



The TRUSTY RAIL

October 2002

General Membership Meeting

Fellow modelers, it's time for our annual membership meeting. Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:30pm**. We will be discussing some important issues.

Membership dues are payable as of this meeting. Remember that you will not be eligible to vote if you are behind in your dues. If you have any questions as to the status of your dues, please contact Dave Pastor.

We will be discussing the state of the club, including progress on construction, electrical and control systems. Also we will discuss possible modifications to the layout to better support point-to-point operations.

It's also time to nominate and elect our officers. As usual we will have elections for the president, vice president, and at least one trustee. Come prepared to submit your suggestions for these officers.

David Simmons will do a brief presentation on the club website. Most of the development to date has been for our annual show, but future work will be towards other sections. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated. As always, digital photographs are always welcomed.

Andre' Torres will update us on the state of our Annual show. As you should all know by now, the show has moved from our old location to a new location at Saline H.S. and is now 2 days long.

This is also the time to bring up any other topics you wish to discuss. Hope to see everyone there!

Club Activities Update

In addition to work on our layout, here is an update on some of the other things we have accomplished in the last year.

Our old switching module was replaced with a slightly larger version of the classic timesaver layout. Many members worked to scenic this module. We are still waiting for some of the other building kits to complete the layout, but otherwise it is operational. If you would like to play around with it, feel free!

Activities Update (continued)

During March, member Dan Risdon held a 4-week clinic (see photo below) on assembling, painting, decaling, and weathering covered hoppers for our layout. Many members participated in this and learned some valuable skills while contributing to our club rolling stock.



Also worth noting is the wonderful model of the former Michigan Central Depot at Ann Arbor (now the Gandy Dancer Restaurant) by member Bill Smigielski. Everyone give Bill a big hand for this beautiful model.



The Rusty Rail is published approximately 4 times a year to cover items of general interest to club members. If you would like to submit something, please send it to David Simmons (david@aamrc.org)