



December 2003

Happy Holidays To All!

2004 Show Update

The train show is coming up quick! This year's show is February 14th-15th, 2004. We will need everyone's help on all 3 days to make the show successful.

Table sales are going pretty good, but if you know any dealers, ask them if they have their application in as we will sell out this year.

You can help advertise our show. If you are going to any other shows this season, please take our show flyers to promote our show. If you get to any hobby shops, please take show flyers and make sure they have them to hand out.

We will be having our semi-annual meeting February 11th at 7:30pm. Please plan on attending so that you know what's going on. Door assignment sheets should be posted at the club in January. Please sign up for at least 3 one hour shifts.

A meeting will also be held on March 10th at 7:30pm to review how things went.

Construction Progress

If you have not been out to the club lately, the new layout is now up and running. The new design is great for following your train and seeing one scene at a time.

Almost all the track is down now, wiring is progressing, and some areas are ready for scenery. Come and join in on all the fun of working on a new layout from the start!

Website Updates

After a long stale period, the website is being updated again. The event calendar is now actively maintained and many other pages are undergoing changes. To be posted in January will be a large updated section on our club layout. Check it out periodically at <http://www.aamrc.org>. If you have any suggestions, please let David Simmons know.

December Visitor's Night

December 3rd marked the return of visitor's night at the club. After 6 months of hard work, we were finally able to run trains again!

We were able to operate a single train from just outside of the "Detroit" yard all the way to "Chelsea," about 1/3 of the layout. We had a club diesel train as well as Scott Merritt's beautiful period steam train.

We had about 15 visitors and even though train operations were severely limited, I think everyone had a good time. This young fellow recently moved to Ann Arbor and is an avid rail fan already. I suspect that we shall see him often on visitor's nights in the future.



Club Calendar

Mark your calendars now! Here are the upcoming club events for January to March 2004:

Jan 7	Visitor's Night
Feb 4	Visitor's Night
Feb 11	Pre-show organizational meeting
Feb 13-15	2004 Train Show
Mar 3	Visitor's Night
Mar 10	Post-show review meeting

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)