



# Detroit 56'ers

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## APRIL MEETING LUNCH AT BIG BEAR LODGE at 1:00 P.M. and a visit to the FLAT ROCK MODEL TRAIN DEPOT SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011

Our April Meeting will start with lunch on the patio (don't worry it's an enclosed & heated patio) at Big Bear Lodge at 25253 Telegraph Road in Brownstown, MI 48134. Big Bear Lodge has hamburgers, several sandwiches, salads, ribs, pizza and much more. We will have a quick bite to eat and then head down the road to the Flat Rock Model Train Depot and Museum is located at 28700 Arsenal Rd., Flat Rock, MI and it's open until 4:00 p.m.. This should be a fun trip. The Flat Rock Model Train Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of railroad history in our area. Henry Ford originally brought the railroad to Flat Rock in the 1920's when he consolidated and improved the lines. He built the dam across from the current "Depot" and also the Model T Headlamp Plant in Flat Rock. These are displayed to scale on the layout in addition to the DT&I Railroad story. There is a nominal entrance fee of \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for seniors.

Please R.S.V.P. to Chris Speedie via email [raespeedie@aol.com](mailto:raespeedie@aol.com) or phone her at (734) 675-8528 by Wednesday, April 13th so we will know how many to expect for lunch.

Directions from Big Bear to the Train Depot are (it's about a 5 minute trip): Turn LEFT out of Big Bear Lodge down Telegraph to Gibraltar Road. Turn RIGHT on Gibraltar Road to Arsenal. Turn LEFT on ARSENAL RD. Arrive at 28700 ARSENAL RD, FLAT ROCK, on the Right



Guests are always welcome  
at our meetings!

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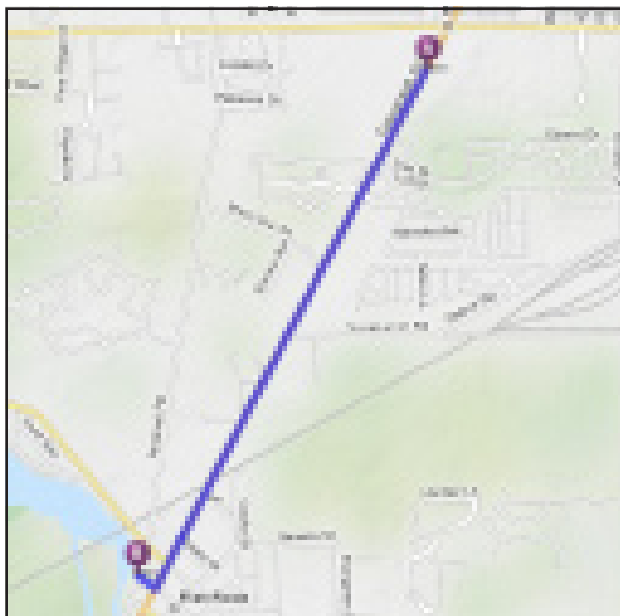
### Meetings:

BOARD MEETINGS:  
President's Discretion

MONTHLY  
MEETINGS:

Typically the last  
Sunday of each  
month

Locations To Be Announced



# OLD BUSINESS

WHAT: March 2011 Meeting - International Potluck and Make and Take  
 WHEN: Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.  
 WHERE: Bretton Village Clubhouse in Trenton

We had 15 members and one guest in attendance. They were Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Loretta Feroni, Peggy Gillie, Tish Goscicki, Jim Hamby, Wanda & Ed Hildner, Ken Long, Sharon & Greg Noga, Carol Olgren, Babe Speedie, Chris Speedie and Doe Vallade. Our guest was Bob Gillie (Peggy's husband).

What a great time. The food was outstanding. Most members brought a dish that represented their heritage. And as always there was a lot of food and everything was very good. We had chicken and dumplings, pierogi's, deviled eggs, shepherd's pie, scones, german apple cake, sauerkraut and pork, 7 layer salad, onion corn casserole, bean salad, even a little sweet and sour chicken with fried rice of which no one in the room was Chinese (go figure).

