

2008 SPRING MEET - OREGON, ILLINOIS

as reported by Bob Grenier

The Burlington Route Historical Society held their 2008 Spring Meet in the Oregon Coliseum on Saturday, April 12, 2008 in beautiful downtown Oregon, Illinois. By all accounts, the meet was a great success. With meet registrations of 184, the meet was very well attended, and, to the best of my knowledge, all had a great time. The swap meet, which is always the flag event at the Spring Meet, was a great swap meet with a total of 36 swap tables reserved by members and independent vendors.

In addition to the swap meet, there were many activities on the schedule, all of which were talked about favorably by members. These activities included a day long open house and operating session at the Blackhawk Model Railroad Club at Conover Square just a short block from the Coliseum, an open house at the partially restored CB&Q Depot where members could get a cup



of hot coffee, which was welcome on this unusually cold day, and some members made the short trip to Rochelle, Illinois to one of the most active modern day rail-fanning sights at the BNSF/UP diamonds at the Rochelle Railroad Park.

As the day continued, many of those in attendance were treated to four informative, yet enjoyable clinics presented on the lower level of the coliseum. Gerald Edgar gave a great clinic on CB&Q printed collectables. Bob Rees then presented an informative clinic on the CB&Q Oregon Depot and the restoration work that the

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- Wrecks on the Q
- Waycar Interiors
- Grain doors
- Evening at Downers Grove
- CB&Q Cars at Atchison, KS
- Auto loading in Box cars

TOP: Banner welcoming the BRHS Members to the Oregon Coliseum. Photo by Bill Jelinek; MIDDLE: An 1890's CB&Q greeting card touting Oregon, Ill. as an incomparable, one-of-a-kind Summer Resort. Gerald Edgar Collection, photo-Bob Grenier; BELOW: The hard work and progress of restoring the depot in Oregon was readily evident during our visit.

Photo by Bill Jelinek

