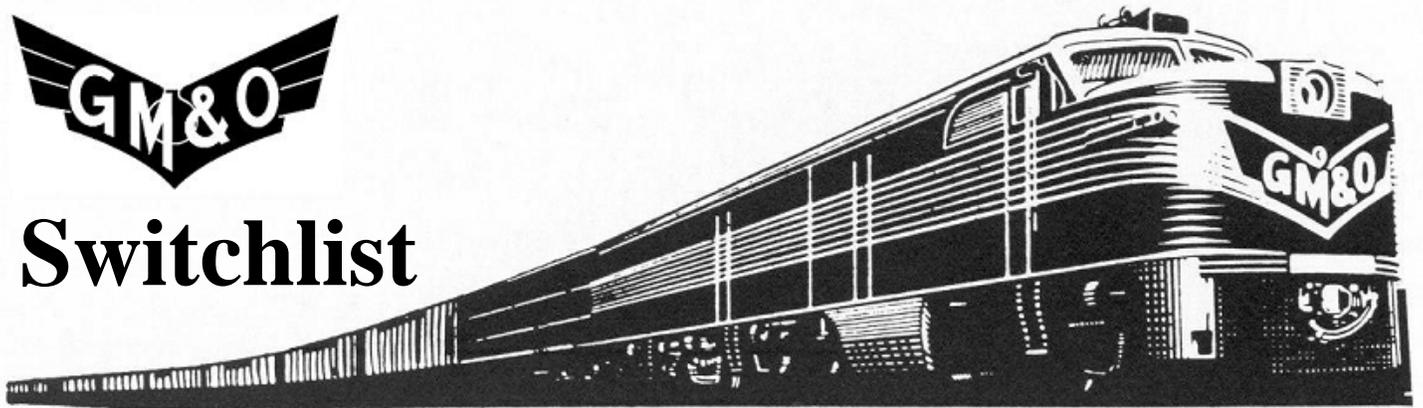




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GULF, MOBILE & OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Seasons Greetings from President Ken Donnelly

With this final mailing for 2012, we once again close the books on another membership year for the GM&OHS. Our 40th season was a successful one, complete with three diverse and interesting issues of the *NEWS*, vintage HO scale model offerings, color calendar, the commemorative butter pat project, and a well-attended swap meet and annual meeting in October. Our membership has maintained its level of around 650 members, and financially speaking, we are in as good a shape as we have been in a long time. It's through the combined efforts of the Officers, Board of Directors and the support of the membership that we continue to enjoy this type of success, and on behalf of the entire GM&OHS team I'd like to say "Thank You!" With that being said, I ask only two things of you as the year winds down to these last few days and weeks. First, please renew your membership as early as possible to allow the Society to continue to serve in the manner to which you've become accustomed, and two, have a safe and happy holiday season, and a very Happy New Year. My Best To You All—K.D.

Secretary's Report from Marc Liberta

We have made it to an even dozen of years with not having an increase in our membership dues! There are not many things one may think of that can make that claim. Please do your part in controlling our costs by **renewing now**. Complete and mail the enclosed renewal form while it is on top of the pile, or use our convenient *PayPal* method on the Society's website. Either way, we look forward to having everyone back next year in time for our first mailing of 2013.

Election Results for Membership Year 2012 (*23% of eligible ballots were returned*) The following persons have been elected to terms beginning in 2013 (President **Ken Donnelly** and Vice President **Ed Stoll** will be completing the second year of their two year terms in 2013).

Secretary: **Marc Liberta**, Marion, IL

Treasurer: **David Johnston**, Collierville, TN

Board of Directors: **Pat Coughlin**, Ovilla, TX; **Dwaine Hubbell**, Goldengate, IL;

Brian Johnston, Pascagoula, MS; **Gary Osing**, Germantown, TN; **Jason Parham**, McCalla, AL

GM&OHS 2013 All-Color Calendar

Calendars were mailed out on **December 1, 2012** via our regular bulk mail permit. If you have not received your calendar(s) by **December 28th**, contact the Secretary at the Marion, IL address, or by email. After that, any remaining backup copies will be released to fill late orders. Thanks to everyone that supported the calendar program again this year.



