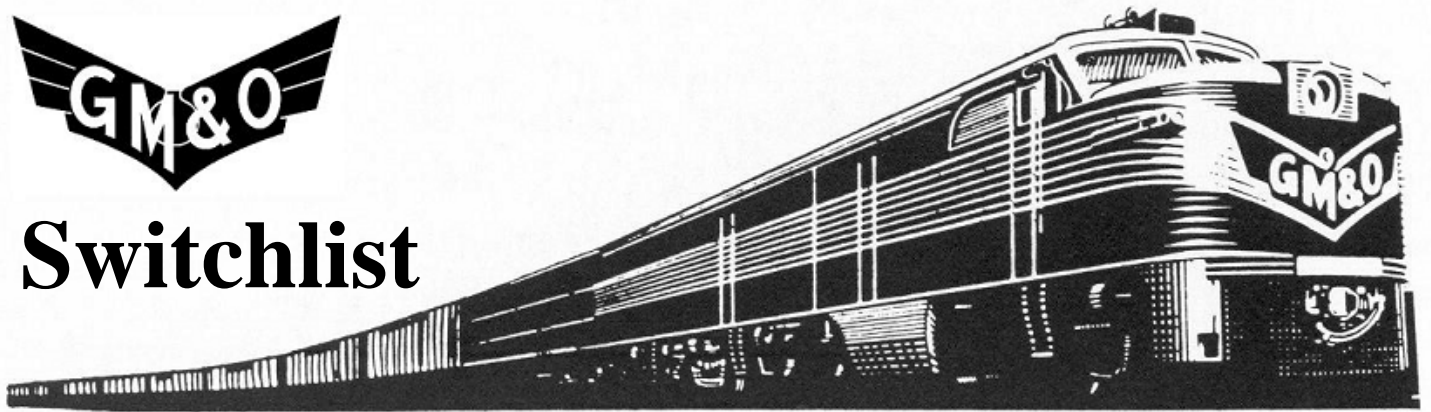




# Switchlist



## GULF, MOBILE & OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### Message from President Fred Bradley

We are winding down to end another year and I feel like it has been a very good one.

I want to thank the Officers, Directors and the various Committee members for all of their work. I appreciate each one of you and what you have accomplished. Our *NEWS* publication has been outstanding, the 2012 Calendar is in the mill and will also be outstanding, and we have two new custom model car kits available, one each for our HO and N scale modeling members. Last but not least, we have outstanding plans and arrangements made for our 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Bloomington, Ill. this October. Things are moving along very well.

It is also time to elect new Officers and Directors. I want to ask each one of you to consider running for one of these offices. You have a very good, indeed one of the best railway historical societies in the nation, and it did not just happen. It requires effort from a host of people and you can be one of these people to keep us going into the future. Please consider this, even as a write in candidate. It's not too late to serve your Society.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your President these past two years and I am looking forward to a new team carrying us forward into the next two years and beyond.

### ***Bloomington Railroads* CD—Bigger, Better, Faster, More!**

We continue to add content to the commemorative CD-rom that is being produced in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in Bloomington this fall. In addition to the *NEWS* back issue (#23), maps, photos/images and audio recordings mentioned in the summer *Switchlist*, we have received permission from **Revelation Video** and **A&R Productions** to include edits that will now provide the project with GM&O and Illinois Terminal **videos**. We also have been able to add a terrific **article** from the **Illinois Traction Society** on 'The Bloomington Line'.



Our gratitude goes out to all contributors that are making this a must-have Society project. Remember this is a one-time offering which will end with the Bloomington show. Persons attending the meeting may preorder using the enclosed reservations flier (\$10), or those unable to attend at Bloomington can order a copy directly through our regular P.O. mailing address (\$16 postage paid). Preorder/Order your *Bloomington Railroads* disc today!



### Message from Secretary Marc Liberta

Enclosed is your ballot for the election of Officers and Board of Directors for the 2012 membership year. The offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Director seats are one year terms, while the offices of President and Vice President are two year terms. You will note there were *no* nominations received for Vice President, myself and current Treasurer David Johnston along with the one nomination for President are running *unopposed*, and there are only *four* candidates for Board of Directors seats where five are needed.

Please take the time to vote, as this is one of your privileges of membership (and is still 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.

### 2012 GM&OHS All-Color Calendar

With this mailing you should have an order form for the 2012 GM&OHS All-Color Calendar. We would like to thank everyone that has supported the calendar program in recent years. Thanks also go to **Gene Glendinning** for putting together this year's Society calendar project. Remember, the calendar project is preorder based, so don't miss out.

### 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Updates

A small correction from the summer *Switchlist* concerning our program Saturday evening: Presenters **Jim Popson** and **Mike Schafer** are with the *North West Illinois Chapter* of the **National Railway Historical Society**, not the *Blackhawk Chapter* as was stated.

As of this writing, we are nearly sold out of vendor tables for the Railroadiana Swap Meet. Check with show coordinator **Dave Wagner** for remaining table availability.

We are pleased to announce that the **N-TRAK of Bloomington-Normal** modeling club will be setting up an N scale layout in the hotel lobby for all to enjoy during the swap meet. Come watch the trains!

Remember to stop by the Society's tables at the swap meet to get your official **GM&O Historical Society License Plate Frame**. You can't get them any other way, and you'll Help Spread the Word wherever you go!

### In Memoriam

We must note the passing of **James H. Driver, Jr.** of Jackson, Tenn. at the age of 91. Mr. Driver had a 43 year railroading career beginning as a machinist in 1937. He was also an early contributor to the Society. Our condolences go out to his family.