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ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

The Annual Meeting of the Society was on Sunday, July 6th, in Leakin Park at Hamilton Station. The hamburgers and hot dogs were on the grill around noon, and the membership was munching them and the other goodies shortly afterward. Also, a few members had their locomotives pulling trains. The eating delayed the start of the meeting until 1:30 or so. This was an election year for the Board of Directors, so the focus of the meeting was the election. This year there were eight nominees to fill the seven director positions. Larry Law had declined to run this year. His service for the past four years as President is greatly appreciated. Lou Koehler will also not be continuing on the Board. Their leadership will be missed. See the masthead for the current Board.

JULY RUN DAY

The weather was fine on Run Day. Yet again the public came to ride in good weather. The crowds are not at the level of several years ago, but the numbers were pretty good for recent months. Bob Schwoerer faithfully brought out his CSX diesel with Steve Zuiderveen conducting, and Harry Horney had his FA pair pulling the coaches. Harry played conductor while Mike Taber drove. Fritz Dahlin ran his repaired electric with son Jake conducting. Finally, Wendy was running under the care of Ned Treat and Matt Berkebile, Mike Schroeder and Jim Grieshaber served as the relief crew. With that number of trains available it was possible to sit one aside on a rotating basis for lunch. After fixing a point on the north switch at the station, the activities were routine.

NAMES

Member John O'Dea attended a show recently and has written an account of the trip (edited for length):

On the weekend of April 19-20th, Steve Zuiderveen and I traveled to Toledo, Ohio to attend the North American Model Engineering Society (NAMES) show. This is the 19th annual NAMES show and the 3rd that I have attended. The distant location means making a weekend of it, staying at a hotel, but also means that you don't feel rushed to catch it all in one day. The show is held in the modern Seagate Convention Centre in downtown Toledo. Steve and I stayed at one of two hotels conveniently attached to the convention building – we could eat, sleep and go to the show without ever going outdoors, and parked the car in the underground garage. We arrived on Friday afternoon; since Steve is a vendor we could get into the show to unload his material, plus I had an opportunity to purchase my admission ticket early, avoiding the crush on Saturday morning. During the rest of the show, I found it extremely convenient to take various purchased “goodies” out to the nearby car. Steve looked out our hotel room window and noted that we were in a prime location to watch the Toledo Mudhens, a minor league baseball team with a new stadium directly across the street. While I didn't go outdoors all weekend, Steve went out with some friends Saturday night and actually attended the game (Courtesy of Live Steam/Village Press). I didn't spot him from my perch on the 8th floor.

The show covers a wide range of model engineering: railroad, stationary, aero, hit&miss engines, etc, plus a large number of vendors selling kits, castings, supplies and tooling for the modeler's workshop. A range of seminars, both technical and non-technical, was offered in rooms that were a quick escalator ride up from the main show floor.

Railroad interests included several 7½” gauge locomotives on display, plus an operating loop that carried passengers behind several battery-powered locos. There was also an elaborate N-scale operating modular railroad in the center of the show, with many animated features. The operating loop and the N-scale diorama formed the centerpiece of the show.



1½” Scale C&O Hudson No. 315



1½” Scale Ten-Wheeler

There were other interests besides the various locomotives on display. Directly inside the front entrance to the show was a full-size Corliss engine with a massive flywheel (about 6 ft diameter) ticking over slowly at about 2 rpm. The Corliss, as well as all the other steam engines at the show, was running on air supplied by a manifold system. Some of the smaller gas engines were run inside the hall, while the larger ones were demonstrated in a “safety area” outside. There were several large-scale “road” engines: a Case traction engine and A Foden Steam Wagon. The Foden, particularly, got my attention because it had a steam siren that looked like it was just the right size for my boat boiler. A conversation with the builder quickly got me the email address for the source of the siren (in the UK). Also, one of my planned projects is to build a walking-beam engine (the prototype was used to propel a side-wheel paddle steamer). I've had the castings and lumber (from

Historic Models and Reproductions LLC) for several years, and a completed model on display at the show (photo) has given me a renewed incentive to “get to work” on mine.



