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HELLO!! And here we are.... another year is near complete and 4 more issues of the HotBox have been completed. I hope you have enjoyed the past year of issues. NOW... there will be some changes starting with the March 2023 issue. After 12 years, we need to do a few price increases. While we all are struggling with higher prices on so many things, I know this is not what you want to hear. But, we also cannot run the HotBox on a deficit basis! And that is what has been happening for a while. Please see the full report on page 8.

Sorry... I must use my "powers" to promote the up-coming Division 6 2nd annual **MODEL RAILROAD SALE**. See page 9 for the flyer with all the details. A bit more info is in the Division 6 report on page 11. If you need vendor information, contact info is on the flyer!

There was a NCR Board of Directors meeting held in late September and a summary of that meeting is in this HotBox. This is information that YOU as an NCR member, has the right to know. We have a great BoD and they are working hard to make sure you get the full advantage of your membership. In fact, we've had many great BoD's in our NCR history. THANKS to all that volunteer and are elected to these positions and the work they have done! And with that.... here is YOUR chance to be part of this great group! NCR Elections need to take place in 2023. Please read up on the positions available and how YOU can participate.

One last thing to mention... please have a Happy Holiday season, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Well, time to do some MORE model railroading... and that's always a good thing!! Thanks for reading... Barry



MODEL RAILROADING IS FUN!

HOTBOX CORRECTIONS NCR "OOPS"....

Always striving to be correct is something we will do with the **HotBox**. But, we are human and mistakes can/will happen. Please forgive us, these are NOT intentional! In the Sept issue, we have one correction- We're very sorry to have mis-spelled the P&D website. The correct website is - www.pdhobbyshop.com Sorry P&D!!

FRONT COVER PICTURES- NMRA logo, Division 9 logo; Golden Spike on the B&O Lost Division; Number 200 is in Springfield with the Sacramento River in the foreground and a Purina flour mill beyond on

John Hanske's Burlington Southern Railroad; RDG Autorack car build; Fort Wayne Rails convention logo

REAR COVER PICTURES- Fort Wayne Rails convention logo; Bullet-Proof Trees!; On Bill Wemhoff's NKR and Indiana Northern Railroad, Old #494 just got its tender filled up with water and Coal. The hustler is getting ready to couple it up to a local in Delphos Yard and heading east to Toledo, Ohio.

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RAILROADING "WHAT THE ????"

NCR HUMOR

*Received this submission in May of 2019.
Sorry for the delay in publishing!*

As they say – there's a prototype for everything.....

I'm out working in the Peoria, Illinois area on a project, and came across a rather model-genic diamond and interchange between NS (former NKP) and TP&W (ex-ATSF) just to the northeast of Morton, Ill. The interlocking location is named Crandall on the NS side, which is the primary Norfolk Southern line into Peoria from the east.

It appears NS didn't want to bother with a custom angle (approximately a 60 deg. crossing) and instead when with a 90 deg. they simply had "in-stock" to replace what was likely a very-worn diamond. However, look at those wavy kinks in the alignment – something either a modeler would do to shoehorn in or force-fit a commercial track piece, alignment be damned, or perhaps just someone ham-fisted enough to do it unawares.

Dan Mitzel, Div. 8-NCR-NMRA



PRESIDENT'S OBSERVATION

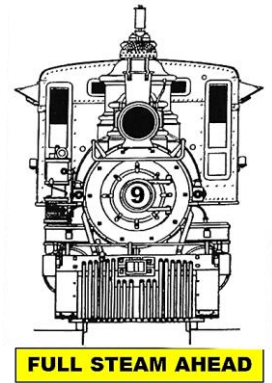
Dave Capron

Fall is here and the leaves are just waiting for the picking. Gather them in separate bags for color. Take the stems off and put them in your blender with lots of water. Now blend them up good and pour into an old t-shirt or rag. Squeeze as much water out as you can and spread them on a cookie sheet. Bake at 300 degrees until dry. Do each color separately and you will have great ground cover. You can mix and match the different colors to suit your taste. Now for those stems. Put them in the blender with lots of water and then a couple of very, very quick spins. The result will be some great looking small logs with the bark partially split off. Good for around your logging areas and drainage ditches for flooding zones.

Ok enough of a mini clinic for now, what is happening in the NCR. Great news! The National Board has accepted the NCR's proposal for the 2025 National Convention. It will NOT be in downtown Detroit but in Novi, closer to layouts without the long driving time. Lots of restaurants close by to choose from. After seeing the success of our new formats at the Toledo and Indy Junction Tri Regional Conventions they were impressed with the format and has agreed to our proposal. Details will follow but for now get it on your calendar!

It is election time, actually past time, so check out the separate article in this Hot Box. If you have been involved in your local Division then consider stepping up to the Regional level. Some of the Divisions are also having elections so volunteers are always needed to keep things rolling at both the Division and Regional levels. We are a volunteer organization and new member officers with new ideas are always appreciated. Your dues are needed but your ideas and leadership will keep the 'trains rolling.' Please consider getting involved at the Division or Regional levels. All officer positions are open and need members to consider running for a position on the board.

Speaking of membership, a bit of old or continuing business is recruiting new members. Have you invited someone to a layout tour, Division meeting, Train Show or other event recently? We have to do the recruiting one at a time and depend on our current members to find the new ones. You have goals for your hobby and layout why not set one for your Division. One new member in the coming year by each of us would double our Regional size !



Our hobby lost three of the great one's last month. Iain Rice, Dick Elwell and Allen McClellan were innovators that gave us ideas that will be used by many a modeler and operator. Our hobby is unique as hobbies go as they are year around with regular round robins, monthly meeting, clubs, layouts to build, conventions and more. No other hobby has that kind of regular and varied interactions. What the majority of modelers say they enjoy the most about our hobby is the life long friendships that are created. Consider and enjoy our hobby with the other modelers you call your friends.

I started with leaves which indicates fall and the start of serious modeling season. Your layout that maybe has not seen much of you since last spring is expecting some time now. Or maybe that craftsman kit that you have been procrastinating about starting will get the box opened. Whatever your choice winter is coming and it is time to make some choices and go run some trains.

Dave Capron, President, NCR

**How about writing an article on your latest modeling project! Earn AP points!
At the HotBox, WE NEED and WANT your articles!!**

The North Central Region Board of Directors held a meeting (via zoom) in late September 2022. Official minutes will be forth coming and posted on the NCR website (<https://www.ncrnmra.org/>) soon. For here in the HotBox, this is a summary of that meeting.....

The meeting was called to order and there were 12 members of the Board in attendance, out of 18 Board members. The meeting was held online via Zoom.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Steve Harsh gave a report on the NCR finances and the NCR is solvent. There are no out-standing expenses and the books have been closed on the Indy Junction Tri-Regional convention, which did increase the NCR account.

ELECTIONS – because of covid the past 2+ years, we are behind in an election cycle. Nominations will start NOW and run through the end of 2022. The positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors are up for election. Any NCR member in good standing with their NMRA membership is eligible to be nominated by someone else, or even nominate themselves for a position. Please contact the Election Committee Chairman to register your nomination - Norm Logan nlogan114@wowway.com
SEE PAGE 8 of this HotBox for full nomination instructions!

PAST-FUTURE CONVENTIONS – Director Scott Kremer gave another brief report on the success of the Indy Junction Tri-Regional convention that happened in May 2022. Div 3 Bob Jones gave a progress report on the 2023 convention in the Fort Wayne area. Norm Logan, Div 6 convention chairman, announced the dates and location of the 2024 convention. While Rich Mahaney was not present, a report was given for him on the NCR One Day convention happening in October 2022. Also mentioned was the chance that the NCR would host the National convention in 2025, as long as the tri-regional format is adapted.

NCR CONVENTION SCHEDULE – While we had to post-pone the NCR convention in 2020, it was simply rescheduled in 2021. That was the Toledo convention. (and a great one it was!) We did not have an NCR convention this past year due to the Indy Junction Tri-Regional convention. (which was also a great one!) So we are “on schedule” for future conventions in this order.....

2023- Div 3	2024- Div 6	2025- Div 4
2026- Div 5	2027- Div 8	2028- Div 1

Division 9 and 2 are not in the schedule due to man-power. Now there is a “kink in the track”... depending on a NMRA decision on the 2025 National Convention. The NCR has placed a bid to host the 2025 National Convention, as long as it follows the Tri-regional format of shorter length, self-tours, etc. If we are awarded the 2025 National, here is the NCR convention schedule....

2023- Div 3	2024- Div 6	2025- NMRA National in SE Michigan area	
2026- Div 4	2027- Div 5	2028- Div 8	2029- Div 1

(WOW – see the BREAKING NEWS on page 33!)