40th Anniversary China Butter Pat

Because of a slight overage in production, we have about a half dozen extra butter pats produced for us by **China Concepts** remaining. The pats are 3 ¼” in diameter, and are adorned with the wings logo in the Rose pattern. Each piece is backstamped with “GM&O Historical Society 2012”, and comes in a white gift box (but no acrylic stand, as our supply has been exhausted). The postage paid price for a butter pat is **\$16.00** (check/money order payable to ‘GM&OHS’ and sent to the Society’s Marion, Ill. address). A color photo may be seen on the Society’s website in the Commissary area, and a *PayPal* link is now available for online ordering.

Mini Mississippi Membership Drive

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of member **Billy Harry** in the Louisville, Miss. area, as he has recruited several new members in the last couple of months. Billy took it upon himself to introduce some local retired rail workers to our group, because for him, the GM&O is ‘a family tradition’. If anyone else thinks they may have an opportunity to do a little recruiting on behalf of the GM&OHS, contact the Secretary for a supply of membership applications and other supporting materials to assist in your efforts.

Blue Springs, Mo. Depot Restoration

Kirkwood, Mo. member **Cliff Kierstead** has brought to our attention the efforts of the **Blue Springs Historical Society** to save the town’s historic depot. The former Chicago & Alton single story wood building was moved on June 29th to its new location in Central Park. The Blue Springs Historical Society welcomes donations to assist in the restoration which may be sent to: P.O. Box 762, Blue Springs, MO 64013. Several photos of the move can be seen on the BSHS website at <http://www.bluespringshistory.org/Home.aspx> where online donations are also accepted.

Modeling News—A Surprise Holiday Treat for HO’ers

Aside from the opportunity to make available the great selection of vintage Special Run cars from the **John Carlock** collection earlier this year, we had intended to wait until 2013 for the next Society car offering to members. The collaboration with **Kadee** to bring another GM&O paint scheme to its line of 50 foot PS-1 boxcars happened more by chance than by design. Nevertheless, the result is a great car at a great price for our modeling members. And while strictly speaking the Kadee PS-1 offered with this mailing is not a *Special Edition* car (hence, no designated number in our ongoing series), it is because of the resources provided by the GM&OHS to Kadee which made this car possible, for which we have the chance to offer two special cars exclusively to our members.

On another note, thanks to longtime member **Harold Weber** of Walsh, Ill. for catching a problem we missed in corresponding with **Broadway Limited Imports** concerning its upcoming release of their Light Pacific in GM&O paint. Harold pointed out that their plan to use nos. 267 and 268 were the Mobile & Ohio numbers, not the GM&O’s. In addition to the paint corrections sent to BLI, this information has reached them in time, as well.



GM&O News CD Project—1940's Update

Since our appeal in last quarter's *Switchlist* for issues of the **GM&O News** needed to complete the final set of CD's covering all of the company's newsletters from 1940 to 1972, we have moved about a third of the way closer to our final goal. We are down to eighteen issues that are still needed to finish up the early to mid-1940's. Below is a list of these issues, and we once again ask that if you have any of these issues in your collection that you contact the Secretary (marc.liberta@gmail.com). This list is also posted in the Commissary area of the Society's website, and persons that contribute needed issues to be scanned will receive a FREE set of 1940's CD's when the project does become complete. Of course, all material will be returned after scanning. Thank you!

1940 – October, November	1944 – May, August
1941 – January, March, December	1945 – March, June
1942 – April, July, September, November	1946 – May, June
1943 – June, July	1947 – January

In Memoriam

We recently learned of the passing of **George Bowden** of Pigeon Forge, Tenn. on January 27, 2012 at the age of 69. George had retired from CSX Transportation after a 37 year career, and is survived by his wife of 42 years, Janie. Our thoughts are with Janie and their large extended family in both Tennessee and Florida.

William C. Santen of St. Louis, Mo. passed away on September 22nd at the age of 82. A Korean War veteran, Bill went to work for the GM&O after his discharge from the Army. Later, he pursued a 30-year career with the U.S. Postal Service, as well as running his own printing business out of his home. Bill's love of trains extended to modeling and volunteering at the Museum of Transportation in St. Louis. Our sympathies are with his wife of 57 years, Rita, along with their four daughters and six grandsons.

Finally, former Alton/GM&O/ICG telegrapher and train dispatcher **William K. Dunbar** passed away in Bloomington, Ill. on November 5th at the age of 87. Bill was a radio operator in the artillery during WWII, serving in Normandy, northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge.

