



NEWSLETTER

PARTY AT BILL'S PLACE!

Eighteen of the Fabulous Flyer Faithful showed up at Bill Riechmann's house for the March club meeting, but if you missed out you'll have another chance because he is hosting the April meeting this Friday night as well.

The business meeting started at 9:00 P.M. and lasted for one and a half hours. There was quite a bit of discussion about the upcoming Flyer Fest West, which the club is hosting this year, including suggestions for the sequence of the day's events and comments about what direction it is headed in future years. Sales of the two-dome Shell tank car have been very brisk and they are essentially sold out. Saturday's silent auction at the Fest will include a very special *reverse color* Shell tank car which is black with orange ends and domes. With only about a month to go, there are still some trading tables available and there is additional seating for the Saturday evening banquet. Look for some surprise auction items at the banquet including an additional black and orange tanker. The \$8 fee for the Sunday event covers the cost of the train ride from Sunol to Niles and back. Club member, Pete Goodier, is conducting the walk around the yard at Brightside at no additional cost.



Jake reported that he had taken orders for 25 of the new Big Boys, 19 CN locomotives, 19 coil cars, 21 sheds, 14 stations, and 13 Freedom Trains. The truss bridge should be on it's way now with two more accessories due to arrive by mid year.

The Christmas catalog has now also come out so you can get your stock car full of reindeer, animated Santa caboose, holiday boxcar or candy cane tanker.

Steve Haug updated us regarding the club's website, WWW.GGAFC.org. He has been exchanging links with other groups such as the NASG and reported that we had had 108 unique visitors in March which is up from the 87 visits of the previous month. Any members who have pictures of their layout or train related items can forward them to Steve if they would like them to be posted on the site.

Don Matthies displayed an impressive collection of AF instruction booklets from the years 1946 through 1959.

Paul Guaraglia explained the monthly voting procedure for the annual Founder's Award, which will be presented at the Christmas dinner, recognizing the club member who has received the most votes for promoting the S gauge hobby.

Larry Lobb brought his K Line UP Big Boy and explained how he has converted it to S gauge with hours of patient machine work. Very nice!!

Rich Ridgeway was the monthly raffle winner and chose a S Helper 01133 Frisco rebuilt boxcar.