MISC DISCUSSIONS –

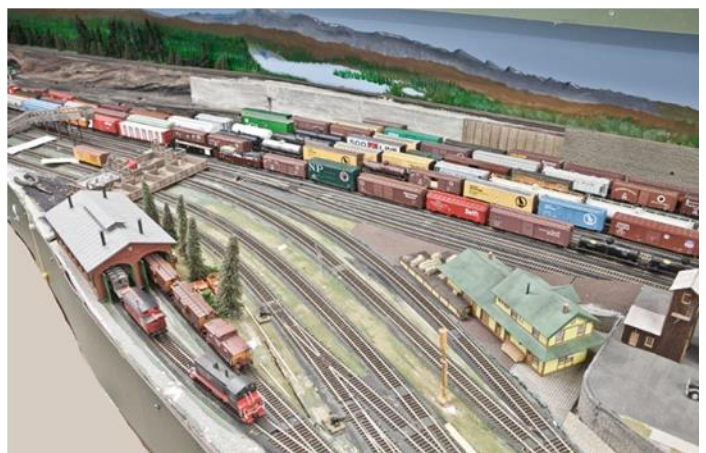
- ** The NCR now has another 3 projectors (6 total) for use at Regional conventions and Division events. One original projector still seems to be missing.
- ** Discussion was held on how each Division is handling new or prospective members.
- ** NMRA Division and Regional Certification information is Due 12/01/2022 and needs to be sent to Norm Logan, NCR Secretary. **Do not** send this information to NMRA National.

HotBox REPORT – Editor Barry Hensel was unable to attend the meeting but sent in a report which was entered into the official minutes. See page 8 of this HotBox for a summary of that report, suggestions and decisions made by the NCR Board.

Next live NCR Board Meeting will be in Lansing, April 2023. Site TBA.

RAILFANNING* the **BURLINGTON SOUTHERN* **NCR TRACKSIDE**

The Burlington Southern Railroad is one of the layouts that will be featured during the 2023 Fort Wayne convention. It is a proto-freelanced railroad based in Northern California, Oregon, and Washington. The year is always 1973. *Left, down, then right* - Portland engine terminal. A local run has pulled into 'the hole' to allow a through freight to pass. In Ashland, Oregon, a SP local switches the Driscoll lumber company. The through freight has left Winston and is passing by the old water tower at Mirror Lake. North Medford Industrial Park, the local is dropping off a cut of cars. At Dunsmuir, three yard workers, Yardmaster, Assistant Yardmaster, and Hostler classify arriving trains and assemble freight into through and local trains.



RAILFANNING* the **BURLINGTON SOUTHERN* NCR TRACKSIDE

Left down, then right - The local is servicing the Queensly Furniture company. Number 201 passing by the Springfield station with the Union Pacific tracks in the background. Highway 30 near Portland. The Columbia River bridge at Wishram is unique in that it splits in the middle. The port in Tacoma is operated by the Milwaukee Road. Picture of downtown Portland.



At the recent NCR Board of Directors meeting (September 2022) a report by HotBox editor Barry Hensel gave the Board the status of the HotBox. Here is a summary of that report and some actions taken by the NCR Board of Directors – The HotBox is stable, as far as printing, processes, timing, mailing and posting on the NCR website. Articles are always welcomed and needed. But, there is a problem with the HotBox... profitability! Currently, the NCR is losing close to \$1000 per year with the HotBox. The expenses are the printing, mailing prep and mailing costs. Income are the subscriptions for the mailed versions, hobby shop sales, train show ads and Pike Ads. The subscriptions are less than the cover price. Pike ads are collected every three years. Hobby shop sales only add about \$120/year. Something needs to change.

While Editor Barry Hensel was not present at the meeting, his report had some suggestions on how to handle this increasing and long time deficit. Raising the cover price from \$3 to \$4 and the subscription price from \$10 to \$13 was suggested. The Board members debated and discussed these suggestions and approved the following increases, to take effect with the 2023 issue year –

Copy Price will be \$4 on HotBox issues in the hobby shops or by request.

Subscription Price will be \$15 per year for any NMRA member that wants a printed copy mailed to them. This will start when you renew your NMRA membership after January 1, 2023.

While we never like price increases.... the HotBox has not had a price increase since November 2008 when we went from \$7 to the present \$10. SO... you have had a great run on price for 12 years! Just to be honest.... there was discussion on making the HotBox fully online only!! But, those discussions did not create any proposals or further discussions, so we're continuing as usual. **THANK-YOU for your continued support!**

NCR BOARD of DIRECTORS ELECTIONS!!

As mentioned on page 5 in the NCR Board Meeting report, NCR Elections are due!! Here is a report from the NCR Secretary.... **ELECTION OF NORTH CENTRAL REGION OFFICERS**

The position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors are up for election.

Rules of Operation - Article VI - Section 3 of NCR By Laws:

Officers and elected Directors shall not serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms. Each Division Superintendent may serve as a Member of the Board until replaced by his Division.

Norm Logan will be the Chairperson for the Election Committee. Division Superintendents should pass this information on to their Division membership. ***If a member of the North Central Region wishes to be in the running for an office, they need to submit an application to be part of this election with the office they wish to hold, their name, NMRA membership number, a photo of themselves, what NCR division they are from, and a short paragraph including their reason for running and past experiences.***

Send this information to : Norm Logan, NCR Election Committee Chairman nlogan114@wowway.com
or mail to – NCR BoD Nominations 42306 Westmeath Northville, MI 48168-2058

You CAN nominate yourself! Deadline for nomination applications: **DEC 31, 2022**

Once all nominations are received, a ballot will be drafted and sent to the membership for a vote by USPS. Voting will take place in January and will be for a limited time. Elections results will be reported in the March 2023 HotBox.

Name _____ NMRA number _____ NCR Division _____

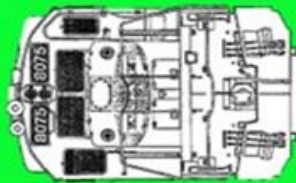
Position I wish to have _____ Reason for nomination/experience –

Don't forget a photo of the candidate/yourself!

2nd Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE!

Hosted by Division 6
North Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

SUNDAY - JANUARY 22, 2023
10am - 3pm



Costick Community Center

28600 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

135 Tables of model railroad items - ALL scales!

Door Prizes Awarded every 45 minutes! (must be present to win)

Snacks and refreshments available

Admission -

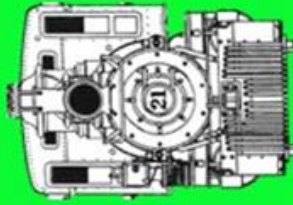
\$5 per person over 18 years old (spouses/children under 18 = FREE!)

\$10 per person Early Bird entry at 9am

Information -

Barry or Terry 734-649-3056 (6pm-9pm) div6trainshow@gmail.com

VENDOR INFO on back side of this flyer!



Division One - Black Swamp Division (Northwest Ohio and Michigan Lenawee and Monroe Counties)

Our 2022-2023 season is off to a great start!! Attendance at our October meeting exceeded 1/3 of our total membership! It was great to see so many friends in one place. We are in full swing putting the finishing details on our Christmas meeting which is sure to entertain. With the new year we will continue to bring new clinics to our members and even some new twists on older subjects. Our 2022-23 season is an election year. Open positions have been posted and we are looking for volunteers. All our meetings include snacks, door prizes and enjoying the hobby with friends! Make sure to check out our website for the latest news and information. More information will be posted in the Division newsletter, The Train Order and on our website as plans progress. Our website address is <http://div1.ncrnmra.org> . Our Facebook group is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ncrdiv1> . (submitted by- Marshall Stull, Superintendent)

Division Three - 3 Rivers Division (Fort Wayne, Indiana and western Ohio area)

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by and we are into the holiday season spending time with family and friends. The 3 Rivers Division is working hard to put together another great convention here in Fort Wayne for 2023. We are in the final stages of our Lima Train Show on December 10th in Lima Ohio. Next week we will be having our Elections for new members to our executive board. We hope you have a safe and memorable holiday season. Happy Holidays from the Three Rivers Division. (Submitted by- Bob Jones, Superintendent)

Division Four – Grand Rails Division (Grand Rapids and west Michigan area)

We meet monthly with the following upcoming schedule – **Saturday, December 10, 2022** 10am Community of Christ Church - 6001 West River Dr NE, Belmont, MI 49306 Details to be determined (Zeeland Exhibitions??) SHOW AND TELL?? **Saturday, January 14, 2023** 10am Herrick Public Library North Branch - 155 Riley St, Holland, MI 49424 Presentation on Train Operations at the JH Campbell Power Plant TENTATIVE **Saturday, February 11, 2023 and Saturday, March 11, 2023** 10am Community of Christ Church - Details to be determined. *Info on Christ Church* - Parking is behind the building. Enter from the east doors (along the driveway). Snacks and drinks allowed. Restrooms available. *Info on Herrick Public Library* - Parking on the back side of the building, as is the only public entrance. Parking accessed from either Riley St or Panther Dr, just east of 136th Ave. We have a sign directing members to the meeting room. Restrooms are in the public area of the library. Food and drink allowed in the meeting room only. The room has no provision for food service (i.e. no counter or sink). For more information contact Mark Baldwin at grandrailsdiv4@gmail.com or Tim Scott at tjscott46@hotmail.com or visit the division website <https://div4ncr.wordpress.com> (submitted by Tim Scott, Div 4 Secretary)

Division Eight - Clinton River Division (Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair Counties)

The Clinton River Division has implemented a regular layout tour schedule thanks to Dan Lewis our layout tour chairperson and we have also started our operating session crew with a visit to Division 5's Andy Keeney Nashville Lines with a future visit to Operations Roadshow as well as a return to Andy's in the works. As always, you're invited to join us at 7PM on the Third Thursday of the month, please drop into the Troy Christian Chapel at 400 East Long Lake Road in Troy Michigan. Our web site is, <http://div8.ncr-nmra.org/> and our Facebook group is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288929175921717/> (Submitted by Curt Danielewicz, Superintendent)

