

**Central Missouri Chapter  
Ozark Division  
Train Collectors Association  
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### **The February Meeting**

Once again we had a very nice turnout for the February meeting. And some nice trains were on the layout. Chuck Madinger had a very nice NYC streamline engine and heavyweight cars running. Among other trains, President Dennis had a brand new Lionel Legacy set of KCS E units pulling his MTH KCS passenger cars.

### **The Boring Talking Part**

The Paquin show will be on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a considerable discussion as to whether or not we should ask the Parks and Rec Department to move the new modules. The new ones are a bit more fragile than the old ones. The final decision was to ask Parks and Rec to move them. We will meet early on Saturday to move whatever scenery and electrical equipment we will need. Please mark your calendars to help out and to bring some trains to run.

Dues are due and still only \$5. Chuck Madinger asked to have the membership list sent out again. This has been done and a number of corrections were returned to your scribe. The list has been updated and if no more changes are sent it, the revised list will be sent out.

There was some discussion regarding plans that Parks and Rec have for upgrading and repairing various parks including Rock Quarry. Dennis reports that we may have to pack up and vacate our area while they refurbish it. He will talk to the P&R folks for more information. He also indicated that when we reassemble the old modules that will be the ideal time to make needed repairs.

There has been an organizational meeting of the proposed HO gauge club at the downtown Methodist Church. There appears to be some big plans. The reported suggested dues will be \$20/mo.

## **RMT Closing Its Doors**

Walt Matuch, owner of RMT trains, producer of such renowned products as the Beeps, has announced his retirement. RMT is closing its doors. If you want some of their products and haven't gotten them, you better get on it as the remaining inventory is going fast. Check out his web site at [www.readymadetoys.com](http://www.readymadetoys.com). Another of our favorite line of trains is closing its doors. There has been some discussion that another firm may continue some of the products.

## **New Lionel Catalog Available**

The first 2016 Lionel catalog is now out. You can find one at your local hobby source or check it out on-line on the Lionel web site. Lots of new stuff to tempt you. Lionel tubular track continues to be offered in the new catalog.

## **Mendards Continues To Add Items**

Mendards has suddenly emerged at a major supplier of lower cost O gauge structures and rolling stock. Some new items have just been announced. And Mendards is now also selling O gauge tubular track. Check it out at <http://www.menards.com>.

## **Speaking of Meets**

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

Sunday, February 14  
Warrior Express meet  
9 AM to 3 PM  
751 Jeffco Blvd  
Arnold, MO 63010

Saturday, March 5  
9 AM to 3 PM  
Route 66 Train Show  
St. Bridget School Gym  
Osage Rd (Bus I-44) between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Pacific, MO

Saturday and Sunday, March 5 & 6  
9 AM to 3 PM  
Worlds Greatest Hobby on Tour  
American Royal Complex  
1701 American Royal Complex  
Kansas City, MO 64102

Saturday, March 19  
9 AM to 3 PM  
Paquin Show  
Paquin Towers

## **The Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016. See you there. Bring some trains to run. And don't forget dues are due.