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Happy almost Fall! It's September and Fall is soon arriving. In this issue of the HotBox have the last updates for the NCR 2021 Convention – **THE BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION!** Have you registered yet? It will be great to get together and enjoy clinics and tours! I hope to see you there. We also have some updates on the **INDY JUNCTION 2022** convention! This is a tri-regional event and the NCR is one of the players! The website is up and registration is open. The hotel is also accepting reservations. These are just two great events that the NCR will be part of and there are more to come! Watch for info on a one-day next Fall!

It is SO GOOD to see the fall train show/sale schedule is back to full planning! These events were so missed by so many of us. A great way to get together and maybe find a bargain or two. Division meetings are also starting to get back to regular in-person meetings! GREAT! I was getting a bit "zoomed-out". Are we completely back to normal? No, but we are very close... and that is also great. Here's hoping we can continue down the track to normal this Fall, Winter and into 2022!

Well, time to do some MORE model railroading... and that's always a good thing!! Thanks for reading... Barry



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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! We had one correction reported for the June issue – Div 8 Superintendent Curt Danielewicz phone was listed wrong. It has been corrected in this issue. Sorry!

FRONT COVER PICTURES- NMRA logo, Black Swamp Junction logo; INDY Junction 2022 logo; Building Industrial Security Fencing; Grass Lake Interurban display; B&O Covid OPS; Weston Local passing Kanawha Head, WV. on Larry Hickman's River Falls & Eastern Railroad.

REAR COVER PICTURES- 2022 Indy Junction logo; MOW truck builds on the Reading Lines; This is Trinidad, New Mexico on Ernie Barry's East Raton and Santa Fe RR

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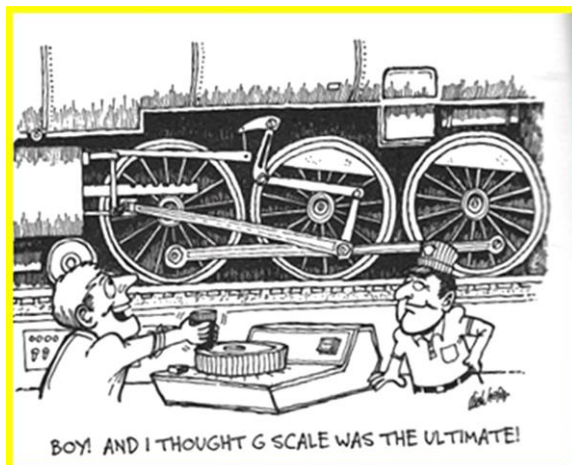
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RAILROADING "WHAT THE ???"

NCR HUMOR

There is a book of cartoons – **“SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO COMPROMISE – A light-hearted look at model railroading... and model railroaders”** by Dick Hafer. Kalmbach published this book in 1995 and we have received permission to share some of these cartoons. And, Dick was a man of your Editor’s heart, having been born in Reading, PA and some of his cartoons feature Reading RR themes! *“Copyright Model Railroader magazine, used by permission of Kalmbach Media.”*



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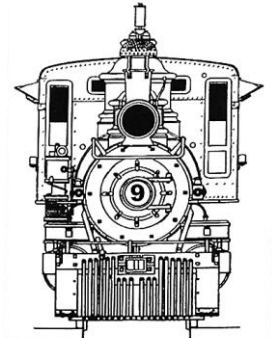
Dave Capron

The plethora of Zoom meetings are a result of COVID and have been a great progress in communication. Division meetings and Round Robin sessions have been able to welcome hobbyists from other divisions and regions to our groups. Earlier this spring I was invited to a series of Zoom meetings of all 18 NMRA region presidents including the UK and Australia. The purpose of these meetings was to look at NMRA programs, past, present, and future. There is not enough time or space to go into detail here, but the national board is trying to be proactive into the future of the organization. There were many presentations, and we were all able to ask question and voice ideas and concerns. One very important aspect I could see from these meetings is that the NMRA is based and dependent on the division level. What we all do to recruit and maintain new members is up to those that are members now. This may be an old theme that you have heard before, but there is little National can do that will make any difference if members do not work at keeping those current members active, welcome, and involved. Now that COVID is (hopefully) in the rearview mirror we all need to recruit in our face-to-face meetings and op sessions. Invite and make welcome not only new members but all members that we have not seen for quite some time. Go to the convention and try to take someone new that has not been to a convention before. One last request is that you contact any board member with your thoughts, questions and concerns for your Division and the Region to increase membership.

It is the middle of summer and our outdoor activities are taking us away from our layouts and hobby. This is okay because COVID has kept us cooped up all winter. As you make plans for this fall and the return of train shows and swap meets, I hope you are planning to come to the NCR convention in Toledo. It has been two years since our last convention. The Black Swamp Division has a great all-around convention planned for you. Check out the website and you will see a variety that deserves your attendance.

The local division meetings have excelled in show and tell sessions. Since the face-to-face meetings and layout operation sessions ceased over the winter we all had plenty of 'one on one' time with our hobby. This resulted in an unusual amount of AP work and certification by the NCR members.

Some of you rekindled your personal AP work and others started on the AP program. Whichever it was for you, I hope you continue and work on various certificates. Some of them are second nature to you and others will get you out of your comfort zone and create new challenges for you to tackle. Why not start with the "Golden Spike?"



FULL STEAM AHEAD

While it is not an AP certificate it will get you started and your layout probably qualifies, or is very close.

Please check the "Officers and Directors" page to see that we have fill two very important positions since the last issue of our Hot Box. I am happy to announce that Jonathan Pulling has accepted the position of Resident Agent. Dean Pryer has done an excellent job but moved to Ohio and had to resign. Dean and Jonathan have been working together for a smooth transition. Thank-you Dean for your years of service and to Jonathan for filling this important position on our Board of Directors.

Joining us as our new Registrar is a familiar face to Division One. Marshall Stull (their superintendent) has accepted the position. Marshall takes over from Paul Marsden who resigned due to job commitments. Thanks, Paul, for help getting us through the COVID months. Marshall will also be our new Web Master. He has been working on starting a new NCR website from the ground floor. We are excited to finally look forward to an all-encompassing website that each division will be able to access with their schedules for all NCR members and NMRA Regions. Now our website will follow that same trend as our newsletter. Thanks Marshall for your dedication to our region and tackling this enormous project for us all.

As the "Baby Boomers" age we all need to look at the dynamics of our membership and see that your division remains viable with new enthusiastic model railroaders. This can be done at Division Meetings, op sessions and going to our convention. We all look forward to enjoying our layouts with others. For now go run some trains and take a few photos for a future Hot Box.

Dave Capron, President, NCR

INTERURBAN IN GRASS LAKE

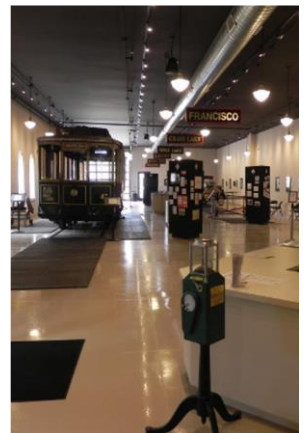
NCR INFO

We received much of this article back in 2013, but certain things, prevented us from publishing it. Well, here's a nice one page article on a very interesting place – The Grass Lake **LOST RAILWAY MUSEUM**. The Museum is dedicated to the history of the interurban lines that ran from Jackson to various areas, including Grass Lake. Back in 2013, they began a great quest to have Car #29 brought back to Grass Lake for restoration and display... and the Museum was born!