Division Ten – Ten Wheeler Division (Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron Counties)

The 10 Wheelers of NCR Division 10 continue to meet on the fourth Thursday of the month. At our October meeting, DIV 10 had a guest speaker who worked for Fairbanks Morse in Beloit, Wisconsin after his service in the military at the end of World War II. He told stories of sweating over drafting tables during the hot summer months, working on 12 foot long locomotive drawings, and balancing the weight on locomotives. We will not have meetings in November and December. Many of our members will be at the modular HO train layout at Crossroads Village for Christmas, stop by and visit. We will continue our regular meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month in January. For more information contact ncrdiv10@gmail.com , or Superintendent Wayne Wilder at 989-823-3409. (Submitted by Wayne Wilder, Superintendent)

Division Two - Tip Of The Mitten (Manistee to Iosco counties, north to the Mackinac Bridge and across to 3 eastern UP counties). We've had some great clinics in the Fall. Included were "Cars'n Trucks'n Wagons, Oh My", "Is Model Railway Art?", and "Achievement Program Evaluation." Planning is now underway for Winter clinics. Show and Tell segments give us a chance to see what progress our members have been making at home. Send an email to jens.hensel50@gmail.com and we will include you in our next invite. (Submitted by Mike Cipko, Division 2 Superintendent)

Division Five – Capital Division (Lansing and mid-lower Michigan area)

It's great to be back to meeting in person at the Meridian Township Fire Hall in Okemos. The September meeting was catch up with Show & Tell models and tools, followed by a discussion what type of meetings should be planned for the rest of the year. October's meeting, in addition to Show & Tell, featured a trip out to visit Jeremy Brown's new HO Santa Fe layout that he has under construction. There will be no meeting in November due to the Lansing Model Railroad Club's Train Show at MSU the next day. The December 10 meeting will be at our alternate location, the basement of the First Congregational Church in Charlotte. We will be having a hands-on clinic weathering freight cars, the reason for the location change. We have been posting our clinics on YouTube at "Capital Division NCR NMRA" and currently have about 20 presentations on a wide variety of subjects available to view. You can subscribe to the 15-25 page monthly Division 5 Newsletter. Send a request, Mark Cowles, at nkpcowles@yahoo.com. For more information, see the Division 5 website: <https://nmranrcdiv5.com/> (Submitted by- Mark Cowles, Div. 5 Clerk)

Division Six – Motor City Division (Wayne & Washtenaw Counties)

The Motor City Division has completed our 44th annual MODEL RR SHOW & WORKSHOP! At this event, we're answering model railroad questions and displaying many layouts. It's been a great time doing this event and promoting our hobby! We had a light turnout of public, but met several potential Div 6 members! That is also part of why we do this event. Education and attract new members! Our next event is our 2nd Model Railroad Sale event – Sunday, January 22, 2023 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. This is the same building that the Redford RR Club used to hold their shows at. See the flyer on page 9 of this HotBox! We were thrown a curve on this event when the big train show in Novi moved their date in February to OUR date in January!! After much thought and advice, we are ON for our event!! We hope you will attend our sale to find what you need for your model railroading needs. Our monthly meetings continue to be well attended and only a few are on the zoom meeting format. Everyone is welcome to attend! Our newsletter "On The Rails" and other information can be found on our website - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com (submitted by Barry Hensel, Newsletter Editor)

Division Nine – Southwest Michigan Division (Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and VanBuren Counties)

Division 9 continues with their once-a-month meeting frequency after returning from a summer break. In Sept, Division 9 had a joint meeting with the Midwest Region called the Michiana Division (Southwest MI and Northern Indiana area) in Hartford, MI at the tracks, facilities for a tour and reviewed the operations of the West Michigan Railroad Company. Our tour leader was WMRR employee Mike Hnatiuk, head of the railroad marketing activities. In the month of October, Division 9 hosted its first ever day and one-half model railroad convention. The convention included all of the usual stuff - layout tours, clinics, operating sessions, a dinner with speaker and lots of talk between model railroaders over Oct 28 and 29! The convention backed up to the Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society, which was held on Sunday, Oct 30th. Division 9 has heard lots of great comments! The November meeting that is coming up will feature Doug Harding discussing "Poultry Railroad Cars" and in December our Division Assistant Superintendent Joel Pyard will discuss his favorite railroad of interest, the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad. January through June 2023 includes regular meetings with clinics and layout tours for Division 9. (Submitted by: Rich Mahaney, NCR Director)

TRAIN TOWN

TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET

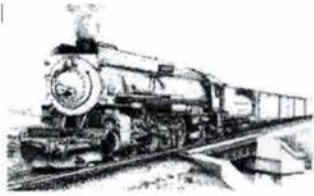
SATURDAY

DECEMBER 10, 2022

ALLEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

2750 Harding Highway, Lima, OHIO 45804

From I-75, take exit 125 – Go East on St. Rt. 309



10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Admission: Adults \$7.00

Children 12 & under Free

NMRA members w/ card \$5.00



FEATURING:

- ❖ Hourly Door Prizes
- ❖ All Gauges
- ❖ Railfan Items
- ❖ Over 170 Tables
- ❖ Children's Activities Area
- ❖ Handicap Accessible
- ❖ FREE Parking
- ❖ Food Service

Location: The show will be held in the Merchants building located at the Fairgrounds – 1 mile East of Lima. Building will be heated with easy access.

Contact Jim Marquardt for Table Reservations / Show Information

Phone: 260-437-3844 Email: jmmarq4@hotmail.com



@3Riversdiv

Here is where your news items, rumors, and gossip of just about anything in the Model Railroading hobby can be reported. Whatever it is, send it to us and we'll let everyone else know!

BTR #1- We did get a few links to share, so we're passing these along....

From a friend in Australia - China's last steam hauled passenger train. An interesting look at one of (if not the) last steam powered passenger train running today <https://youtu.be/dTwcY0GJIY>

Here's a link to an excellent video (21 min.) on the history of iron ore shipping on the Great Lakes, including the big Hulett's www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2B-V2n4b34

Remember the movie Unstoppable, about the runaway train through PA... well, here is a video of everything that was wrong with that movie. While this movie is fun to watch for the railroad action, the sheer "craziness" of how they try to stop the train is quite ridiculous. www.youtube.com/watch?v=EF12RPuU1H8

BTR #2- CHI-TOWN STATION – Thanks for your support with your full page ad for the next year, here in the HotBox. **SEE AD ON PAGE 24** We mention this so we can also mention that Chi-Town Station is looking for a few good modelers! Yes... the staff is getting smaller and they would like to offer anyone interested in modeling, the chance to help work on the layout. The work is mostly scenery items. If you have some spare time and would like to help with the modeling of this great layout, please contact Chi-Town Station at - <http://www.chi-townunionstation.com/> chi_townunionstation@yahoo.com 248-613-9471

BTR #3- MICHIGAN RAILROAD CLUB PROGRAM The Michigan Railroad Club will be meeting at the NEW location - The Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St. in Garden City, Mich. This is south of Ford Road and along Wildwood St. (east side of Wildwood). We will be meeting in Room 275. Enter from the parking lot on the West side of the building. ALL are most welcome! So why not come out and check out the new place. Meetings will start at 7pm and end at 8:50pm. Here is the schedule –

December 07, 2022 - Christmas Trains by Gary Sample

January 04, 2023 - NYC Jackson Branch by Bryan Monaco

February 01, 2023 - John Ryan with a program on what he did during Covid

March 01, 2023 - "Bridges over the Saginaw River" by Nathan Holth

For any other questions please contact: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

BTR #4- While this could have been included in the links above, it has a special place in your Editor's heart!! Here is an excellent video of Reading 2102 in action as she pulls an 18 car excursion out of her home shop at Port Clinton, PA. Cab shots, wheel shots and run-by's make this 5 minute video excellent! Sent to us by Div 6 Ken Borg, video by James Parfrey/www.steamtrainvideos.com. www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vf1YAA7L-Lw

BTR #5- In the model press (MR magazine) we see that NCR VP Phil Doolittle had a neat article in the September issue. His article was on using LED strip lighting to improve lighting on his workbench! In the October issue of MR, we find another impressive photo from NCR member Larry Burk on his On3 Laurium, Mohawk & Brockway RR layout. Lastly, in the November issue we see a double page picture of a Buffalo Creek & Gauley 0-8-0 and train departing the town of Swandale. Surprising, there is no photo or modeler credit, but this HAS to be from NCR member Brooks Stover! In the 2023 NMRA calendar, we find the March photo is from Jay & Brook Qualman, MMR and her award winning NYC tunnel motor. The April photo is from Dan Lewis, MMR and his great N scale Milwaukee Road layout! Congratulations to all!

DISCLAIMER!!- While we will try to verify most stories, the HotBox, HotBox Editor, NCR Board of Directors, its agents and representatives will not/cannot be held responsible for mis-information presented in this column.

**How about writing an article on your latest modeling project!
Earn AP points!
At the HotBox, WE NEED and WANT your articles!!**

ANNOUNCING
NCR 2023 Convention
Oct. 19 – 22, 2023



Make plans to attend the 2023 NMRA North Central Region Convention that will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The convention, hosted by the Three Rivers Division will include events for the whole family as well as access to the **2023 Fort Wayne Model Railroad Show and Swap** which will be held on Saturday 21 October at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum (conveniently located across the street from the convention hotel). Hope you can join us for this fun filled weekend!

