

THE SWANTON AREA RAILROAD AND MODEL CLUB, INC.

# DISPATCHER

## January 2018

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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 8:00 PM on January 12, 2018. 15 members in attendance plus one guest.

**Motion to accept the Secretary's report (Dispatcher) from last month:** Don made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Miller, motion approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Report given by Andi. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Snyder. Motion passed.

**Vice President Report:** Clinic Sheet is still wide open! Next month Show & Tell will be Center Cupola Caboose & Old Club Photos. Social Media, Instagram membership continues to climb!

**President's report:** GREAT Time at WGH – We went all the way to Monroeville to get a possible new member. Possible new LEGO Division! Details to follow! Thank you to the O Division for letting the HO Division use the sign. Details of the Board of Trustee's meeting concerning the possible LEGO Division will be presented at the February Meeting. There was a short open discussion about the future of a Lego Division at the January Meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Absent (Via text message to the President) New Web hosting --- Jon has "gifted" the Club, 2 years of the cost (\$70 per year) Migration will happen by a company called Fast Comet and will happen the week before the February meeting(the week you are getting this probably!) The website address is expected to stay the same name.

**HO Division Report by Doug Cook:** Worlds Greatest Hobby (WGH) was fantastic, Talked to many vendors and a lot of folks. Public was great and kids were under control. Was a positive experience for the Club.

**O Division Report by KC Wittenmyer:** Going into Hibernation mode ..... Treasurer can pay the Storage unit fee ASAP! Next Show is National Train Day!

**N Division Report by Terry Miller:** Randy's show in March 10, 2018 and then National Train Day!

**Motion to accept the Division Reports?** Made by Nick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelso.

**Old or Unfinished Business:** 2018 Meeting Dates, confirmed.

**New Business:** Cupcake tree by the Snyders celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming at the February meeting.

**Good of the Club:** “Hahnville” up and running! President KC wrote out a Transfer of Ownership for Terry & the Knights of Columbus. (Will be read at the February Meeting.)

**Show & Tell:** Cody brought in HO Steam Locos (UP #119 4-4-0) (Central Pacific # 60 4-4-0) (Freedom Locomotive #4449) (Chessie Steam Special #2109) (Erie Triplex #5016) (SARMC N&W Y6b)  
Kelso brought HO 80 ton 3 truck shay, Hornby Class 4 British steamer”Wild Swan”, Broadway #1240 last articulated to haul a passenger train.  
Kurt brought in the Railking C&O yellow belly hudson, C&O Allegenny.  
Duane brought in an American Flyer (1952) 66 years old and still runs good!

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:41 PM

Our Next Meeting will be:  
Location: The Swanton Council Room

Show and Tell: Center Cupola Caboose & Old Club Photos.

The Board of Trustees had a meeting on January 19, 2018 to discuss the possible addition of a Lego Division. Minutes from that discussion will be read at the February Meeting.

The April meeting Chili Dinner is fast approaching, Discussion also at the February Meeting

***and announcing .....***

***CODY'S CROSSTIE RETURNS!!!***



Cody's Crosstie

January 2018

Atlanta & West Point Railroad

---AND---

The Western Railway of Alabama Railroad

“The West Point Route”

The “West Point Route” was the successor of the Atlanta & West Point railroad (A&WP) and the Western Railway of Alabama (WofA) and the predecessor to the Family Lines System (SCL/L&N) and the Seaboard System. (See March 2016's edition.) The Seaboard System merged with Chessie System in the creation of what is today's CSX Transportation.

The two railroads, (W of A and the A&WP) were known as the “West Point Route for their one joining city, West Point, Georgia. When the railroads merged, they were then commonly known as the west point route. For many years, they were under the Georgia Railroad's (GA) control. They all were very successful bridge lines that became under the control of the Louisville & Nashville (L&N) and the Atlantic Coast Line (ACL). From the 1960's to the 1980's was a conglomerate of mergers, also known as “merger mania” in which the names became to disappear. The Atlantic Coast Line and their competitor, the Seaboard Air Line (SAL) merged to create Seaboard Coast Line (SCL). SCL went on to purchase the L&N, which became the railroad known as “SCL/L&N”, more commonly known as “The Family Lines System”. The Family Lines System not only took the SCL and the L&N, but took the Georgia Railroad, the Western Railway of Alabama, the Atlanta & West Point, and of course, the Clinchfield. Hence the name, the “Family Lines System”. Much like the Chessie System (created by the Western Maryland, Baltimore & Ohio, and Chesapeake & Ohio), the Family Lines was a holding company for the many railroads. The Family Lines eventually renamed itself under one name, known as the Seaboard System, which did not last long, as it only lived to be 4 years old by the time the Seaboard System and Chessie System merged to make the present-day CSX.

