

Left Hand Running

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A View From The Footplate

Our last meeting was held at John Derler's on August 16th. Summer activities appear to be competing with our club activity but those of us there listened to a presentation of Martin Venn's train spotting experiences as a boy. We have all come to this hobby by different routes but at least three of us share the experience of train spotting in one form or another. Thank you Martin, for reviving some of those memories.

Our business list was short this month. Harry brought us up to date with the status of the club shirts. The form and colors of the logo to go under the breast pocket have been decided and the group voted for a "stone" colored shirt. Harry will contact members individually to determine sizes and confirm the order.

We touched on the preparations for the Southland model show in late October. George will bring in his mill module in Sept so we can have it here in good time. Also, since Tim Wills is fully occupied with an accounting course, arrangements need to be made to get the modules up to my house for the work planned for early next year. Harry agreed to follow up on that.

Another topic we reviewed was the web site. Since Robin has been very involved with domestic and work issues the site maintenance has fallen behind. It was recognized that this is not good if we wish to maintain outside interest. In a talk with Robin he feels his situation is such that he can now devote more time to this. It was recognized we should all try to participate in providing more material and that we should continue with the site for the present time.

Lastly, the exercise to select a logo for our shirts stimulated an entry from John Breinig which appears below and which you all may appreciate. Good to hear from you John. It is

good to know that a sense of humor runs strong in this group!

Happy Modelling Don Buchanan

Calendar of Coming Events

September 13th, 1:30 pm
BTS Regular Meeting
Clarendon Hills (Don Buchanan)

September 14th, 9:30 am-3:00 pm
Great Midwest Train Show
Wheaton (DuPage County Fairgrounds)

October 18th, 1:30 pm
BTS Regular Meeting
Clarendon Hills (Don Buchanan)

October 18th – 19th, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
iHobby Expo [www.ihobbyexpo.com]
Rosemont (Stevens Convention Center, River Rd.)

October 25th - 26th,
Southland Model Train Show
Oak Lawn (Richards High School)

November 8th – 9th,
Trainfest
Milwaukee (Wisconsin State Fair Park)

November 15th, 1:30 pm
BTS Regular Meeting
Naperville (Harry Raynis)

Club Shirts

Adult shirts with logo will be \$20.00 each. Children's shirts with logo are \$17.50 each. No minimum order, so make your wants (color and size) known and we can get on with it.

Harry Raynis

The Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the British Train Society will be at Don Buchanan's home in Clarendon Hills on September 13th. The program will be a presentation by Don Buchanan on the subject of coal. Don't miss it!

September Fun and Run Sessions

Friday September 5th is the date for this month's operating sessions at Harry Raynis' in Naperville. Bring trains to run, kits to build, or just come and hang out. The Raynis Railway will be running from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Loco Logo

Dear Fellow members,

I have followed, with great interest, the idea of the club having its own t-shirt design. This got me thinking as to what the ideal logo would be, trying to keep in mind the diversity among the members as to favorite railways. I have no particular favorite post-grouping railway, but I do have a particular fondness for the rebuilt Merchant Navy, plus the Stanier Duchess (although I must confess that I am a closet modern traction fan). So, in fairness to my fellow members, I hereby submit my proposal for the "official" t-shirt logo of the British Train Society.

As you can see, I have submitted quite a soupçon of a locomotive, with obvious apologies to Messrs. Maunsell and Bulleid for the glaring omissions. We have: a) Gresley, winning by a "nose"; b) capped off by a little Collet; c) the middle boiler course, while recognizable as a BR design, might come across as somewhat of a "Riddles" as to the designer (sorry); d) the details of the EE type 4, "diesel" take care of the modern image quandary; and e) a bit of "Lizzie" as the "supporting" cast. The tender is courtesy LMS and BR.

So there you have it: a nice little mix so as to keep the hearts of everybody happy. Take care, and in case I happened to leave out a favorite or two, my attorney will be happy to answer any and all questions.

John F. Breinig

