



NOVEMBER 2017 EDITION

Club 'E' Newsletter

Be Active & Participate In Club Activities

CLUB DIRECTORY

Conductor – Ken Cracraft – 920-793-1004
Engineer – Bob Leonowicz – 920-465-7913
Brakeman – Jim La Malfa – 715-732-1351
Fireman – Jim Bastian – 920-989-1729
Membership – Jim LaMalfa – 715-732-1351
Newsletter Editor – Mike Conard – 920-336-8905



Fall has arrived. A lot of us like this time of year because it brings with it significant change. The weather certainly does. Our mindset will also change noticeably to a more land back mentality. Aside from the hustle and bustle of summer to nice, cool days spending more time indoors at a fireplace, enjoying special indoor projects and the thoughts of the holidays approaching. Oh, and Thanksgiving too!

RESULTS OF THE TC ELECTION

Thanks to all of you for selecting these two new members to the Throttle Committee:

Dave Van Veghel and Ron Westerhouse

Dave and Ron bring high levels of expertise and sound judgement to the success of our club and its performance. We wish them success and a prosperous tenure on the TC Committee. Congratulations gentlemen!!

THROTTLE COMMITTEE

Members are elected to one-year terms:

Terms to September 2018:

Jim Bastian – Treasurer
Jim LaMalfa – Secretary
Ron Westerhouse

Terms to September 2019:

Ken Cracraft – President
Mike Conard

Terms to September 2020:

Dave Van Veghel
Bob Leonowicz – Vice President

Special appreciation and thank you directed to Steve Kehoe for his worthy contributions to the TC over the past several years. Steve, take a bow!

BEC SCHEDULE

The BEC will be open for training running for members on the following dates:

December 2 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jim Bastian presiding Superintendent

January 6 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mike Conard presiding Superintendent

February 3 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FUN RUN – Mike Conard, Jim Bastian,
Milt Krause

February 4 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FUN RUN

March 3 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rick Karls presiding Superintendent

March 17 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rick Karls presiding Superintendent

April 14 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jonathon Menting presiding Superintendent

May 5 & 19 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Volunteer needed from club members
for Superintendent

All dates and times are on Saturdays.

BASTIAN EVENT STEERING COMMITTEE

Bruce Burmeister – Chairman; Jim Bastian,
Ken Cracraft, Basil Buchko, Jonathon
Menting, Rick Karls, Mike Conard –
Secretary

TRAIN GIVEAWAY

The train giveaway this year was successfully held on Tuesday, November 14, at the Salvation Army on Union Court. The recipients this year were:

Ethan Pries

Nominated by Milton Krause

McKino Cobourn Gray

Nominated by Nan Pahl - Salvation Army

Tommy Evans

Nominated Jim Bastian

Hunter Welch

Nominated by Bruce Burmeister

Nathaniel Schmidt

Nominated by Jim Bastian

Great job by Rick Berg and his committee in making this event a worthy and thrilling even to all recipients.

DON'T FORGET THE SWAP MEET

Our big Train Swap Meet at Riverside Ballroom is on Sunday, November 26th. This is a chance for the club to really “cash in” on an opportunity. Doors open at 6:00 a.m. The meet is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and plenty of help is needed. Step forward and see what YOU can do to contribute to our bottom line. When it's all done, we can ALL smile because we ALL made a contribution making us feel good! Hey, no Packers either!

Upcoming EVENTS

Swap Meet

November 26

See article in this newsletter

Christmas Party at BEC

December 2 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cliff Wall Train Show

December 9

Set up at 6:00 a.m.

Club Social

January 20

Wertl's

Point Beach Show

January 27 & 28



Fun Run

February 3 & 4

Madison Train Show

February 17 & 18

Big Al's Train Show

April 7

Titletown Train Show

April 28 & 29

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your membership dues, please do so to Jim Bastian. Dues are \$75 for a full year of train enjoyment.

REMINDER

If you have a change of address or e-mail address, please contact Bob Leonowicz 920-4657913 or James Bastian 920-989-1729. Thanks!

LOOKING FOR IDEAS

We are looking for ideas for another possible bus trip as to where and when. Have an idea? Contact Kenny Cracraft 920-793-1004 or Jim Bastian 920-989-1729 with your suggestions.

TC MEETING

7:00 a.m., September 9, 2017 and General Club meeting, 9:00 a.m. combined minutes.

Present: Jim Bastian, Jim LaMalfa, Mike Conard, Bob Leonowicz, Dave Van Veghel, Pete Kobar, Tom Stazak, Ron Westerhouse, Basil Buchko, Rick Karls, Bruce & Dave Burmeister, John Macheck, Gordy Sauve, Paul Koch, James Carter], Lisa Menting, Jacob Larbeem, Milton Krause, Mike Pavich, Dave Actner.

