

# Depot Times

Annual Meeting

Nov. 11

6 p.m.

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## Officers for 2008 Our 22nd year

*President:* Chris Benner      *Vice President:* Gary Vierk  
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**Every Tuesday:** *Modelers Work Session at Depot*  
HO, O, and N gauge layout work at the Depot from 6:00 to  
7:30 p.m.

**Our e-mail address is:** [weaver@tctc.com](mailto:weaver@tctc.com)

## Annual Dinner Meeting November 11, 2008

The Historical Society's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Linden United Methodist Church on US 231.

The dinner will be catered by the Edna Circle of the church at a cost of \$10 per person.

A short business meeting will follow the dinner, with a few words by Chris Benner and the election of officers for the 2009 year.

# Reservation Form

Special note: Payment must accompany reservation to be valid.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Must be received  
by Nov. 5, 2008

I am making \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) for the Linden-Madison Township Historical Society 2008 Annual Meeting.

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00 per person) made payable to Linden-Madison Township Historical Society.

*Please return to: Linden-Madison Township Historical Society  
P.O. Box 154  
Linden, IN 47955  
Phone: 339-4833 or 339-4280*

The program will be our featured speaker, Bob Quirk, Fountain County Historian, who will talk about many of the old stories published on his two books concerning the history of Fountain County. His books, 'Real American Stories' and 'More Real American Stories' will be available for purchase and signing.

### Centennial Year Coming to an End

*By Al Hepler,*

The year 2008 has been a busy year for us. We started planning the Centennial Celebration in January and had our celebration on July 19<sup>th</sup>. We hope you all made it.

If you have been in the Depot this year you saw a major new look in the main room. We added new shelves, redid our show cases and are now selling a full line of HO scale trains plus hundreds of Railroad books. And in the center of the room is a replica of the passenger bench that sat in the same place when passenger trains were abundant.

We have two special collectors items that will be made in 2008 only.

We will have these items at the Annual meeting in November. One item is a special Mug that sells for \$5.00, the other item is a special Centennial Box car with a picture of the Depot on the side.

We will also have some box cars for sale at the Annual meeting. Most of you are not likely model railroaders but you may have family, friends or businesses that the car could be a display item. Also we are going to offer these at a 25% discount just for the meeting. The cars sell for \$20.00 and at the meeting they will be only \$15.00.

Another major project that was the brainchild of Gary Vierk, is our new brick patio displaying the original track crossing for the Monon and the Nickel Plate to cross each other. The patio is made up of bricks contained by railroad ties. Senators Phil Boots and Ron Alting plus Representative Shelia Klinker placed their own bricks in the patio at the Centennial Celebration.

We also obtained several children's items to sell at the Depot Store which, by the way, will be open the week before Christmas ( I'm sure this is covered at length in this paper).

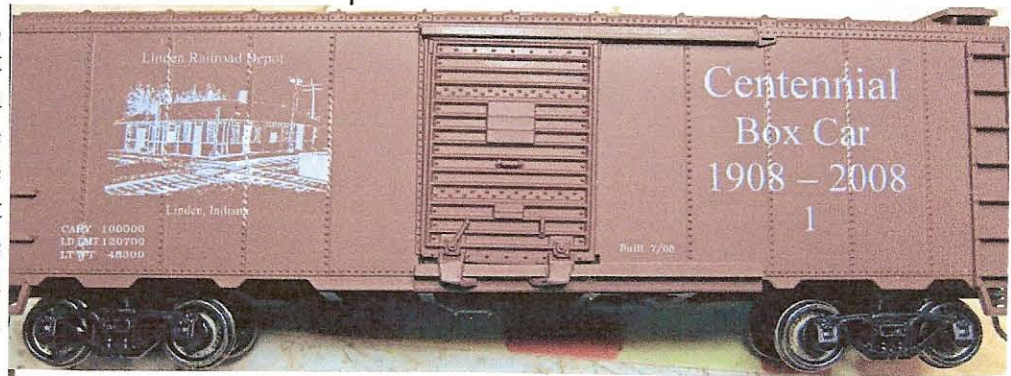
We look forward to ending our Centennial Year with a large turnout at our annual meeting.

