop for lunch and a restroom break.
- (3) We will tour the Hobby Shop and enjoy the 3 operating train layouts. There will be ample time to look and make any purchases you would like. Anyone having anything on your own railroads that needs any repair work, you can talk to Chris about getting your work taken care of.
- (4) There is "no set time" on our return to Indy, but it is estimated we should be back at the Bob Evans restaurant where we all started in the area of 4:00 P.M.

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Monday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

2017 CLUB MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AND YOUR CLUB DUES

You are all receiving your regular Club Newsletter with an important "yellow insert".

Important - Do Not Toss This Paper Away

We have several examples of wrong phone numbers and email addresses in our Membership Directory that are no longer accurate. I realize that people change carriers and service providers every year, but forget about informing our Club Secretary Marion Hensley, who tries to maintain accurate information about our Club Membership. This is especially important for good communications.

We are asking every Club Member to take a moment to:

- 1. Fill out your current home address, phone and email address, etc.**
- 2. Make out your annual check (\$20) or \$15 for email Newsletters**
- 3. Slip into an envelope and send your completed yellow sheet and check to**
Marion Hensley
11675 Atlantic Rd.
Fortville, IN. 46040

We have eight Club Members who have pre-paid their Club Dues thru 2018/2019. *(We also have 3 Lifetime Members)* If you are in this category, we still need you to send in just your completed yellow sheet, as your dues are current.

What Do We Do During The Off Season?



Usually I am so busy during the month of December that I hardly have time to even think about "trains". But come January, I start thinking about what needs to be improved or repaired before the outdoor railroading begins.

Fortunately for me, things are in pretty good shape this year, so there are no major items that need to be addressed. So rather than finding fault with what I have *(or don't have)*, perhaps I can learn to be **happy** and **more satisfied** with what I **DO** have in this fantastic Train Hobby, and be proud of how much I have accomplished.

Our Club is blessed with a variety of talents. I am amazed at the detail that Randy & Jacquie Banks have put into their Circus Module. I am in awe of all the "yard tracks" Jeff Carter has built into his "Burlington Northern" RR. I could go on and on naming many people in our Club that have done a variety of impressive things with their railroading perspective, interests and talents.

I want to close with this thought. No matter what we consider our own skill level,
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I think it's fair to say, we all attempt to recreate in miniature, the full-size world around us as it relates to our own trains and the way we strive to operate them. Each of us has a concept of what our trains and railroads should look like and we work towards those goals. Even the smallest details make a significant contribution to our models and railroads.

Our locomotives, rolling stock, our track plan, the buildings and scenery - **the details all make a difference - indoors or outdoors.** I have seen some model railroads, both large and small - that were so amazing, I could hardly believe it, but again, **it was the details that made it believable!**



Marty and Rick Fair

2016 FALL BREAK TRIP

Rick Fair

Last October 15, Marty and I traveled to Bloomington to see our grandson. It was a warm sunny afternoon,

so we decided to travel to the Tulip Trestle (Viaduct), since neither of us had been there before. The trestle is west of Bloomington and (really) just southeast of Worthington. I wouldn't attempt to find it without GPS. The trestle is huge and at the time of its construction in 1906, it was the longest bridge of its kind in the United States; a whopping 2,295 feet long, 18 towers for support, and 147 feet above the ground at its highest point. The original cost of the viaduct was \$246,504

which is an estimated \$6.2 million in 2012 dollars. The massive structure was built using mostly Italian immigrant laborers. The laborers were paid up to 30 cents an hour, which was considered to be excellent wages in 1906.



I took several photos, but they really don't do the structure justice. I recommend getting on Wikipedia for the history, general information and directions. On the part of the article that says "references", click and find the Greene County Indiana Web Site. Many pictures are there that will give you perspective as to the size of the trestle. One of my photos (*on the previous page*) shows a nice viewing and picnic site with more information about the bridge.

Approaching the site from Bloomington was difficult. We went home through Worthington and Spencer and found that to be a much better route to navigate.



The Tulip Trestle is maintained and operated by the "Indiana Railroad" and someday will see 4 trains per day (*two in each direction*).

A few days later, we continued our travels by visiting Cuyahoga Valley National Park located between Akron and Cleveland, Ohio. Unlike the Indianapolis area, the Fall foliage was plastered with bright reds and oranges. The main reason we went here was to ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway through the National Park. We were not disappointed. The lead locomotive pulling into the station was a B&O diesel. Since I am partial to B&O's, I was pretty excited! The round trip lasted about three hours with about six stops each way. The trip cost for us was \$16 each of us, for an inexpensive relaxing afternoon.

The scenery along this 47 mile of ex-B&O trackage through northeastern Ohio follows the picturesque Cuyahoga Valley along the Cuyahoga River, and the route of the abandoned Ohio and Erie Canal.



The lead locomotive was an Alco, B&O diesel.



Almost ready for train to depart station. There is a baggage car on each train to load bicycles for bikers that like to ride the towpath trails one-way, and return from one of the several "flag-stop" stations along the way.