CENTURY-OLD INTERURBAN CAR MAKING ITS WAY BACK TO GRASS LAKE FOR RESTORATION BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GRASS LAKE, MI – A piece of Grass Lake history is making its way back to town. The Grass Lake Historical Society has obtained a nearly 100-year-old interurban car that it plans to restore to its original glory. Car No. 29 will make its way along iron rails from Gilletts Lake to the village. And the public is invited to witness the trip, said Marilyn O'Leary, Grass Lake Historical society president. During the trip, the car will be escorted by Jackson County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Sturgill and Grass Lake Charter Township Fire Department members, O'Leary said. "We hope that people will come out to watch history in the making and snap lots of pictures to share," she said. "This is very exciting." The interurban was an electric railway popular from about 1900-25. In Jackson, it was used to take people from the city to outlying resort areas, such as Vandercook Lake, Grass Lake, Wolf Lake and Clark Lake. Interurban cars also traveled through rural areas to such cities as Lansing, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo. Once in Grass Lake, the historical society will begin a community-wide restoration project to bring Car No. 29 back to its original state.

Car No. 29, once part of the interurban railway that traveled Jackson County, has been purchased by the Grass Lake Historical Society for restoration. (Photo courtesy of Jim Stormont)



Here is the link to the museum website - <https://www.lostrailwaymuseum.org/>

They are still trying to get donations to repair car #29's windows. The donation is \$250 per window to restore it to original shape. They have returned to regular hours for the Summer as follows: Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Fridays, from 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Please call to verify hours.

Lost Railway Museum 142 W. Michigan Ave., P.O. Box 574 Grass Lake, MI 49240

Phone: 517-522-9500 or 309-269-2953

RAILFANNING the River Falls & Eastern RR

NCR TRACKSIDE

Larry Hickman's River Falls & Eastern RR is a great railroad you can visit as part of the BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION convention. The HotBox railfan's got a sneak peek... *left, down, then right* - A morning meet at McDermott, WV.; Drifting thru Alexander, WV on a lazy afternoon; General Frt. 192 holds main for Weston Local at Duffy, WV.; Light Engines passing thru Gaines, WV.; Inspecting wheels at Robertstown Shop; Dauterman's Junkyard at Mill Creek, WV; Outbound loads being pulled from Diamond Coal, Valley View, WV.



RAILFANNING the River Falls & Eastern RR

NCR TRACKSIDE

left, down, then right - Stone Train Takes the McDermott Storage at Hemlock Tower; Switching W.V.P.&P. Co; Train 19 passes thru Homecrest, WV.; Train 20, The Appalachian, passes WB Tower while Train 43 departs Robertstown; WM Coal Turn picking up at Saunders Coal; WM Thornwood Local approaching Shavers Fork Tower; Woodside, WV



Building Inexpensive Industrial Security Fencing for the Detroit, Woodbridge and Birmingham RR Industrial Facilities

RESEARCH As I looked around my layout I saw that I was in need of a lot of security fencing around my layout. My layout is primarily an industrial layout with three classification yards and an Intermodal Yard. It also has one very large industry, a cement plant, and several other rail served smaller industries. Functionally it serves as a bridge line between the Canadian National and Norfolk Southern railroads.

With this in mind, I sought out a source of good looking security fencing. I found several sources but they all had a common problem. For the amount of fencing I needed, they were very much cost prohibitive. So I began the search for some decent "home grown" fencing possibilities. I was also at the same time deciding what style of fencing I would want to use. This decision would drive the search for a material source for the fencing. I was torn between cyclone fencing and the type seen along the highways, with large square openings. After searching for suitable materials for both types, it was clear that material for cyclone type fencing was readily available in fabric and craft type stores.

The next thing to decide was the type of security measure to place atop the fence. I decided that barb wire was more work than I wanted to put in to create. So I decided that razor wire was the way to go. I also chose not to electrify the fencing as that, I thought was over kill. I also chose to go with a single line of fencing around most of my facilities as that would be adequate for their "real world" needs. My one exception will be my brewery complex, eventually. That one will be at least double fence secured, at a later date. While making these decisions, I picked a fence height that seemed reasonable in the real world as well as my HO world. I chose eight (8) feet tall fencing.

MATERIALS I decided during my research, that for the fencing itself I would use a fabric called toile'. It is available at most fabric stores and is generally used as veil material. It is produced in a wide variety colors and several sizes, of the holes. These various sizes really have no name that I am

aware of but are easily seen when perusing the racks of fabrics as you chose the color of your fence. I chose a gray color as I thought it most appropriate for a fence that has been in place for some time. The "pattern" I picked had the holes tracking in a diamond pattern and looked like it had been made for HO fencing. The openings were diamond shaped, just like cyclone fencing. Be careful some have square holes that will make you cut your pieced on a bias in order to be used in the familiar "diamond" pattern. My fabric's hole measured out to be three (3) inch openings. The same as full size fencing. This material is composed of some very fine plastic mesh, which is great for us as we are all conversant in adhering plastic to various materials. I purchased a yard of this for less than \$1.00 and have enough for about 10 scale miles of fencing.

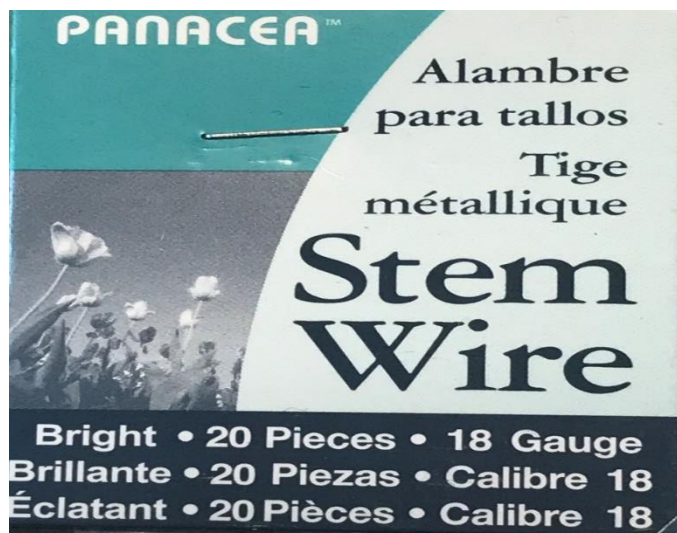
With the fencing picked out, it was time to move on to what to use as posts and top rails. I found that scale sized plastic was too flimsy and expensive. After all it is only about three (3) inches in diameter, quite tiny by HO standards. Wood was equally expensive, plus not very realistic for the era of my road (1960's to Present). I finally concluded that nothing looks like metal better than metal. So after further searching at the fabric/craft stores, I found that floral wire is available in a great number of sizes and malleability. After taking my scale ruler to the store to measure the different gauges, I chose 18g, unpainted Floral/Stem wire (depends on store what it is called). This measured out to be just a fraction over three inches in diameter, and about 131 scale feet in length (18 real inches) per piece with 20 pieces in a package. I used this as both the poles and runners (piece that supports the fence between posts). The 18g is stiff enough to support the fence, be pushed into my extruded foam sub and easily bendable. With 20 pieces per package, one package would be plenty for my first fence line.

FENCE CONSTRUCTION I wanted to be able to reproduce the fencing in sections easy to move from my workbench to the layout for installation, and keep each section uniform. I made a jig to facilitate the construction of the fence posts and runners. This was my first time to make a jig and took some planning on my part because of that.

I rejected using Plastic or foam board for the jig as I did not want to glue the fence pieces to the jig during construction. I turned to using wood and the base and alignment pieces for the jig. Using metal as the posts and runners, I wanted to solder all of it together for stronger bonds and to keep my soldering skills up to date.



Additionally, soldering won't destroy the jig, make it ugly maybe but not wreck it. I used 3/16" x6"x12" piece of ply wood for the base. With 1/8"x1/16" strip wood for the alignment pieces. Fastened down with TiteBond II wood glue. I cut each pole 13 scale feet long, in order to allow for three scale feet in ground and 10 scale feet above ground with fencing. I made the jig so that the posts were 10 scale feet apart. Three post positions were doubled so that those posts would not shift during soldering. I precut the posts before beginning assembly. As I progressed I would shift the completed sections so that I could create section of fencing that utilized the full length of the floral wire (18" Real).

