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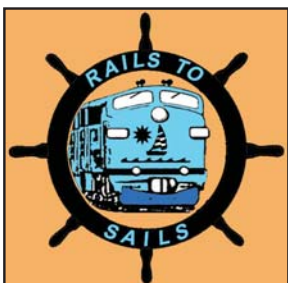
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## From the Editor - Ed Juairé

Every once in a while an organization which has been in existence for a long time undergoes a metamorphosis. So it appears that is what is happening to this club.

First let's talk about the dues increase. A contract was entered into on May 12, 1988 which set down what the Choo Choo would do and what the club would do. Compensation to the club is included in this agreement. Unfortunately, revenue and expenses have led to a major decline in the club's finances so the club for the first time in many years was forced to increase dues. Thirty out of sixty-one members, as of this writing, have decided to stay. The biggest drop off is with associate members. This is a personal decision each has made and there is nothing any of us can do about that.

Run Nights will be scaled back after the end of this year to possibly once a quarter. Since the decision was made earlier this year to not have food available on Run Night, the attendance dropped to three or four people. Only a decent attendance in November and December will keep this function occurring monthly. You will vote to keep monthly Run Nights going only by attending.

The move to Brian's Hobby Shop is not going to occur. Suffice it to say a few differences caused this reversal.

But talk about moving, well you can hardly move at the club house at Highland Plaza without running into benchwork. Construction is back up and running for the new layout and with the modules donated to the club, the entire center section of the building is HO railroad.

What does this mean for you? Very simply it is an opportunity to work on a model railroad and run trains. There is a lot to do but you can get around everything. New track will be laid, much scenery needs to be added, wiring, control systems and many other things will need to be done, but we are building a model railroad that belongs to the club. This is something that apparently has never happened in the near forty-year existence of the club. If you want to be part of this club, then this is one way you can. Many of us have different knowledge that can help with the construction of this new layout. Some of our members are new to model railroading and this is a great opportunity to learn how to do things. So I encourage you to come to the clubhouse. Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and occasionally on Saturday. We will post the work sessions on the web site. If you do not have a computer, call Jude Foxall or Bob Clark.

As written at the start of this article, the club is going through a transformation. Time and interest will judge whether it was in the correct direction.



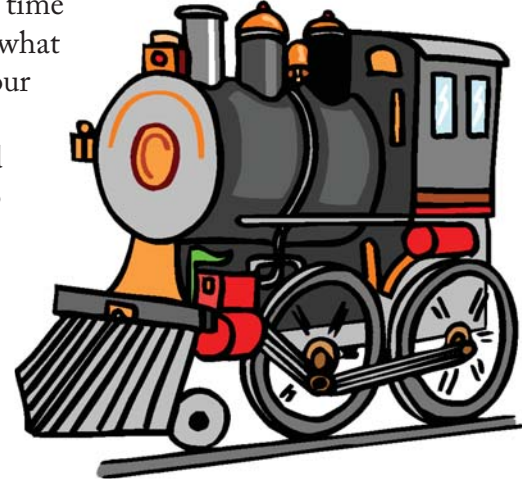
Photo by William Henry Davis Jr.

## National Model Railroad Month

The CAMRC will celebrate the event at the Choo Choo from Friday, November 7 through Sunday, November 9, 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. We are asking you to spend some time during this weekend to talk with the general public, informing them of what model railroading is all about and answering their questions, plus run your trains.

This is not a free event. The public must pay the regular fees charged by the Choo Choo. As part of the normal operations of the Choo Choo Model Railroad Museum, some of our members will be there running long trains. Does anybody have any idea who that might be? We will, at various times, operate with the DCC system. So plan to bring your favorite HO scale equipment. Run Night for November will shift from the original posted date of November 14 to November 7.

If you have not figured it out yet, Chris Dotye and Bob Swanner will be there. We hope to see you sometime over this three day event.



## Christmas Party

The CAMRC Christmas Party is returning to the TVRM this year on Sunday, December 7, from 1 to 3:30 pm. As in the past, there will be no charge to the members and each member may bring one guest. We will have a caterer for the occasion but please bring a dessert dish to share.



Do bring a wrapped train related gift (approximate \$10 value suggested) for the train gift exchange if you choose to participate. Do bring a wrapped ornament (\$2 to \$5 value suggested) for the ornament exchange if you wish to participate. There will not be gifts for the youngsters.

**IMPORTANT:** Your membership dues must be current to attend. If you did not renew this year, due to the increase in dues, the \$5 late fee will be waived. But you must have your dues paid no later than November 30. The treasurer will not be collecting dues at the door.

Contact Ed Juairé at 706-935-5605 or [anemrr@ejpj.com](mailto:anemrr@ejpj.com) no later than November 30 with your reservation.



**The Power of the Future** - CSX NREX 2020 (far left and partially hidden) and Bunge 8002 in the UP yard at Dolton, IL. On the right, the GECX 2010 in Barr Yard. The 8002 is a model 1GS7B, the first NRE single engine gen-set built on a used EMD SW type frame and trucks.

Courtesy [www.trainorders.com](http://www.trainorders.com)

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Click on any logo for a link to a web site.

Have something interesting, send it to [CSNews@camrc.org](mailto:CSNews@camrc.org).

## 2008 Hamilton County Fair Report - Scott Denson - Modules Coordinator

The 2008 Hamilton County Fair has come and gone, and for those who did not make it, you missed a great time. Although we had a few glitches (more on that later), we all had a lot of fun running trains on Saturday and Sunday (at least most of us did).

