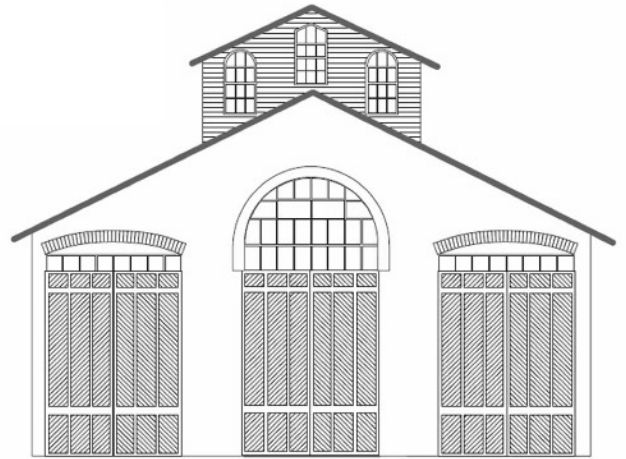


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FROM THE SUPER – JANUARY, 2021

As you all know, we will be holding our elections at our next meeting, February 18th. The new “regime” will take over at the March meeting. So what does that mean for the “From the Super” column? I will probably write something after the February meeting, but as I move into the “past supervisor” slot on the board, my lengthy chain of regular monthly musings will end. Good thing, too! After about 70 of these mini-essays, it’s getting harder to think of stuff to talk about that might be of interest to you. This exercise did contribute significantly to my Model Railroad Author certificate in the NMRA Achievement Program, though. Ken Chick (MMR) stopped by my house yesterday and presented the certificate to me, my third. Thanks, Ken.

The Achievement Program has been chugging right along over the past year or so. The North Central Region has added four to the MMR ranks, our own Greg Rich (#645), Brook Qualman (#665), region past-president Scott Kremer (#667), and James Marquardt (#671). I know some of you are working in the AP, either pretty seriously or more casually. I hope everyone who is involved in it is enjoying both the journey and the accomplishment. I encourage anyone interested to give it a shot. Even if you don’t strive to go all the way to Master Model Railroader, gaining the “official” recognition of achievement in one or more of the categories can be a nice boost to your hobby satisfaction.

Working alone on my layout, and having Ken stop by for a masked visit, both emphasize how much most of us as model railroaders enjoy the hobby together! As is in groups, helping each other, talking, admiring each other's work, and operating! Now that people are starting to get vaccinated against COVID-19, we should begin to see increased comfort in getting back together. It may be a while yet before we can resume in-person meetings at Troy Christian Chapel, but opportunities to help each other and operate together should open up, sort of case-by-case. ["Did you get vaccinated yet? Yeah? So did I! Come on over!"] Well, I can't say that yet, but as we do, don't hesitate to get back into more full enjoyment of the hobby!

Phil

Elections Coming Up - Reminder to everyone, we will have elections for the next administration of Clinton River Division in February, with the new team to start their two-year terms in March. The following people have volunteered to run for the Board:

- Superintendent: Curt Danielewicz
- Secretary/Dispatcher - Kent Aughe
- Treasurer: Dan Shilt
- Board Member at Large: Mark Mincek

Still time to join in the fun! If you are interested in serving any of these positions, let the Super or the Secretary know soon!

Business and Announcements:

- **EVERYONE:** if you displayed a model or prototype item or otherwise participated in our ZOOM meeting, please send me photos at chappie81@wowway.com to include your contribution in the monthly issue of the Car House. Thanks.
- **MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS** in attendance at the January ZOOM meeting: **Ken Chick, Dan Lewis, Ron King, Greg Rich, Larry Wolohon, Jim Zinser**
- **GUESTS:** We welcome guests from other Divisions who attended our Zoom meeting. Our total attendance was in the 40s again. Thanks for attending. You are always welcome.
- **ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM:** **Ken Chick, MMR,** reminds everyone that many of the models displayed in recent Zoom meeting might qualify for Achievement Program awards. Please contact Ken for information. He might even contact you to include you!

