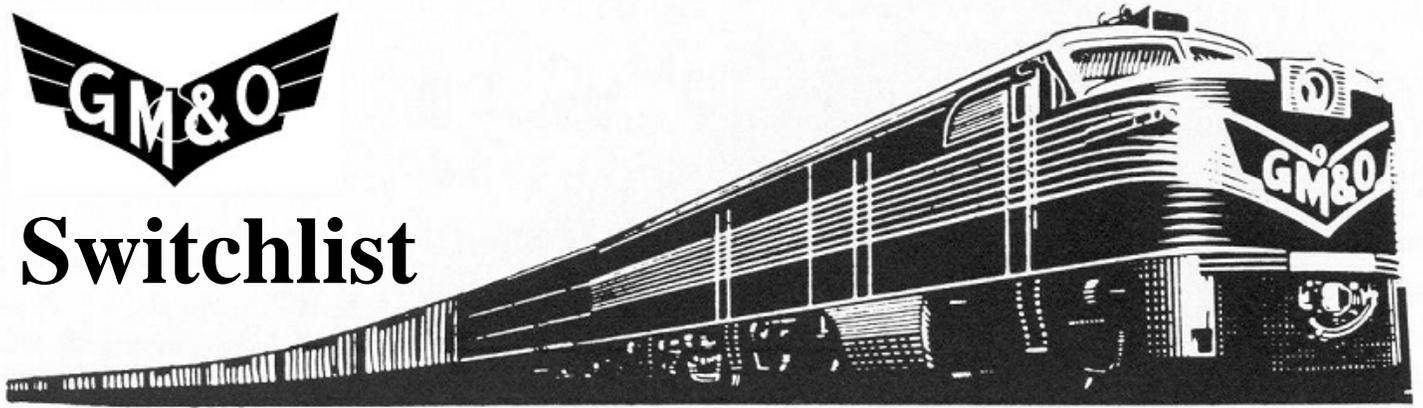




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Message from President Fred Bradley

Most Class 1 railroads have gone by the wayside and only a few giants remain. First class passenger service is only a memory and many towns and cities are no longer served by any rail service.

You, as members of one of the outstanding historical societies, have the pleasure of remembering what it used to be like. We have photographs, diagrams, maps and stories to enjoy and follow for one of the most successful Class 1 railroads in these United States. The GM&O had one of the first streamlined passenger trains, with hostesses and first class dining car service. The GM&O was arguably the first Class 1 railroad to completely dieselize and had one of the most modern fleets of locomotives in the country. The GM&O had some of the most attractive paint schemes of any railroad in the United States. There's a lot to like about our favorite railroad.

We often take all of this for granted but we are truly fortunate to be able to relive some of the best times in railroad history, through the efforts of the fine group of people we have in our Society. We should shout it from the highest places that we have a great railroad historical society and we should ask others to join us and enjoy what we have over the past four decades.

We are fast approaching our Annual Meeting and this year it will be held in Jackson, Tenn. The *Casey Jones Museum* will host our gathering and through the efforts of **George Googe** and **Dave Wagner**, we are going to have one of the best on record. I look forward meeting and greeting each and every one of you who attend. Let's make this Annual Meeting the best in the country.

Message from Secretary Marc Liberta

Enclosed is your ballot for the election of Officers and Board of Directors for the 2011 membership year. The offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Director seats are one year terms. President Fred Bradley and Vice President Tony Howe are completing the first year of their two year terms. Please take the time to vote, as this is one of your privileges of membership (and is needed so as to comply with our by-laws). Return ballots via one of two methods indicated and by the stated deadlines. If mailing the ballot please do not use staples to close, as these get caught in the machining process used by the post office and arrive damaged.



Modeling Committee Announcement

Due to space limitations and the nature of our sharing space with an operating museum for this year's Annual Meeting, **we will not be holding a modeling contest or display** during the Saturday swap meet. For those that had planned to bring something with them to Jackson, we apologize for the disappointment, but hope that you will understand and bring your entries to our meet in 2011.

Publications Committee

Ken Donnelly is currently working on separate articles covering the ICG's "Slingshots" from 1975 to 1983, and the Commonwealth Edison "Masster-Movement" Coal trains and operations from 1964-1972. If you are interested in contributing to either story, please write to: P.O. Box 2457, Joliet, IL 60434, call: (815) 278-0384, or e-mail: gmnofan@yahoo.com Thank you.

2011 GM&OHS All-Color Calendar

With this mailing you should have an order form for the 2011 GM&OHS All-Color Calendar. We would like to thank everyone that ordered calendars last year, continuing the success of our pre-order program. Remember that we produce only the number of calendars needed per existing orders, so get yours in by the deadline of October 9th. Our thanks go to **David Bridges** and **Art Richardson** for putting together this year's Society calendar. Can't wait to see what's in store for 2011!

In Memoriam

Renowned photographer **Owen Leander** passed away on June 19th, 2010 at the age of 79 in Elk Grove Village, Ill. Mr. Leander was a past member of the GM&OHS, but remained a frequent contributor of photos to the production of the *GM&OHS NEWS*. In addition to being a first-rate photographer of the Chicagoland rail scene, he was also an avid modeler, student and collector of all things railroad related. While concentrating his photography on passenger operations and the overall operations of the Milwaukee Road, he nonetheless made thousands of pictures throughout Chicago and the surrounding area of every road he could find, including the GM&O. Mr. Leander's photography was profiled in *NEWS* issue no. 115 for the story *A Day Spent on the GM&O-June 25, 1970 at Joliet, Ill.*

See you in Jackson!

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