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Minutes of the January Meeting

The January meeting was held at Richard Fischer's home in Fair Oaks.

- A. Co-presidents Byron Satterlee and Thilo Protze called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.
- B. Members present: Ken Blair; Bill Case; Gary Dennis; Geoff Fischer; Rich Fischer; Tim Walter; Bill Hoey; Klaus Keil; Helmut Nixdorf; Gilles van Nederveen; Alan Wood; John Groesz; Gordon Lokke; Thilo Protze; Byron Satterlee Alex Hess; and Jack Korvnick.
- C. Thilo made the following announcements: The Great Train Expo at Cal Expo Jan. 14-15, 10am – 4 pm, admission \$7 for both days;
- D. Host meeting schedule – Gordon Lokke volunteered for July; and Module assembly/disassembly assignments for the Roseville Roundhouse event in Feb.
- E. Old Business:
 - 1) The Module Committee (formerly Module SIG) is putting together a preliminary design and cost estimate for new modules, funding to be negotiated with the Board of Directors. Win Beller went to the Blackhawk show, found them operating AC, DC, DCC and digital, all successfully, just like our modules previously had several years ago.
 - 2) The Roseville Roundhouse Club relocated to Annex Room on the Placer County Fair Grounds, leaving no room for us. Thilo will follow potential for space in Turnverein basement (uncertain due to recent elections of that organization, though they received favorable comments about trains at the Kris Kindlmarkt).
- F. New Business:
 - 1) The Draft Budget for 2006 was passed, with the understanding that the line item for the module group would likely be revised later on.
 - 2) The following officers were elected: Thilo Protze, President; Geoff Fischer, First Vice-president; Allan Woods, Second Vice-president; Helmut Nixdorf, Treasurer; Bill Hoey, Secretary.
- G. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.
- H. After the meeting, Thilo showed a movie of old DB electric locomotives and Klaus a German TV sitcom movie about a newlywed couple, the husband a model railroader.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Hoey

Presidents' Message & Agenda:

Consider this your third and last notice for dues for the coming year. Dues are the same as last year. \$20.00 for the local and \$15.00 for the national. Monies were due Jan 1, 2005. Please pay Helmut Nixdorf, our Treasurer.

Hi everyone! Well, another year is underway. We have had the elections... or was it conscription? In any case, I appreciate your vote of confidence that you think I can get the job done and to continue to grow the club, as we have in the past year (three new members and another recently added this year!).

I want to thank all the members who have dedicated their time and efforts to the club so we could participate in all the events that we attended. Not as much would've been accomplished or enjoyed without your help. Special mention goes to the officers and their devotion to running the club business. Also to Byron Satterlee, who has been tirelessly involved in the club meetings, modules presentation and setups for the past 3 years in his capacity as co-president. Byron felt he needed a well deserved rest so did not run this year. His help during these past years has been valued.

Our focus for the year will be the club modules. The very complex issue on the table for the module committee will be the consideration of whether or not to begin a whole new modular layout - digitally controlled - while still maintaining the current one to provide us public visibility. Embarking on a whole new layout will not be accomplished or even started overnight. As a matter of fact, we will not hear from the module committee members on their preliminary thoughts and ideas until sometime in early summer.

A club is only as good as the members' efforts, ideas and involvement. I will look forward to working with all of you, along with our 2 new Vice-presidents, Geoff Fischer and Allan Wood. I would also like to thank Helmut Nixdorf, Bill Hoey, Klaus Keil and Gilles Van Nederveen for providing their services again this year. It is thoroughly appreciated.

See all of you at the Roseville Roundhouse Club event at the Roseville Fairgrounds on February 11th & 12th (& on the 10th if you're helping to set up). Till then, wishing you green signals all the way!

Thilo Protze
President
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Monthly Schedule

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| 1. February – Show at Placer County Fair Grounds – Modules are to be set up. | 7. August – EuroWest? |
| 2. March – Gilles van Nederveen | 8. September ? |
| 3. April – RT show – Modules are to be set up. | 9. October ? |
| 4. May – Klaus Kiel's home | 10. November – IRF |
| 5. June – John Groez | 11. December – Kris Kindl and Christmas Part |
| 6. July - Gordon Lokke | |

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[Oberweißbacher Bergbahn](#)



On 26.12.05, 479 205-7 shows off its new paint scheme on the flat stretches of the Oberweißbacher Berg- und Schwarzatalbahn (OBS) with the beautiful winter weather as a backdrop. The refuge from the „Inselbahn“ was put in service for the multitudes of skiers and tourists. Currently the OBS has the railcars 479 201, 203 and 205 in the new/old color scheme of the Deutschen Reichsbahn (DR) ([Jochen Schmidt](#), 27.12.05).