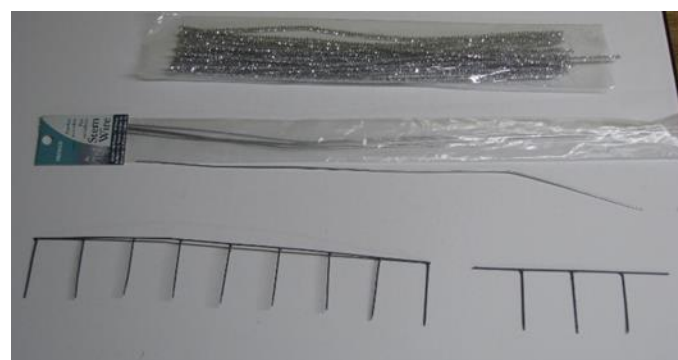


I soldered the runner to the top of the posts. One end of each section started with the first post on the end of the runner with the last post 10 scale feet from the end of the runner. In this way I was sure that I would not double up any posts.

I created a couple of shorter sections in order to not waste materials and to better conform to the actual distances needed for the fencing. Also this allowed for any turns or corners that were needed. If you end up with a double pole at the ends or corners that is very prototypical. In a couple of spots I also installed (not soldered) some longer posts at an angle to simulate the angled supports found occasionally in real world fences of this type and height.

At this point you also need to decide if you have a gate in this fence. If you don't have a need for a gate then you are finished when you have enough fencing to enclose your property. If you do need a gate use the same methods to create on, just be sure to provide enough angled supports to keep the fence square and functional. You will need to decide too as to whether it is sliding gate or a swing gate. How it goes in to your fence line will depend upon how it functions.

PAINTING THE FENCE You will want to paint your fence sections (BEFORE ATTACHING FENCING) in order to hide the joints be they glue or solder. Painting the tulle will ruin the effect by clogging the holes.



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

The Black Swamp Division continues to be very busy with preparations for Black Swamp Junction! We are looking forward to seeing many old friends and some new ones in October. The Black Swamp Division did not hold meetings during the summer but did have a couple outings to the Iron Triangle in Fostoria OH and the Mad River/NKP museum in Bellevue OH. The Black Swamp Division will be going back to live meetings as of September 14, 2021. The September meeting will include a "What I did over the Summer" show and tell session by our members. All in person meetings will be back at our prior location in Holland OH. For more information on the Black Swamp Division and the full meeting schedule, please visit our website at <http://www.divisiononencr.com>. (submitted by- Marshall Stull, Superintendent)

Division Two (Manistee to Iosco counties, to the Tip Of The Mitten at the Mackinac Bridge)

We are currently meeting monthly via zoom, our next meeting is August 18th at 8:00 PM. Contact the superintendent (email below) to receive this meeting link for our Zoom meeting. This meeting is just an opportunity for our model railroaders to get together and chat. We hope to restart in person meetings in September (subject to Covid regulations). These meetings are held on Saturday mornings starting at 10:00 AM. Our meetings are typically 2 – 3 hours long and consist of Division Business followed by any opportunity for show and tell. Following that we have one or more clinics that are either in-person or pre-recorded video. We follow each clinic with an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and get answers. If you are interested in attending one of our sessions send an email to superintendent.nmra.ncr.div2@gmail.com and we will include you in our next invite. (Submitted by Scott Pandorf, Division 2 Superintendent)

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

Three Rivers Division is getting back into public events promoting the NMRA Regionally & within the Division. In August we are part of the Allen County & Van Wert County Ohio Fairs promoting model railroading with kids. We were in the Van Wert Train Show this past July and continue to move forward with our own train show and swap on December 11 in Lima, Ohio. As the new Delta variant has spiked in this area we will be continuing zoom meetings in the name of safety are hoping to get back to in person meetings soon. (Submitted by- Bob Jones, Superintendent)

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

Division 5, the Capital Division, is on summer hiatus. The group is looking for a new meeting place for the fall as our previous location is not likely to be available to us through the rest of 2020. We have a couple of options to look into. There is also consideration of continuing to have occasional, additional Zoom meetings in order to accommodate members who are distant or have time conflicts with scheduled in person meetings. Keep tuned. 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: div5.ncr-nmra.org (Submitted by- Mark Cowles, Div. 5 Clerk)

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

The Motor City Division was to end our zoom meeting in July and met in-person in August, but a snag with the facility prevented that and now we're hoping for September! This would be the first time since February of last year! During our last year, we did not keep still as our meetings happened every month, we did Show & Tell, clinics and even layout tours... all online! It will be great to be back in-person for these events and meetings. We're also still working on our MI-Track modular layout and will have another test session soon. This should debut at our annual **MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP**. Yup, we're planning on that to be again in-person and full of fun and information. Remember, this show is NOT a swap meet, but a way to get all of your model railroad questions answered!! Our date is Saturday, November 20, 2021 (the Saturday before Thanksgiving). Our new location is still WARD CHURCH in Northville. This is our only real fund-raiser for our division, so we hope you will attend and support us! 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 Four – Grand Rails Division (Grand Rapids and west Michigan area)

The Grand Rails Division reports no new activities. Like everyone else we are anxious to be able to get together locally but many are participating in the great zoom meetings presented by other divisions. Please visit our website and our Facebook page. *(submitted by, Skip Luyk, Superintendent)*

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

The big news is the return to live, in-person meeting for August 19 at the Troy Christian Chapel, our meeting place for many years. Unfortunately, the Big Boy restaurant now closes too early for us to enjoy our ice cream and social hour after the meeting! We will continue to meet at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month. In addition we plan to purchase a new computer, microphone, and camera to continue to ZOOM the meetings as well for those members who cannot attend because of distance, weather, travel or personal reasons. In May Division member Tim Fisher presented a clinic about the history of the Auto Industry and Railroads prior to 1960. In June, Ron King, MMR, Division 6 member, gave a virtual tour of his Erie Railroad. In July, member Dean Pyers previewed the Black Swamp Junction Convention, encouraging us all to plan to attend the Toledo event. If you'd like to keep up with the goings on at Division 8 or get the Zoom meeting link to participate with us, please join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288929175921717/> Our web site is, <http://div8.ncr-nmra.org/> Come join the fun. *(Submitted by Kent Aughe, Secretary)*

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

Division 9 has a full schedule of activities planned for this fall. Sept is the Division "annual" meeting which is being held in Sturgis at the new model railroad club in the freight house next to the train station. Oct has a planned field trip to visit two layouts in greater Lansing area. Both Nov and Dec have Division 9 meetings, at this time, back to restaurant and a "zoom" connection for speakers. Superintendent Garry has a back surgery coming up and is also in the process of moving. Best wishes to him for great success in both!! Monthly activities begin with a business meeting, followed by either a clinic or a planned layout tour usually on the third Saturday of the month. An informal optional breakfast at 9:00 AM is also a part of our routine. *(Submitted by: Rich Mahaney, NCR Director)*

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

Division 10 continues with meetings at 7PM on the 4th Thursday of the month, including an outdoor meeting at Bill Hays' Michigan Central Railroad this summer. Our June meeting was rained out so we ran a second section in July, with good attendance and many trains running through the woods. Many members have submitted project pictures and descriptions for our "What's On Your Workbench?" emails that are forwarded to all members. I have been sending out articles from previous Hotbox issues for "Flashback Friday", and I am always looking for more articles. We just completed a very successful Railfans Weekend at the Huckleberry Railroad at Crossroads Village. Division 10 had a display table promoting the NMRA, offered free copies of books, video tapes, and model railroading magazines including the HotBox. Many of our members were busy greeting guests, providing tours of the HRR shop facilities and operating the layouts on display. Several also assisted in the setup and tear down of the various modular train layouts brought to Crossroads Village. We will continue to meet on the fourth Thursday of the month, meetings will be determined by current quarantine practices. We hope to get back to a regular meeting schedule this fall, and we are also looking for some train layouts to visit. Let us know if you would like us to visit. Contact Superintendent Wayne Wilder at ncrdiv10@gmail.com or 989-823-3409 for more information on attending our meetings.

