

**Central Missouri Chapter
Ozark Division
Train Collectors Association
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The October Meeting

We had a very nice turnout for the October meeting. Our new President, Dennis James, was fully organized complete with a written agenda for the meeting. He called the Boring Talking Part to order before any trains could be run ran a tight ship! Of course afterward the trains came out and hit the rails. As usual we had an eclectic mix of old and new-even on the S gauge layout.

The Boring Talking Part

The main item of discussion at the meeting was the upcoming swap meet. Dick reported that we had sold about 40 tables at that point. The drill will be same as last year-the Senior Center will take care of the door and keep what they collect; we will keep the table fees. They will also have food available as last year.

John Becker reported that the Center has purchased additional tables but needs a few more. He told the center he would ask the club if we

would donate some money for additional tables. The group voted to donate \$100 to the Center. John said he knew the Center board would be grateful for the donation.

Dick reported that the TCA bulletin and the Division newsletter all advertized the meet. He said that it now appears that all the magazines want to be paid to run an ad for a swap meet so we don't have a notice in any of them-even the Rural Missourian now wants to be paid. We will run an ad it the Tribune again this year. Dick urged that everyone distribute flyers, post them on bulletin boards, etc. We do have flyers at the meets around the State and will get some publicity of radio and news local bulletin boards.

John Becker said that the person who helped set up and clean up last year is willing to do it again this year for the same amount. That way we won't have to worry about putting tables back, cleaning up, etc. The group agreed. John observed that with the new modules we won't need to rent a truck or seek extra help for moving. And if don't have to

rent any extra tables our budget should be in good shape.

Swap Meet Setup

There will be one more meeting prior to the meet but the details as of the October meeting are that John and Dick will be at the Senior Center at 4 p.m. to start setup of the tables. Everyone else should meet at the clubhouse at 6:30 to move the new modules and whatever scenery we want. The new modules only weight 18 pounds, and the support folding tables are about the same. Everything should fit into two SUV's or pickups. We will need additional vehicles for scenery items. Dick plans to be at the Center Saturday morning around 7 to open up for vendor setup.

Although we won't have to clean up after the meet we will need to move the modules back to the clubhouse so we will need members there around 3 p.m. And a further meet afterward for an adult beverage.

Lionel National Train Day

President James reports that Saturday, December 5th, is Lionel National Train Day. He says that there will be events at two locations in St. Louis-the Electric Train Outlet and Shaffers-and at M&M Golf Cars near Mexico. That is the same day as the Ozark Division meet in St. Louis. A fine opportunity to spend a day of "training" first at the Division meet and then on to the events.

Speaking of Meets

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

Saturday, November 7
9 AM to 3 PM
Central Missouri Chapter swap meet
Columbia Senior Center
1121 Business 70 East
Columbia, MO

Saturday, November 14
9 AM to 3 PM
Dupo Train meet
200 S. 5th Street
Dupo, IL

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

The Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 4th. See you there. Bring some trains to run.