

HO Committee:

A new committee is being formed for the HO layout. So far the committee consists of the following people: Don Pratt, Jim Beal, Terry Temple, Robert Jackson, and Stan Murray. Anyone with HO interests is welcome to become a part of this committee. Sign your name on the board in the HO layout room or contact Stan Murray. If interested please let us know by the middle of January. The committee's function will be to help decide the direction the layout will take in the future.

Calendar of Events:

January 1, 2005- New Year's Day and the day your new board takes over
January 4, 2005- General Meeting Night-everyone welcome- Starts at 7:00 p.m.
January 18, 2005- Board Meeting Night- Open to everyone- Starts at 7:00 p.m.
January 29, 2005- Group coming in to visit clubs and to tour layouts of members.

Stan Murray will present the program January 4, 2005 on Dennison, Ohio.

The Upper is Lower (A cute little story)

"Let me have sleeping accommodations on the train to Ottawa," I said to the man at the window, who didn't seem at all concerned whether I took the trip or stayed at home.

"For a single passenger?" he finally asked.

"What is the difference?" I inquired.

"A difference of 50 cents," came the answer. "Our prices to Ottawas are 1.50 and 2. You understand of course," explained the agent, "the lower is higher than the upper. The higher price is for the lower berth. If you want a lower, you'll have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than the upper. It didn't used to be so, but we found everybody wanted the lower. In other words, the higher, the fewer."

"Why do they all prefer the lower?" I broke in.

"On account of its convenience," he replied. "Most persons don't like the upper, although it's lower, on account of its being higher and when you occupy an upper you have to get up to go to bed and then get down when you get up. I would advise you to take the lower, although it is higher than the upper, for the reason I have stated, that the upper is lower than the lower because it is higher. You can have the lower if you pay higher, but if you are willing to go higher, it will be lower."

Fun with Initials:

Baltimore & Ohio- Beefsteak & Onions
Colorado & Southern- Cough & Snort
Maryland & Pennsylvania- Ma & Pa
Georgia, Florida & Alabama- Gophers, Frogs & Alligators
Carolina & Northwestern- Can't & Never Will
Delaware & Hudson- Delay & Hesitate
Missouri & North Arkansas- May Never Arrive
Texas Pacific & Western- Take you Parcels and Walk
Terre Haute & Peoria- Take Hold & Push
Nevada-California-Oregon- Narrow, Crooked & Ornerly
Boston & Maine- Busted & Mined

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES. INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 AND FAMILY IS \$30.00. 2005 IS WHAT IS DUE. AFTER MARCH 30, 2005 YOU WILL LOSE YOUR PRIVILEGES FOR RUNNING ON LAYOUTS, SIGNING OUT BOOKS AND VIDEOS. GET THEM PAID SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY OF WHAT IS GOING ON.

***PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO TOM VAN BRUGGEN NO LATER THAN THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
THANK YOU.***

