

INDIANAPOLIS MINI MEET FEBRUARY 25, 2017

We had 50 people in attendance at our third Indianapolis Santa Fe Mini Meet. Our furthest attendee from the west was from Manhattan, Kansas, and our furthest from the East was from Pittsburgh. We met at Allisonville Christian Church on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



Our first presenter of the day was Paul Nash from Chicago. Paul told us about his days as Trainmaster in Southern California. Here he is telling us how an engineer takes a train down Cajon Pass

Our second presenter was James Brown who told us about the Dearborn Station activity during the passenger train era of the Santa Fe. We learned a lot about how cars were shuffled and prepared for trains. Many more clinics can come from the stories in his new Illinois Division book!



After our attendees had lunch "on their own" at nearby restaurants, they returned and we provided a video of the upcoming Tulsa Convention.



Lance Garrels, former Santa Fe Engineer in Kansas, provided a slide show of his scanned slides from years ago. All his slides were of blue and yellow locomotives along with a Bicentennial locomotive to give you an idea of when he was an engineer and taking photos. I enjoyed lots of views of trains at the Emporia Depot too.



Bud Klumph introduced Michael Flick who gave us a preview of his clinic of the passenger cars of the Tulsan and Oil Flyer that he will give at the Tulsa Convention.

We also had a handful of folks who brought stuff to sell and there was plenty of Santa Fe rolling stock and locomotives available!

Following the presentations of the day, attendees had the opportunity to see the Santa Fe layouts of Dan Goins, Paul Brown, and Tom Cain

Submitted, Tom Cain 3-3-17