(Submitted by Wayne Wilder, Superintendent)

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

IN MEMORIUM

NCR STORY

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

PAUL OMILION, age 81, of Livonia, died suddenly on June 10, 2021. Preceded in death by the love of his life, Geri (2007). Paul was above all, a man of strong faith. To him, his kids and grandkids meant everything. He was a very active member of St. Colette Church. Paul was retired from IBM after 30 years. Since childhood, Paul had a love of trains, big and small. His HO model train layout was his pride and joy, and he loved sharing it. He was a Division 6 member of the NMRA and the local train club. He hosted many layout tours and was always active at the Div 6 meetings and shows! He was taken from us far too soon and we will miss him dearly.



Paul Omilion

NEW NCR WEBSITE!!!

NCR NEWS

With much THANKS to Marshall Stull of Div 1, the North Central Region has a new website!! The new site name is very close to the old site name.... <http://ncrnmra.org> (the old site was ncr-nmra.org, no more - !!) The site is up and running and we've got the missing HotBox issues posted, plus this one!! The NCR BoD is sorry this has taken so long to get resolved, but it's done and we're moving forward! If you have any comments, concerns or suggestions for the new site, please use the CONTACT US page and let us know.

NMRA-NCR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

NCR AWARDS

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, I appreciate their efforts very much. Members of their divisions continue working hard and accomplishing great things as you can see by the announcements below.
Skip, Luyk, MMR, NCR AP Coordinator

Congratulations go to the following:

MODEL RAILROAD CHIEF DISPATCHER – Norm Logan, Div 6

MODEL RAILROAD MASTER BUILDER – STRUCTURES – Barry Hensel, Div 6

NMRA ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER – Norm Logan, Div 6

MODEL RAILROAD MASTER BUILDER – SCENERY – Kenneth Scherer, Div. 8 & George Van Duyne, Div. 8

MODEL RAILROAD ENGINEER – ELECTRICAL – William Wemhoff, Div. 3

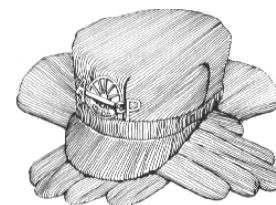
GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD - Alwyn Johnson, Div. 2

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Skip Luyk, MMR Div. 4

NMRA PRESIDENT'S AWARD 2020

Barry Hensel, Div 6



Norm Logan (R) with Ken Chick

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM QUESTIONS: If you have questions about the AP or requirements, start with your Regional AP manager, Skip Luyk, MMR.

Also – Jim Macino covers Div 3 - 260-693-6102 or jim@icmgt.com

Ken Chick, MMR covers Div 6, 8 and 10 – 734-420-0276 or kdchick@wowway.com

Pete Magoun, MMR covers Div 2 – 231-941-1669 or orion@chartermi.net

If you still have questions, contact NMRA AP Chairman Frank Koch at fjkoch@hotmail.com or write Frank at 4769 Silverwood Drive, Batavia, OH 45103.

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 Div 6 Vice-Super Bruce Wolff – the ultimate railfan bathroom! https://youtu.be/2YK5_y1LzHk

Interesting video on Michigan RR firsts! Posted on the Div 6 FB page...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rv5LNeW6Js0>

From friend Bruce Ernatt - Drone View Deshler, OH. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akJFPVsF1pw>

Here's a link to a 44 minute video of railroads in the northeastern US. The time period stretches from the 50's to the 70's. There is some EL as well as BAR, B&M, CNJ, D&H, RDG, and a bunch more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cswHDF20Bm0>

BTR #2- *BREAKING NEWS* - 16TH MICHIGAN RAILROAD HISTORY CONFERENCE

Hello, In lieu of an in-person Michigan Railroad History Conference (MRHC) in September, the MRHC announces a virtual event on

September 18, 2021. This Zoom event will last from 10 am to about Noon. Please mark your calendars.

Further details are forthcoming. Everyone on our mailing list will receive notifications. Thank you, Michigan Railroad History Conference Board For more information, email to mrhc16.2021@gmail.com



BTR #3- MICHIGAN RAILROAD CLUB PROGRAM We're back!! Here is the Michigan Railroad Club Schedule so far: **September 01, 2021:** TBA **October 06, 2021:** Ken Schramm on the DUR.

November 03, 2021: Open projector nite. Bring YOUR own material to show. Slides, video, DVD. Let the program director, Kenneth Borg (ken49146@aol.com) know what you are going to bring up to 8-10 minutes.

December 01, 2021: Gary Sample with a Christmas program.

Meetings will be held at the Ford Performing Arts Center at 15901 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. in Club Room 1. Meetings start at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. ALL are most welcome! Since this is a Government facility, if you are not vaccinated you must wear a mask. Thanks for your understanding. For any other questions please contact: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

BTR #4- *BREAKING NEWS!* NCR DIVISION MEETINGS IN-PERSON! – To our knowledge, most NCR Division meetings are back to meeting IN-PERSON. This is great news!! Some are also doing hybrid meetings with in-person and also on a zoom meeting at the same time. Isn't technology wonderful! The meetings listing on page 31 of this HotBox reflects each Division meeting as in-person. Please consult the Division website you attend to see what updates there may be and if a zoom is also available.

BTR #5- More NCR modelers being published in magazines! Jim Matuszak of Div 2, Mike Bergett, Bill Neale, MMR, and Dan Lewis all had photos published in MR. Brook Qualman, MMR, John Bussard, Jay Qualman and Dan Lewis, MMR have a feature photos in the 2021 NMRA calendar. Doug Kass from Div 8 posed an interesting question in the ASK MR section of the August issue. Congratulations to all of our local modelers getting published in national magazines!

BTR #6- *WELCOME!!!!* We are very happy to announce that Rider's Hobby Shop in Grand Rapids has signed on to sell the HotBox in their store!! Great to have them On Board with the NCR and the HotBox!! Their address and phone number have been added to the Hobby Shop Page!

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!!



NCR 2021 Convention

Hosted by the Black Swamp Division



Oct. 21-24, 2021

Radisson Hotel at The University Of Toledo
3100 Glendale Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614

WIN A REFUND ON YOUR REGISTRATION!

The Black Swamp Junction will feature a Model Showcase. Every person who submits an entry into the Model Showcase, will also be entered into a drawing for a full REFUND of the registration fee for Black Swamp Junction. Judging for the Achievement Program will be available upon request.



New for the 2021 - Rail Yard Sale! Rather than a Silent Auction, this year's NCR Convention is going to try something different. Sort thru your surplus stuff, decide on a sale price, bring it to the Convention, and let Black Swamp Junction sell it for you. Check out the Rail Yard page on the website for all the details.

www.divisiononencr.com/2021



Make your reservations before they fill up!

Radisson Hotel at the University of Toledo
3100 Glendale Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43614
Phone: +1 (419) 381-6800
E-mail: rhi_UTOL@radisson.com



The convention has procured a reserve room rate of \$115 per night which includes 2 queen or 1 king bed. Rooms includes full buffet breakfast. To be eligible for the rate, call the convention Radisson Hotel directly at 419-381-6800. When reserving rooms, provide the rate code "NMRA".

LATEST UPDATES

October is coming fast! There is so much happening we are having trouble keeping up ourselves! Latest updates include increased event space, additional layouts, new clinicians, Model Showcase Raffle, Rail Yard Sale and many other updates. With so many additions it is impossible to list them all here, so make sure to check the website often!