As was mentioned in earlier reports (both in the newsletter and in e-mails), we tried something different this year. We used the new loops that were donated by Dewayne Fanchier. Thanks to Dale Bryant, Bob Clark, and Klaus Peucker for all of their work in finishing the wiring and making some track adjustments in order to tie in with our branch lines a little better. Unfortunately, running all of the trains on the branch line is what caused the biggest glitch. The reason for this is that the branch line was not intended to run as a main line when the original standards were adopted, and therefore, some of the curves are a little tight for larger locomotives and rolling stock. Dale and I have discussed that this might be alleviated by putting in interchange tracks in the vicinity of each loop, or at least before the areas where the tight curves are located. Having mentioned the slight problems with running longer equipment, most felt that this was definitely off-set by not having to crawl under the modules to get inside the layout.

Another glitch was in that the wiring drops were not completed for the "new" yard that Dewayne donated to us. Dale and his wiring gang just simply ran out of time on getting everything done that needed to be done. Dale hopes that he can work on the wiring this winter while the modules are set up. At last report, Dale is hosting some work sessions at Highland Plaza.

Having mentioned all of the new modules (including me adding some), this caused us to have to make two trips from Highland Plaza. Since we were so close to Highland Plaza, this did not create a great problem. It was decided though, that we will have to cut back on the number of modules that we take to future shows or to get a larger trailer. When we went to the 1995 N.M.R.A. National Convention in Atlanta, we rented a truck to haul the modules but this would probably be cost prohibitive now.

One of the final glitches, or rather miscalculations in design plans, was that we forgot to take into account for the tent's center poles. While this did not affect the running in any way, it did shorten my yard by 8-1/2 feet, well over half!

This year we put our camera on a flatcar and broadcast it on the club's TV so that the public could watch the trains run from an engineer's view-point. I was really amazed at how well this went over with the public. Once they realized what that "funny looking thing" was, everyone really enjoyed watching themselves on TV. Even the adults, including those in the club, had a lot of fun with this. The biggest drawback was that the battery began to run down about an hour before we shut down each day.

One of my biggest disappointments was that several of those that said that they would help out in one way or another were "No-Shows." This may have been caused by the high cost or lack of fuel. I also know that a couple of you were sick or were called away for work. Thankfully, we did have some people that showed up to work that did not let me know, thanks Terry or said that they would not be able to show up at all, thanks Paul.

On a positive note, I want to thank all of those who worked at some time or another at the Fair. They were:

Thursday loading: Dale Bryant and Scott Denson,

Friday set-up: Dale, Rick Botto, Dale, Chip Chipman, Hal Crossland, Scott,

Don Hausmann, Terry Lawrence, John Ramatowski,

Saturday: Dale, Chip, Scott, Don, and John,

Sunday run: Ben Bedford, Dale, Hal, Scott, Don, and John,

Sunday take-down: Dale, Scott, Don, Paul Lemke, and John.

If I left anyone's name off of the list, please forgive me, but I did my best at keeping and then reading my feeble excuse for notes of those that attended. Again, thanks to ALL of those that helped make our participation in this year's Fair such a great success.

One last note, I want to thank Don and Carol Hausmann for the great fellowship that we had during our off-time at the campsites. Maybe next year we can have one or two more join us camping out.

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*Railroading is Fun.* If you have suggestions about club activities please let us know. Any questions about the club, please feel free to contact anyone listed above.

## CAMRC Events for September and October

*A reminder --- check [www.camrc.org](http://www.camrc.org) weekly for updates.*

**Saturday, November 1, 1 pm - Run Day** - for members 18 and under

**Friday through Sunday, November 7, 8 & 9, 10 am to 6 pm**

**Model Railroad Month at the Choo Choo** (*see page 2*)

**Friday, November 7, 6 pm - Run Night** for members 18 and up

**Sunday, November 16, 1 pm**

**NMRA Headquarters Organizational Meeting**

In the Pennsylvania Station room at the Choo Choo

**Sunday, November 16, Board Meeting** following NMRA meeting

**Saturday, December 6, 1 pm - Run Day** - for members 18 and under

**Sunday, December 7, Christmas Party** (*see page 2*)

**Friday, December 12, 6 pm - Run Night** for members 18 and up

## Other dates of interest

**November - Piedmont Pilgrimage**

**Tour Atlanta's Great Model Railroads**

What's it all about - [www.piedmont-div.org/pilgrimage/](http://www.piedmont-div.org/pilgrimage/)

The schedule - [www.piedmont-div.org/pilgrimage/tour\\_date.html](http://www.piedmont-div.org/pilgrimage/tour_date.html)



**November 22 - 23**

**The Great Train Expo - Norcross, GA - [greattrainexpo.com](http://greattrainexpo.com)**

**January 17**

**36<sup>th</sup> Atlanta Model Train & Railroadianna Show - [gserr.com](http://gserr.com)**

**June 12 - 14**

**Pensacola, FL, SER Convention, "Rails to Sails"**

[www.trainweb.org/pmrc/Convention/home.htm](http://www.trainweb.org/pmrc/Convention/home.htm)

[www.trainweb.org/pmrc/Convention/Conv\\_registration.doc](http://www.trainweb.org/pmrc/Convention/Conv_registration.doc)

**July 5 - 11**

**Hartford, CT, NMRA National Convention**

[www.hn2009.org/home.html](http://www.hn2009.org/home.html)



## Square Foot Contest

John and Joel Hunt were the winners of the Square Foot contest (above right). Others who had submissions were Jude Foxall (above left) Ben Bedford (above center) and Terry Lawrence (left).

With all the advance publicity about the Square Foot contest, it is safe to say it was a flop. Again, there appears to be a lack of support for model railroading. Hopefully the Board will go forth with the contest again next year and we will have a better showing.