

**Central Missouri Chapter  
Ozark Division  
Train Collectors Association  
November, 2015, Newsletter**

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### **The November Meeting**

We had a very nice turnout for the November meeting. The old modules were running find-an-indication that we did the right thing by deciding not to move them again. As usual we had an eclectic mix of old and new.

### **The Boring Talking Part**

The main item of discussion at the meeting was the upcoming swap meet. The details of moving and setting up the new modules were reviewed as well as the setup of the hall. We actually were able to load up the modules and supporting tables into the SUV's belonging to the two Lou's.

### **The Swap Meet**

The swap meet went off as scheduled. The modules went up very quickly Friday evening as

did the setup of the hall. We ended up selling 66 tables which is about the limit of what we can reasonably get into the area.

Mark Wahrenbrock set up the children's layout, and Ruben Bolton set up a really neat multi-level layout. Along with the S gauge modules there were lots of trains in operation. Clay Joiner unveiled his latest-a Civil War train-as usual you have to see it to believe what he can do.

We had 167 paid attendance and lots of children. The Center had breakfast and lunch available and everyone seemed to have a good time.

### **Lionel National Train Day**

Just a reminder that Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, is Lionel National Train Day. There will be events at all the shops in St. Louis-not sure about

those in KC but suspect that they will also have events. If you can't get to either city be sure to stop by M&M Golf Cars near Mexico as Mark is having events there also. That is the same day as the Ozark Division meet in St. Louis.

### **KCS Holiday Express**

Club President and chief KCS fan Dennis James reports the following: The KCS Holiday Express is on the move beginning November 27. It will be in our area as follows:

- Dec. 11 at 4:00 PM in Mexico
- Dec. 12 at 4:00 PM in Louisiana
- Dec. 13 at 4:00 PM in Roodhouse, IL
- Dec. 14 from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Union Station, St. Louis
- Dec. 15 at 4:00 PM in Slater, MO
- Dec. 16 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM for the public at Kansas City Union Station
- 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a private event
- December 17-20 various times at Kansas City Union Station.

The Holiday Express is a project of the Kansas City Southern Railroad and the Kansas City Southern Historical Society. Proceeds and donations go different non-profit entities along the KCS from DeRidder, Louisiana, to Roodhouse, Illinois. There is usually a long wait but the wait is worth it. There is a more information at the KCS website and its Facebook page.

### **Christmas Open House**

Once again John Becker is holding an open house at his home at 1507 Tide Water Dr. here in Columbia. The event will be on December 6th starting at 1:30. Everyone is asked to bring snacks to share. Please let John know if you plan to attend. His phone number is 573-449-4708, and his e-mail address is [JBBoxcar@aol.com](mailto:JBBoxcar@aol.com).

### **Regular December Meeting Canceled**

The regular December meeting is canceled due to the Christmas Party.

### **Speaking of Meets**

Here are events that are coming up in the near future.

Saturday & Sunday, November 28 & 29  
9 AM to 3 PM  
The Great Train Show  
Gateway Center  
Collinsville, IL

Sunday, November 29  
9 AM to 3 PM  
Mid America Train meet  
KCI EXPO CENTER  
11730 N. Ambassador Dr.  
Kansas City, MO

Saturday, December 5  
9 AM to 3 PM  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
9733 Olive  
St. Louis, MO

Saturday & Sunday, January 16, 2016  
St. Charles RR club meet  
9 AM to 3 PM  
Heart of St Charles Banquet Center  
1410 S 5th St  
St Charles, MO

### **The Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. See you there. Bring some trains to run.