### 2008 Model Railroad News

*By Joe Weaver*

Not too much news except that I managed to get Gary Vierk interested in the HO Railroad and he did a bunch of repair work on it, including the replacement of all the lights in the buildings. This entailed crawling around under the layout getting to know all the mice that made homes under there. And then he had to clean all the track and there is a lot of that. So we appreciate all the work he has done there.

Then Gary took on the O-gage layout doing about the same there. Remember, these layouts were built about 15 years ago and needed lots of renovation. A really great thing that Gary has accomplished is to rework an old Standard gage locomotive donated to the museum. This



locomotive has to be about 75-80 years old and the wheels on it had deteriorated until they were useless. Gary found someone who sold new replacements and got the old thing running like new. Then he built a track for it to run on so if you come by the museum Gary will demonstrate a train that I really wanted for Xmas around 1932 or about. But it cost too much, about \$40-50, a lot of money in the depression.

### **Treasurers Report**

*By Joe Weaver*

Starting the 2008 year was difficult from a financial view. Chris Benner and I had to donate \$100 each to keep the Society out of the red. And for a while we had a no spend rule.

Thankfully, things have gotten better and at the end of September we had a balance of \$4111.75. Gary Vierk and Al Hepler reworked the Museum Gift Store and stocked it with caps, mugs, T-shirts, books, and HO gauge train engines and cars.

Total store sales so far total \$1735, along with \$1984 in donations, \$429 in memberships, and \$690 in engraved brick sales. This along with admissions has helped a lot in getting us out of the finance pit we were in.

That is the good news. The bad news is that we now have to go thru the winter until the Museum opens Friday, May 1, 2009.

### **President's Report**

*By Chris Benner*

Well, we are facing another end of year as things have flown fairly fast. It's time to start doing those tasks that the open operation season made difficult to accomplish.

One of our finest achievements this year has been the successful revamping of our Depot Stores system. While this is a board accomplishment we need to give special credit to

Gary Veirk and Al Hepler for their direction and participation.

Our bleakest hour this year was extremely hard hitting in the loss of our friend and fellow board member Wayne Stockall. We spoke of this in our last newsletter but still grieve.

Our next and finale big event of the year is our annual business meeting. The meeting will be held on November 11 this year at the Linden United Methodist Church.

We should be seeing a change in the executive committee so this will be the last letter I write as president of the board (at least for some years.) We have been a productive board for all of you during my tincture as president thanks to the quality people your Society has serving on its' board.

I wish to thank all of them for their support as I want to thank you, the membership, for the various ways you have all supported your Society and the Linden Depot Museum.

I look forward to maintaining a high level of participation in the day to day operations of the museum and society.

## New Website



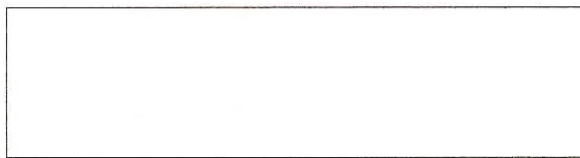
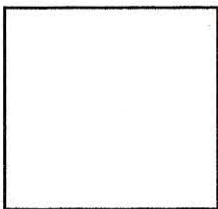


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Train Order Board // Feature of the Month  
2008 Centennial Car Kit  
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## Linden Railroad Museum Engraved Brick Order Form

**DISPLAY YOUR BRICK** - with your name, a family members name, or in memory of a friend or loved one, etc. The museum has acquired and is displaying an original Monon/Nickel Plate crossing diamond. It is located in the railroad depot yard and is being edged with paving brick. You can purchase a brick (s) with your personalized message to be displayed in this paving stone area for only \$30 each. It would make a nice gift to a "special person" to have their name displayed.

These bricks can have up to 3 lines. The fewer the lines the larger the letters can be. **PLEASE PRINT**

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I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30.00 per brick) made payable to Linden Railroad Museum.

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c/o Chris Benner  
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Linden, IN 47955

*Please include your:* name \_\_\_\_\_  
address \_\_\_\_\_  
city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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