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President's Message

Greetings From the Cab,

Brothers, your new crew - Jim, Larry, Ed, Karl, David, Payton and Ron, have just trained and are getting ready to take on fuel, sand, and water in hopes of getting this club fired up again!

Elsewhere you will find Larry's List - the Timetable for the next few months and I hope you'll be on board for each event. Ed continues his good work keeping track of the manifest and Karl has graciously agreed to do the conductor's report - keeping record of what we do as the miles (months) click by. Karl will also take on the additional duties of the Chattanooga Southern News.

We are working with Vance Fry, Esq. in getting ready to file for the 501c3. With that in hand we can approach business folk in the area for tax credit help with a clubhouse. My goal is to get us there before journey's end (next spring) but we will need everyone's help and cooperation to keep the gears oiled and running.

As we pull out for another run (year) your crew would be happy to hear from you and SEE you at more stops (meetings) along the way.

All Aboard,

Jim Bailiff

Annual Banquet - *The Appreciation Dinner*

Club members and their guests gathered in the Choo Choo lounge beginning at 5 PM on March 19. Then at 6, we moved into the Roosevelt Room for dinner provided by the Choo Choo as they have for many years in appreciation of the club members work in keeping the aging layout operational and looking good.

Jerry & Betsye Holmes missed the event for the first time since joining the club. Jerry had fallen on ice in January and the day prior to the banquet underwent surgery for a torn shoulder muscle. All in attendance signed a card wishing Jerry a speedy recovery.

Club members approved the slate of officers and directors for the current year at which time outgoing President Karl Shaffer handed the duties to President Jim Bailiff.

Jim thanked the outgoing officers and board members and welcomed the newly elected. He also discussed several issues important to the continuing well being of the club.

We were then treated to an encore presentation by Justin Strickland who presented more information regarding the Choo Choo's home. He had additional information and images that are not published in his book, *Chattanooga's Terminal Station*. Again, it was a very interesting presentation.

Justin was presented honorary membership in the club.