After eating we started our make and take. They were light bulbs that we decorated as a chick or a penguin or a snowman. Cute! Cute! Cute!







We also briefly discussed next month's meeting at the Flat Rock Train Depot and Museum. We will have having lunch at Big Bear Lodge first then a short trip down to the Depot. May is off to Sauder Village & the Candy Cane Christmas Store.

<b>Treasurer's REPORT</b>	
<b>Respectfully submitted by: Edward Hildner, Treasurer</b>	
STARTING Statement balance 1/31/11	\$ 1,363.75
Deposits credited:	
3/7     Deposit (Dues)	\$24.00
Checks written and cleared & Service charge:	
3/31     Service charge	\$ 2.00-
Statement balance 3/31/11	\$ 1,385.75
Checkbook balance 4/1/11	\$ 1,385.75



# April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1  APRIL FOOL'S DAY!	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14  <i>Lena Willis' Birthday</i>	15	16  Detroit 56'er Meeting Big Bear Lodge and Flat Rock Train Depot
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24  Happy Easter!	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Welcome New Members

Detroit 56'ers would like to welcome new members **JOE MEYERS** and **JEFF McCANN** from Beavercreek, Ohio. Joe collects Snow Village, Disney and Winter Silhouettes. Jeff collects North Pole. Joe is the president of the Queen City Villagers from Cincinnati, Ohio. Living just outside of Dayton, they most likely will not be attending most of our meeting, but we wish to welcome them to the club.

Since I did not get around to printing the new membership book, I will add Joe and Jeff and mail them to everyone with this newsletter.

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**MAY:** SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011 - A DAY TRIP TO ARCHBOLD, OHIO to the Historic Sauder Village for lunch at the Barn Restaurant then off to The Candy Cane Christmas Store which is right down the street from Sauder Village. Less about 2 hours from downriver (Trenton). For those who wish to stay and visit the village, you can either go early or stay late.

**JUNE:** SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011 - CANTERBURY VILLAGE / ALWAYS CHRISTMAS with lunch at the Clansman Gaelic Pub. Department 56 is having a event at Always Christmas and we are invited. Also for all of you train enthusiasts there is suppose to be a train show at Canterbury Village (in the Park) as well.

**JULY:** CLUB PICNIC - LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

**AUGUST:** SATURDAY, DATE TO BE DETERMINED - House of Tradition - Lunch at the Holiday Inn/French Quarter in Perrysburg.

SEPT./OCT. 2011 September 29 - October 2, 2011 - Litchfield Park, Arizona  
 The Arizona Department 56 Clubs (the Arizona Village Collectors, Desert Villagers and Southwest Villagers, along with the volunteer posse from Region 10 and others will be your hosts or the 1st gathering in Arizona. History, charm and authentic Arizona await at the destination hotel the Wigwam Golf Resort and Spa, 300 East Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, Arizona. [www.wigwamresort.com](http://www.wigwamresort.com). They have rustled up a great rate of \$125/night (plus tax). Call the Wigwam at 623-935-3811 or 800-327-396 and mention "Happy Trails to Arizona Gathering" or enter the following code: HAI29A if you book on line for the great rate. The Southwest Villagers website is up and running and updated frequently! [www.southwestvillagers.com](http://www.southwestvillagers.com) Several members are already planning to attend.

**OCTOBER:** TO BE DETERMINED

**NOVEMBER 3,4,5,6, 2011 - SAVE THE DATE(s)!**

**Nancy's Hallmark / Department 56 Retirement Weekend Extravaganza!**  
 in Sharonville, Ohio • It's going to be FUN!

The Holiday Inn I-275 North in Sharonville is ready to accept your reservation.

Call direct to (513) 563-8330 and ask for the Detroit 56'ers group. Or if you wish to book online go to [www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com) put Cincinnati in the search box with the dates and look for the Holiday Inn I-275 North (Sharonville, OH or Cincinnati, OH) under the map. Our online code is D56. Put D56 in the Group Code box and it will come up with the \$69.00 rate and you can make your room choice. We will update you with more information as soon as it becomes available.

*Mark your calendar's for these very special Detroit 56'ers events and gatherings!*