Bob Jones, Div. 3 Superintendent

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

CLINICS OP SESSIONS MODEL DISPLAYS
PROTOTYPE TOURS SPECIAL EVENTS
2023 Fort Wayne Model Railroad Show & Swap

Visit <https://div3.ncrnmra.org/fort-wayne-rails-2023/> for details and updates

ACCOMMODATIONS



Holiday INN Purdue Fort Wayne

4111 Paul Shaffer Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Phone: 260-579-9135 for reservations

This hotel / convention facility is conveniently located on the northeast side of Fort Wayne which provides for easy access to many attractions as well as many food venues and the Glenbrook Mall. It provides ample space for hosting the convention activities as well as an on-site restaurant and large lounge area for “simply hanging out”. Discounted room rates (\$134 per night plus applicable taxes) are available for convention attendees registering before 19 September, 2023.

CLINICS

A wide variety of clinics are being planned for the convention. New topics and presenters are being sought who can demonstrate new skills and techniques that can be used by model railroaders of all skill levels. Our plan is to offer these clinics over the course of Friday and Saturday (afternoon through early evening).

PROTOTYPE TOURS

A wide variety of tours are being planned. Those listed below have been confirmed, additional tours are being coordinated. (registration required, participation subject to availability, transportation provided unless otherwise noted)

- Bungee Rail Operations – a guided tour of rail operations used at one of the world’s leading soybean processing plants in Decatur, Indiana. Their extensive rail operations move both incoming soybeans as well as outgoing processed soybean oil and soybean meal throughout their storage and manufacturing complex.
- Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society 765 Shops – a guided tour of the shop and yard facilities where the FWRHS stores and maintains the 765 Berkshire as well as other locomotives and rolling stock. Participants will be able to “climb aboard”, get questioned answered and take as many pictures as they like.
- 3D Printing Clinic / Tour – this is a tour of the Maker Space at the Allen County Public Library and a clinic on 3D Printing. The presenter will provide an overview of the 3D Design and Print process as well as answer questions.



Special Events

- Throttle Time -- Arrangements have been made with the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society to once again offer “Throttle Time” using their Davenport Engine. Participants will be given a short tour of the restored Davenport engine and then be provided the opportunity to run the engine (under supervision) over FWRHS trackage. This event proved to be very popular in 2015. (All participants must pre-register prior to 15 October; Friday and Saturday times will be assigned; participants must provide their own transportation to/from FHRHS Shops in New Haven, IN. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the FWRHS)
- Measure A Prototype –scratch builders of all skill levels will be provided the opportunity to inspect and to measure an early turn of the century Wabash wood caboose. This caboose was recently restored to its original configuration by the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society. This event will include a short discussion on “What measurements are required to scratch build a model” and then provide participants 1-1/2 hrs to inspect the car and take measurements and pictures.
- Sweetwater Sound / DeBrand Chocolate Tour – participants will tour the Sweetwater Sound facility (U.S. leader in the sale and distribution of musical instruments) and the DeBrand Chocolate kitchens (Premier artisan chocolate maker). After touring the Sweetwater Sound facilities, participants will be provided ample time to eat lunch in their cafeteria (frequented by many locals) and then tour the DeBrand Chocolate kitchens. Upon completion of the DeBrand kitchen tour, participants will be given a discount coupon which they can redeem for fine chocolates of their choice or a delicious chocolate dessert before returning to the convention hotel.
- Country Heritage Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Tasting – participants in this event will be transported to the Country Heritage Winery facility where they will be given a tour and then partake in the tasting of wines, cheeses and DeBrand chocolates. Fun for the whole family! (participants must be 21 or older).



Operating Sessions

Multiple operating sessions are being planned on a variety of layouts ranging from medium to large, multi-level layouts. Most of these layouts have been designed to host operating sessions and some of these layouts are being updated to accommodate facility changes. Sessions will be held throughout Friday and Saturday (morning / afternoon) to allow participants to also partake of other convention activities.

Model Display and Judging

A separate room has been arranged for the display of models. Modelers can arrange for AP judging and participants can vote on “best model” during the convention.

Layout Tours

Tours of over fifteen (15) model railroads have been arranged throughout Northwestern Ohio and Northeastern Indiana for your viewing pleasure. Availability times will be advertised in future convention updates so participants can make plans to stop by for a tour on their way to, during and on their way home from the convention.



Fort Wayne Rails 2023

National Model Railroad Association
North Central Region 2023 Convention
October 19 – 22, 2023

Hosted by Three Rivers Division (Div. 3)

Website: <https://div3.ncrnmra.org/fort-wayne-rails-2023/>

Holiday Inn Purdue Fort Wayne

Hotel [Tel: 260-579-9135](tel:260-579-9135)

Registrants must call hotel directly to make reservations, mention NMRA convention to get room discount

Registration Form

(additional details regarding registration items and lodging can be found on the [convention website](#))

Registrant Name: _____ MMR No. _____
 Name on Badge: _____ Email: _____ Phone No.: _____
 Names of family Members Attending: _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 NMRA Region: _____ Division: _____ NMRA ID No: _____

Non-paid family members are eligible to sign up for prototype tours and extras
 Proto tours have limited space, early registrations will be first served.
 Polo shirts must be ordered by 15 September. No shirts will be sold on-site.
 Contact hotel directly 260-579-9135 to reserve rooms
 Additional info on operating sessions and other activities can be found on convention website
 (div3.ncrnmra.org/fort-wayne-rails-2023)

Registration	Price	Total
Early Bird NMRA Member (by Sep 15, 2023)	\$60	_____
Early Bird Non-NMRA Member (by Sep 15, 2023)	\$75	_____
NMRA Member (after Sep 15, 2023)	\$75	_____
Non-NMRA Member (after Sep 15, 2023)	\$85	_____
Convention Day Pass (<u>circle</u> Friday or Saturday)	\$20	_____
<i>Registration Subtotal</i>		_____

Merchandise and Extras	Qty	Price	Total
Award Breakfast (Sunday 9:00 am)	_____	\$25	_____
Throttle Time (time will be assigned)	_____	\$75	_____
Bungee Prototype Tour (Sat 9:00 am)	_____	\$20	_____
FWRHS (765) Shop Tour (XXXXX)	_____	\$20	_____
Allen County Public Library 3D printing Clinic	_____	\$20	_____
Sweetwater Sound & DeBrand Chocolate Tour	_____	\$25	_____
Country Heritage Wine Tasting (Sat. 6:00 pm)	_____	\$20	_____
Convention Car (boxcar, #2022 or #2023 available, specify qty of ea. number) #2022 _____ #2023 _____		\$32	_____
<i>Merchandise and Extra Subtotal</i>			_____

Operating Session Participation (circle YES or No)

Total Amount Due _____

Make Check Payable to: Div. 3 NMRA

Send completed registration form and payment by 1 October, 2023 to:

Fort Wayne Rails 2023
Attn: Roger Moses
6207 Buckners Pass
Fort Wayne, IN 46818-8663

THE NEW FIREMAN

It is now the year 1993 and there are almost no men employed as firemen on steam locomotive today because there are probably less than 100 steam locomotives in active service to today. Some of the few steam locomotives still operating burn oil rather than coal. The larger coal burning steam locomotives still in service have stokers. The smaller hand fired coal burning locomotives still in service are on tourist railroads that basically only operate during the summer months on short mileage runs. There are very few people alive today that know what it was like to be a fireman on a hand fired coal burning locomotive when the railroads were the primary form of transportation. Tonight's history lesson was written by a retired railroader about his first day of work as a fireman on August 26, 1919. To put that date into perspective, let me remind you that WWI ended 9 months ago. In 1919, one of the few places in where you could drive a car (if you owned one) on a paved road was a mile long stretch of concrete on Woodward Ave in Detroit, Michigan. In 1919 it would still be another 8 years before Charles A. Lindbergh would fly solo across Atlantic Ocean. Now that the scene is set, let's continue the story of- **A NEW FIREMAN** by R.T.Harley

I hired on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad (now part of the PC) on August 26, 1919. Mr. John H. Hanna, then the Road Foreman of Engines, at Federal Street Station, hired me. I stretched my age a little, I was only 17 years old then. Being sent to see the Medical Examiner, he looked me over, and said: "I had a weak mind but a strong back" and he would approve me trying to be a fireman. The next day I was given a pass to ride a passenger train to Alliance, Ohio. Oh, Boy, 83 miles and I had never been over 10 miles from my home in Pittsburgh. On arrival at Alliance, I reported to Mr. H.B.Gardner, the Assistant Road Foreman at that point. Mr. Gardiner was about 50 years old, maybe five foot six, had a large tummy and the largest blackest mustache I had ever seen. He had a habit of BARKING at anyone in his office, and I mean he BARKED. I gave him the papers I had with me, after examining them, he looked fiercely at me and shouted: "WHAT". I almost fell out of the door into the arms of Mr. Wilbur Jones, another Assistant Road Foreman. He straightened me up

and asked if he could help. He understood a big young kid, away from home for the first time. He took me under his wing, and in another office, advised me to get a room with a good family, and to stay away from a lot of other places he named. Told me to get something to eat and be back at 3PM and he would see about me making a trial trip (without pay). After getting the room, something to eat, I bought a pair of gloves and returned to Mr. Jones at 3PM. I was all set to show them I could fire an engine. Ha!, did I get my eyes opened.



