

Central Missouri Chapter TCA Newsletter

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UP DD35

Since Lionel has a model of the big UP “double diesel” in the latest catalog, your scribe thought it might be interesting to post a photo of one of the real thing. This one happens to be a DD35 as opposed to a DD40 but both are very similar. And they are huge! They may be the only diesels built with four axle trucks. The units were mainly used out west where the grades require lots of power and the curves are broad. If memory serves, the first units built were actually B units meant to be sandwiched between two A units like SD40’s.

The October Meeting

The October meeting was another busy one. The TMCC system was completely gone through, corrections were made and connections were repaired with the result that everything was running correctly again. Looks like some track cleaning is going to be in order, and possibly a few track connections need to be tightened but trains were running again on all tracks.

There were some unusual trains on the layout. Pete brought some interurban cars, and Chuck Madiger had a neat little armored Army train. We thought maybe there was something wrong with Gary's set of Santa Fe FT's but after the TMCC was reconnected it ran just fine

A short business meeting was held. The November 20 show was discussed. Your scribe reported that he had taken about 40 flyers to the Boeing meet and they were all taken. A discussion was held on where else to take them. Your scribe suggested that he would E-mail out a copy of the flyer to everyone so they could make copies and take them wherever they thought might be helpful. Dennis is going to have a considerable number copied at Kinko's and take them to all the shops in St. Louis.

All of the arrangements have been made for the Knight's Hall. President James reiterated the need for all able bodies to be at the clubhouse and the Knight's Hall both Friday night and Saturday afternoon for the moves. Ruben will make arrangements for the van. Advertising was discussed and those present decided to continue with the radio ads on KXIX and KRES, and the ads at the Tribune. Your scribe also sends information to the local radio stations, the entertainment section of the newspapers, and the City calendar of events. Other suggested locations were bulletin boards at antique malls and churches.

Several new members were present for the meeting. And an initial discussion was held regarding a Christmas party. It most likely will be held the first week in December in lieu of a regular December meeting. Stay tuned for more information.

Union Pacific 844

The UP 844 was back and forth through mid-Missouri in early October. Several club members

were out chasing it. Pete got a spectacular photo as it went by at full speed and with full smoke.

New MTH Catalog

By the time you read this newsletter there will be a new MTH catalog out-2011 Vol I. It will be available on-line around the middle of the month. The hard copy, if you can find one, won't be available until after the York meet later in October.

Off To York

Several of our club members are off to York for their first time. We will most likely be regaled by stories of their adventures when they get back with their arms full of trains and empty bank accounts.

Speaking of Meets

There won't be much happening in terms of meets until just before our meet in November. But there will be lots going on after that.

November 13, 2010
Gateway Division fall meet
Trinity Lutheran Church
14088 Clayton Rd
Ballwin, MO

November 20, 2010
Central Missouri Chapter swap
meet
Knights of Columbus Hall
2525 N. Stadium Blvd
Columbia, MO

November 27 & 28, 2010
Great Train Expo
Gateway Center
Collinsville, IL

November 28, 2010
Mid-America Meet
I-435 and Front St.
Kansas City, MO

December 4, 2010
Great TCA Christmas meet
Immanuel Lutheran Church
9733 Olive Blvd
Olivette, MO

That list should give everyone ample opportunity to fill their Christmas list.

The November Meeting

The regular meeting for November will be held at the clubhouse on Wednesday, November 3rd, at the regular time-promptly between 7 and 7:30 PM. It will be time for any last minute “tweaks” to the layout, and we will be dismantling it and getting ready to transport it to the Knight’s Hall. After that we will see you at the clubhouse at 6 PM, Friday, November 19th, and again at the Knight’s Hall on the 20th.

Mark your calendars now! See you there!