



**JANUARY 2015 EDITION**  
**Club 'E' Newsletter**

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Hello and I hope all of you had a joyous holiday and wish all of you a happy and healthy new year.

We have a lot of new and exciting events scheduled this year. From the

newly formed Tin-Plate Group to the awesome Bastian Event Center . . . it has never been a better time to be a NEW O-Gauger.

**SWAP MEET REPORT**

On October 26, the NEW O-Gaugers held their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual First Freeze Train Show and Swap Meet at Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay. It was yet another good turnout with just over 300 paid through the door. It probably would have been a lot more, but it was a beautiful fall day. I think the last one we had for the year. Good turnout by vendors and workers. We're locked in again for next year.

**CHRISTMAS TRAIN GIVEAWAY**

On November 18, 2014, our club along with the Salvation Army once again presented Lionel train sets to eight deserving children at the Salvation Army location in Green Bay. We had set up trains to run around 4:00 p.m. The parents and children came in shortly after and our program started at 6:00 p.m. We had a good turnout of members and it was a great time to mingle with the children and the very appreciative parents. TV Channels 5 and 11 were on site and gave us some good press coverage. This program has been a great public relations event for the club and has been funded by monies generated by the fall train show and swap meet and by donations. Thanks again to those of you who showed up and helped to make this event a success.

This year's recipients were:

- Reid Van Dyn Hoven – Train Show
- Annessa Schimke – Strawberry Fest – Dennis Phillips & Bob Leonowicz
- Isaiah Kempen – James Bastian
- John Zepp – James Bastian
- Nathen, Braden and Skyla Meyer – Al Stary
- Eathan Scray – Nan Paul Salvation Army
- Clyde Ninham – Nan Paul Salvation Army
- Thomas Heisel – Brown County Sheriff's Dept.

**CLIFF WALL SHOW**

The annual Cliff Wall Train Show was held Saturday, December 6, at the Subaru dealership in Green Bay. The show was another great success. Good membership turnout; the crowd was good also. The train layout ran well and the weather was good. A pizza lunch was provided by Cliff Wall for all the members and was, as usual, a great hit. Thanks again to Jim Yursis for his help and planning and Dennis Mayer for pulling the club trailer to and from the show.

**POINT BEACH SHOW**

The annual Point Beach Train Show will be held this year on Sunday, January 25, from 11:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. at the Point Beach Energy Information Center, 6400 Nuclear Road, Two Rivers, WI. Set up will take place on Saturday, January 24, from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. We're expecting another good turnout this year. Ken Cracraft will be the Superintendent and can be reached at 920-793-1004 or [Kadec01@hotmail.com](mailto:Kadec01@hotmail.com) for more information. We're hoping all members will take part in this terrific show. It has been a great fundraiser for the club as well.



## THE ANNUAL CLUB SOCIAL

This year the annual Club Social will be held at Wertel's Tap, 2545 Manitowoc Road, Green Bay, on Saturday, January 17, with cocktails at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dennis Phillips is once again Event Chairman and rumor has it Mr. Al Stary will be this year's MC. John Melendy and Pat Driscoll will be singing and playing guitar. For more info, call Dennis Phillips at 920-494-4919.

## THE NEW O-GAUGER'S FUN RUN AT THE BASTIAN EVENT CENTER

Well it's finally ready. We have a place to call a club house. The BEC is up and operational. We had eighteen club members running trains on December 13 and twelve on January 3. The yard is filling up with trains and scenery. Everybody enjoyed the layout. A special thanks to Ken Cracraft, Jim Bastian and the BEC Steering Committee for all their hard work. The schedule is:

December 13 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 to 7:00 p.m.
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00 to 7:00 p.m.
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Club Social – No Run
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Point Beach Show – No Run
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 to 8:00 p.m.
February 9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Fun Run)
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Fun Run – Open to Public)
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	1:00 to 7:00 p.m.
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

At the Fun Run there will be one shift Monday thru Friday and two shifts on Saturday. Food and refreshments will be available.

We are in need of people to help prepare and serve on the Food Committee for the Fun Run, as well as other committees.

If you are able to help and donate some time, please let us know by contacting Ken Cracraft at 920-793-1004. As members you are strongly encouraged to participate and help make this Open House and club fundraiser a great success.



## TIN PLATE GROUP

The NEW O-Gauger's Tin Plate Group will be setting up again this year at the N.E.W. Hobby Toy and Train Show at Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay on March 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Set up will be at 7:00 a.m. Come out and take a look at this fine Tin-Plate layout.



Be Active & Participate In Club Activities

## SHORT SPIKES

Just a reminder . . . this is your club; it is everything you want it to be. There are

opportunities for all members to participate in club events. Show Superintendents are always looking for help. There are committees and workshops planned for the upcoming year. Members are also welcome to sit in on the Throttle Committee meetings at any time. If you have a skill related to the hobby, we would like to have you share your ideas with the members. Feel free to contact any of our officers or a committee for ways to help.



## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Dennis Verhyen – Greenleaf  
Steven Palazzolo – Green Bay  
Dave Sprister – Little Chute

That will bring the club total membership up to (I believe) 51 members. This is a new record for the club. If you see any of these guys, don't hesitate to stop and say hello, introduce yourself, and welcome them to the best Model Train Club around.

## REMINDER

If you have a change of address, phone or email, please let us know by contacting Bob Leonowicz at 920-465-7913, James Bastian at 920-989-1729, or Steve Kehoe at 906-863-7644. Thanks!!



## THROTTLE COMMITTEE MEETING – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Throttle Committee – General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, February 7, 8:00 a.m. at Wertel's Tap, 2545 Manitowoc Road, Green Bay. The General Membership will follow at starting at 9:00 a.m. Members should plan on staying and having lunch, if possible. There is no charge for the room if we stay for lunch. Hope to see you there.

## SPECIAL THANKS, AL!

A special thanks to Al Gosda for his many years of service to the club as a T C member, officer, friend and charter member. Al is a Florida resident and will be back in Wisconsin for a limited time during the warmer months. Warmest wishes from all of us to Al and his wife, Carol.

## 2014 – 2015 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

### OFFICERS

Conductor (President Expires 2017)  
 Bob Leonowicz 920-465-7913  
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Engineer (Vice-President Expires 2017)  
 Steve Kehoe 906-863-7644

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Throttle Committee  
 Bob Leonowicz (2017)  
 Steve Kehoe (2017)  
 Jim LaMalfa (2015)  
 James Bastian (2015)  
 Ken Cracraft (2016)  
 Dane Dale (2015)  
 Mike Conard (2016)

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### Membership Committee

Jim LaMalfa - Chairman, Steve Kehoe,  
 Milt Krause, Dave Achtner

### Layout Committee

Jim Bastian – Chairman, Dan Dale,  
 Mike Conard, Milt Krause, Fritz Schulz

### Swap Meet Committee:

Bob Leonowicz – Chairman, Jim Bastian,  
 Ron Westerhouse, Dennis Mayer, Dennis  
 Phillips, Pete Kober, Jerry Julius, Tom Staszak

### Fun Run Committee

Mike Conard – Chairman, Milt Krause,  
 Jim Bastian, Dennis Phillips, Pete Kober

### Historian

Jim LaMalfa

### Al Kliviticus Christmas Train Donations

Bob Leonowicz – Chairman

### Electrical Engineer

John Melendy

### Public Relations

Mike Conard

### Newsletter Editor

Bob Leonowicz

# 2014 – 2015 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

## **Annual Kick-Off Membership Meeting**

September 6, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.  
Jim Bastian's Farm

## **Throttle Committee Meeting**

October 25, 2014  
Host: Bob L Residence

## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Swamp Meet & Train Show**

October 26, 2014  
Riverside Ballroom, Green Bay  
Chairman: Bob L

## **Al Klavicies Train Give Away**

November 18, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. Set-Up  
Salvation Army Office  
626 Union Court, Green Bay  
Chairman: Bob L

## **Cliff Wall Train Show**

December 6, 2014 – 6:00 a.m. Set-Up  
Chairman: Jim Yursis

## **Club Social**

January 17, 2015  
Cocktails 5:00 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Wertel's Tap  
2545 Manitowoc Rd., Green Bay  
Chairman: Dennis Phillips

## **Point Beach Train Show**

January 25, 2015  
Set-Up January 24 at 9:00 a.m.  
Superintendent: Ken Cracraft

## **TC and General Membership Meeting**

February 7, 2015  
TC 8:00 a.m.  
General Membership 9:00 a.m.  
Wertel's Tap

2445 Manitowoc, Rd., Green Bay  
Lunch to follow

## **2015 Fun Run Train Show (BEC)**

February 9-13, 1:00-8:00 p.m. (Club)  
February 14, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Public)  
Superintendent: Mike Conard, 920-336-8905

## **Tin Plate Layout at NEW Toy & Train Show**

March 1, 2015, 6:00 a.m. Set-Up  
Riverside Ballroom, Green Bay  
Co-Chairmen: Brian Gillaume, Dennis Phillips

## **Throttle Committee Meeting**

April 11, 2015  
Time and Place TBD

## **Title Town Train Show**

April 25-26, 2015  
Set-Up 12:00 noon April 24  
Shopko Hall, Green Bay  
Superintendents:  
Jonathon Menting, Dennis Phillips

## **Calumet County Steam Engine Train Show**

August 15-17, 2015  
Calumet County Fairgrounds, Chilton  
Jim Bastian

## **Brown County Fair Train Show**

August 20-24, 2015  
If we are invited

## **Calumet County Train Show**

August 28-31, w015  
Superintendent: Jim Bastian

## **Annual Kick-Off Meeting**

September 5, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.  
Place TBD