Mr. Jones took me through the round house, full of steam engines, smoke and lots of noise. Men working all about. He paused to show me some repairs being made to the locomotives. I think he explained what they were doing, but I couldn't hear what he said. Then to the Crew Dispatcher's Office, where he introduced me to Mr. W.H.Newburn who would be the Engineer and to Roy Stubbins the Fireman. Stubbins had only been employed five months and he still had a lot to learn about firing. He was shorter, and much older than I, and not a very good fireman. We were assigned to engine #9961, a 2-8-0 class H8s and hand fired of course. While Mr. Newburn oiled and inspected the engine, Stubbins and I cleaned up the cab, and he fixed the fire. He put a pile of coal just inside the door, and filled the corners of the firebox. He explained that was the bank, to prevent too much air from coming through the grates and over the fire, when the engine would be working hard. I agreed, even if I didn't know what he was talking about. They then moved the engine to the water plug, and Stubbins told me to fill the tender with water. Boy did I fill it - also my shoes, socks and I think my back pockets. Stubbins was standing on the coal pile, in the dry, and said "That's the first lesson, let go of the control lever before the tank is entirely full."

I don't remember them moving the engine to the departure yard, but will always remember coupling on to the cars. I almost fell down when they coupled together. The Engineer got down from the engine and was talking to two men. Stubbins explained that one was the Conductor, Boss of the train, the other was the Brakeman and a good Joe. There was a Yard Office, Switchmen, Car Inspectors and other men around. All seemed busy, but darned if I could tell what they were doing. Returning to the engine, Mr. Newburn looked at some gauges, and his watch, then moved a large brass handle, the air rushed out of a hole under the handle. Then he blew one blast on the whistle, and told me they were testing the brakes on the train. Strange to me, how all that noise would make the brakes go on cars back of us. I figured that they knew what they were doing, so I nodded my head 'yes'. Later a man came to the engine and said all the brakes were working.



After a lot whistling, shouting and arm waving, we started east to Conway Yard, about 65 miles Stubbins told me. Before we got there, I thought it was a lot farther. Leaving Alliance, there is a slight up hill grade to the top of the hill at Yankee Crossing coal tipple. After getting coal we were ready to go again. As all of the 9900 engines were good steamers, I had little trouble keeping some steam on the 9961. My trouble was in standing up, and trying to keep some coal on the shovel, from the tender to the fire box door. I had coal all over the deck, they only laughed and said I would get used to the sway of the engines. Newburn had slipped down a few times, coming up the hill, and

put some coal in the fire box. Patting me on the head and said "Like that kid". He was very helpful, always had time to explain my mistakes. I found out later that he had kids my age at home and the family adored him. He was a great man. I was a guest in their home several times.

It is down hill from Yankee Crossing, through Salem and on to the bottom of the hill, (I thought we were flying) to Leetonia water plug. Taking water at Leetonia, I did not get my feet wet, this time. There are water pans at Leetonia, but thats another story. A very slight up hill grade from Leetonia, as the Brakeman had come to the cab, he was sitting on the seat and he and Stubbins were very chummy. I stood up. I think Stubbins spent the entire trip on on that seat box. I never remember him shoveling any coal into the fire box. Going up the hill, I can remember Mr. Newburn, getting down on the deck and looking into the fire box, he then told me to put some coal up front, to throw the coal from the shovel a little harder. Golly thats what was wrong, the steam started to come up on the gauge. I thought I then knew how to fire. Poor me, I still need a lot more trips before I could fire properly. We continued on to East Palestine, Ohio. There are four tracks there and we were placed on the freight track, to allow some passenger trains to pass eastward. It was dark now, perhaps about 9PM and I asked Mr. Newburn if we would be returning to Alliance? He replied "Why no, we are going to Conway" "Well my gosh you don't work in the dark do you" I asked. There was a sudden burst of laughter from all three of them. I felt like a darn fool. "You will learn, you will learn", they said. And how I learned, I think that of the 48 years I worked in engine service for the PRR, at least one half was worked at night. Freight trains in those days did not run as fast as today, and the Train Dispatchers had to hold the slower trains on sidings to allow the many passenger trains, then running, to go without delay. I worked a lot of 16 hour days then, some good, others darn bad. Each could be another story.

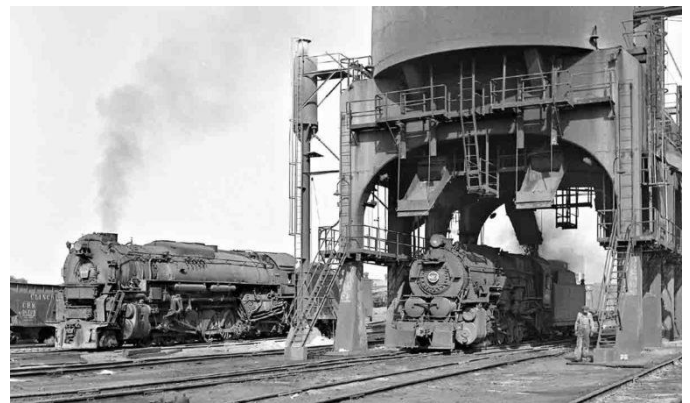
After the passenger trains had passed, it was our turn to get on to Conway. I thought Newburn was using a lot of steam as I could not keep up. The Brakeman seeing my trouble said "Sit down and watch an expert".

Boy was he good, hardly any effort with shovel, smooth and easy he did it. Soon he had the pops up and said "Thats the way Kid, Keep em hot". Most brakemen were good firemen, and if they liked you, often gave you a rest. We eventually got to Conway, after midnight, I think. We washed up, had a bite to eat and then to bed at the "Y". I went right to sleep. Woke up about 9AM wondering where I was, a strange bed, no Mother calling me, no Sister bossing me. Ha, I know, I am a fireman on the railroad. Getting dressed I returned to the lobby, where a lot of young men were talking about the "Students" that were being hired. I later learned that I was one of the "Students". Oh well, we all have to start sometime. While we were talking, Mr. Newburn introduced me to a crew who were called to return to Alliance. Since Mr. Newburn would not get called until after midnight, he thought I should return with them. I don't think the engineer liked the idea too much, but his Fireman Mike Dotis was all for having a helper. Mike was a Greek, 27 years old, six foot tall, about 185 lbs. of muscle, very good looking and proud of every bit of it. I learned later that he was considered to be one of the best fireman on the division.

We went to the roundhouse and were assigned to another H8 2-8-0. The fireman told me we were getting a "Hot Shot" (what ever that was). We got out of the enginehouse and to the yard in quick order. Coupled to train and it seemed to me that we left Conway a lot faster than we had at Ailiance. As soon as we got on the main track the engineer started for Alliance, at a gallop. Mike would not allow me to touch the shovel for a few miles. After we crossed the Beaver Bridge and at the bottom of Brighton Hill, he said "Its all yours kid, get busy". Oh Boy, only a short distance and the steam was coming down. The engineer started to growl, cuss, mutter, damn kids, no good, why don't they stay home, etc. I wanted to quit, but Mike said, "No trouble, I'll get her hot". In a short time he had a full head of steam. The Engineer didn't want me to fire the engine any more, but Mike said we all have to learn. Also if some dumb engineers he knew, could ever learn to run a engine properly, then the new men could learn to fire them. Mike knew he was right, I think the engineer knew that he was wrong,

because he treated me better after that wrangle with Mike. Mike was mad and he showed it.

We stopped at Leetonia, and Mike showed me how to fill the tank without getting my feet wet, and overflowing the tank. When we left the water plug, the Engineer wanted to eat, so Mike had him sit on the left side and Mike ran the engine up the hill through Salem and to Yankee Crossing. I think Mike was a better engineer, as I could keep the engine hot for him. Of course he gave me instructions from the right side, like some up front, now in the back, that's good, now wait a bit, now scatter four shovels over fire, that's good. Wait a bit. I kept her hot all the way up the hill for him. I often wondered who that Engineer was, never did get his name. I would have liked to fire for him after I had learned to fire an engine, perhaps, I could have showed him that kids could fire. At the coal tipple, Mike and I shook the grates, emptied the ash pan, and had tank filled with coal, while Old Loud Mouth was at the phone. When he came back we were ready to go, he told us that the engine would get a new crew at Alliance and go on to Crestline. That was the end of our Division.



We were not nearly as long coming back with the "Hot Shot" and were relieved at the water plug at Alliance, before dark. As both Mr. Newburn and Loud Mouth had signed the paper I had, they approved me as a fireman. Mike took me to the Crew Dispatcher to get me "Marked up on the Board", as an extra fireman! Dispatcher put my name on a block of wood, and inserted it into a large cut out panel of wood. The board showed the name and location of every crew on that part of the Division.

Boy -Oh -Boy, was I a proud happy kid, not 18 years old and a fireman on the PRR (the block said I was a fireman). I often doubted that statement. Now, my education was to start in earnest. But that's another long story.

tell me to see him at Crestline, the end of our run. When we met, and while pumping my hand up and down, he looked right at me and said: "Well, Ralph, do you still work at night?" After thirty years he still remembered a dumb kid. He had been on pension for several years and was going to visit friends in Crestline. He was then 80 years old, walked slowly but very erect. He lived to be 88 years old. Loved and respected by all who knew him. A perfect Gentleman all his life. I was a very fortunate kid, to have had him as the first Engineman, whom I had ever worked with as a "Student Fireman". A lot of his good instructions remain with me today, 55 years later. And I forgot Loud Mouth, as soon as we left the water plug at Alliance.