[ET 165 471](#)



ET 165 471 as a Christmas train on 18.12.2005 in Berlin Ostbahnhof. Photo: [Sebastian Schrader](#) (Click on picture and scroll down for a larger version of this picture)

[Cargo Slovakia privatization postponed](#)

The privatization of railway company Cargo Slovakia has been postponed. Companies interested in buying 100 percent of Cargo Slovakia now have until the end of January, instead of the middle of the month, to submit their binding bids, the daily SME reported. The potential bidders themselves asked for the postponement. According to Tomáš Šarluška, the ministry's spokesman, two bidders asked the privatization commission to postpone the date for submitting bids because of the snow calamity over Christmas. Earlier information about the Slovak president Ivan Gasparovic's veto of the act enabling to privatize the national freight operator was released. The act was agreed by the Parliament and now awaited Mr. Gasparovic's opinion. It is now not certain whether further privatization will be possible. The calamity caused delays in the preparation of documents needed in the bidding process. There are six potential bidders for Cargo Slovakia: Cargo Central Europe (Penta, Railworld, MID Europe Partners); German Deutsche Bahn AG through daughter company Railion; Austrian ÖBB through daughter company Rail Cargo Austria; Cargo Cooperation Consortium (Hungarian MÁV, Slavia Capital); Polish PKP Cargo; American Genesee & Wyoming. (Source: Railway Market magazine, <http://www.slovakspectator.sk/> 09.01.06)

[185 563-4](#)

On 15.12.05, 185 563 and 128 001 were doing test runs in Thurtal. The photo is by Bürglen, which is in-between Romanshorn and Oberwinterthur. Photo: [Wolfram Wittsiepe](#) (Click on picture and scroll down for a larger version of this picture)



[Schweiz: Winterdampf im Sensetal](#)



Die Dampfbahn Bern (DBB) had an obligatory winter/Christmas outing on 26.12.05. With the steam train topped and tailed, the passengers were paraded along the line Laupen - Thörishaus - Schmiten - Flamatt - Laupen. Locomotive 1 "Lise" (ex Gaswerk Bern) blew a staybolt in its boiler and Lok GTB 3 came from Spiez to do the replacement honors. Locomotive 1 was taken to Spiez for a boiler revision ([Adrian Keusen](#), 28.12.05).

[ES 64 U2 040](#)



CargoServ ES64U2-040 on 21.12.2005 in Altena. Photo: [Wolfram Wittsiepe](#) (Click on picture and scroll down for a larger version of this picture)

[185 540-2](#)
TXL 185 540-2 in Hamburg Rbf alte Süderelbe on 23.12.2005. Photo: [René Haase](#) (Click on picture and scroll down for a larger version of this picture)
Check out the horns!



[485 016-0](#)



On 18.08.05 the Hangartner-Containerzug 43680 had Re 485 016 & 005 on the front. Photo: [Markus Seeger](#) (Click on picture and scroll down for a larger version of this picture)
Check the paint job on the switcher on the right!



[1012 001-2](#)

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On 25.11.2005, the defective 1012 001-2 waits out winter behind the TS Halle in the TR Innsbruck. Photo: [Markus Lechkeitner](#) (Click on picture and scroll down for a larger version of this picture)

[E464 241](#)



464 241 in Domodossola on 23.12.2005. Photo: [Marc Striffeler](#) (Click on picture and scroll down for a larger version of this picture)



HAG has announced its new items for the first half of 2006: Extensive paint updates and several new items by the "s.p.s." process. Click on the logo for a complete listing and projected prices.



HOM new items for 2006 have been announced. Several items are in the "if we get enough orders, we will make it" category. Click on the Bemo logo for complete details.



Märklin and Trix have announced their new items for 2006. Previews of the Swiss items can be found here [Märklin HO](#), [Märklin #1](#), [Märklin Replica](#), [Trix HO](#) and [Minitrix](#)



Liliput has also announced their new items for 2006, especially the Swiss market. Click [here](#) or on logo to download a zipped pdf file of their offerings. Neat stuff.



[Fleischmann's complete list of new items may be downloaded as a pdf from here.](#) Brochure is extensive and both HO and N scale. It is very large – 8.3 Mbytes.



Roco has also announced its new items. See [this web site](#) or click on the logo for a full catalog or [this web page](#) for Swiss new items.



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LGB has also announced their new items. There are two pdf files. The first is very large. [LGB Extra](#) and [LGB-Info 2006](#).

Kibri

Kibri has also announced its new items for 2006.

Click [here](#) for a 2.65 MB brochure.

[484 018-7](#)



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On 28.12.2005, Re 484 018-7 with EC 133 Verbano on the Lötschberg north ramp. Photo: [Markus Seeger](#) (Click on picture and scroll down for a larger version of this picture)

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Friday, Saturday, & Sunday Feb 10th,
11th, 12th, Placer County Fair Grounds
Roseville Roundhouse Show.

The next "meeting" will take place on Saturday and Sunday February 11th & 12th. Set up will take place the afternoon of the 10th. Contact Thilo for more information. Bring everything and run it all.



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