

Information on the cancellation of the SELSTS at Perry, GA for 2009

Stan,

I hasten to forward this message to you just in case you do not get the Insider. I am not completely surprised.

It has been wonderful working with you and other members of FGRS and I would be most grateful if you would extend our club's appreciation to all who were always so helpful.

I am hopeful, if the Perry Show is ever revived, that all of us can work together again.

As always,
Bob Fasnacht

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JJ Productions
Regional Large Scale Train Shows
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Club contacts at the SELSTS and MWLSTS,

There is no easy way to ease in to this communication so I will not "beat around the bush". After several discussions and looking at the past attendance rate at the last show or shows, and with the way the economy is right now, we regretfully have to skip/cancel the 2009 Large Scale Train Shows in Perry, Georgia and Springfield, Illinois. I have pasted Lewis's letter that appeared in the most recent issue of the ARISTO CRAFT INSIDER. We do thank you for your efforts at the shows and your attendance.

As Lewis's letter states, we are going to offer a second (October 22-24 in 2009) ECLSTS. We are going to try to build on the success of the Spring show that is in its 12th year. We hope that we will see you at one of these two shows.

Here is a copy of Lewis's letter, as it appeared in the INSIDER for November/December or 2008.

Harry Hartman, Jr.
JJ Productions Event Manager

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2009 Shows Large Scale Train Shows

The economy is in serious trouble and JJ Productions is going to skip their SELSTS and MWLSTS in 2009 and we will see what happens going forward. The shows are for profit shows supposedly and haven't attracted enough of a following to be so. Frankly, we are not able to build for the future at this juncture of the economy and have decided to hold a second show in York in the Fall of 2009 instead of the two more distant shows.

Harry Hartman has done a wonderful job on putting on delightful shows and we have backed the shows financially in spite of losses. Frankly, we have no confidence in the economy's success next year and will no longer undertake a losing venture until the economy is back on its feet.

The York show is now successful and like the TCA that holds the show twice a year in the Spring and Fall, we will attempt a second show at York. Will it work???? We don't know, but feel we need to give our vendors a better chance to make a profit than the other two shows have done.

Therefore, we have booked the same hall in York for October 22-24, 2009 instead of continuing with the other two shows in Perry and Springfield. We regret this choice as we have had tremendous support from the local clubs in both venues and the shows have been terrific if under attended. We need to fill a demand and the demand has not been sufficient enough to continue onward.

The economy is so tough that we need to concentrate on and expand winners, rather than nurturing new shows. Our thanks to all who have supported us and worked so hard to make the shows so quality successful, if not monetarily so. We felt the shows helped to build the hobby, but we need to at least break even, not financially underwrite the endeavors.

We hope the economy rapidly recovers and the overall G Gauge market is not involved in a recession beyond today's tough marketplace.

All the best,

Lewis Polk

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