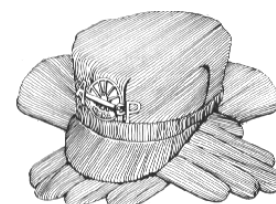
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Division 6 member Don Watson, gave these lessons nearly every month and they always entertained and informed. After Don's passing at the age of 90, his family presented them to Div. 6 and the NCR

Thirty years later, when I was the engineer on passenger train #43, pulling into Alliance Station, I saw Bill Newburn waiting to board the train. We waved to each other and he asked the Brakeman to

NMRA-NCR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Thanks go to Ken Chick, Jim Macino and Pete Magoun as they continue doing a great job keeping the level of AP activity in divisions 2, 3, 6, 8 and 10 at a high pitch. We hope there will be many certificate awards to report in the next edition of the Hot Box. Skip Luyk, MMR, NCR AP Coordinator
I am pleased to report that the following NCR members have achieved the following certificates, Congratulations! –



GOLDEN SPIKE – Irvin Chmielewski, Div. 8 and Richard Helmick, Div. 6

MASTER BUILDER CARS - Milt Moore, Div. 6

MODEL RAILROAD AUTHOR - Milt Moore, Div. 6

MODEL RAILROAD ENGINEER – ELECTRICAL - George Van Duyne, Div. 8



Left to right – Irvin Chmielewski, Milt Moore, George Van Duyne and Richard Helmick

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM QUESTIONS: If you have questions about the AP or requirements, start with your Regional AP manager, Skip Luyk, MMR. Also – Jim Macino, MMR covers Div 3 - 260-693-6102 jim@icmgt.com or Ken Chick, MMR covers Div 6, 8 and 10 – 734-420-0276 kdchick@wowway.com or Pete Magoun, MMR covers Div 2 – 231-941-1669 orion@chartermi.net If you still have questions, contact NMRA AP Chairman Frank Koch at fjkoch@hotmail.com or at 4769 Silverwood Drive, Batavia, OH 45103

B&O Lost Division – Mountain Branch 25 Years!

October's OP session marks a significant milestone for the B&O Lost Division, (which is my model railroad). This year is the 25th year since we put in the golden spike and finished the trackwork! Doing the math, that is 300 monthly operating sessions! Probably more when you consider all the special OP sessions done for visiting clubs and friends, which is another milestone in and of itself. And it has been fun! Sadly, of the three of us who originally built and operated the layout, only two of us remain, Rick Witteborg and me, and Rick says he is bringing a cake to help celebrate the 25th year of operations.



So now would be a good time for a renewed visit to the B&O Lost Division. The story goes like this;

The Mountain Branch began when the B&O Lost Division purchased a short industrial switching line at Van Doren WV. from the Shunk Railroad in the mid 1980's. (The Shunk was a 4x8 layout group project that was built and raffled off, named after a ghost town in Ohio.) It crossed and connected to the B&O Lost Division main line and served the industrial town of Jonesville, WV. Although the crossing was removed shortly after the purchase, the Shunk Railroad continues to interchange with the B&O at Van Doren.

Still in the buying mood, the B&O approached the Monroe Railway, about purchasing its line from Smith, WV. to the Erie Interchange at Megantown. The Monroe Railway is a backwoods line, located across the valley. It brought coal and timber out to the Erie Railroad at Megantown. The offer was well timed, and Monroe Railway jumped at the chance

to connect with the B&O. Plans began to connect the tracks at Smith to the track at Jonesville via a long bridge across the valley, and over the B&O main line. By October 12th, 1997 the golden spike ceremony was held just outside of Smith and the Mountain Branch of the B&O was officially in business. On the Mountain Branch, 6 cars are the limit due to grades and siding lengths, but between Grafton Yard and Van Doren train length can be up to 10 cars. This allows trains to drop off 4 cars at Van Doren and then continue up the Mountain Branch. Then on the way down they can pick up cars that are going to Grafton Yard.

At first, the Mountain Branch was served by trains out of Van Doren, but as traffic levels picked up, its small yard, which was land locked in the river valley, became a bottleneck. As the yard could not be expanded, the decision was made to run all Mountain Branch trains out of Grafton yard. This, and a major track relocation project, eliminated much of the congestion at Van Doren. Deatrick Industries, the Van Doren Power House, the Van Doren Grain Elevator, Shunk Railroad interchange, the B&O Freight House and another small warehouse are located in Van Doren and serviced by the B&O.



At Jonesville, the major customer is the National Amalgamated Canning Company along with the Jonesville Grain Elevator. The NAC receives refrigerated produce, steel coils and a tank car of oil for its boiler house. Canned goods are shipped out daily to all points of the country. This town had been the end of the line when owned by the Shunk Railroad. After B&O bought it, they bridged the valley and ran the branch up to Smith, WV., connecting to the Monroe Railway.



Smith, WV. had not been much more than a switchback on the Monroe Railway. Just a tiny coal town hidden in the hills. But as rail traffic began to flow to the B&O from the Monroe Railway and the TRH Mine, soon Smith began to grow rapidly. A passing siding was installed and a station was built to serve the town. When paved roads reached town of Smith, the rest of the world discovered the secret of the trout fishing streams in the area. Fishermen come from all over to catch a prize winning trout from the streams around Smith. They all leave with a story about the big one they caught, or about the one that got away. The railroad crosses the big stream twice on its way up to Megantown. Within the year, the Lyndon Casting Company was built, along with a tie plant, The Byam Oil Company and team track were built for the general public to use for shipping and receiving goods.



Megantown, WV, (named after my daughter), is at the end of the B&O Mountain Branch and generates a large amount of coal traffic. The RLW

Mine is the largest coal mine on the Mountain Branch, loading out 6 hopper cars of coal a day. Several years after the B&O came to town, the railroad built a truck dump at the other end of town to assist several local mines in marketing their coal to the waiting customers of the world. The truck dump has been well received, generating up to 4 hopper cars of coal per day. The Witteborg Wonder Work ships its products on the B&O daily. Not sure what it is they produce, but the WWW might be a clue. And Megantown has a small stockyard that occasionally ships and receives live stock. As the town is at the end of the line, a small turntable is still in service there. Once necessary for the Monroe Railway steam engines, it is used in the diesel era just to shuffle an occasional engine onto the layover track. The old interchange with the Erie Railroad does not see the volume of traffic it used to, as most loads coming off the Mountain go down to the B&O now. It still sees enough interchange traffic for a daily train and a local. A few years back a survey crew was in the Megantown area looking to run tracks further up the mountain to open more of the coal reserves. Speculation ran hot for a while, but with the current economic conditions, it did not make good financial sense. So for the time being, Megantown remains the end of the line for B&O Lost Division's Mountain Branch.



Thanks to all that bring the B&O Lost Division to life! Now, on to the next 300 OP sessions!

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Bob Hanna and his B&O Lost Division Railroad!!

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ONE DAY CONVENTION RECAP

NCR EVENT

Well, they did it, Division 9 held a 1.5 day convention! It was a first!! To the NCR Division 9 board and membership, thanks for your work and efforts to make this convention happen and run smoothly! As we talked to people they said "there are some great layouts in the Division 9 area!" Everybody we talked to had fun running trains and operating. Thank you, layout owners! We had excellent clinics, enjoyed by all, people learned and got ideas to take home! And thank-you to the Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society for partnering with us for the convention and their train show on **Sunday!** Great idea for everyone involved. Everybody should be proud of a "great job well done"! And whoever prayed for the great weekend weather, thank you very much! We dreamed of a Division 9 convention years ago. We started down that road, only to get beat out by covid, but we came back and made it happen! **THANK YOU EVERYBODY!!** *Rich Mahaney*

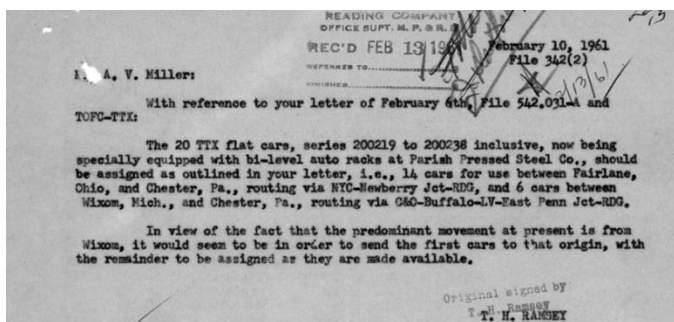


I have an auto supply train that runs on my Reading Lines – Central Division layout during some OPS sessions. This is a through train, staging yard to staging yard and has 86' auto boxcars and some 86' autorack cars. One of those autorack cars is a homemade RDG car that I bought at a train sale many years ago. However, with many things in my hobby pursuits, I have been striving to be more accurate to the RDG and the era I model, 1970. Knowing that the autorack car was not accurate, I was given some photos of a real RDG autorack car. It was hoped that I could model one of these in the future. The future is now!

