

The Railjoinder

SASME ANNUAL AUCTION

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Our annual Christmas Auction will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at the San Pedro Chapel, 5230 E Ft. Lowell Rd. RR cross-bucks will mark the driveway. The "festivities" will start at 12 Noon with lunch first, then fun. The auction will start after everyone has had some food (around 1pm?). There are a number of items already donated for the auction. However, as always, please bring model railroad items

you have discovered you no longer need because there is probably someone in the club who would like to have them and is willing to pay! Remember, all proceeds from the auction go to SASME. This event raises money for the club AND we have a good time. The auction is open to current and past club members; the purpose is to HAVE FUN!!

Remember to bring a little something to eat

and share with others; we never lack for food! There are NO door prize or refreshment assignments for December.

There will be an operating session Wednesday, Dec. 3 (in place of the meeting). The meeting has been moved to Saturday, Dec. 6 at the auction. Wednesday, Dec. 3 will be an Operating Session. Don't forget you name badges Dec. 6 as this is a "business meeting".

OPERATIONS

SASME tries to have two Standard Gauge operating sessions each month. One is on the 3rd Saturday morning and the other is on the last Wednesday evening. There is one Narrow Gauge operating session on the 2nd Saturday morning each month. Look for emails regarding the operating sessions. The Calendar on page 2 has potential dates

CLINICS AND PRESENTATIONS

Jan. 14 there will be a Clinic/Presentation about DCC. There are some new members who want to learn more about it. They know it works fine but would like to know more about the signals on the track, etc.

There was a Clinic/Presentation in November about the power distribution on the layout as well as reversing loops and powering the turnout frogs. There was a good amount of discus-

sion from members who have some knowledge of this topic.

At this time there is only one planned but this should lead to other Clinic/Presentations about the DCC system, use of the throttles, programming decoders, etc. There is a lot that "goes on behind the curtain". It seems when we have these discussions there are always a lot of questions. As the saying goes "ther's no such thing as a dumb question". Feel free to ask!!

Special points of interest:

See Calendar on page 2 for Business Meeting dates.

35 Regular Members

0 Applicant Members

AROUND THE LAYOUT



WHAT'S AN EXTRA??



HELP!! WHAT DOES THIS MEAN??

NEW TURNOUT ON
OCOTILLO LOOP

CALENDAR: Business Meetings and Operations

Business Meetings

Dec. 6 (at the Auction), Jan. 7, and
Feb. 4

Clinics/Presentations

Dec. 10: NONE

Jan. 14: DCC101—Richard Dick

Feb. 11: OPEN

Narrow Gauge Operations (Sat. 9 AM)

Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. TBD

Standard Gauge Operations (Sat. 9 AM)

Dec. 3, Jan. 17, Feb. TBD

Standard Gauge Operations (Wed Even- ings)

Dec. 3; no meeting; (replaces Nov. 26)

Dec. 24, 31: NONE (Christmas and New
Year's Eve)

Jan. 28, Feb. 25

Run-What-You-Brung (Wednesday Eve- nings)

Dec. 10, 17 (and Christmas Eve and
New Year's Eve for those who want to)

Jan. 21

Feb. 18

***Be sure to check for emails or the SASME bulletin boards for
any date changes that may occur.***

MEMBER NEWS

We now have 35 regular members including one "winter-time member", Jim Fairbanks. There was one member added this quarter; Ryan Gallagher (#321).

Jim Morris (#316) has taken a Leave of Absence.

Andy forwarded an email to me from Marty Harrison (#82), a past member. He stopped by SASME

Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Eve). Mark Kahn and Dustin Duke were there. He lives in Knob Noster, MO, and his email address is on his email. He will be added to the SASME RAILJOINER email list. He is still active in model railroading (1/2" scale live steam) and volunteers at the Big Creek and Southern Railroad near Kansas City.

RAILFAN EVENT

SASME had a Railfanning Event Saturday, Nov. 22 at Cienega Creek Crossing. While the weather was iffy, turns out it was good except windy. There were 7 members and 2 guests, and an AMTRAK train and 1 UP freight train. This was the "picnic" even though there were no grills; it was bring your own food.