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GULF MOBILE & OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Messages From President Bill Molony...

From time to time the Society receives requests for donations to help with the preservation efforts of local citizens and members in saving old depots or significant structures along their favorite parts of the GM&O right-of-way. The unfortunate reality is, though, that the GM&OHS does not have the means to help in this manner. What the Society can do, however, is put the word out in our publications and on the Society website to alert other interested parties to the efforts being put forth by these fine, dedicated railfans.

Just such an instance has arisen in Mobile, Al., where the famous Gulf Terminal building is being preserved by local efforts. There has been contact with the Society by some of the concerned volunteers asking for assistance from the Society. However, due to our wide-flung membership, it is extremely difficult to organize a Society based work force. So, what we suggest is to become actively involved with a group in your local area, (where ever you may live), and put your best efforts forward toward the goals of your group.

I only wish the GM&OHS could assist financially with these worthwhile efforts, but it is not possible, and for this we offer our most heartfelt regrets. If you do belong to a group involved with such a project, or something similar, please do not hesitate to contact the Society at either one of its' P.O. boxes in either Joliet, Il. or Clinton, Ms. There, it will go into the publications where it can do the most good. Thank you.

GM&OHS Membership Drive... ...Our Goal is 300 New Members

The GM&OHS membership rolls are back up to a reasonably healthy 800 members or so, but this still leaves us about 200 members short of where we were in 1999. So, we,(the members of the BOD), are asking for your help in returning to the 1,000 member plateau. What we are hoping for is that each member will try to bring one friend, or fellow railfan on board for either this year or 2003. Just one! Of course, if you think that you have two or three friends that would like to join, feel free to copy the printed membership form as many times as you like. I know that we can do this, and it will only help our Society to remain at the top of the heap of railroad historical societies. Thank You!!!!
GM&OHS Fall Show and Swap Meet at Jackson, Ten.

October 19th is coming up fast, folks, and to make sure that you don't get shut out of any of the exciting things planned for the weekend, please fill out, clip, and send in the order form portions of the Fall Show flyers enclosed in this mailing. The weekend will kick off with the time-honored custom of the Friday night hospitality suite at the Four Points Sheraton at 6 pm. On Saturday morning, vendors can begin setting up at 6 am, with the swap meet running from 9 am to 3 pm. Admission for the show is $3.00 for non-members, $2.00 for members, with kids 12 and under free. There will be a bus tour of the NC&ST.L depot, the West Tennessee Railroad facilities on the grounds of the former GM&O Iselin yards, the former GM&O "glasshouse" shops facilities, and the Casey Jones Museum from noon to 4:30 pm at a cost of $15.00 per person. Finally, the evening reaches its' highpoint with the 30th annual Society banquet. The cost of the dinner is $25.00 for adults, with $15.00 for children 12 and under. The evening's keynote speaker will be Mr. J. P. Lamb, the renowned author and photographer.

Your host for the event is Mr. George Googe of Jackson, Tn., if you want to contact George, write to: George Morton Googe, 227 W. Baltimore St., Jackson, Tn. 38301. So, make plans to be in attendance. 30 years only rolls around once, and you can bet that all of your GM&O friends will be there. Come on!!!

Call For Nominations For Election To The 2003 Board Of Directors

Well, it's time for election to the GM&OHS Board of Directors once again. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the BOD for 2003, please send the name of the interested party to Secretary Art Richardson at P.O. Box 1085, Clinton, Ms. 39060, or via e-mail at: artrich999@aol.com. The offices that are up for election in 2003 are the remainder of the presidential term, (1 year), presently held by Bill Molony, the post of secretary, (1 year), and the post of Treasurer, (1 year). In addition to these offices, the five director positions are open for election at one-year terms. If you have ever thought of giving back a little something to the Society, this is the perfect way to do it.

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GM&OHS Modeling Committee News

There are a lot of new items coming out in GM&O colors from a number of manufacturers this summer. So let’s get to it.

Overland Models, Inc. of Muncie, Ind. has announced they will be releasing a limited number run of the GM&O’s 2989-2999 series flush side International WV cabooses. They will be fully painted inside and out with interior lighting. Two numbers will be offered under Overland catalog number #4260.1 The cost will be $285.00 per unit. Earlier this year, Overland released their HO scale model of the GM&O’s 2950 series International WV cabooses, and were immediately sold out at $260.00 per unit, so watch out, these cars will go fast. The only two drawbacks to the 2950 cabooses from Overland was the blue-green interior instead of GM&O tan, and the side lettering on the 2954 and 2955 was compressed instead of elongated. Nevertheless, still an excellent model.