Minutes of February 11, 2017, TC and business meeting, motion to accept, Bob Leonowicz, second, Mike Conard, carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 2018 Budget. Jim Bastian reported general savings \$6111.84, checking \$2,588.69, total \$8700.53; also see his complete report as distributed at the business meeting. Dues are due October 1, good to September, 2018. Motion to accept Jacob Larbeem's gift to club of a diesel locomotive, carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS; Two officers are needed on Throttle Committee as Steve Kehoe is retiring. Five club members offered to be on mail ballot for same, Dave Van Veghel, Ron Westerhouse, Johnathan Messing, Dave Burmeister, Jake Larbeem.

LAYOUT COMMITTEE REPORT: Ken Cracraft; We are looking for new clubhouse in Green Bay. Geezer gate has been repaired, need some new switches. We built transformer box, added 150 feet of new wire, we should hide transformer box behind Milt's hill. Tool box is unsightly, put it in the middle of the layout. Tinplate division is still active and wants to run at First Frost event, November

26th, Riverside Ballroom. Contact Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmidt to help find a free space in Green Bay.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: We have 42 members as of February but Steve is retiring from the committee so our current count is not known. Jim LaMalfa distributed copies of the video he made from the BEC open house May 6. Jim is running trains December at the Spies Library every Saturday.

BEC REPORT: BEC will be open first Saturday of every month. We need to work with other clubs. Jim Bastian is of the opinion that we should run prototypically at open house events. Publish this schedule in club newsletter. Ken, what schedule would club like for BEC? Pete Kober, we need seminars and instruction presentations. Mike Conard, send me your thoughts for seminars. Next newsletter is scheduled for October 2017. Ken, BEC will be open October 7. Mike Pavich, how about a BEC open house twice a month?

REVIEW PAST EVENTS; Bus trip to Milwaukee, very well attended, great fun! Pat Driscoll ran his ore train with 217 cars at BEC. No problems at Title Town show in April, Green

Bay. Gordy Sauvé's picnic was a great success, well attended. Chilton Steam show, club received a \$50 donation for running there.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Suring has asked NEW O Gaugers to set up a fjr module layout for their historical days to start September 30 and tear down October 7. The city will pay for same. Riverside swap meet,



November 26, Bob reported good numbers of dealers registering. Riverside opens at 6 AM. Train set give-away, should we change how we do this? There doesn't seem to be any return from those who receive sets. I can personally testify to that, only the Spies. Library, Menominee has followed up after gift. Jr. Engineer program, we might try it next year, not a lot of interest. Club Christmas party at Werel's Tap, no chair yet. Cliff Wall train run is December 9. Point Beach train run is set up for January 27, 9 to 3 PM, run the January 28, 11 AM to 4 PM. They will donate \$450 to club.

OLD BUSINESS: Get train race panels out of storage unit. It costs \$85 a month. We got \$3000 from Dennis Meyer's estate. We still have much Atlas track and switches of his to sell.

NEW BUSINESS: Possible club trip to farmer's barn at Argle, Wisconsin, near Madison. He has large layouts and a large collection of trains. Chilton Fair contacted Jim Bastian, they want club back 2018. Title Town show, Green Bay is scheduled for April 28-29, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at noon.

*Minutes submitted by
James LaMalfa, Brakeman
Secretary. 10, 19, 17*



FINAL THOUGHT . . .

Nothing is so potent as the silent influence of a good example.

2017–2018 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES OFFICERS

Conductor (President Expires 2019)
Ken Cracraft 920-793-1004

Engineer (Vice-President Expires 2020)
Bob Leonowicz 920-465-7913

Brakeman (Secretary Expires 2018)
Jim LaMalfa 715-732-1351

Fireman (Treasurer Expires 2018)
Jim Bastian 920-989-1729

Throttle Committee
Bob Leonowicz (2020) Jim LaMalfa (2018)
James Bastian (2017) Ken Cracraft (2019)
Mike Conard (2019)
Ron Westerhouse (2018)
Dave Van Veghel (2020)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Membership Committee
Jim LaMalfa - Chairman, Milt Krause, Dave Achtner

Layout Committee
Jim Bastian – Chairman, Dan Dale, Mike Conard, Milt Krause, Fritz Schulz

Swap Meet Committee
Bob Leonowicz – Chairman, Jim Bastian, Ron Westerhouse, Pete Kober, Jerry Julius, Tom Staszak

Fun Run Committee
Mike Conard – Chairman, Milt Krause, Jim Bastian, Pete Kober

Historian
Jim LaMalfa

Al Klavickus Christmas Train Donations
Rick and Sherry Berg– Chairman

Electrical Engineer
John Melendy

Public Relations
Mike Conard

Newsletter Editor
Mike Conard



*Northeastern
Wisconsin
'O' Gaugers
Inc.*



MEMBER / PAST MEMBERS OPEN HOUSE RR MEET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

AT THE B.E.C. – 9453 N. HOLMES ROAD

(Hwy. 57 / Schmidt Road – 1 Mile North of Forest Junction)

- **Bring your favorite – or – latest acquired train consist**
- **Run trains on the 50' x 40' layout**
- **Discuss the hobby with fellow enthusiasts and catch up with the latest news and technology**
- **Enjoy great fellowship celebrating *National Lionel Train Day***
- **Lunch will be provided**

**Renewal Special to Past Members
Rejoin for \$50**

