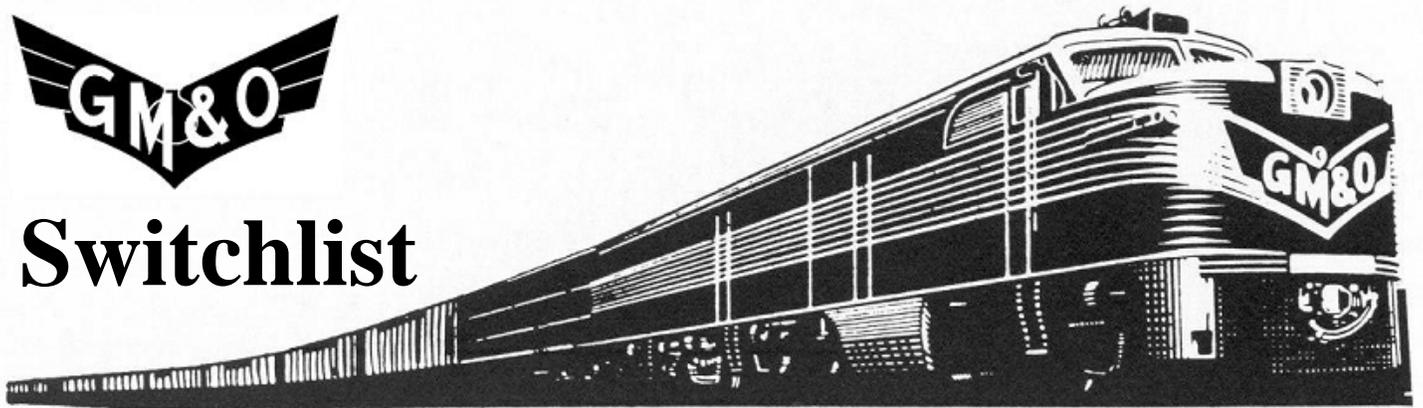




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Message from President Fred Bradley

Time moves on, and here we are, one fourth of 2011 gone already. I would hope that it will be a better year for everyone. Employment, economics and Love for Country is better and will begin to restore the American Dream. I hope that things are as good or better for you and your family in the coming year.

On behalf of the *GM&OHS*, I thank you for your continued support and participation. I encourage each of you to make a real effort to again recruit a New Member this year, and promote the Society wherever you can. It takes a lot of effort by many people to keep this organization on the right track and moving in the right direction.

I would like to know each one of you personally, but geographically that is not possible but we can get to know each other by email. If you have something on your mind, feel free to contact me at computers@ntin.net

May you and your family have a wonderful 2011 and the *GM&OHS* be a blessing to you.

39th Annual Meeting Announcement

We are heading north this year, and will gather in Bloomington, Ill. the weekend of October 28-30. It's been twelve years since Bloomington hosted our Annual Meeting, and can be counted on to always generate great attendance for our swap meet, as well as the banquet. The site for our get-together this year will be the **Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham**, located on the west edge of the city at the I55/I74 and Route 9 (Market St.) interchange. The summer mailing will have the first informational flier enclosed, and the Society's website will add information in the **Events & News** area as we progress towards October. Persons interested in vendor information may also check the website for further information. Bloomington has an active railroaders and modeling community, so we urge vendors to act quickly in order to assure securing adequate table space.

GM&O News Digitization Program Continues

Enclosed is a flier for our second CD release of the GM&O's company newsletter, which contains the entire publication's output of the 1960's and 1970's up to the merger. This is a single CD this time around, and we're sure you will find it as interesting as our first well-received release of the 1950's *GM&O News* set of discs.



Notes from Secretary Marc Liberta

A very big 'thank you' to everyone that renewed their membership for 2011. Special thanks again go out to individuals who have opted to provide additional support to the Society by choosing Sustaining and Benefactor level memberships. Annual members will find new membership cards included with this mailing. To complete your card please write in your membership number (which can be found on your mailing label following your name) in the appropriate space on the pass.

Announcing *GM&OHS* Special Edition Car #36

The summer mailing will contain an order form for our next HO Special Edition Car project, a set of **Branchline Trains Blueprint Series** 50' postwar AAR double door boxcars. While Branchline released an as-delivered scheme for the GM&O, we of course, have other ideas, and this set will represent the 50100-50124 series of cars, which were upgraded from the original 9000-9199 series. Branchline was recently bought out by **Atlas Model Railroad**, and we were fortunate to procure some of the last of these excellent kits for this offering. There is a chance that we will be able to include a run of similar N Scale cars, as well. The summer order form will reflect this option if it comes to fruition.

Modeling Odds and Ends

Atlas O has two new RS1 paint schemes for GM&O nos. 1123 and 1125, both in red and maroon. MSRP is \$529.95 for either the 2-rail or 3-rail version.

In Memoriam

The Society wishes to extend condolences to the family and friends of **Luna Nell Morton Googe** of Jackson, Tenn. who passed away at the age of 90 on February 19th. Mrs. Googe worked as a non-telegraph agent for the GM&O in Guntown, Miss., not long after marrying George Walker Googe in 1939, until she and her husband, who was a telegraph operator, dispatcher, chief dispatcher, and Asst. Superintendent in charge of motive power, moved to Jackson in 1944 to raise their family, including *GM&OHS* life member George Morton Googe. Those in attendance at our last annual meeting will remember fondly hearing Mrs. Googe sing *Waiting for a Train* at our evening get-together.

We also must note the passing of **Lee Hastman** of Eola, Ill. on February 13th, two weeks shy of his 65th birthday. Even though his first love was the Illinois Central, for which he worked after service to his country in Viet Nam, Lee was a long time member of our Society and was always willing to help with needed information or some of his own great photography.

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