The east side of the train generally includes the best views of the Cuyahoga River, which essentially parallels the railroad on the northern end. Many photo opportunities abound, and the park has re-created the feel of the early 1900's by building many of the railroad depots and shelters in a style modeled after the railroad's original structures.

ILSR 2016 FALL BANQUET

OCTOBER 24, 2016

It was a beautiful, Indiana Fall afternoon to travel to Greenwood this year for our Club's annual Club Banquet. This year's Banquet was held at the **golden corral** restaurant in Greenwood - a last minute change in venue when the original restaurant booked in Indy suddenly closed it's doors without notice.

That being said, everyone attending had a good time, had a big variety of food selections from which to choose - plus there was a generous amount of door prizes handed out.

One thing I always appreciate is getting to sit down and really get to know the people sitting with you at your table. Visiting with other people over a meal seems different than casual talk, standing around at a Train Club Open House.

After the meal, Pres. James Driesbach welcomed everyone for coming. Bud Hunter showed everyone a newly created 9 minute video highlighting our Club's "Modular Division" Railroad. Following that, Phil Streby presented a detailed report on improvements in Amtrak passenger train service that are in process of being developed. Phil's power point displays on the screen showed several routes here in the midwest that are being upgraded with potential upgrade in frequency being explored. Of course, nobody can predict what Congress will or won't appropriate money wise, but Amtrak does have a new CEO in the name of Wick Moorman who is highly respected in the railroad industry.

Then, it was time for the Door Prizes to be drawn, and as everyone knows, there are always an abundance of those. In addition to a variety of train items passed out, there was \$150 worth of Zionsvill Train Depot gift certificates given out.

Train Item Winners - Bob Pifer, Marti Graff, Bill Duncan, Jacquie Banks, Jeff Carter, Grace Berrey, Joan Magnuson, Doug Lynn and David Berrey.

Gift Certificates Winners - Uno Magnuson, Bud Hunter, Nancy Hunter, Randy Banks, and Marion Hensley.



The Polar Express was running throughout the Banquet



Lance & Vickie Brock, Randy & Jacquie Banks and Grace Berrey all visiting. *(just off-camera is David B.)*



DVD watching of the new "Modular Video"



Phil Streby just presented Bill Duncan with his winning prize as he draws out the next winning number.



Meeting over. I don't know who had the most FUN. I think the President & Vice President enjoyed this year's Club Banquet probably more than anyone!

Jingle Rails



The "Jingle Rails" Exhibit each year at the Indianapolis Eiteljorg Museum is an annual Train experience for me (*since I'm a "Jingle Rails" Volunteer*) and I hope for every ILSR Club Member as well. **Pic #1** Fantastic Entry Hall shown with two elevated trains on line. **Pic #2** Lighted Monument Circle **Pic #3** Passenger train touring the Grand Canyon Natl. Park.

This fantastic G-Scale train exhibit is not an ILSR Club project, and that is probably a good thing because we could never muster the man-power to staff and maintain an exhibit of this magnitude. What we can do, however, is enjoy it, appreciate the fact that Indianapolis has an annual train exhibit of this caliber, and promote Jingle Rails with your families and friends. In case you haven't been down yet this year, no need to fret. This Train Exhibit is still showing until Jan. 16, before being disassembled.



On Sat., Dec. 3rd, it was reported that the museum had over 1200 visitors in that one day alone.



The Santa Fe Super Chief is seen elevated over the Indiana State Fair Coliseum & Midway.



The Trains are the star attraction on most train exhibits, but I think The Landscaping steals the show at Jingle Rails.

Closing Word from Our Club President

We have been working on a new Switching Yard for the Modular Layout. I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to several of our guys that have been working their butts off.



Randy Banks, Bill Duncan, and Ron Loudermilk have all worked on getting the new mods together - along with Andy Chester who has been working hard on our design and electrical. But one guy who I can not even begin to thank enough is Jeff Carter. Without Jeff's tireless efforts, we would not be as far along on this project as we are. So once again, **THANK YOU ALL!**

For my final thoughts, I hope everyone had a **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!** Hope to see all of you at the Great Train Show Feb. 4 & 5.

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2017 Club Event Calendar

February 4 & 5 - GreatTrain Show at Indiana State Fair Grounds

ILSR Modular will be on display

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (*both Sat. & Sun*)

March 25 Club Roadtrip Outing to **Schultz's Hobbies**
Kettering, Ohio

May 6 ILSR Train Club Spring Banquet
(*location and time to be determined*)

(Future Plans?) We are looking into ideas of a return visit to
EnterTrainment Junction; also - I have heard
rumors of a French Lick "Train Ride Excursion"

Train Club Open Houses - We will try as hard as we can to have
as many Train Open Houses scheduled ahead for the Apr./ May/June
edition of the your Newsletter. If you would like to schedule your
own railroad open house, please get in touch with Phil Streby by mid-
March in order to make the Spring Newsletter.

Welcome New Members

We give a warm welcome to the
following new ILSR Club Members
and look forward to meeting you
in the coming Club Events.

Robby Craig - Winona Lake
Al & Sandy Duvall - Kokomo
Gary & Lisa Suiter - Indianapolis

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