More History on the West Point Route - <https://www.american-rails.com/west-point-route.html>

Photos of the West Point Route -



All photos from <http://www.railpictures.net> and I do not take ownership of any.

Thank you for reading the returning issue of Cody's Crosstie!

As for other Articles what would you like to see? Perhaps Doug could write a monthly "White Flag" to compliment his weekly email article? Or perhaps with Center Cupola Cabooses for Show & Tell in February, maybe it is time for *The Caboose Files* to make a return? Anyone from the O or N Divisions who might like to include something in the Dispatcher please let me know!!!

Also if you would like, we would love to publish a story about YOU! In your own words type up who/what/where/when/ & how you got into trains! Send the document to [kcchessie12@aol.com](mailto:kcchessie12@aol.com) or snail mail to 354 Joanna drive, Wauseon, Ohio 43567

## Official 2018 Meeting Schedule

**\*\*\* FOR YOUR REFRIDGERATOR \*\*\***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Raffle</b>	<b>Clinic/Event</b>	<b>Show &amp; Tell</b>
<b>01/12/18</b>	HO	HO	None	Steam Engines
02/02/18	O	O	Club's 35th Birthday	Center Cupola Cabooses & Old Club Photos
03/02/18	N	N	TBD	Special Interest Units
04/06/18	Board (Chili Dinner)	General Fund	Annual Chili Dinner	Observation Cars
05/04/18	HO	HO	Officer Nominations	E and F Units
06/01/18	Board (Pizza)	General Fund	Officer Elections for 2018-2020 Term, Pizza and Scanner Night	New York Central Railroad Equipment and Memorabilia
07/06/18	O	O	TBD	Bicentennial Locomotives & Red, White, and Blue Equipment
08/03/18	Board (Ice Cream)	General Fund	Ice Cream Social	Industrial Buildings
<b>09/14/18</b>	N	N	TBD	Intermodal Equipment
10/05/18	HO	HO	TBD	Halloween Themed & Orange Locomotives or Rolling Stock
11/02/18	O	O	Cider and Donuts	Railroads of Swanton Ohio
12/07/18	N	N	TBD	Christmas Themed Equipment

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February 2,2018 --- 8 PM at the Swanton Council Chambers  
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1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call / Number of members present:
  3. Reading and approval of previous minutes, Motion by -      2<sup>nd</sup> by –      Amended/  
Approved  
/ Not Approved
  4. Goodwill of the Membership: SARMC Turns 35 YEARS old Tonight!
  5. Officers Reports –
    - A. Treasurer-Motion by Treasurer Andi, 2nd by-      Approved  
/ Not Approved
    - B. Secretary -
    - C. Vice-President – see Show & Tell below
    - D. President - Will read Board of Trustees minutes from January 19, 2018
  6. Committee Reports -
    - A. Public Relations / Social Media
    - B. Program
    - C. Memorial
    - D. Building
  7. Division Reports (As listed in the Bylaws)
    - A. HO Division -
    - B. O Division -
    - C. N Division -
- Approval of Officers, Committee and Division Reports, Motion by -      2<sup>nd</sup> by -  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR?      ALL OPPOSED?
8. Old Business – Transfer of Ownership of the HO Hahnville Layout to the Knights of Columbus/  
Caretaker Terry Miller. (President KC will read the Transfer of Ownership paperwork)
  9. New Business – a. April Chili Dinner Discussion /Where/ Who is going to make/Time will be 6:30  
pm as always. Last Names beginning with A-L bring in Salad/dish to pass/Names starting with M – Z  
bring in a dessert.
    - b. Further discussion on the LEGO Division, if wanted.
  10. Good of the Club/Raffle: Raffle is for the O Division
  11. Show and Tell: Center Cupola Caboose & Old Club Photos
  12. Adjournment: