



Western New York Garden Railway Society

MAY 2011 Newsletter

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Newsletter: Gary Tebo
Web site: John Krakowski &
Matt Stolzenfels



MAY 2011 Meeting

**The next meeting will
be at 7 pm on 5/18/11
at Ebenezer UCC.**

Directions:

**Take the I-90 to the W.
Seneca Union Rd exit. Go
right on Union to Main St.
(First Niagara on corner).
Turn left to 630 Main on
the left. The meeting is in
the lower level to the right.
Park in the lot across the
street.**

Minutes of Meeting April 20,2011

The April meeting was attended by Baker, Bath, Downs, Dulski, Hendersons, Krakowski, Kuzon, Leonard, Ludwig, Marrone, Peases, Robin's, Schneider, Schobert, Stolzenfels and the Tebo's.

We welcomed Gary Schneider as a new member.

Treasurer and secretary reports were approved by the membership.

The annual G scale picnic hosted by the Finger Lake Live Steamers will be on June 12. We will need to know if you can attend the picnic at the 5/18/11 meeting.

Russ Marquart (Erie County Fair) was

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contacted about tickets and parking passes for this year's Fair. Everything will be the same as other years.

The web site will be hosted by a new provider as of June 1st. The site continues to work well.

Charles Bartel has been working to get his sheds ready to store club items. No new news on the boxcar storage at the OP Depot. We can still use Doug Baker's space for awhile. He can make more space if we need it.

Nothing new on the scratch building competition.

We had 17 members attend a meeting for the Fair RR at Tebo's in March and 13 attended the meeting at Downs' in May.

We need volunteers to set up, maintain and tear down the RR at the Gardens this summer. We will ask for commitments at the May meeting.

We have two open houses on the calendar so far: Robins (7/30) and Ludwig (9/3). Matt Stolzenfels will have one in October and Bob Rodgers will have one in late August.

Rich Dulski showed us some billboards made by Mountain Billboards from Bridgewater. Two billboards will be used to advertise Kaz Brothers' underwriting of the 2011 Fair RR.

An operating hand car was provided for the raffle by Bob Rodgers.

Minutes respectfully submitted by secretary Gary Tebo

Fair Railroad update:

Gary Ludwig presented the latest footprint of the railroad (21' x 30'). There will be an 8' viaduct on the Western wall. This will incorporate a valley from the interior outward to the wall. This will allow better visibility for the little engineers.

There will be a mountain over a snow shed complex on south end. The Thomas the Tank display will be situated on the higher ground (will include windmill, Knapford Station, roundhouse.

We will have the Aud., Shea's Theatre, Buffalo Zoo, Bethlehem Steel, grain elevators, circus train, etc. on the layout.

There will be two main lines plus Thomas on top and the trolley along Main St.

We will not have a brochure this year, but will have advertising cars and two tall billboards for Kaz Brother Construction (main sponsor this year).

The sign up sheets for set up, tear down and manning the railroad have been sent to you by email. Please respond soon to dates you would like.

Let David Downs know if you have a building you would like to have in the Fair RR.







WNYGRS Model Making Contest

1. Judging Date: November 2011 Club meeting.
2. Total Prize Money: \$300.00.
3. Prize Distribution: First Prize - \$100.00, 2nd. & 3rd Prize - \$75.00, 4th. Prize - \$50.00, 5th. place and down - Honorable Mention Certificate.
4. Entry with the most 1st. place votes - wins First Prize, same for 2nd and down.
5. Entry must fit within a footprint of 24x24 in. or no larger than 576 sq. inches, height must be in proportion to model scale.
6. Scale must be one of: 1:32, 1:29, 1:24, 1:22.5, 1:20.3 - scale must be noted on entry card.
7. A minimum of 80% of parts must be scratch built, up to 20% can be commercial parts.
8. Model entry remains property of member but can be loaned or donated to Club.
9. Member must write short note on display card (supplied by Club) describing the model, scale used, materials used (scratch built, commercial).
10. Member must supply at least 3 photos of model in various stages of construction - photos suitable for inclusion in the monthly Club Newsletter.
11. Members participating in the Model Making Contest must inform the Club Secretary and Committee Chairman (moi) at the Sept. 2011 Club meeting.
12. Members participating will be supplied with an Entry Number that will identify their work. No Club member names are to be attached to the models.
13. Winning members' models will be announced at the December Club meeting where prizes will be distributed.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me at:

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Happy modeling,

Mike Flynn