



October 2003

General Membership Meeting

Well modelers, it's that time of year again. Our annual membership meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:30pm.**

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.

Keith will update us on the state of the club. Most of you should already be aware that in July we tore down our old layout and started construction on a new layout. The new layout is being designed from the ground up to be easier to maintain and provide more realistic operating sessions. Construction is proceeding, and we plan to be running trains for the holiday season.

Andre' Torres will update us on the state of our annual show. We will be holding the show at Saline High School again this year, as well as keeping the 2 days format.

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

Finally, this is the time to bring up any other topics you wish to discuss. Hope to see everyone there!

In Memoriam

The Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club was saddened by the death of two of our members this year.

Robin Sweatt passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2003. Robin was a long time member of the AAMRC, but poor health the last few years kept him away from most club nights. He considered the members of the club his friends, and was always open for a visit. Robin held regular operating sessions on his home layout on Monday evenings, and many members fondly remember those nights at his house just shooting the breeze, about any and all subjects.

Kerry Kelly, club vice president for the past two years, passed away suddenly on Thursday,

September 18, 2003 due to complications arising from an acute asthma attack. Kerry came out to the club almost every week and always had a story to share or a joke to tell while helping in any way he could with the construction. He was excited about the new layout and the operating potential we hoped to achieve with it. His presence at the club will surely be missed

Layout Construction Update

Construction is progressing nicely on the new layout. The photo below showing the completed benchwork and backdrop was taken by Kerry Kelly on 9/15/03. Since this photo was taken, we have put a base coat of paint on the backdrop and started putting down the subroadbed. We should have some track down by the time of the general membership meeting.



Keith Williams has put the trackplan into 3rd PlanIt, a model railroad design program, and it should soon be available on our website, along with more construction photographs and some of the "givens and druthers" used to design it.

We are all working hard to get the layout operational for the upcoming holiday season. Please join us on Monday and Wednesday evenings!

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)