



## INDIANAPOLIS SANTA FE MINI MEET 2014 REPORT

This week we held our first Indianapolis Santa Fe Mini Meet. We had 48 people who registered to attend and most all registered were present. Certainly the highlight of the Mini Meet was the opportunity to see and walk through 3 authentic restored and operational Santa Fe Railroad Cars. The El Capitan #1389 Lounge Car and accompanying #2820 Chair car show excellent care and upkeep. The Business Car #56 gave us a rare view of how the executives of the Santa Fe were able to travel the railroad and conduct business on site.

Clinics covered both historical, prototypical, and modeling angles. We had as good a talent in our presenters as you will find at the Society Annual Conventions. Michael Flick-"So You Want to Model the San Francisco Chief" Jürgen Dietrichkeit- "Intermodal Modeling" Keith Jordan-"Santa Fe Refrigerator Cars" Paul Nash-"A Story About York Canyon Coal Operations"

Three layouts were offered for Layout Tours, so there was a nice variety of activities for attendees to experience. A good deal of positive feedback was received from attendees, which will help in future planning.

## Attendees check in at the Indiana Rail Road Senate Avenue Depot Office





Tom Hoback, CEO and President of Indiana Rail Road provides the history of his Business Car #56. Clinics begin after the railcars tour



Paul Brown's Layout



**Tom Cain's Layout** 

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