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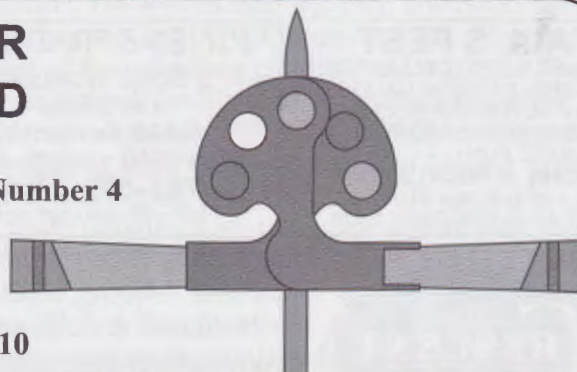
Cover: S scale and the NASG had a nice presence at the 75th anniversary convention in Milwaukee in July 2010. Larry Blank of the Milwaukee area won Modular awards for his S Scale Ahanapee & Western modules. Will Holt points to the NASG booth sign. Most of the displays were his doing. The BSG and CAGS clubs had a combined layout there also.

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Last Run **Bill Mark, Jr.** by Jeff Madden

Bill Mark, Jr., his wife Harriet and often Bill III were fixtures at most conventions and S events in the last 15 years seated mostly behind the Clearing House table.



Bill Jr., 75, of Pleasant Valley, NY, passed away in June. He leaves behind a legacy of efficiently operating the NASG Clearing House for 15 years - since 1995 when he took over from Dave Bailey. He was honored with the Bernie Thomas Award for his service with the Clearing House in 1995. Bill was an

active member of the Connecticut S Gaugers.

Following are the words of Craig O'Connell, editor of the Connecticut club's newsletter: "Bill was known for so many things they are far too numerous

to mention. He was an avid traveler, always in pursuit of lighthouses and NASG conventions. He entered the best of the modeling contests and walked off with many an award for his fine scale craftsmanship. He and Harriet regularly hosted the CSG meeting each September at their home in Pleasant Valley. Harriet would always cook up a storm as Bill shared his latest S scale pursuits with the many guests who would attend. As club member Pieter Roos wrote in one of the online groups, 'Bill was a stand-out and a pleasure to know. The members of the Connecticut S Gaugers were often privileged to visit bill and family and see the progress on the layout Bill shared with his son bill Mark III, usually followed by a meal and social time...' Indeed, Bill was a joy to know, and I know I speak for everyone in our club who knew him when I say that his departure will leave us all with an irreplaceable void. Bill was a bigger than life human being with a heart of gold." To see photos of Bill's family and layout try this website: <http://trainweb.org/csg/markjr/mark.html>.

I was fortunate at having known Bill and his family during my tenure as editor (1993 'til now). I pretty much matched Bill's chairing of the Clearing House since 1995. I also feel fortunate that my wife and I were able to visit his home in 2008 following the Lowell convention. Down the road I'll try to reminisce by sharing some photos of Bill's layout. Yes, the S world will miss him. Others are welcome to send me some photos, etc. - Jeff



NASG NEWS

Elections Coming up: Attention, attention - Next year is an election year for the Executive Vice President, Secretary and the 3 regional VPs. Elections Chairman Jamie Bothwell says he needs your intent to run or a nomination by Nov. 30. Elections will be in the spring of 2011.

- Contact: Jamie Bothwell (address and phone in Directory) email: vze4cs43@verizon.net

Dues Increase: The BOT has voted to increase the dues to \$25 effective 1/1/11. They will accept pre-payment of dues (up to 5 years **at the old rate**) if received by 12/31/10. This discount is being offered in trade for

advance use of the money. There is no refund of pre-paid dues, so any one pre-paying is committed to living (and enjoying membership) the full term. The reasons the BOT chose this route are that (1) costs have increased since the last increase (postage especially, and it's going up again). (2) Dues do not cover our core printing costs.

- Dave Blum, Executive VP

Brick Building: There are still a few left. There will be a review coming up that will give some ideas of modifications that can be done. See ad in back of this Directory issue.



S RAIL MAIL

New Club: Our Piedmont S Gaugers club was formed approximately two years ago. We are promoting S gauge model railroading in the Charlotte and Western North Carolina area as well as upstate South Carolina and Eastern Tennessee. We are fortunate to have members that have been in S gauge for many years including David Bulkin, who started the *S Gauge Herald* many years ago.