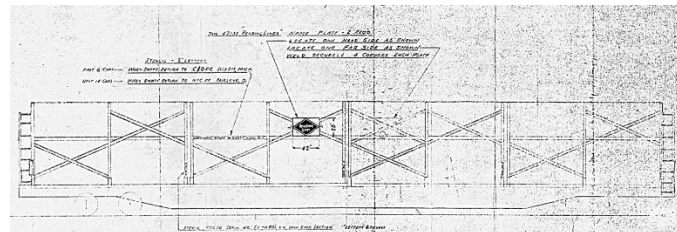
This is the picture that started this project. Reading 200223 loaded with Ford Thunderbirds from Wixom, MI. I don't know if this picture was taken in Michigan after loading, or in Pennsylvania and waiting to unload, but by the look of the buildings in the background, I'd say it was PA.



Let's look at some history and specifications for these cars! Here is a company letter on the autorack cars, stating that 20 would be built and certain cars would be assigned to two different Ford plants. They also talk about the lettering to be placed on the cars. THANKS to fellow RDG modeler John Cables for sending me this information and more.



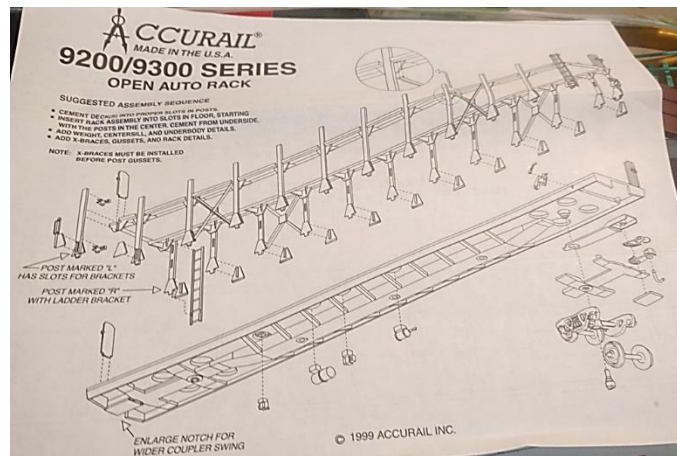
I also received this picture of the drawings for the actual racks to be built on the flat cars. These helped greatly in the modeling process.



More information received from John was this picture and part of a blueprint on the original flat cars used. While this is not needed in the modeling, it is neat to have!



OK... Let's start the modeling... I had bought an Accurail bi-level auto rack kit about 3 years ago, again, figuring I'd get to this project some day. It seems to be very close to what the RDG picture shows the car to look like. But, on closer examination, it has too many posts holding the second deck.



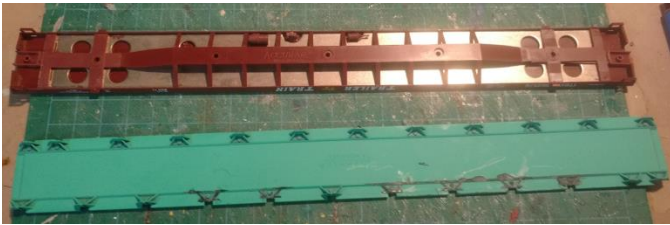
The base of the car assembled as normal. The upper deck needs modifying. One mistake I made was to leave the double posts on each end. I should have removed that inner post too. Counting the number of posts, I found the middle one between the ends and then started to remove the post supports in-between the middle and end posts.

RDG AUTORACK BUILD

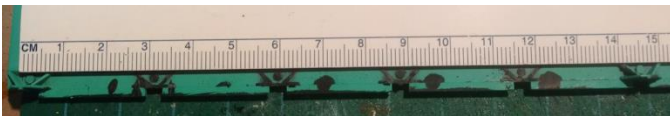
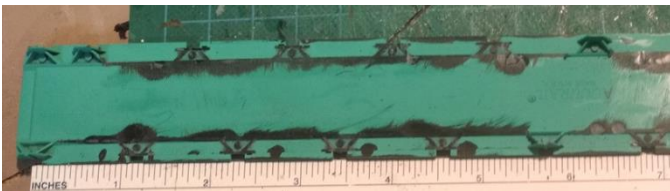
by Barry Hensel, Div 6

NCR PROJECT

I was careful with my Xacto blade and saved the cut pieces for re-use.



Using a ruler, I determined what the spacing would be to match the number of supports in the prototype picture. The ruler shows 5.75" div by 4 = 1.48" Hmm... that's going to be a bit difficult to measure. Maybe metric would be better? Change the ruler and we have 145mm div by 4 = 36.25mm. That is a bit easier to measure!



After marking the spots where the posts need to be, I used my Dremel cut new slots in the deck for them. Again, my mistake was to leave the double posts on each end. Other than that, I now match the number of posts/spaces per the prototype picture. You can see the original slots in the deck for the posts and the new locations. Basically, I took out two posts per side.



I cemented the deck and supports to the base car so I could start on the cross bracing. I added on the trucks, so that when I sat the car down, the steps would not get damaged. I used some channel for the cross bracing, making sure they were smooth side back-to-back. Again, referencing the prototype picture the cross bracing on the bottom sections started at the left end and went every other section. Since each section was ever so slightly different, each brace was individually cut and glued.



With the bottom cross bracing complete, time to start the upper sections. Looking at the prototype photo, the posts are quite tall. It took a few tries but I found a matching strip styrene to make the posts taller. I also used some very thin styrene strip on the back side to help act as gluing support. The final height was estimated. I patched the old support cuts with styrene, but then had to carefully cut the top deck to make room for the upper cross bracing. So far... Not looking too bad.....



That's all we have room for this issue. See Part 2, the end of the build, in the March 2023 issue of the HotBox!

IN MEMORIAM

NCR STORY

We are sad to report that a member in the NCR have been lost. Our deepest sympathies go to the family and friends of our fallen members.....

ROGER JENSEN – 85, passed away in September 2022. Roger was a graduate of Genoa High School and was a veteran of the United States Army, where he served 6 years both in Germany and state side. He worked for 31 years at the Sohio BP Refinery. Roger was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Williston, the Toledo Power Sqd. for 64 years, where he was honored to be their commander in 1990 and supply officer for 6 years. He was also a member of PVFC, HCEA, American Legion Post 0537, NASG, NMRA Division 1 and OCHS. Roger was a member of Division 1 for 49 years, joining in 1973. He was a familiar site at the monthly meetings and will be missed!



Roger Jensen

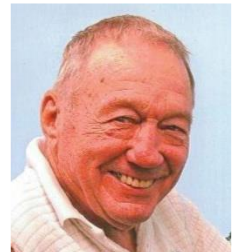
While not NCR members, our hobby recently lost several model railroading pioneers in October 2022.

ALLEN MCCLELLAND 88, builder of the HO scale Virginian & Ohio, died on October 28, following a massive stroke. Allen worked on the first version of the V&O over the course of several decades at the McClelland home in West Carrollton, Ohio. The 33 x 53 foot model railroad, was the subject of books, videos, and numerous articles in the hobby press. The V&O first appeared in Model Railroader in the Nov. 1982 issue.



Allen McClelland

DICK ELWELL 87, passed away peacefully on October 21, after a courageous 15-year battle with cancer. Dick was an accomplished model railroader. His Hoosac Valley Railroad is considered one of the top model layouts in the country for its fall scenery and detail. He began building Hoosac Valley in 1959 with a general concept and over the years it flourished into the remarkable layout it is today. The HVRR has grown and changed gracefully over time. That this railroad captures a place in time as valid today as it was when the scenes were originally created, is testimony to Dick's care and craftsmanship.



Dick Elwell

IAIN RICE 75, passed on October 8, was suffering from Parkinsons. The hobby lost one of its most creative and prolific track planners. Iain was a frequent contributor to Kalmbach Media's Model Railroad Planning as well as to Model Railroader. Iain went on to make a career from the business of modeling railways, as a designer, pattern-maker, custom builder, and, most notably, as author of more than 400 magazine articles and more than 20 modeling books. He also authored prototype railroad and other historical and topographical books and articles and even tries his hand at the odd bit of fiction. In addition, Iain ran weekend courses from his Model Railway Study Centre in Devon.



Iain Rice

NCR DIRECTOR REPORT

NCR NEWS

Only thing I can talk about for this HotBox issue was the great model railroad convention that Division 9 had on Oct 28 and Oct 29 in the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo areas. It was good and/or great as any of the conventions that the big divisions in the NCR put on and host! It had all of the same features: layout tours, clinic presentations, operating sessions on home layouts and a dinner and guest presentation. Except it lasted 1.5 days instead of 2.5 days. Division 9 also took some steps to reduce its costs by not having a convention hotel, not charging for the dinner banquet and the dinner/presentation had everybody order their dinner off the menu and not have any kind of "organized buffet". Division 9 also had everyone pick out their own hotel/motel to match their budget. Division 9 showed what could be done by a small division, limited membership, and a small budget! Well done Division 9! If you didn't attend, you missed a great time and convention!

