



WINTER 2018 EDITION

## Club 'E' Newsletter

## 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



Everyone have a rewarding and joyous holiday? For once we can live without the Packers during the playoffs since 2008. Can we?? My wife and I were going to Door County last week just after their big snowfall and we realized how the beauty of winter can get our attention and make us feel good. Trees were covered with snow, skies were a clear blue, no wind, the bay from the highway was a majestic sea of white and the temp was unbelievably mild. It generated a good feeling. This is also the season that club members have a good mindset too. We kick it up a little with the upcoming shows on our schedule and of course our annual Fun Run. Let's put on our railroad jerseys and have some fun with our trains!! Don't let meaningless constraints hold you back from enjoying time with your club.

## CLUB SOCIAL

Our club social was held on Saturday, January 20, at Wertl's Tap in Green Bay. The attendance was outstanding as 47 club members, spouses and friends gathered for our annual winter gala. Milton Krause was honored for 15 years as a club member

along with Dr. Paul Koch for his 10 years of club dedication. We also applauded Jonathon & Lisa Menting and Jim Carter from Antigo. We also welcomed back a former member, Ernie Volkmann. Former long-time member Al Stary was an invited guest and was given a round of applause for his long tenure with NEW O Gaugers. Congratulations to all of you.

The club also gave tribute to longtime member Bob Timm who passed away in 2017.

## RESULTS OF THE THROTTLE COMMITTEE 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 Terms:

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

## BEC SCHEDULE

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

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

**\*We need a lot of hands on deck for this two-day event. The sign-up sheet passed around at the club social gave no indication that a lot of hands will be on deck. In order for the FUN RUN to function properly and look good in front of the public, we need three guys to run trains on three tracks continuously from 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. You will be home in time for the Super Bowl. Please give some of your time to the FUN RUN. You don't have to be there all day, but at least some of it.**

March 3 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rick Karls presiding Superintendent  
Gordy Sauve will do a seminar on designing  
a layout starting at 10:00

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 for this date.**

## BASTIAN EVENT STEERING COMMITTEE

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

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Bob Leonowicz would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our First Freeze Train Show. A special acknowledgement and tribute to the Brown

County Sheriff's Department for their contribution of \$250 for our show and train set given away. Good job, Bob!

## CLUB WEBSITE

Our club website is:

<http://newogaugers.com>. Please take a look at it because Basil Buchko took the lead in getting this thing updated and up to snuff. Kenny also had a role in it. So you two guys can take a bow. It looks great and it says a lot about the club for the public to understand who and what we are.

## BUS TRIP TO ARGYLE

The NEW O'Gaugers Club is once again planning an enjoyable bus trip – this time to Argyle, Wisconsin, to tour the train barn and take a 2½ hour train ride. The bus would leave from the De Pere Park &



Ride at 6 a.m. stop south of Madison for a McDonald's break and arrive in Argyle approximately 10 a.m. Leave and stop south of Madison about one hour for dinner / lunch, then continue to Fond du Lac to view their magnificent train club layout. Arrive back in De Pere at 6 p.m. Date and more details to be announced at later time. Cost is \$30 per person. If you are interested in going, contact John Van Buecken at 920-740-6204 or e-mail John at [jvb@new.rr.com](mailto:jvb@new.rr.com).

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

## 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!



## **Jim LaMalfa's Locomotive Blues**

When I was just a boy child in ol' mill'wauk'kee,  
I heard those steam trains rollin'  
Tell I slipped off dreamin' to that lullaby,  
Slept till the sun come up, Lord,  
Till the sun come up high.

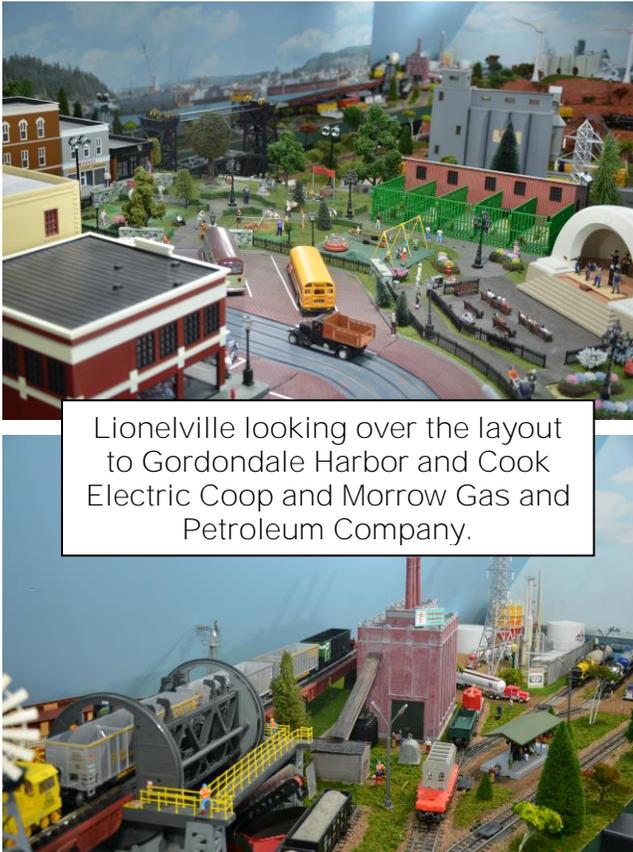
Their huffin' an' a puffin didn't scare me none, oh no  
It was a song to me,