The wealth of knowledge shared by our approximately 20 members has contributed to our success in a short period of time. We are in the process of updating our modules to NASG standards using S Helper #155 code flex track. This allows us to run scale, hi-rail or original Flyer at model train shows in this region. We participate in 8-10 shows a year including our annual Holiday Run lasting 6 weeks at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. This presentation runs from Thanksgiving thru the first week of January. For anyone interested in joining our group, attending shows, participating in or just needing info about the Piedmont S Gaugers, please contact one of the following: Bill Ware - sgtbware@yahoo.com or Larry Moore - mo2337@msn.com. Our goal is to promote S gauge model railroading by keeping it simple and having fun running trains. *Larry Moore is also in the Directory - phone 828-645-9941.*

- Larry Moore

Oops, Wrong pix in June issue: Got this issue a few days ago, more of your good work. In my story of "Loads for 'S' Scale Open Top Cars" You put in the wrong picture for #2. the Rex PRR flat with Gen Set load. Otherwise just fine.

- Ed Kirstatter. *Yup, I'll put the right one in October or December. Jeff*

Liked the 50th Convention: Unlike other convention goers that have posted, Deane & I have not yet made it back home - our trip is ~1700 miles and almost 27 hours driving, not including stops. (Our son took the easy route and flew on to Arizona for another two weeks vacation.) We made a few stops along the way home yesterday to visit layouts (Ken Zieska, Steve Doyle, and Dave Jasper) and today to visit (and leave cash :-)) that great midwest hobby shop called Des Plaines Hobbies (nice new larger shop a few hundred feet from its old location). If all goes as planned we'll roll into home Tuesday night.

Like many others we want to say how much we really enjoyed the convention and pre/post activities, and we

extend our thanks to the Pines & Prairies group for their hospitality and organizing and running a great convention. It was a jam packed convention - but we managed to fit in all the rail tours (Glen Sheen on our own pre-convention), plus driving a full size locomotive, bidding in the silent auction, spending time in the vendor hall to browse and purchase, and promoting Pine Canyon Scale Models and selling some of our in-production kits. All this was capped off with a super banquet, excellent keynote (Tony Koester), and the live auction with auctioneer and comedian Jamie Bothwell. And, of course, it's always fun visiting with friends across the hobby...My major regret was missing several excellent clinics (have we ever considered video taping these and making a post convention replay available?).

Congratulations to the 2010 NASG Award winners:

- Bernie Thomas Award - Ron & Susan Sebastian
- Charlie Sandersfeld Award - Grand River Models
- Perles Award - S scale article - Paul Scoles

Again our thanks to all involved and a special thanks to Jan & Walt Jopke.

Hope to see you all in Sacramento in 2011 if not before! And don't forget to get your orders in for the new S freight cars and load that will be released for the 2011 convention.

- Regards, Michael Greene

Sunkist Packing Shed: Hi S-scale group - I want to thank you for your interest in Showcase Miniatures S scale Sunkist packing shed. This is my first post here (Yahoo Group). I joined today, Ed Hannon suggested that I join and let you know that I was intending to make more of the S scale Sunkist packing sheds. I had been recently getting calls from a few S scalers asking when I would be offering Sunkist Shed again in S scale. I originally made them in 2006 for the NASG. Later in 2007 I made a second run. Anyway I am planning on making the third run of these models and I have been hoping I could reach a few of you and let you know. If you are interested or just want to know more about the models I have posted an update on the Showcase Miniatures website www.showcaseminiatures.com If you decide to visit the website you will also notice that I have an additional S scale item listed. A picture is worth a thousand words so I will have it posted there on the website tomorrow. In brief it is tooth that can be added to the saw tooth roof extending the model an additional 4 and 1/4 inches per section (tooth). I also want to thank those of you on the list here the purchased one from the last two runs I made of the model. You S scalers have been really good to me and I appreciate it.

- Sincerely Joe Warren

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Jeff's Junction



NASG 50, NMRA 75...

Two model railroad organizations celebrated landmark anniversaries this year and both had conventions back to back this summer in the mid-west. Of course, we're well aware that our NASG is marking its 50th this year. The larger NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) adds 25 years to ours and is celebrating 75 years as an organization.