CLINIC UPDATES

The list of clinics is being finalized as this issue is printed and its looking very exciting!

- We will have 22 topics, including 11 by MMRs.
- Many are brand new for this convention
- 10 clinic sessions with no other activity conflicts
- 19 presenters, including 7 MMRs
- 7 topics on modeling ships and nautical scenes
- Laser kit Modeling with the Masters (make 'n' take clinic)
- Others include operations, backdrops, structures, planning, and prototypes.



NOTE: "Modeling with the Masters" clinic does require an extra fee for the structure cost. Please make sure to include this fee on your registration form. If you have already submitted payment and want to have this added, please contact the registrar at blackswampregistrar@gmail.com.

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EXHIBITS

With the addition of the Toledo Union Terminal, our exhibition space has increased dramatically! We currently have several layouts scheduled to be present within the venue. These range from large multi-module setups, a Free-mo layout with members from several neighboring states and a number of small to micro layouts.



LAYOUT TOURS

More tours added! We have been working hard to secure a wide variety of home layouts within a close radius so travel times will be at a minimum. Layout subjects range from modern to steam, standard gauge and narrow with scale/gauges include: Z, HO_{n3}, HO_{n30}, HO, 1/72 (3ft gauge), G and 7-1/2" gauge (1/8 actual size) among others. Make sure to check the website for the latest list of layouts on tour.



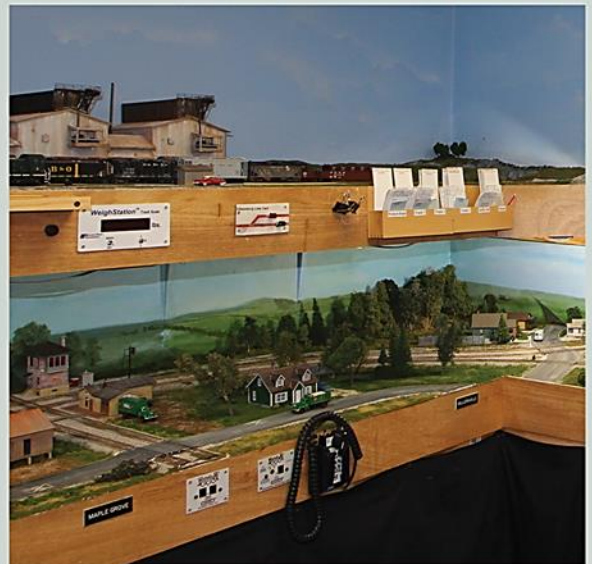
OPERATIONS

Experienced or novice, we have a variety of layouts lined up for operations. Layouts already reserved for operations include but are not limited to:

- Doug Tagsold - Colorado & Southern RR Clear Creek Division
- Mike Bruss - Union Santa Fe and Southern
- Mike Finkler - Pennsylvania R.R. Toledo Division
- T.J. Stratton - New York Central – The Old Road
- Jim Treadaway - Stinky Creek Railroad
- Operation Road Show

See the website for the complete current list!!

Make sure to check the “interested in operations” checkbox on the registration form!



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Black Swamp Junction

NCR 2021 Convention

October 21th - 24th

Radisson Hotel at The University of Toledo
3100 Glendale Ave, Toledo, OH 43614
Hosted by the Black Swamp Division (Division 1)

Website: divisiononencr.com/2021

email: blackswampregistrar@gmail.com

Registrar Phone: 419 350 6630

Registration Form

Registration Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone No: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NMRA Region: _____ Division: _____ NMRA ID No: _____ MMR No: _____

<p>One Registration form per registrant.</p> <p>Email is preferred way to correspond.</p> <p>Email address will be used only for convention business.</p> <p>Non-paid family members can purchase lunch on Saturday.</p> <p>Young people under the age of 15 can participate free if accompanied by a paid adult.</p> <p>Luncheon reservations orders need to be received by 9/15/2021.</p> <p>Polo shirts need to be ordered by 9/1/2021 to guarantee delivery at the convention.</p>	<p>Registration</p> <p>Early Bird NMRA Member (by September 1st, 2021) \$55 _____</p> <p>Early Bird Non-NMRA Member (by September 1st, 2021)..... \$65 _____</p> <p>NMRA Member (after September 1st, 2021) \$65 _____</p> <p>Non-NMRA Member (after September 1st, 2021)..... \$75 _____</p> <p>Day Pass (Circle: Friday Saturday)..... \$40 _____</p> <p>Spouse (Badge Name: _____)..... N/A</p> <p>Registration Subtotal..... \$ _____</p>	<p>Price</p> <p>Total</p>	
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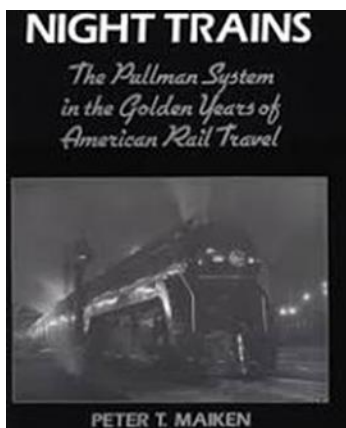
Send Completed Form to:

NCR 2021 Convention
Attn: John Gardner
25605 Normandy Rd W
Perrysburg, OH, 43551

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PULLMAN SLEEPER SERVICE BEFORE THE AUTOMOBILE

Several years ago, shortly after Division 6 moved to our meeting place prior to this location, a history was given on the Pullman Car Company. This lesson was basically about the company it-self; how it started, grew and finally declined and went out of business. This past Christmas, I received a book titled "Night Trains -The Pullman System in the Golden Years of American Rail Travel". Although I have ridden more trains than probably 90% of my audience, all of my train trips were by coach, not by Pullman. The book, "Night Trains" opened my eyes to a new world that I never experienced.



In 1871, a company called the National Railway Publication Co. began printing a monthly book called the Official Guide of the Railways, and it contained the passenger schedules of all railroads in the US, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico and Cuban. As the number of railroads increased, this publication continued to grow. The biggest issue of this guide was June 1916. 1916 was the 7th year of production of the Model T Ford and there were now so many cars in the US that paved highways were now being constructed. From that point on the Railway Guide continued to grow smaller.

I have a reprint of the June 1916 Railway Guide and I have studied the Chicago & Alton Railroad carefully, in this issue. The Alton was not a big railroad. It was a double track line between Chicago and St. Louis, plus a branch line to Peoria and a branch line to Kansas City, MO. In 1916, the C&A was the most popular line between Chicago & St. Louis and in competition with the IC, C&EI, and the Wabash. All four railroads operated a train similar

to the C&A train #7 (the Midnight Special) which left Chicago at 11:59PM and arrived in St. Louis at 7:49 AM a distance of 283 miles. This sleeper train was not out to set any speed records, but give the business traveler a comfortable night's rest.



Train #7 carried as many Pullman sleepers as required for those passengers traveling from Chicago to St. Louis. It also carried a separate Pullman sleeper for those passengers traveling from Chicago to Springfield. This sleeper was cut off the train at Springfield and put on a siding at 4:50 AM where the passengers could remain asleep until approximately 7:00AM in the morning. Springfield is the state capitol of Illinois and in 1916, businessmen took the overnight sleeper to the Capitol. Train #7 also carried a separate Pullman sleeper for passengers going from Chicago to San Antonio, Texas. After train #7 arrived at St. Louis at 7:49AM, this sleeper was taken off of C&A train #7 and moved elsewhere to be attached to a Missouri, Kansas & Texas train headed for San Antonio.

C&A train #8 was also a Midnight Special but from St. Louis to Chicago. It left St. Louis at 11:55PM and arrived at Chicago at 7:55AM. It carried as many Pullman sleepers as needed for passengers traveling from St. Louis to Chicago. There were no sleepers required for the stop at Springfield since it was the Capitol of Illinois not Missouri.

