

Central Missouri Chapter Ozark Division Train Collectors Association

Newsletter
July, 2016

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The July Meeting

Lou Eggerding did a masterful job of substituting for President James in his absence. In addition to our regulars, we were joined by David Faust. Welcome, David!

The Boring Talking Part

There was nothing boring about this meeting. It was all exciting!

The Not-So-Boring Talking Part

Several members of the club had the opportunity to visit another Park Department site with the possibility that our current location might be razed in the near future. More information on this visit will be available later. Lou Eggerding reported on his recent visit to the TCA Convention in Houston. He observed

a marked improvement in the TCA financial situation when compared with last year. The new TCA Treasurer reported that the organization now has a surplus of \$25,000 as opposed to its deficit one year ago. One example is that he moved funds from a non-interest bearing investment to a low-risk fund with a 5% return. During the TCA meeting Lou suggested that the dues be lowered. He was informed that it would be taken under advisement.

Speaking of Trains

Lou also reported that TCA Clubs from throughout Texas had at least 20 layouts operating, which thrilled children of all ages. The Austin, TX group admitted visitors for free, but did charge \$5 per child, allowing them to operate a train for 10 minutes. Lou suggested that this would be a good way to raise funds at our

November show. He concluded his remarks with a glowing report on the upcoming TCA Conventions which will be held in Pittsburgh, PA (2017) and Providence, RI (2018).

Speaking of Meets

Upcoming meets include:

Belleville, IL, July 23rd and 24th

LCCA, Kansas City, MO July 25th to 30th

Warrenton, MO, August 6th

KC Mid-America Show, August 7th

TCA Summer Train Meet, August 20th,

Nashville, TN

Boeing/Queeny Park, September 10th

Decatur, IL, September 17th and 18th

Wabash Historical Society, September

17th,

Moberly, MO

Monroe, WI, September 24th and 25th

Wichita, KS, September 24th and 25th

York, PA, October 20th, 21st, and 22nd

Columbia, MO TCA, November 5th

Collinsville, IL, November 26th and 27th

Treasurer's Report

John Becker reported that there was approximately \$600 in our treasury.

The Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 3rd promptly between 7:00 and 7:30.

On a personal note, your Secretary would like to thank Hank and Susan Stoltz and Tom Hourigan for their unbelievable assistance at the Galesburg train show.