NASG: The NASG began around 1960 rather informally - first as circuit letters, then with a column printed in the *S Gauge Herald* which lasted until 1978. The NASG sort of merged with the NESGA as far as conventions were concerned until 1972 in Kansas City when the annual event was titled NASG. The NESGA just sort of faded away.

It was not until 1976 though that the NASG formally had a constitution, elected officers and a formal dues structure. This occurred interestingly at the only NASG convention out of the lower 48 U.S. - Ottawa, Canada.

NMRA: The NMRA began in 1935 in Milwaukee spurred on by local model railroaders, several O scale clubs around the country, Kalmbach and Walthers. The local Model Railroad Club of Milwaukee actually organized the first convention. The main purpose for forming the NMRA was to set and promote manufacturing standards for the good of the hobby and to stabilize model railroad manufacturer's practices. A few years later in 1943 the NMRA officially gave the title of S (CD going back to 1937) to 3/16" scale.

O and then HO were the big dogs for most NMRA members and manufacturers for many years, and as the standards became universal these scales stabilized and, of course, HO grew like wildfire after WWII. The other scales - O, S, TT, OO, and N - grew for a while too, but TT and OO soon faded out. These scales were able to look to the NMRA for help with standards. Likewise for the narrow gauges of these scales.

Interestingly, the early number of NMRA members in the early 1940s was less than today's NASG membership - about 1800 members. Now, the NMRA has 20,000 plus.

When the NASG, under the tutelage of Bernie Thomas and Ed Schumacher got more formal and more promotional in the 1960s and 1970s, the NMRA was looked up to as a father figure. Early in the 1970s the NASG was often partnering with the NMRA regions for conventions - such as Willow Grove (Philadelphia) in 1973. I actually attended that one but not as an S scaler.

During these early years for S most NESGA and NASG members like Frank Titman, Lee Johnson, Dick Karnes and Ed Loizeaux considered themselves scalers and not hi-railers or tinplaters. In actuality some, by today's standards, would be hi-railers. But, like our big brother O scale, S scale evolved into a hybrid due to a resurgence of the toy ends of the scales. With Lionel bringing back AF from the dead and the birth of our major hi-rail manufacturers (that's where most of the market was), the NASG and S as a whole had to cater to all aspects of the scale. The NMRA, on the other hand, was (and still is) able to stick to its all-scale roots for the most part since the hi-rail and tinplate side of scales like O and S have splintered off to their own organizations - NASG, TCA, TTOS plus dedicated specialty magazines like the *Dispatch*, *S Gaugian*, *Classic Toy Trains*, *The TCA Quarterly* and *O Gauge Railroading*. Even with this situation our scale standards were upgraded and approved by the NMRA a few years ago.

Congratulations to both organizations on anniversaries and on longevity. My prediction - the NMRA might be pushed to involve itself more and more with other scales besides HO - maybe more emphasis on S, O, G and the respective narrow gauges. On30 is popular, but I think the NMRA rivet counters still have conflicting views on the 42" gauge which had very limited use as a prototype in the U.S. Time will tell.

Gee, maybe S will strike a chord someday and become a cult hit like On30, maybe even supplanting it. Wishful thinking, maybe.

Note: Check out our SIG on the NMRA website (nmra.org) under 1/64. This needs dumped or changed. It should also be under S Scale in my opinion. B.O.T. have at it.

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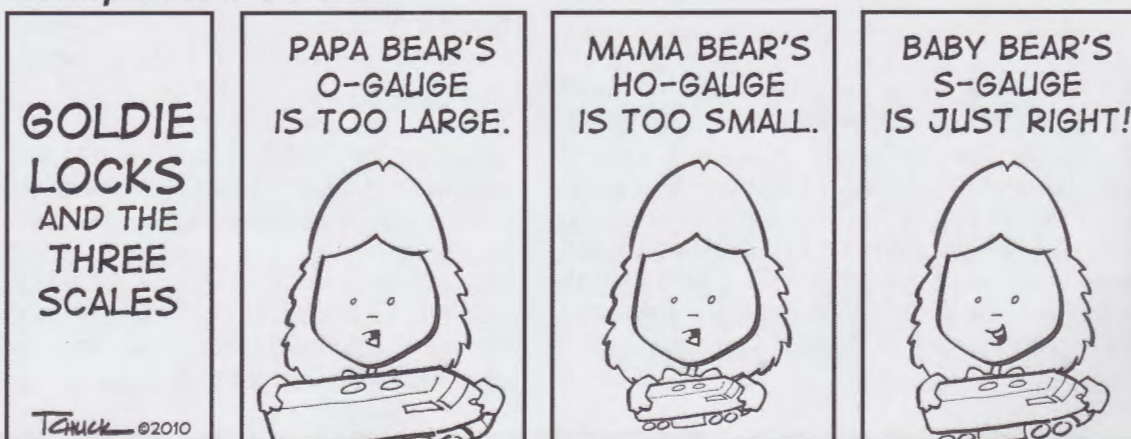
Update From Smoky Mountain: Now that the H10-44 is in production and shipments have started trickling out, I'm now researching the next project: the GE 44-tonner in Phase Ia (no front grill) and Phase IVb (with front grill). The kit will consist of a 1-pc urethane body on a RTR mechanism wired for DC. Since the motor is isolated from the frame, splicing into the DC wires to convert to DCC is simple. Many parts from the 70-tonner kit offered last year are common to the 44-tonner so the anticipated production time will be shorter than normal.