C&A train #3 (the Prairie State Express) was an express train not a local but did make about 80% of the stops between Chicago and St. Louis and left Chicago at 9:00AM and arrived in St. Louis at 5:42 PM. Since this express train operated in the daylight hours between Chicago/St. Louis it carried no Pullman sleepers traveling between Chicago/St. Louis. However, the night before, Pere Marquette Train #10 (the Resort Special) left Bay View, Mich. at 6:35PM and was a long all Pullman sleeper train. You had to be very careful when you boarded this train because most every Pullman car was destined for a different city.



When the Resort Special left Bay View it remained intact until it arrived in Grand Rapids. Here the train was split into two sections; one going to Detroit, where a few cars were pulled off and sent on to Toledo. Back in Grand Rapids the other section went on to Chicago where it arrived at 8:00AM. When this train arrived in Chicago, many Pullman sleepers were pulled off and delivered to other railroads. One of these sleepers including its passengers was delivered to the C&A and attached to the Prairie State Express and went all the way to St. Louis. So, it was possible to travel from Bay View, Mich. to St. Louis, MO. without changing cars. Travel in the opposite direction was also possible. You could board a Pullman sleeper in St. Louis on the C&A and that Pullman sleeper would be moved (upon arrival in Chicago) over to the northbound Resort Special on the Pere Marquette.

C&A Train #5 (The Palace Express) left Chicago at 9:00PM and arrived in St. Louis at 7:01AM. It carried enough sleepers for the passengers going all the way to St. Louis. C&A Train #6 left St. Louis at 9:00PM and carried enough sleepers for the passengers going from St. Louis to Chicago. It also stopped at Springfield at 12:20AM and picked more sleepers loaded with overnight passengers going

from Springfield to Chicago. It also picked up a sleeper that it been brought over the short route from Peoria and dropped off at Springfield.



If you will look at the C&A map, you will notice that the C&A also ran from Chicago to Kansas City, Mo. (483 miles). Train #9 (the Hummer) left Chicago at 6:30PM and arrived at Kansas City at 8:14 AM the following morning. This train followed the main line toward St. Louis until it reached Springfield then it branched off and took the single-track branch line to Kansas City. The Hummer took as many sleepers as required for passengers going all the way to Kansas City. When train #9 arrived at Roodhouse at 12:40AM it picked-up an additional sleeper loaded with passengers (already asleep) going from Roodhouse to Kansas City.

Train #11 (the Nightingale) left Chicago at 10:20 PM and arrived in Kansas City at 11:45AM. This train followed the main line to toward St. Louis until it reached Bloomington then it branched off and took the single-track branch line to Kansas City. It carried as many Pullman sleepers as necessary for passengers going from Chicago to Kansas City.

C&A train #23 (the Nighthawk) left St. Louis at 11:00PM and arrived in Kansas City at 7:55AM and carried sleepers for passengers traveling from St. Louis to Kansas City. On every second day it carried a through Pullman sleeper for passengers traveling from St. Louis to Los Angeles. This sleeper was pulled off train #23 at Kansas City and transferred to the Santa Fe Railroad that would take it on to Los Angeles.

Part 2 next issue. Pictures are from the internet

FENCING Cut the fence material from the yardage of toile'. If possible have someone that is familiar with fabric cutting do this step. It will save material and time. This may be a great opportunity to get a friend or significant other involved in the hobby.



Tulle is very difficult to cut as it is very fine, slippery and stretchy. Hence the recommendation to have an experienced fabric person do the cutting. Measure the height of the fencing you want and convert it to real inches from the scale footage you need for your fence. Try to get it to the nearest 1/8th inch as it makes the cutting much easier to do.

ATTACHING FENCING DO NOT USE SOLVENT GLUES AT THIS POINT!!! Tulle is a fabric BUT it is made from a sort of plastic and as it is VERY fine, it will dissolve. Attachment adhesives is very much up to you and your comfort level. I recommend CA glue with accelerator about every two or three posts at a time and between posts on the runners. Or my personal favorite, AILEEN'S Tacky Glue, about every two or three posts and runners. Work slowly as the fabric will stretch easily and DO NOT FORCE it. As you progress, use pins or weights to secure the fencing to the posts and runners to keep the fencing taut and in contact with the posts and runners. NOTE: in the future I plan to use CA in the first two or three posts and then switch to Aileen's to speed up the process.

Do not create longer sections of fence than you can comfortably work by yourself. The floral wire comes in 18" pieces and I found these to be about the maximum length I was comfortable using. Better several pieces easy to work than longer pieces that are difficult to manage.

INSTALLATION OF THE FENCE The method of installing the fence sections is dependent upon your layout construction. For me, I have a structural foam layout top (PINK FOAM), so all I need to do is punch shallow holes into the foam just deep enough to start the posts into the foam. I do not glue the fence in place so that I can remove it easily if I need access to that area in the future. I originally cut my posts long enough so that I could push the wire into the foam and not need to glue the posts in place. In hard shell you may need to drill holes and glue the posts in, it is really your preference. This process does take time and patience. However you cover a lot of linear feet in short order. Another reason to be patient is that this fence is quite fragile. During this phase some modifications in post locations may be needed to accommodate objects that the fence might encounter, i.e. trees, light poles, parking aprons, curbs, etc. These changes, which occur in the real world as well make your scene look more realistic.

DETAILING I strongly suggest that you wait until after installation to add any details as this step may require some handling and like stated earlier it is not that strong. Bent, broken, loose posts or runners look all the more convincing. As installation is now complete, you may notice that some of the fencing may have come loose from the posts and/or runners. This is just a minor problem. Just reattach it with CA or tacky glue as you see fit. What details you install is up to you. I used a crafters product called silver (shiny) chenille stems (pipe cleaners) that were 3mm x 30.48cm in size (about 12 inches long) to represent the razor wire



commonly found atop security fences since the '60's. I used a quick coating of a matte finish to tone down the shine on these to better show a bit of weathering. Any other scenery touches and weathering will only serve to enhance your fence line. NOW, LET'S GO RUN SOME TRAINS!!!

Building Security Fencing by John Jackson, Div 8

NCR PROJECT

Here are a couple of pictures of John's finished fencing. Looks great!!



DIV 10 at the RAILFAN'S WEEKEND

NCR ACTIVITY

Members of Division 10 attended the Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad Railfans Weekend held on August 7-8. Several other groups were present - SE Michigan Free-Mo group, LAN-trak, Great Lakes HOn30, and the Franklin Range Division! Photos by Larry Burk and Wayne Wilder. Looks like a great weekend!





DIVISION 6 and invited guests of the
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NATIONAL MODEL RR ASSOCIATION
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**11am- 4pm Saturday
November 20, 2021**

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NEW LOCATION!!**

LEARN HOW TO DO & ENJOY MODEL RAILROADING!

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SEE DEMONSTRATIONS on power systems, scenery, kit building, structure building, backdrops, wiring, track laying tips, & basic building techniques.

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ASK QUESTIONS of our talented members and NMRA Master Model Railroaders – we have 7!! Get answers to your modeling questions!

PARTICIPATE IN a raffle for many prizes of model railroad items and an open model railroad model & photo contest

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**ENTRY FARE: \$3 per person
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TRAIN TOWN

TRAIN SHOW AND SWAP MEET



SATURDAY DECEMBER 11, 2021

ALLEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

2750 HARDING HIGHWAY, LIMA, OHIO

From 1-75, take Exit 125 - Go East on St. Rt. 309

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Admission: Adults \$7.00

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FEATURING:

- ◆ All Gauges
- ◆ Over 170 Tables
- ◆ Railfan Items
- ◆ FREE Parking
- ◆ Door Prizes
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- ◆ Handicap Accessible
- ◆ Locomotive Races

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.