Bill's influence on the GM&OHS reached well-beyond the articles he contributed to the *NEWS* over the years (his last being "The Target Shanty" in issue no. 127), as he was always generous with his near encyclopedic knowledge of the north end of the GM&O (and central Illinois railroading in general), when inquisitive authors, researchers and modelers wanted to know about a particular aspect of operations that would help them nail down a more complete picture of what they were investigating.

He always kept his affinity for the Telegrapher's Art, and was a member (and served as president) of the Morse Telegraph Club, signing "WKD" when keying through the online network of railroad telegraph operators. He once said that WKD stood for World's Kindest Dispatcher, and no one that knew him would disagree. His Morse hand key was laid to rest with him. Our thoughts are with his wife, Blanche, and his entire family.

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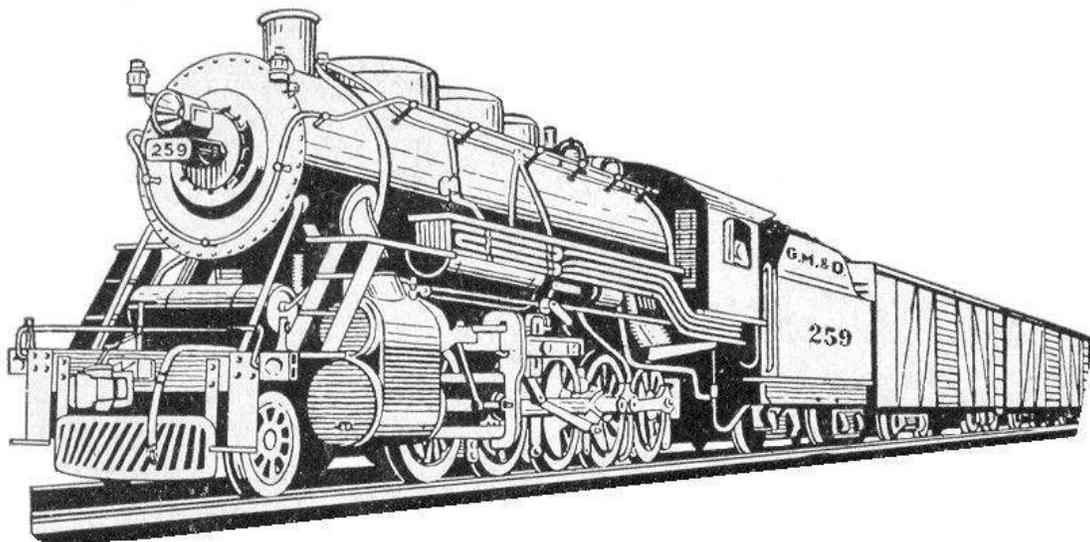
FOR SALE: Selling about forty railroad books from my collection. Send SASE for list. Larry J. Brandt, P.O. Box 15, Atlanta, IL 61723

FOR SALE: Large collection of HO GM&O models including many Society Special Cars, GM&O custom painted DC freight & passenger diesels, GM&O DCC freight diesels, GM&O brass painted cabooses, Lionel GM&O equipment plus a large collection of HO passenger & freight diesel, steam & rolling stock in other road names including Broadway Limited steam DCC. Send SASE w/3 stamps to Frank Vozak (L-47), P.O. Box 1074, Hines, IL 60141 or call (day M-F) 708-296-5465.

FOR SALE: With the passing of Society member David Wagner, his various collections are now being sold by the family, aided by Dave's close friend, Phil Rowe. Available are such items as Alco and EMD builder's plates, GM&OHS and End Cab Model HO scale cars, HO scale brass and various locomotives, as well as other items of various areas of interest. For a list, write to: Phil Rowe, 21914 Westlake Lee Road, Marysville, Ohio 43040 or email beckrowe@embarqmail.com

FOR SALE: Various back issues of the GM&OHS *NEWS* and past GM&OHS issued calendars. For more information write to John M. Beckman, 507 Perkin Street, Kewanee, IL 61443-1942.

WANTED: Photos of Nickel Plate sleeping cars, heavyweight or lightweight, regular service or off-line extra assignment, for publication in Clover Leaf/Nickel Plate story in progress. Larry Thomas, Editor, TRRA Historical Society, P.O. Box 1688, St. Louis, MO 63188-1688 or thomasL555@att.net or 314-535-3101.



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