And their huffin' n a puffin' didn't give me fright  
As they worked on through the night.

I'm a grown up man now w' children of my own,  
Of my own, Lord, of my own  
But where'd the locomotives go?  
They's long gone, Lord, long, long gone.

Some day I'll hear the call ....'n rise up high  
Up to that big ol' roundhouse in the sky  
An when I get to heaven, Lord you'll see my tears of joy  
like when I was a boy  
Cause it'll be a steam town there  
Yes it'll be a steam town  
with engines big 'n small,  
And then I'll spend eternity  
The steam man's glory ball!

High ball, high ball, high ball!



Lionelville looking over the layout to Gordondale Harbor and Cook Electric Coop and Morrow Gas and Petroleum Company.

## 2017–2018 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES OFFICERS

**Conductor** (President Expires 2019)  
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**Brakeman** (Secretary Expires 2018)  
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**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

## Upcoming EVENTS

**Fun Run**  
February 3 & 4 at BEC

**Madison Train Show**  
February 17 & 18

**Big Al's Train Show**  
April 7

**Titletown Train Show**  
April 28 & 29

**International Toy Train Expo**  
July 7 & 8 – See information on Page 6



### FINAL THOUGHT . . .

No act of kindness is ever lost; it becomes a part of the lives it touches.

# ***BIG AL'S TOY AND TRAIN SHOW***

**April 7, 2018**

**MONARCH GARDENS  
2311 West Spencer St., Appleton, WI 54914**

**SHOW HOURS 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

Tables are priced at only \$15 each – *Price includes admission.*  
Table sizes are approximately 30” x 96” with about 50 available.  
6 foot round with about 50 available. Discount for those with own tables, please call.  
Setup Friday evening 6:00-8:00 pm, Saturday 6:30-9:00 am

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*For more information please call: Allen Hahn 920-851-8147*

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Numbers of Tables \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Setup: Friday Evening ( ) Saturday Morning ( )

Flyers to Hand Out ( )

# INTERNATIONAL TOY TRAIN EXPO

CHIPPEWA VALLEY

**EXPO**  
CENTER

5150 Old Mill Plaza  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

**Saturday July 7  
& Sunday July 8**

**2018**

**10 AM - 5 PM**

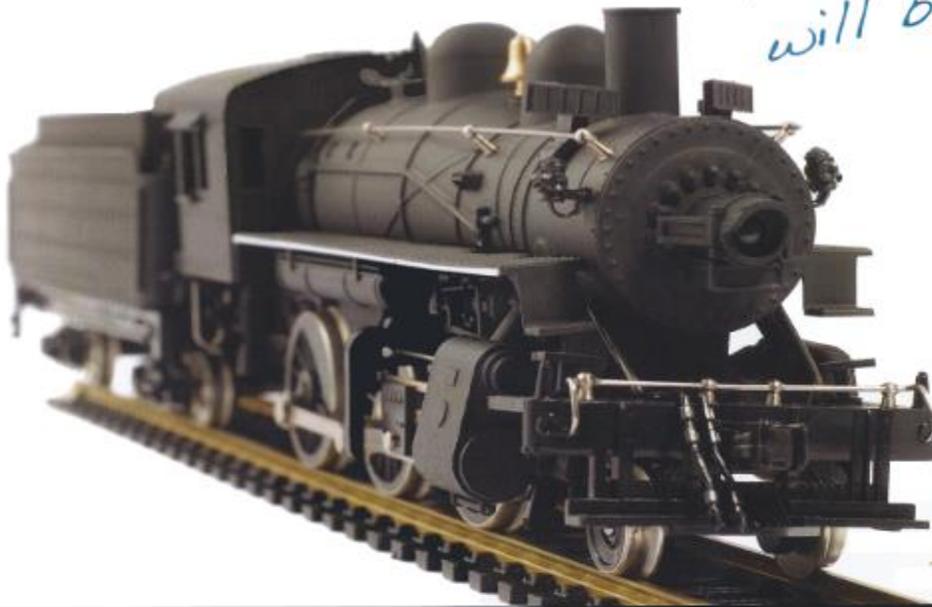
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