NMRA Div 3
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FALL 2021 SHOW

SATURDAY October 9, 2021

LOCATION: HSB, Inc.
5625 Burlingame Ave SW
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TIME: 10am to 3pm

COST: Adults - \$5, 12 and under
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Email: kwskopp@gmail.com <http://grvrrc.org>

After you are done reading this, at least I hope you are, go here: <https://www.indyjunction2022.org>. This is the web site for the Indy Junction 2022 convention. Take a good look at all the information on the site. We have a way to go to give you specifics about which layouts will be open, which op sessions will be available and which exhibitors will be at the train show, but there is still a lot there. Most importantly convention registration is open and there is direct link to our page of the hotel registration. You can take care of everything very easily.



When you review everything on the website you will see that we are going to meet our prime goal. That is to offer a convention that includes everything you would expect at an NMRA National, or the Narrow-Gauge Convention, or the Chicagoland RPM meet at a very reasonable price. Registration is \$85 or \$110 for a family and that includes layout tours, op sessions and the train show. The only extras are prototype tours, our one dinner “The friends of the Freight Car” and things like “make and take” or shirts, etc. You get the idea. This convention is for everyone. It is four full days, obviously a little shorter than the NMRA National but consistent with the Narrow-Gauge Convention and RPM meets. Between the duration, the price of registration and the hotel we are hoping that this convention will appeal to, and be more affordable, for a much broader group of modelers.

This convention is unique in many ways, but one critical aspect is that the people who have put on the Chicagoland RPM meet have joined us. That RPM meet, with a 27-year history, has attracted over 300 people at each meet over the last several sessions. They will bring a strong variety of clinics, that will at times tend to be on subjects not always found at NMRA conventions. The good news is that all clinics will be open to all attendees. In addition, there will be a room for the traditional RPM attendees that will include two beautiful modular layouts, one HO and one N gauge, as well as tables for display of some great models.

We care scheduling this convention so that clinics will be in the morning and in the evening when little else will happen. Layout tours and op sessions will be during afternoon hours. However, RPM related clinics will continue through the afternoon and there will be some NMRA clinics that will also run during the afternoon. If you don't feel like driving around during the afternoon there will still be plenty to do. Importantly, every clinic that is given during the afternoon hours will also be offered either in the morning or the evening. If there is one clinic you just must see you will be able to do that. We expect to have at least 70 clinics to offer, quite likely more. Even with approximately 30 some time slots your biggest problem will be deciding which of the clinics to see. To be clear we will have great clinics, given by people who have given clinics in the past and have demonstrated the value of their presentations.

Finally, there will be a three-day train show and registered members will get in early on Friday to get a first chance to buy things. This show will not be huge, but it will be special. We will not have modular layouts or manufacturers just with displays. This will allow us to have a lot of exhibitors with unique products. We should have some 120 plus exhibitors. All exhibitors will be selling their products. All exhibitors are being carefully selected to offer quality items that are designed to make your modeling better. With the money you are saving through our low-cost registration and hotel rates you should be able to buy a lot more things for your layout.

This convention is for you. The team putting this together is working very hard to make it a very valuable use of your time and money. In return we need you. A convention this big and complete costs money. If you come to the convention, we will be just fine. In fact, we hope we will have a reasonable surplus that will fund Regional activities going forward. So, now that we are at the end of this talk, please take the time to go to: <https://www.indyjunction2022.org> look it over and then register for the convention and reserve your hotel room. There is also a place on the website where you can sign up to get updates on the progress of our plans.

Thanks! Scott Kremer, Chairman, Indy Junction 2022

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NCR BOD MEETING RECAP

NCR NEWS

The North Central Region held a zoom Board of Directors meeting on July 10, 2021. It was a quick meeting that covered a few important topics. One topic was the appointment of our new Resident Agent – Jonathan Pulling! Also appointed was Marshall Stull, current Division 1 Superintendent, as the new NCR Registrar and webmaster. Marshall will be a busy guy! The BoD also heard updates and reports on the NCR convention – BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION and the Tri-Regional convention INDY JUNCTION 2022. Everything is “On Track” with those events. A reminder that the next NCR convention is hosted by Division 3 in Fort Wayne and will take place on October 19-22, 2023. The NCR is still seeking a volunteer to serve as PHOTO CONTEST CHAIRMAN, so if you know someone who might wish to serve in this position, please let a BoD member know. We also had a report from our new Treasurer Steve Harsh and the NCR is solvent! There were 17 BoD members attending the meeting and it lasted 2 hours. Formal meeting minutes are available from NCR Secretary Norm Logan and are posted on the new NCR website!

NCR DIRECTOR REPORT

NCR NEWS

By the time you read this report, I will have had my heart surgery involving 4 artery bypasses and should be recovering at home. The event of bypass surgery came on as a surprise to me in July 2021 as an unplanned, and unknown problem. While I prepare for the surgery, I have had time to think about my model railroad hobby and my layout. With nearly a 1000 HO railroad cars (why?) and 100 engines (why?) and track, buildings, other related stuff, and years of dreams that could suddenly be taken away from me, or I could get a fresh start after surgery. Being a type A personality and ADD, I have found it hard to find the time to work on my layout because I am always working on my many jobs and very busy on other projects, plus I just can't sit down to stay focused on building a kit or laying track. Of course, where does “excuses” fit into “to building a model railroad layout big or small”?

As I walked around the basement, I call my model railroad room, where I have dreamed and planned a Great Northern Railway layout in the 1959 time period that focuses on moving produce from the northwestern part of the US to the Midwest markets. The track plan is designed to interchange with many railroads in the north half of the United States which provides the opportunities of 1950's railroad train colors (both passenger trains and freight car color). I have prayed that “God will not take me from the earth until the mess is cleaned up, trains are running and I can show it off to other model railroaders after years of research, planning, needed photography and visits to hobby shops and weekend train shows”! This fall I am planning to help Dave Capron on his “selling off” project of his large layout that he removed from his house when it was sold. This will also be an educational project for me, as I think about my future in model railroading.

I hope my “rambling” thoughts here have given you some thoughts about your model railroading project and the life cycle of a model railroad and a model railroader. *Rich Mahaney, NMRA NCR Director at Large*

NMRA BOARD CHANGES

NMRA NEWS

I want to update all members of changes to the national team following the BoD meeting on July 3, 2021.

We welcome three new directors: John Doehring, Eastern District Director; Christopher Palermo, at large North America Director; Martyn Jenkins, at large Worldwide Director and welcome back Rob Peterson for a second term as Pacific District Director. We also welcome a number of new department heads: Gert "speed" Muller - IT Manager; Pete Steinmetz - Head of Standards & Conformance; Michael Hohn, MMR - Head of Education; Riley Triggs - Head of Publications; Pat McCarthy - National Nominations Committee Chairperson; Mike Brestel - Awards Committee Chairperson, as well as Mike Cummings as the new NMRA Secretary & Royal Bruce as the new Assistant Secretary.

I hope you will all support our volunteers in their new positions. We are actively looking to grow all national department teams & committees. If you wish to volunteer and get involved there is no time like the present.

