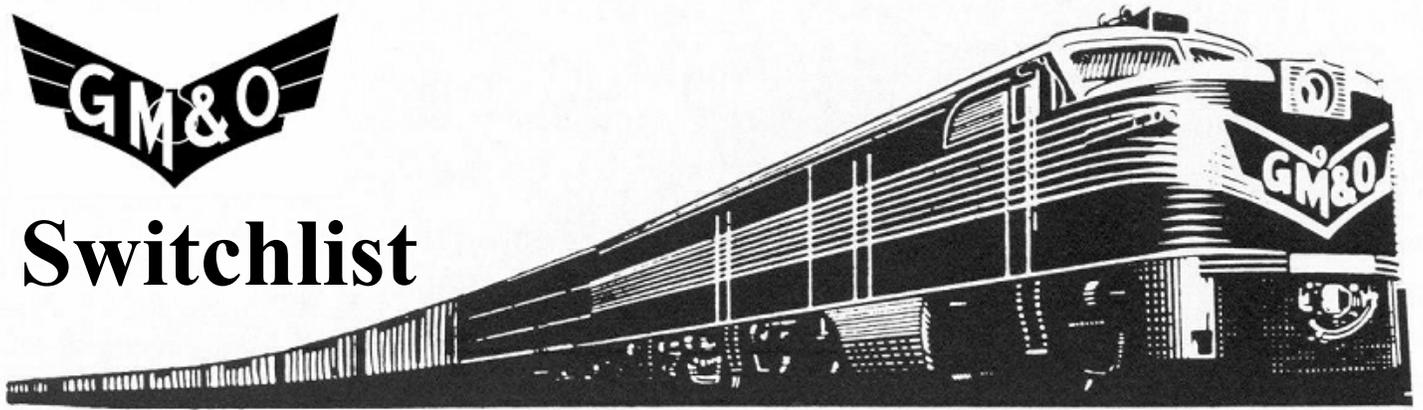




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### Message from President Ken Donnelly

I would like to welcome to the Board of Directors **Gary Osing** of Germantown, Tenn. Gary has agreed to fill the current vacancy for the remainder of the 2012 term, and brings with him sixteen years of experience in the Accounting Dept. with the GM&O. Thank you for serving, Gary.

### Message from Secretary Marc Liberta

Nominations are now being accepted for the five seats on the 2013 Board of Directors as well as the offices of Secretary and Treasurer (the offices of President and Vice President are two year terms which are elected in odd numbered years). Please send written nominations to: **Election 2013, P.O. Box 1753, Marion, IL 62959**. A simple statement for the desired candidate and your signature are all that is required to nominate a willing member. Electronic submissions are acceptable, as well, and may be directed to [marc.liberta@gmail.com](mailto:marc.liberta@gmail.com) **Current Board Members are required to submit their names if they wish to run again for a seat on the BOD**. All nominations must be received by August 20, 2012.

### *40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary China Butter Pat*

We are offering something special this year, in commemoration of the Society's fortieth anniversary. A limited edition of sixty butter pats produced by **China Concepts**, the company run by noted railroad china expert **Richard Luckin**, are being offered to members. These 3 1/4" fine china pats are decorated in the traditional GM&O Rose pattern, and while original butter pats were not adorned with the wings logo, ours will be. Think of a miniaturized dinner plate and you'll have the idea. Additionally, the reverse side will be backstamped with "GM&O Historical Society 2012". Whether this piece is to be the beginning and end of a china collection for someone, or placed alongside an existing complete GM&O place setting, it will look as if it belongs. Each piece will come in a white gift box, along with a small clear display stand.

**Preorders** are being taken at a special price, and may be included with banquet reservations for **\$10.00** (see bottom of enclosed flier). Your butter pat will then be waiting at the Society's tables Saturday for you to pick up. For those unable to attend the meeting, but wishing to purchase a butter pat, **mail orders** will be taken for **\$16.00** postage paid (check/money order payable to 'GM&OHS' and sent to the Society's Marion, Ill. address). All preorders must be received by **October 26<sup>th</sup>**. If pieces remain, they will be available at the **show** for **\$15.00**. The Society's website will not have this offer posted for general sales, and all mail orders will be sent out the week following our Annual Meeting.



## 2013 GM&OHS All-Color Calendar

We are beginning to put our next calendar together, so if anyone has a clear, sharp color print, negative or slide of a GM&O image they feel is special and would like to share, now is the time to come forward. Contact **Ken Donnelly** at [gmnofan@yahoo.com](mailto:gmnofan@yahoo.com) or 815-278-3245 if you have something you'd like to contribute for the 2013 calendar. Thanks!

## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Details

The Fortieth Annual Meeting of the Society will be held the weekend of October 26-28, 2012 in St. Louis (Kirkwood), Mo. at the **Holiday Inn Southwest & Viking Conference Center**. The Society has negotiated a special reduced room rate of \$84.00 per night, so remember to mention the 'GM&OHS' when booking your reservations to ensure that you receive the special rate. Please contact the hotel directly at 314-821-6600. Additional show and meeting information can be found on the enclosed flier with this mailing. We do encourage anyone wishing to secure space as a vendor to do so as quickly as possible.

Modelers are invited to participate in the *GM&OHS* Annual Model Contest. This is a great opportunity to let your fellow modelers see what you have been working on, and prizes will be awarded by popular vote of the membership present. More contest details will appear in the Autumn *Switchlist*.

St. Louis is a great vacation destination, as well. Of course while there, consider going to the **Museum of Transportation** where Baltimore & Ohio diesel boxcab no. 50 is preserved along with GM&O no. 5998, the Parlor-Observation Lounge from the *Abraham Lincoln* lightweight train set. The museum has one of the finest collections of preserved railway equipment in the country, and much more ([www.transportmuseumassociation.org](http://www.transportmuseumassociation.org)). You might also like to take a walk on the wild side and visit the world class **St. Louis Zoo**, which has no admission fee year round ([www.stlzoo.org](http://www.stlzoo.org)). If you can stretch out your weekend, see what else St. Louis has to offer at [www.explorestlouis.com](http://www.explorestlouis.com)

## 2012 St. Louis Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet

The Sixth Annual St. Louis RPM Meet will be held on Friday and Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 9 pm (both days) at the **Gateway Convention Center**, One Gateway Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234. *GM&OHS* members **Dan Kohlberg** ([paducah@mindspring.com](mailto:paducah@mindspring.com)) and **Lonnie Bathurst** (217-556-0314) are again helping coordinate this large event which will have 65 vendor tables, multiple clinics, and numerous railroad historical societies present (including the *GM&OHS*), all complementing the focus of the show, models of all scales brought in by attendees. These shows are very impressive, and continue to grow. For a printable two page flier, go to [http://www.gmoHS.org/Events\\_News.htm](http://www.gmoHS.org/Events_News.htm) and click on the link for the meet.

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