Case Traction Engine



Foden Steam Road Wagon



Full-Size Corliss Mill Engine



Walking-Beam Engine

A couple of other models illustrate the wide range of the displays. I attended a seminar on “forming sheet metal for models”, which demonstrated techniques used in building a 1/6 scale Duesenberg automobile which was in the main hall. Another model that caught my eye, was a nine-cylinder radial aircraft engine. While many of the models on display had “please do not touch” signs, this one had a sign (visible at the left of the photo below) that said “Don’t just stand there, pick something up”. It was tempting, but I managed to resist.



1/6 Scale 1932 Duesenberg S.J.



Nine-Cylinder Radial Aircraft Engine

Comparing the NAMES show to the Cabin Fever Show there are more similarities than differences. NAMES is held in one large convention hall, while Cabin Fever takes up two rooms at the York Fairgrounds. I think the total amount of area devoted to exhibitors and vendors, comes out about the same, and you see many

(but not all) of the same displays. Cabin Fever has the boat pond and gauge 1 operating layout, while NAMES has the operating 7½” and N-scale. NAMES (a non-profit, like CALS) has a fund-raising raffle with some pretty nice prizes. I didn’t buy any tickets, but Steve bought a few and was rewarded with a brand-new Sherline milling machine. All in all, it was a lot of fun attending the show, and I enjoyed making various contacts. In fact, one of the things I enjoyed most about the show was the opportunity to share information with various “kindred spirits” at the show. In my own case, this meant talking to several people who either had or were building steam launches (I know, all of you are thinking, “Oh, the blasphemy”). The only thing in the way of making this an annual event for me, is the distance involved.

ACTIVITY NOTES

We had several reasonably successful sessions laying track. Each one was very hot and sweaty. Hoping for a new switch to install, we directed our efforts toward Hamilton Station, but have since continued toward Windsor Mill Road because the switch was tardy. The track now extends to the short straight next to the switch where the yard enters the inside track. But it looks like progress of some sort and has been hard work. We have now used all our supply of ties building track. Track in the containers should get us across the straight parallel to the road.

Lots of grass has been cut, many tree limbs lopped off, and several trips made around the track with weed spray. Hamilton Station was cleaned up a bit prior to the annual meeting; even the hedge was trimmed for a second time this year.

NEW MEMBERS

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Question: Who handed \$15 dues to the Treasurer at the annual meeting?

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
06/25	M Schroeder, Allen, Close	Cut grass; Weed-eater; Trim trees
06/28	B&B Schwoerer, Kinzer, Close, J&M Barron	Lay track (6)
07/02	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Koehler, Krapp	Cut grass; Trim hedge; Clean for annual meeting
07/05	B&B Schwoerer, Zuiderveen, Kinzer, Close, Koehler, J&M Barron	Lay track (7)
07/09	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen	Cut grass; Spray weeds; Re-install fence above transfer table
07/12	B&B Schwoerer, Kinzer, Close,	Pick up track; Lay track (4)
07/16	Close, Carpenter, O’Dea	Cut grass; Spray weeds; Trim trees; Build track
07/19	Close, Kinzer, Zuiderveen, N Warfield	Lay track (3)
07/23	Close, Carpenter, Gil Lehmann, Toyam Cox	Cut grass; Trim trees
07/26	Bob Schwoerer, Kinzer, N Warfield, Koehler, Close	Lay track (6)

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>JUNE</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 8	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 22	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
Sat 28	8:30- 4:00	Train Show	Timonium
Sun 29	9:00- 4:30	Train Show	Timonium
<u>JULY</u>			
Sun 6	12:00 Noon	Annual Meeting & Election	Hamilton St
Wed 9 Tentative	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 13	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 27	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>AUGUST</u>			
Wed 6	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 10	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 24	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>			
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 14	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sat 27	5:00- 10 PM	Night Run and Picnic	Hamilton St
Sun 28	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>OCTOBER</u>			
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 12	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 26	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>NOVEMBER</u>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 9	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 23	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>TRACK WORK SESSIONS EVERY WEEK</u>			
Wed	9:00 AM	Cut grass; General maintenance	Track site
Sat	9:00 AM	Install track	Outside loop

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