Overland Models, Inc. is also releasing a Jordan Spreader faithful to the modern GM&O J.S. #66364 under catalog number #3516.1. The cost of this model is pricey at $482.00 per unit, but where else are you going to find a GM&O Jordan Spreader? Both releases can still be ordered at your local Overland dealer. If you do not have a local dealer, Al’s Hobby’s in Elmhurst, Ill. can take your order. Just dial (630) 832-4908 and ask for Charlie in brass.

Proto 2000 has announced the release of their steam locomotive 0-6-0 in GM&O paint as numbers 41 and 45. There are over 120 separate detail parts complete with brass bell and metal handrails, See your local dealer. Also, Proto 1000 has announced the release of their F3, ph II A&B set painted and lettered for GM&O. The released nos. are 807B and 811A, and boosters B81 and B82. Note that technically B81 and B82 are passenger units and will need the addition of a steam generator to the roof, but these units did see summer freight duty for the GM&O. So hook ‘em up and run ‘em!

Under the “Isn’t it ironic?” heading, Walthers did the GM&O-NIRX 50’ North American boxcar as part of their North American series. The same car that the society did for car #23! However, our cars graphics and paint were correct, while the Walthers car is a bit too olive drab, and the wings aren’t red enough. Still, imitation is still the most flattering form of praise.

Note the form from End Cab Models on their latest project; the Commonwealth Edison Thrall Gon. This flyer is for feedback for the project. So, send this in if interested, without a favorable response this project won’t happen due to the volume of cars needed to make it feasible. These cars will be done correctly in the bright red and black, not the brown and black done some time ago. Don’t miss this one!!!

GM&OHS Car #25... ...The Intermountain Railways 60’ Autoparts Boxcar

Last, but certainly not least, is the Societies latest entry into our long running series of fine HO scale freight car models. The car is the Intermountain Railways 60’ Pullman-Standard PS-1 painted and lettered for the GM&Os’ small fleet of autoparts boxcars. This kit comes completely built with metal wheel sets and Kadee no. 5 couplers. See the accompanying flyer in this mailing. The last three Society cars have sold out within one month of the flyer reaching the membership, so don’t delay. Get ‘em while they’re hot!!!
New Railroad CD from GM&OHS Member Terry “Foots” Quinn

GM&OHS member Terry Quinn of Bogalusa, La. and his group Snoozer's Rock and Roll Circus have released a CD of railroad songs entitled "Dublin to Dixie". The disc contains 12 songs including "That Streamliner left for Good", which is about our own beloved "Rebel". On the jacket is a great photo of the 'll Rebel along with it's crew as it prepares to leave Bogalusa for the last time. The CD is $15.00 including shipping. Send check or money orders to: Terry Quinn, P.O. Box 1058, Bogalusa, La. 70429.

TRADE TABLE / INFORMATION WANTED

For Sale: Color slides of GM&O and most other railroads. Incredibly massive selection of diesel, steam, electric, caboose, freight and passenger cars. See before you buy! List for SSAE. Wallin's Approval Slides, P.O. Box 1784, Springfield, Ill. 62705


Wanted: GM&OHS NEWS #30-33, calendars 1983-1992. R. Campbell, 203 N. West St, Odessa, Mo. 64076-1126

For Sale: Tall globe M&O RR marked reliable lantern, good condition, $175.00 + shipping. Also Southern Ry + ICRR marked tall globe lamps for sale. Write for list: Wayne Kiser, 1004 Ingram St., Philadelphia, Ms. 39350, or (601) 656-0062

Wanted: Proto 2000 GM&O GP30. Reasonable price paid including postage. John Neal, 45 Colthill Circle, Milltimber, Aberdeen, Scotland, U.K. AB13 0EH, or e-mail: Jandaneal@btinternet.com

Wanted: GM&OHS kit #3, (nos. 23987 & 24612), End Cab Models #62, (any nos.). Prefer unbuilt, but well built models OK. Art Richardson, 101 Wickstead Dr., Clinton, Ms. 39056. (601) 924-9440 or e-mail: arrich999@aol.com

Wanted: Will purchase Overland IC GP-10 w/frogeyes, willing to trade unptd GP-10. Also want to buy Tom Biscans’ Illinois Central, Illinois Action, two volumes set of VHS Video. Lonnie Bathurst, 510 N. State St., Litchfield, Ill. 62056. (217) 324-2044 night

Wanted: ICG memorabilia. Timetables, magazines and books from ICG, patches, etc. Looking to buy or trade for ICG slides/photos. Tom Mann, 120 Carolyn Cr., Bristol, Tn. 37620, or (423) 274-9804, e-mail: tommnn@aol.com

Wanted: GM&O or IC Fairmont motor car to restore. Preferably an M9, M19 or S2 with single cylinder Fairmont motor. Darren Doss, 1575 Country Home Rd., Union City, Tn. 38261. (731) 885-5693, or e-mail: ddoss@usit.net

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