- **FINANCIALS:** From **Paul Runyan**, Treasurer, current balance of accounts is \$6,302.51. No change from last month. Division user fees remain at \$7 per year. You can send a check to Paul at 21494 Chestnut, Farmington, MI 48336.
- **ANN ARBOR/SALINE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW**, scheduled for February, has been cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions.
- **NMRA JULY 2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SANTA CLARA, CA**, has been cancelled. Leadership hopes to put together a “virtual convention.” Stay tuned. NMRA plans to hold 2022 National Convention in St. Louis in August 2022.
- **NORTH CENTRAL REGION FALL 2021 CONVENTION, BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION 2021**, is scheduled for October 21-24 in Toledo. If you would like to present a clinic, particularly about railroad/maritime interface (note: all you who model ferry operations, or ore or grain loading/unloading), please contact Dave McMullian at 419-508-2206.
- **TIP OF THE MONTH - Bill Moore** suggests using knapweed and St. Ann’s lace roots for trunks limbs of deciduous trees. Can be “sans” foliage for winter or early spring models, or added ground foam, etc., for summer or autumn models. He has plenty if anyone wants to come weed his yard!
- **HO T-Track modules** - Motor City Division 6 is attempting to pick up their project of HO “T-Track” modules. We had sent out the specs with the January 2020 Car House, hoping to make this a joint project with Division 6. Then Covid-19 “derailed” our plans. If you cannot locate your copy and are interested in building a module or three, please contact me (Kent Aughe) for another electronic copy (PDF file).

Bloomingtondale (MI) Depot

Originally called the Kalamazoo and South Haven Railroad Depot, this building was completed in December 1870. Harvey Howard, owner of the local sawmill, and his brothers Zenas and Joseph supplied the lumber and built the depot. Its original location was an acre of land donated by Augustus Haven. The park built on the depot grounds in 1912 is named in Haven's honor. The first passenger train arrived in Bloomingtondale on July 4, 1870. Bloomingtondale is about halfway between Kalamazoo and South Haven and was once a big oil boom town, until the oil ran out. An old C&NW caboose rests next to the station. (Photo and narrative by Rich Mahaney)



iJANUARY CLINIC
AUTUMN RAILROAD TRIP - October 2019
Mark Mincek

Western Maryland Scenic RR
“The Frostburg Flyer”
Cumberland to Frostburg, MD
A Cab Ride!



B & O Railroad Museum, Baltimore
Outdoor Displays
Under-Cover Displays
Indoor Displays
Roundhouse built for passenger car repair,
not a locomotive shop



Howard Zane’s Piedmont Division
When he closed his business, he “found”
900 brass locomotives in the closets!



Cass Scenic Railroad, WV
Cass to Elkins, Saturday
Elkins to Cass, Sunday



The following photographs are by the builders of the models unless noted.

JANUARY SHOW & TELL

Theme: RAILROAD CHRISTMAS GIFTS Or Current Project

Richard Wahl won a “major” prize in the N Scale Magazine contest. He recently received a great prize package. Congrats



Steve Weber received a Paasche air compressor for his airbrush. Steve also has 5 MR binders, free to good home. He lives near 13 Mile and Southfield.
weber5875@sbcglobal.net



Ken Scherer received 2 Bachmann Pete Marquette locomotives, DCC w/ sound. He also received the “annual” Lionel Christmas ornaments.

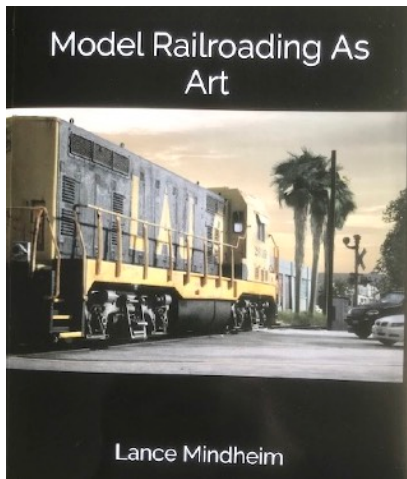


Tim Fisher - The photo shows a post war PA lead passenger train East bound at Pampa station. Behind the station is the Santa Fe freight house and team tracks. The Grain Elevator at the rear has improved with the addition of windows, glazing and the conveyor housing on top of the bins. Still need to add the roof to the bins.

Bill Moore displayed photos of his layout progress.



Warren Yohe received the book “Model Railroading as Art,” by Lance Mindheim.



Ken Chick, MMR is building a new NP station for Logan, MT



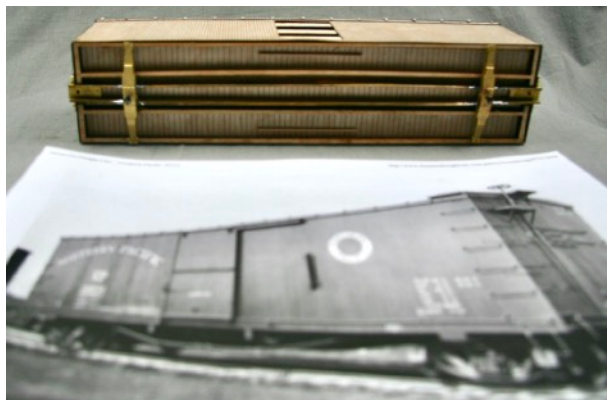
Ron King, MMR - received a 1936 Buick convertible for Christmas. Looks good on the layout.



