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President's Message - Hal Crossland

Hello again. It seems the summers don't last as long as they did years ago.

We enjoyed the cruise on the "Betsy" hosted by Jerry and Betsyee Holmes. The weather was perfect and the food was outstanding. Several of Jerry and Betsyee's friends were aboard and they pointed out quite a few interesting sights along the lakefront. It was a very relaxing way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday, August 22 David Holsinger's open his home to view his layout. He has accomplished quite a lot since last year. A new four foot wide section has been completed including very detailed scenery.

A special thanks to Jerry, Betsyee, David and Winoa for extending their hospitality to our club members.

The Board has decided to hold the "Square Foot" contest again this year. It will be conducted during our November meeting. We had a few entries last year but not close to the club's potential. Please try and enter this year. You have nearly 3 months to construct a one square foot model for display. That works out to less than 2 square inches per day! More details below.

The Board has also decided to pursue the IRS "Non Profit" status for the club. This will require a change to the bylaws and a change to the state charter. The change will affect Article 8, Section 2B. We plan to have the text ready for the members to vote on at the November meeting. If we can obtain non-profit status from the IRS, it can assist us in finding a new location for our clubhouse as well as other benefits. More on [page 3](#).

See you at our next event.

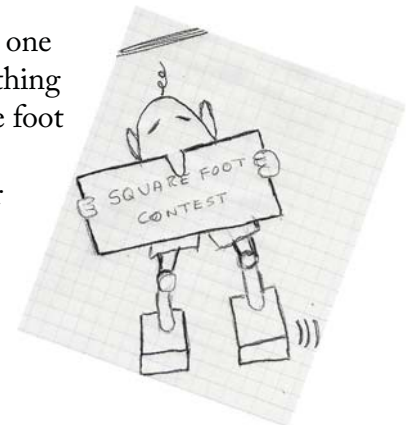
Square Foot Contest

This contest is open to all members.

Build a model railroad scene in an area no larger than one (1) square foot (144 square inches). The shape can be anything so long as the surface area is not more than one (1) square foot and the scene must contain railroad track.

There will be two age categories: Junior and all other members. Only one entry per member is allowed. The prizes: To be announced in the November CSN issue. Only one prize will be awarded in each division. In the case of any tie, a drawing will be held.

The November general meeting, date to be announced, will be the day to submit your entry. You must be a member in good standing (dues paid) to be eligible. For more info, contact Program Chairman [Jude Foxall](#) or [Ed Juaire](#).



A very enjoyable Saturday afternoon thanks to Jerry and Betsye Holmes.



Adding Weight To A Locomotive, Simply - *Bob Swanner*

The simple ways (2) to add weight to locomotives is, (1), getting a supply of used lead car wheel weights from any place that balances car wheels/tires. Select a piece of lead the proper size by cutting a section off a weight that is long enough to fit with a substantial pair of diagonal cutters. I generally shun the steel clip in the center of the weight because it usually causes a fitting problem as well as detracting from the mass of the lead. Since the weight is curved you will need to straighten it by judiciously striking it with a hammer. Then you can glue it in place with your favorite adhesive. You'll have better luck if you only use super glue (cyanoacrylate) to initially retain the weight while using an R.T.V. bathtub and window sealer (or similar) type adhesive that is essentially an uncured rubber for more permanency. Elmer's Glue will also work best if diluted 50% with water and a drop or two of liquid soap.

Or (2) buy a bag of #9 lead bird shot from your local shotgun reloading supplier. Pour the shot in position and glue with 50% diluted Elmer's White glue and one or two drops liquid soap, this may take more than one application, until the available space is filled to your satisfaction. One way I have found to check for clearances is put a wad of modeling clay (you can pick your favorite color) between your lead and other parts, reassemble the model, then disassemble to see how much the clay is flattened. This will inform you how much clearance or interference you have. If interference is encountered a sharp pair of needle nosed pliers or a screwdriver can pull the necessary shot out until clearance is restored. Another way to check for fit is use a slow-dry paint then quickly reassemble and disassemble, looking for where the paint transferred. I suggest you don't use dynamite, I know it's quicker, but it sometimes overshoots, removing too much, including parts of the model and your house. I have used a combination of both techniques when expediency is required. I place the wheel weights in first, then pour the bird-shot to fill in the gaps, then pour in the Elmer's.

There is another way to add even more heavy weight; I refer to it as maximum ballasting, by doing a lost-wax lead casting. This information is available on another article. It's quite tedious but you will get the maximum weight added.

Striving Toward Non-Profit Status

Dear CAMRC Members,

The Board of Directors have begun to pursue status as a federal tax exempt corporation under rule 501(c)3 of the US Tax Code. Achieving this status will make us more attractive to businesses, vendors and others, and donations to the club would be able to be written off federal taxes by the donor.

One stumbling block on the path to 501(c)3 status requires the Club Bylaws be amended. Currently if the club is dissolved, the assets are divided among the members. To meet the requirements of the law, the assets would need to go to another non-profit organization. I have put forth that the NMRA be the beneficiary of the club assets under those circumstances.

The officers will be scheduling a vote by the membership on this amendment in November. Please consider giving it your support.

Thanks for reading,

Bob Clark,
Board Member

Looking at the Big Guys



Old diesels never die... they just keep on working.



Squaw Creek Southern likes a bright color.



If the lashup on the left looks overpowered, how about the lashup on the right!

All photos on this page courtesy www.trainorders.com

Membership dues are due by October 15.
A renewal form is available on the web site - www.camrc.org

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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 - Check www.camrc.org for updates

September

12 - Saturday - 2:00 pm - General Meeting - Choo Choo Southern 140

Dr. Ben Weathering Clinic

15 - Tuesday - 5:30 pm - Board Meeting - Choo Choo Southern 140

19 - Saturday - 1-4 pm - Run Day for all members

October

10 - Saturday - 1-4 pm - 1-4 pm - Run Day for all members

20 - Tuesday - 5:30 - Board Meeting at the Choo Choo

Directors Room located behind dome

24 - Saturday - 1 pm - Visit Jim Bailiff layout - Jim lives at 480 Patten Chappell Rd., Chattanooga. Take I-24 west to Brown's Ferry Road, then approximately 6. mile. The entrance is on Brown's Ferry Road. Look for a white picket fence and a long driveway leading to the house. The trains are in the lower level, visible from parking area.

Other dates of interest

October - November - 7th Annual Piedmont Pilgrimage

The Piedmont Division will have approximately 75 home model railroads in the Atlanta area open to the public encouraging participation in the hobby of model railroading. Visit their website for specific layouts and times. www.piedmont-div.org/pilgrimage

December 5 - Saturday - 9 - 4 pm

Smokey City Rails Model Railroad Club

2nd Model Train Show and Sale - Operating layouts and door prizes

First Baptist Church of Zion City
 1104 Gene Reed Road, Birmingham, AL

www.smokeycityrails.com

A fun afternoon with David Holsinger's layout... thanks David.



Maybe he's here???



It's working great!!!



This is really small!!!