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O Scale Kings State of the Organization Newsletter March 2017

Greetings Oskers,

This is one of a continuing annual series of newsletters from your president. As we look back at another fine Chicago O Scale Meet it reminds one of just how large and serious the 2 rail o scale hobby still is. What with 600 sales tables and over 1000 (estimated) in attendance coming from all over the US and at least 6 foreign countries we are an affirmatively serious-about-2 rail-O Scale group! I can't help but believe that the O Scale Kings is and has made an impact in the "culture of o scale".

Inside the O scale group lies the O Scale Kings the only group of its kind supporting all factions of 2 rail o scale i.e. standard, narrow, P-48, foreign and O17 scale. Our membership over the years has decreased but we still have been able to maintain a loyal membership in excess of 100.

We have currently a solvent treasury. We wisely use these monies to set up at large train shows of all gauges and design. We also advertise and support the O Scale Trains and O Scale Resource magazines and maintain our O Scale Kings website and by the way we will be making some changes and improvements to our website in the future so stay connected. To further see what your dues are doing go to the OSK website www.oscalekings.org and read the article "The Rat Hole", written by past president Bob Lavezzi. Bob is spot on with what we at the O Scale Kings have been doing. It truly is making an impact.

Our group has monthly board meetings of the conference call style to discuss and plan how to inform model railroaders and anyone of that persuasion to get involved with the king of the hobby 2 rail O Scale.

We are truly in the "golden era of O Scale", with an abundance of models to choose from and at bargain prices. So let's take advantage of this by spreading the word and enjoying the hobby. If you know someone who has been debating whether or not to get into o scale now is the time to get in.

Hoping you always have a clear right-o-way ahead.

Sam Shumaker
President