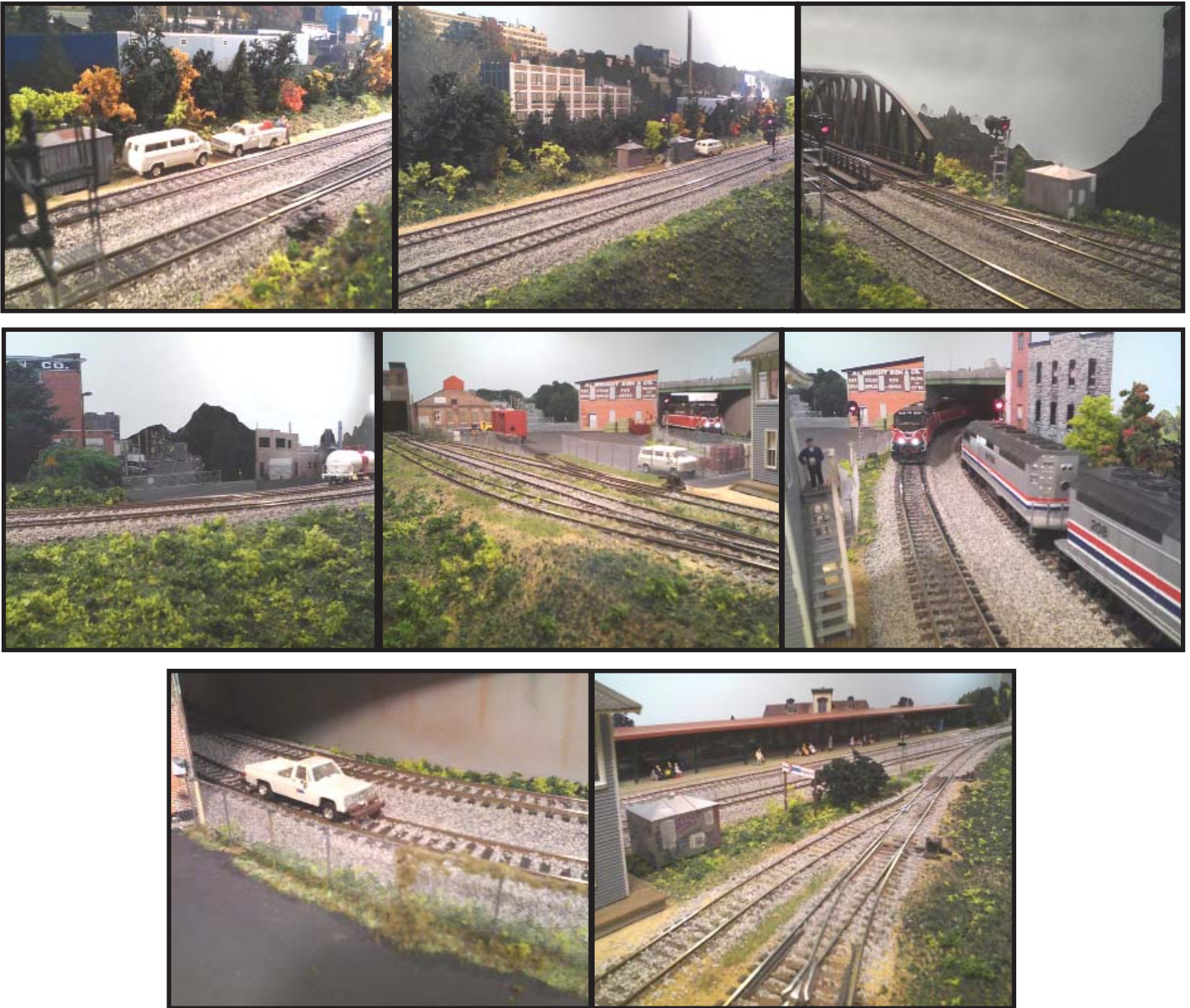
From the Editor - *Ed Juairé*

As you may have read in Jim's report, this will be my last Chattanooga Southern News. Karl will be taking over from here.

I have attempted to present a different type of newsletter since taking on the publishing back with the March 2007 issue, focusing more on presenting what the "Big Guys," the Class I and regional railroads, have to put up with and what they do. Although material lately has been light, I do hope you enjoyed these newsletters.

Early on I showed some images of a friend's layout back in Rhode Island. Don Irace is like many other model railroaders; the layout is never finished. To make allowances for those who have gotten a big larger (now that's politically correct), he ripped out one entire section of the layout and redesigned it to give much more isle room. With this change, he's been doing more detailing of the scenery. The photos below will give you insight to his great work. It is still an operational railroad and I continue dispatching from my home in Ringgold. When new modelers join in on a session, they are still amazed that I am not in Rhode Island but control the signals, routing and speak to them on their two way radios. Model railroading, computers and DCC can be fun!!!

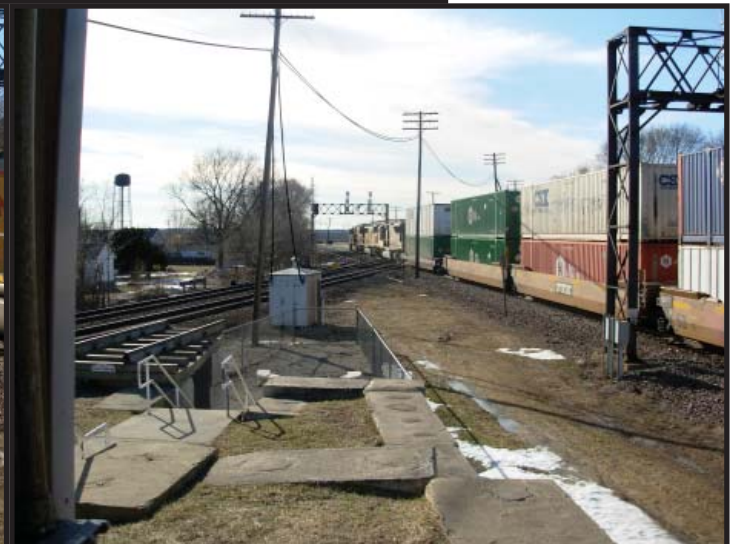
Well, that's it for me. I hope to see you at future club functions.



Railfanning - *David Holsinger*

I had a couple of interesting trips this spring so far. First, I was in Dixon, Illinois the boyhood home of Ronald Reagan to premiere a commissioned work for the centennial of his birth. One afternoon, I was taken to Rochelle, Illinois where UP has a large intermodal yard. It also has a set of diamonds shared by BNSF and UP.

Ten trains an hour crisscross at this diamond. No sooner had a BNSF rolled by on my left than to my right a UP freight with a mid-train helper engine came by. It was freezing cold that day so I didn't spend an hour there. Interesting place - they have a viewing stand built for rail fans between the tracks.



Looking at the Big Guys



Views above of a Pam Am Railways, ex Guilford, ex B & M, freight as it moves through Lowell to Gardner, Massachusetts.



Left, the early BNSF paint scheme. Right, in Panama City, FL, the Genesee & Wyoming scheme for the Bay Line.

All photos on this page courtesy www.trainorders.com

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Larry's List - Check www.camrc.org for updates

April

16 - Saturday - Choo Choo Town Hall Theater
10:00 AM - Board Meeting
11:00 AM - General Meeting
Run Day after the General Meeting until 3:00 PM

May

14 - Saturday - Choo Choo Town Hall Theater
10:00 AM - Board Meeting
11:00 AM - General Meeting

June

18 - Saturday - Eagle Point Railroad Picnic

Conventions

May 20 - 22, 2011 - Macon Tracks 2011

Macon, GA, 2011 SER Convention
www.tface.org/2011.htm

July 3 - 9, 2011 - Extra 2011 West

Sacramento, CA, 76th NMRA National Convention
www.x2011west.org
www.x2011west.org/pdf/RegForm.pdf

July 29 - August 4, 2012 - Grand Rails 2012

Grand Rapids, MI, 77th NMRA National Convention
www.gr2012.org

July 14 - 20, 2013

Atlanta, GA

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Model Railroading is Fun. If you have suggestions about club activities contact Larry Jones.
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