Rich Mahaney, NCR Director

Motor City Trains photographer George Emmitt captured some great pictures of the CSX Executive Train passing through our area in October 2022. *Left, down, then right* - Passing under the signal bridge at Carlton Michigan; On the east bound main after crossing the N&W drawbridge heading towards Delray tower; Backing up and passing the now close Delray tower on the westbound main to pass the N&W drawbridge then head east to the Foreman wye to Rougemere yard; Passing the Plymouth depot to make a stop to pick up passengers at the yard office look at all the rail fans; Getting ready to split the signals at mile post 292; CSX office car special taking the Foreman wye to Rougemere yard





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Division One Black Swamp Division (Northwest Ohio and Michigan Lenawee and Monroe Counties)
We meet at the Proclaim FM radio station community center at 7112 Angola Rd., Holland, OH 43528. Meetings are held on Friday evenings once a month from September - May. During the summer (June - August) we will have a field trip to a rail museum, prototype site, layout tour, etc. The exact schedule, information about our activities and our monthly publication, the Train Order, are posted on our website at <http://div1.ncrmra.org>

Division Two - Tip of the Mitt (Manistee to Iosco counties north to the Mackinac Bridge plus the eastern UP)
That's right, 24 counties! Our meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month unless there are conflicts with other activities. When we gather, depending on the month, we hold hybrid meetings simultaneously by Zoom, in person at Grace Episcopal Church in Traverse City or at the Otsego County Library in Gaylord. To request meeting info and a copy of our quarterly newsletter please email jens.hensel50@gmail.com

Division Three 3 Rivers Division (Fort Wayne, Indiana and western Ohio)
Our monthly meetings are at the Baker Street Station, the iconic/historic restored Pennsy Passenger Depot in downtown Fort Wayne. The meetings are held on the Second Monday, from 7 PM to 9PM, in one of the board rooms. Exceptions to this schedule will be March, June, July- no meeting, September, December. Any updates/changes can be found on our website: <http://div3.ncrmra.org>

Division Four Grand Rails Division (Grand Rapids and western Michigan)
We meet monthly using locations in Holland and Grand Rapids. All meetings start at 10am and details to be determined. For additional information contact Superintendent Mark Baldwin grandrailsdiv4@gmail.com or 616-258-0110 or visit the division website at - <https://div4ncr.wordpress.com>

Division Five Capital Division (Lansing and mid-lower Michigan)
Meets at 1pm, on the SECOND Saturday of each month at the Meridian Township Fire Department event room in Okemos. We meet September to May with additional activities added through the year. Please check our website or contact the Supervisor for meeting location. <https://nmranrcdiv5.com/>

Division Six Motor City Division (Wayne & Washtenaw Counties)
Meets at 7pm, on the THIRD Friday of each month at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, one mile north of the I-96 Jefferies Freeway, Livonia. Division 6 meets year-round. www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

Division Eight Clinton River Division (Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair Counties)
Meets at 7:00pm, on the THIRD Thursday of each month at Troy Christian Chapel, 400 East Long Lake Road, between Rochester and Livernois Roads, Troy. Division 8 meets year-round. www.div8.ncr-nmra.org

Division Nine SW Michigan Division (Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties)
Meets monthly except in July and August. Monthly meeting at 10AM at the Colonial Kitchen 330 N Drake Rd, Kalamazoo MI, followed by either a clinic or a planned layout tour usually on the third Saturday of the month. An optional breakfast at 9 AM is also a part of our routine. Visitors are always welcome. For additional and up to date information contact Garry Johnson 269-365-6777 <http://ncr-div9.com/>

Division Ten Ten Wheelers Division (Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron Counties)
NEW- Meets the FOURTH Thursday of each month at 7 PM at Dalton Airport on Pierson Road in Flushing. We meet in the meeting room of **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 77**. Contact Superintendent, Wayne Wilder 989-823-3409 or bvpsrr@gmail.com for directions to the meeting location.

OTHER GROUPS meeting in the NCR AREA There are MANY rail organizations in the NCR area. They can be found at www.michiganrailroads.com www.ohiorailtourism.org www.irtq.org

YOU should join and attend your local NMRA/NCR/Division meetings and activities! Get the most out of your hobby – participate often!!

NCR TIMETABLE EVENTS!

NCR AREA EVENTS

NOTE- Events listed have been compiled from listings on www.trainshowlist.com/ and www.trains.com, website for Model Railroader magazine. If you have an event you want listed, it's FREE, but information must be submitted to the Editor at least 45 days in advance of our publication dates!

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Saturday's – Dec 3, 17; Jan 7, 21; Feb 4, 18; March 4, 18 – Redford Model RR Club Open House
27316 Michigan Ave Inkster, MI 11am – 5pm FREE – donations accepted Accepting new members!
HO scale 56'x26' layout, DCC, single and double track mainlines info: www.redfordmrrc.org

Saturday & Sunday - Dec 3-4; 10-11; 2023 - Jan 14-15; 28-29; Feb 25-26; Mar 11-12; 25-26 - Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House 104 North Saginaw St. Holly, MI 48442 Noon - 5PM Adults - \$5, Seniors (65+) - \$4, Children (5-18) - \$2, Children under 5 – Free See several O scale trains in operation, over a 350 foot double track mainline and several branch lines. Contact Info: 248-634-5811 webmaster@dmrrc.org

December - 3*, 10-11, 17, 18, 28-30** - Stoney Creek Model RR Layout Display Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm 1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, MI \$5 Adults, \$3 Children and Seniors Museum Members - Free! *Visitors must pre-register to see Santa and Mrs. Claus **Old-Fashioned Christmas Day - \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members Info – www.scmrrc.org www.rochesterhills.org/museum/

Saturday, December 10, 2022 - Train Town Train Show & Swap Meet Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Highway, Lima, OH 10am-3pm \$7 adults, under 12 free NMRA members \$5 170 tables, door prizes, handicap accessible, food service, free parking Jim Marquardt 260-437-3844 jmmarq4@hotmail.com
SEE AD ON PAGE 12

December 1, 5-8, 12-15, 2023 – Holiday Train Display - Holland Modular Train Club Howard Miller Community Center, Zeeland, MI 6pm-8pm **Saturday's Dec 3, 10, 17** 10am-1pm Jack Wiest - 616-218-9361

Saturday & Sunday - Dec 10-11 & 17-18, Jan 21-22, Feb 25-26, Mar 25-26 - Blissfield Model RR Club Open House 109 E Adrian St, Blissfield, MI 49228 517-486-0404 <https://bmrr.org>
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Saturday-Saturday, December 17 - 31, 2022 - Festival of Trains Creekside Community Church Hall – 3686 W. South Airport Road Traverse City, MI 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday and 1pm-4pm Sundays, closed Christmas Day but open on December 23rd and 24th from 10am-4pm. A swap meet will be held on Dec. 17th and 18th. <https://nomirrc.wordpress.com/about/festival-of-trains/>

Sunday, Dec 18th, 2022; Saturday, Feb 11th, 2023; Sunday April 16th, 2023 – New Baltimore Model Railroad Show VFW Lempke-Blackwell Post 7573 35011 23 Mile Road New Baltimore, MI 48047 10AM–3PM \$5, children under 11 free food available Info - Mike Neuendorf 860-836-0809 mikel.j@comcast.net

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Barry 734-649-3056 10am-8pm email- Div6trainsale@gmail.com

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NCR TIMETABLE EVENTS!

NCR AREA EVENTS

Saturday, February 4, 2023 - Ole Toy & Train Show Monaghan KofC 19801 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI 11am-3pm. Admission is \$3/person \$6/family \$10/early birds (10:30am) Operating layouts, Video movies, trains tested, Free Parking, Food available. Handicap accessible.
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Sunday, February 5, 2023 - SS Simon & Jude Railroadiana Show Westland, MI - SS Simon & Jude Parish Hall Bob Patterson 734-728-1247

Sunday, February 19, 2023 - Lansing Model Railroad Club Open House
Lansing Model Railroad Club 5309 Old Lansing Road Lansing, MI 48917 <http://www.lmrc.org>
Noon to 4 pm Free (donation suggested) The Lansing Model Railroad Club is hosting its annual winter open house. The layout is housed in the former Grand Trunk Western Millett Depot. Parking is limited on a grass or snow-covered surface. Wheelchair Accessible Info at www.lmrc.org/openhouse or by contacting Michael Frezell at 517-281-2544 or email at lmrc1953@lmrc.org

Saturday-Sunday, February 18-19, 2023 – 53rd Annual Train Show and Sale Saline Middle School 7190 N. Maple Road Saline, MI 48176 Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-3pm Adults \$6 Under 10, Free with paid Adult Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club and the Huron Valley Railroad Historical Society are hosts. 400 tables of merchandise and displays, Food service will be available. Wheelchair Accessible
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Phone: 734-426-5100-Wed Evenings 734-426-0829-Answering Machine info@a2trainshow.com

Sunday, March 12, 2023 - Greater Toledo Toy & Train Show Owens Community College 30335 Oregon Rd., Perrysburg, OH Randy Ramsey 419-215-4181 Toledotoymasters@gmail.com

Sunday, March 26, 2023 - Flag City Train Show - Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation, Inc NWORP, 12505 County Road 99, Findlay, OH www.nworrp.org

Saturday, April 01, 2023 - 2020 Spring Swap Meet Kalamazoo, MI Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds Expo South 10am-3pm \$3 admission, under 10 free David Hayes-Moats 269-344-0906

NMRA 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION!

NCR NEWS

BREAKING NEWS!!!!

This news *JUST* in to the HotBox news desk..... Pending the signing of final contracts, the **2025 NMRA National Convention** has been awarded to the NCR. This will happen in the Detroit area. The convention will be in July 2025 with the Sheraton Hotel in Novi, MI. as the headquarters and the National Train Show at the Suburban Showplace Collection. More to come about this exciting opportunity!



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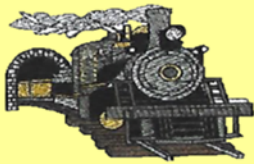
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