Gordy Robinson, NMRA President

Here's a salute to Toledo (since the convention is there in October). From the HotBox archives lots of NYC and a visit by the PRR, *Left down, then right down* – GP7/9 Nov 2, 1969; GP7/9 Sept 24, 1968; F unit Sept 21, 1968; PRR E8's at the Toledo depot; Alco July 4, 1968; Alco May 4, 1970; Alco FA1967; Alco Sept 28, 1968
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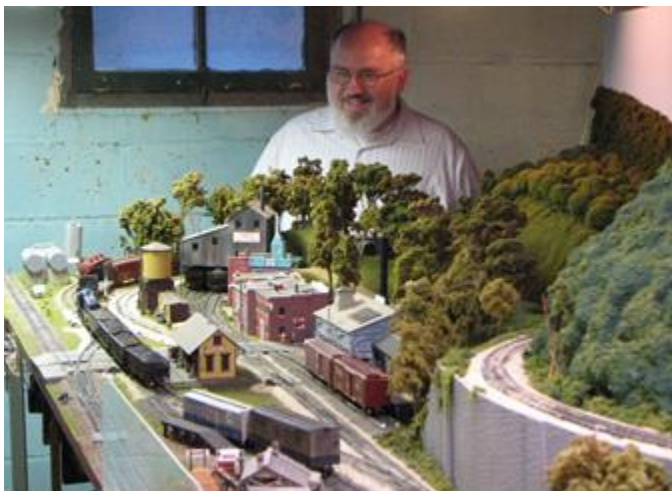
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I have cancelled one OP session, when I got a call from the school that my granddaughter had a fever and would not be allowed on the bus to go home and she couldn't return to school until she had been without fever for 72 hours. They were unable to contact her mother, could I come get her? Of course I will! But with that being a possible exposure to Covid-19, and the OP session just days away, I opted to cancel the OP Session rather than risk exposing any of my operators. (As it turned out she did not have Covid, just a bug that was gone the next day, but best to play it safe.)

For the other months, I have held an OP session with the proviso; if your sick don't come and wear a mask if you so desire. I have always said, I don't care how many show up, even if nobody comes, on that night, I am going down into the basement and run trains. Join me if you wish to. And that has always worked well for me. Sure, I have to juggle when more than 10 show up, but we can handle up to 16 if we have to. Just add another engine and caboose to the layout and double up on crews. But when only 4-5 show up, the juggling goes in the other direction. We just do what we can and leave the rest for the second shift to take care of. (That's me coming down the next day.)



One way this Covid-19 pandemic has affected operations on the B&O Lost Division is that attendance has been cut by more than half. Where I have normally have had 10-14 operators before, I now have 4 or 5 operators. With so many of my operators being of advanced age, such as myself, they prefer to do more than social distance, they

have socially isolated. So my experienced crew, the ones who usually take Yard Master positions and help keep the operations on track, are not here any more. With only 4- 5 operators, there is no way we can run a full schedule of trains.

So what can we do? Without the Yard Masters, it is switch your own cars when you come into a town, and boy does that slow things down! And with me running a train too, there is no dispatcher to call. Clear your own route to the next town!



Now this is not all bad. By having to do these things for yourself, you learn a lot more about the layout and why things are done the way we are doing them. You learn to work together, to cooperate to get the work done. You learn why we meet at certain sidings, and how to do face pointing switching. When there is no switcher crew there to help you get the job done, it is up to you to figure it out. Some people can't, and they need to be limited to through freights or easy switching jobs.

But then, at the last OP session, the Digitrax started acting up and we couldn't control the engines by duplex or wifi. Engine driver says "Loconet is sleeping". So we did a power reset and hey, it that seemed to fix it, but only for a minute, then the problem came right back. (#@\$%!) Apparently my UR92 decided to reset itself to factory defaults, like channel 11, where I had problems with it before. (It would fight with my LNWI.) Blaine, my DCC Guru, was socially isolating and I couldn't remember what channel we had found worked best for the B&O Lost Division. Took a guess, 14, but that didn't help at all.

I unplugged the UR 92 from the Loconet, and its power supply. Reset the system again, and it started working with throttles being plugged in. Inconvenient, but it works that way, and we got through the rest of OP session. Next day I emailed Blaine about the problem. He replied that according to his computer records, the UR92 had been set to channel 16 for my layout. (There were also 2 or 3 more paragraphs on what could be happening, and perhaps why, to which I could only nod and say OK.) Building up my courage, a day later, I put the UR92 back into the system and changed it to channel 16. Everything started working as advertised! Whew! Thanks Blaine!!! Well enough of my technical troubles, back to the OP sessions, but this shows that it is a challenge when key people are missing and something goes south.

So I look at this reduced crew size as having two benefits. One, I am getting a better trained crew, because those that showed up are having to do more on the layout for themselves. And, Two, for the next few days, I've got trains to run in order to finish up the work that didn't get done.



They say we are all in this together, and I guess that's right. But it is also what Red Green says at the end of his explanations from behind the desk, and things don't always go so well for him. Then from the same show, there is the Possum Lodge's Man Prayer, "I'm a man, and I can change, if I have to, I guess." So, staying with that shows Canadian theme and it's catch phrases, "Keep your stick on the ice", "I'm pulling for ya" and "We're all in this together".

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Meets quarterly with other special events thrown in. For additional information contact Skip Luyk, MMR at 616-363-3453 or 3165 Lost Creek Trail NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525 arcadialogger@gmail.com

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Division Six Motor City Division (Wayne & Washtenaw Counties)

Meets at 7:30pm, 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

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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 www.div9ncr-nmra.org

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NCR TIMETABLE EVENTS!

NCR AREA EVENTS

NOTE- Events listed have been compiled from listings on 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! **NOTE – it appears most shows are back to normal!! BUT, Please contact event organizers before you attend as “things” can change after publication.**

Sunday, September 12, 2021 - Flag City Train Show Train Show Findlay, OH - 12505 County Road 99
Mike Schroeder 419-348-1303

Friday-Sunday, September 17-19, 2021 – Reading Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet IX
Reading RR Heritage Museum, Hamburg, PA <https://readingrrmm.com/> email- barry76Lt@wowway.com

Saturday, September 18, 2021 - 16th Michigan Railroad History Conference
MRHC announces this a virtual event. This Zoom event will last from 10 am to about Noon.
For more information, email to mrhc16.2021@gmail.com

Saturday-Sunday, Sept 18-19, Oct. 9-10, Nov 6-7, 13-14, Dec. 11-12, 18-19, 2021 - Blissfield Model RR Club OPEN HOUSE 109 E Adrian St, Blissfield, MI 49228
Sept 18, Oct 9, Nov 6 - 10am-4pm reservations required. Other dates 10am-3pm no reservations.
ADMISSION IS FREE, however, your donations are needed and appreciated. Go to- <https://bmrr.org/>

Sunday, September 19, 2021 and Saturday, December 11, 2021- New Baltimore Model Railroad Show
VFW Lempke-Blackwell Post 7573 35011 23 Mile Road New Baltimore, MI 48047
10AM – 3PM admission - \$4, children under 11 are free. food available
contact info - Mike Neuendorf 860-836-0809 mikel.j@comcast.net

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Mt. Clemens, MI 48036 10am to 3pm \$3 per person, \$5 per family, children under 12 free
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Saturday, September 25 - 20th Fostoria Rail Festival
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Saturday-Sunday, October 2-3 - The Great Berea Train Show
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Saturday, October 9, 2021 – The Greater Grand Rapids Fall Train Show Grand River Valley RR Club
Home School Bldg Wyoming, MI Ken Skopp 616-667-9680 Don Kiel 616-304-5443 **Flyer on page 23**

Thursday-Sunday, October 21-24, 2021 - Black Swamp Jct. (NCR Conv. - 4 Days) hosted by Division 1
Toledo, OH - Radisson Hotel at Ung. Of Toledo Marshall Stull 248-817-9328 www.divisiononencr.com/2021/

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Contact Info - Maumee Valley RR Club, Inc. P.O. Box 314 Harlan, IN 46743 Richard Insley 260-482-2203

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Sunday, December 5, 2021 - Trades & Trains
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Saturday, December 11, 2021 – Div 3 Train Town Show/Swap Meet Lima, OH - Allen County Fairgrounds
10am-3pm, Admission: \$7, 12 and under free, NMRA member w/card \$5. **flyer on page 22**
Info - Jim Marquardt 260-437-3844

Sunday, December 5, 2021 - WMRC Train Show Wyoming, MI
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