

Ozark Garden Railway Society Dispatch



November 2011

October Meeting



Dennis and Martha Rayon hosted the October Meeting at their home in Mt. Vernon Missouri. Before lunch, the club members got to view the several changes that Dennis had made to the Rabbit Mountain Railroad over the last several months. One major change was the extension of the layout. Dennis had several tons of rock (large rock) brought in to build Rabbit Mountain. The new track addition winds around the large mountain. This raises the trains up to about shoulder height for much better viewing. It also creates the feel of a high mountainous region. The only thing missing is snow on the mountain peak. But, that will be happening in the near future.



The expansion was not the only change; Dennis had also added several new buildings to the layout. The newest building is water mill which will soon be finding its place on the layout. It is always a treat to view Dennis's very detailed models. At lunch members were in for another great treat. Dennis and Martha served their guests a very delicious turkey lunch. **EXCELLENT! Thank you, Dennis and Martha, for a great time.**

November Meeting

Because of Thanksgiving, the November meeting will be on Saturday the 12th instead of the third Saturday of the month. Rex and Melanie Easterly will be hosting the meeting at their home in Springfield.

Start arriving at around 11:30 a.m. and we will eat at about 12:30 p.m. Melanie is planning two types of chili.....a "White" Chili and regular traditional chili. You can bring your favorite crackers, cheese, (Balls or dip) and, of course, deserts. We will have cold drinks and possibly some hot cider or coffee. Might bring some lawn chairs, but we may not need them pending on the weather....Dress accordingly. Trains will be running unless we are having heavy rain. Directions to our home are: Take Chestnut Expressway Exit off of Hwy 65 in Springfield, and go east. Chestnut turns into East Farm Road 132 as you leave Springfield City limits. Go approximately three miles to 4-way Stop. Continue straight through stop to Second house on Right, not counting house on corner at 4-way stop. (Additional parking is available if you go to next drive past our house and park behind our house next to RV.) Address is: 6004 East Farm Road 132, Springfield, MO for those using GPS.

Work was begun on layout in mid-July of this summer. There is Not Yet a name for the RR, so you can make suggestions as you visit. This can be our Club activity. The names of "Rabbit Mountain" and "Keeps us Broke" are both already taken, but either would be appropriate, as at least eight Rabbits live in backyard with Railroad. Plans are for RR to have mainline curves of 20' diameter and 16' on Branch lines. I may use some 10' diameter on industrial sidings. The Frisco RR and Missouri Pacific Lines RR will be represented. Primary equipment will be Standard Gauge (1/29th) during transition period from steam to early diesel. Of Course any train of any vintage, will be welcomed on layout at any time. I currently have "Older" Aristo DC control System. I will probably try DCC before I switch to batteries, like Wes.....and Craig.....and Dennis, and etc. We are looking forward to seeing everyone here on the 12th. **REX**

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Things Too Remember

- People are needed to design and build Christmas theme displays for the indoor layout. The layout will be set up from November to January at the Springfield Botanical Gardens.
 - Dennis Rayon is doing a winter scene (18" X 18').
 - Glen and Sherry Carlisle are doing The North Pole Transportation and Storage Company (18"X18").
 - Charlene Chesbro and Marilyn Allen are doing a Santa theme diorama (18" X 42").
 - Keith Richardson (18"X30") Christmas tree Lot, Art Studio and Christmas Parade.
 - Rex Yearta (18"X36")

- The club needs people to be considering hosting a club meeting in 2012. The months that are not yet taken are March, April and November.

- Voting for the Phyllis Levanti award will be held at the November Meeting. Everyone needs to be considering who they are going to vote for.
- There is a need for volunteers to give how-to clinics in 2012. Several have already volunteered and are listed in the Clinics section of the newsletter.
- If anyone has something to submit to the newsletter such as how to articles, tips, trivia, history of railroading, pictures of your projects, etc. Send email to Glen Carlisle. carlisle02@sbcglobal.net

Scheduled Clinics For 2012

- **Jan.** Jerry Davis: Straightening bent track and lighting buildings.
- **Feb.** Craig Chesbro: Engine wiring and battery power.
- **April** Marilyn Allen: Slide show presentation on garden railway plants.
- **May** Tom and Mary Lavelly: Stone and cement modeling – plant swap.
- **June** Craig Chesbro: Soldering
- **September** No clinic – Steam-O-Rama
- **December** No clinic – Christmas Dinner

Clinics Not Yet Scheduled

- Glen Carlisle: Decaling
- Keith Richardson: Hard Shell (mountains – interior and exterior)
- Rick Brown: Making figures from G.I. Joe type army men.
- Dennis Rayon: Magic Sculpt

THANKS EVERYONE FOR VOLUNTEERING

The Gandy Dancer's Trivia Section The Answer to Last Month's Trivia Question

A velocipede was:

- C. An early track inspection vehicle.

Photo is from Glen Carlisle's collection.



A velocipede was a three wheeled, two man capacity hand cart that was used by road masters, track inspectors, bridge inspectors, telegraph line repairers and crosstie inspectors. It was propelled by a rowing action by one person. Seating space for a second person allowed the inspector to bring along an extra section hand if needed. In 1878, the Sheffield Company of Three Rivers, Michigan was the first to build

the three wheel velocipede for use on the railroads. The velocipede weighed about 140 pounds. The outrigger was detachable allowing easy handling for one person.

This Month's Railroad Trivia Question

The term deadhead applies to:

- a) A passenger that is riding for free.
- b) A train crew that is being hauled from one point to another.
- c) An engine that is being moved from one location to another without any cars.
- d) All of the above.

When Things Go Wrong



This happened a few days ago to the CPR Bridge at Lloydminster SK. A day like this cannot get any worse.

More Photos of Rabbit Mountain



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