Rick Ware scratch built HO scale model of the original Cass Scenic RR locomotive shop which was destroyed by fire. It was selectively compressed from the plans published by the Mountain State Logging and Railroad Historical Association. Walls and roof are textured sheet styrene. The windows were printed on thin clear plastic from a basic spreadsheet program.



Larry Wolohon, MMR built a Millet River (out of business) box car for the Northern Pacific - required soldering the metal undercarriage.



Dan Shilt shows us how to model the TP shortage



Fred Cosgrove received a T-shirt from his cousin - "We all do, Fred!"



The prototype "crocodile" in the Alps



Irv Chmielewski - his daughters gave him a Menard's water tower (he painted the roof) and Menard's trees



Robert Cabrera built retaining walls from styrofoam, carved it, painted, weathered and detailed it.



Dan Lewis, MMR displayed his Langman Stockyard. All the steers have been "gender reassigned" from N scale Holstein milk cows.



Phil Doolittle received from his grandchildren a Lego kit of a Swiss Electric "Crocodile" locomotive, has lights, is larger than "O" Scale, about 2 feet long.



MORE JANUARY SHOW & TELL WITHOUT PHOTOS

Curt Danielewicz received Walthers kits, Vintage DQ and White Tower Restaurant.

Dan Mitzel received a Broadway Limited SD70AC and a CD of 25 years of Model Railroad Planning

Dave Thornton is rebuilding 3-rail tank car, used Rustoleum rattle can for paint.

Dave Katona continues his work on a 1979 gondola kit, with new grab irons, an Atheran box car floor, Penn Central paint and weathering.

Greg Rich, MMR has been finishing **Tom Dart's** waterfront and car ferries. He has also been adding layout space to his own railroad by expanding into aisle-ways where possible.

Jerry Shanek is experimenting with Black & Decker 18 volt battery packs for his large scale locomotives. It is possible to dis-assemble the batteries and split the cells (Youtube videos show "everything.") This can be an inexpensive way to battery operate large scale!

Jim Zinser, MMR recently received his order of Tichy nut/bolt/washer castings for his trestle bents. He found "Foamular" 2' x 2' styrofoam sheets from Home Depot.

John Jackson received a Walthers 40' box car kit and a GT/CN book on first generation road switchers, the GMD-1

Kent Aughe received from his daughter a "Mighty Sight" magnifying glasses with built-in LEDs rechargeable via USB cable

Mark Mincek finished the last piece of homasote roadbed, now ready for painting and staining.

Paul Bentley received cardboard kits for UK prototypes, and awaiting 4 DCC card from the UK

Kevin Guthrie, a guest from Capital Division, is using expanding foam (spray can variety) for hillside and rock features. Carves easily after it expands and dries.

John Wissinger, a guest from Pennsylvania, is a former Division 6 member. He will report to his division how we conduct our Zoom meetings.

George VanDuyne reports his brother-in-law forwarded this article. Interesting topic, using seismic vibrations of freight trains to identify mineral deposits. <https://physicstoday.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/PT.6.1.20210112a/full/>

Looking for something to do this weekend in the absence of football? Do you miss attending train shows or hobby meetings? Well, one of the largest train shows in the country is going virtual this year and you're invited!

The Amherst Railway Society's famous Railroad Hobby Show will be held on-line this weekend, January 30th and 31st, and the Steam Railroading Institute is excited to be participating again in 2021! Take part in how-to clinics, new product announcements, and website links to over 75 manufacturers, museums, and hobby stores all in the safe comforts of your own home. Don't forget to stop by the SRI online store this weekend and use the discount code "Amherst" to receive 10% off your order!

Visit www.virtualrailfan.com/amherst for more information and to take part in the show this weekend. Have fun and hope we can all get together again soon!

FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING - on ZOOM
Thursday February 18, 2021, 7:00 pm

Show and Tell Topic:
“Passenger Equipment” or Current Projects

Clinic:
DVD - PULLMAN: America’s Hotel on Wheels

*We will send the ZOOM code a few days before the meeting.
Please look in your SPAM folder if you don’t receive it timely.
Don’t ask, I have no idea why some providers think I am SPAM!*

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**FACE-TO-FACE PHYSICAL MEETINGS SUSPENDED UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO MEET
AT THE TROY CHRISTIAN CHAPEL**



**Thanks for your membership, support, and participating in the Zoom meetings.
HAPPY MODELING and STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE!**