Due to the shortened R&D-to-production cycle, there will not be enough time to receive a deposit, then send in the balance only a couple weeks later. If you're interested in purchasing 1 or more, now's the time to act. Payment in full is required to place/reserve your order. Each kit is priced at \$325; shipping per order is \$10 regardless of order quantity (Lower 48); International shipments, AK and HI require more. Please mail a check or MO to my address below; if using PayPal, use my email address and add 3.5% to the TOTAL order (including shipping) to cover PP's fee to me.

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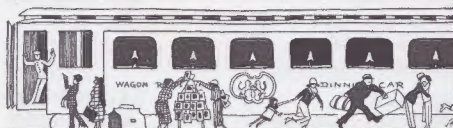
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July 3-9, 2011: X2011 NASG (NMRA) Convention. Sacramento, California.
This will be a joint convention with the NMRA. www.x2011west.org.

Aug. 7-12, 2012: NASG Annual Convention, Chattanooga, TN. Details TBA.

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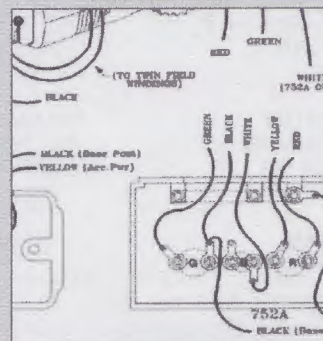
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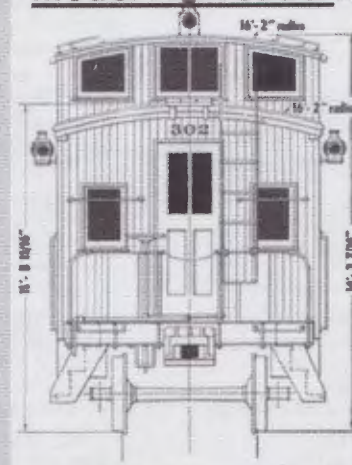


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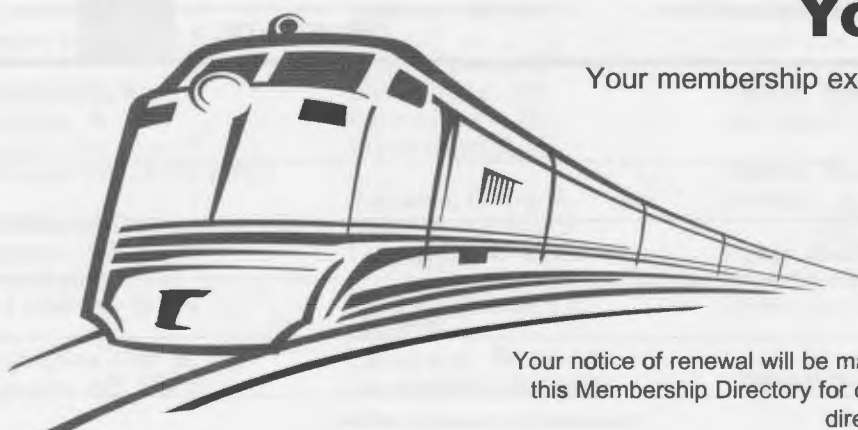
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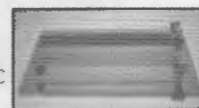
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