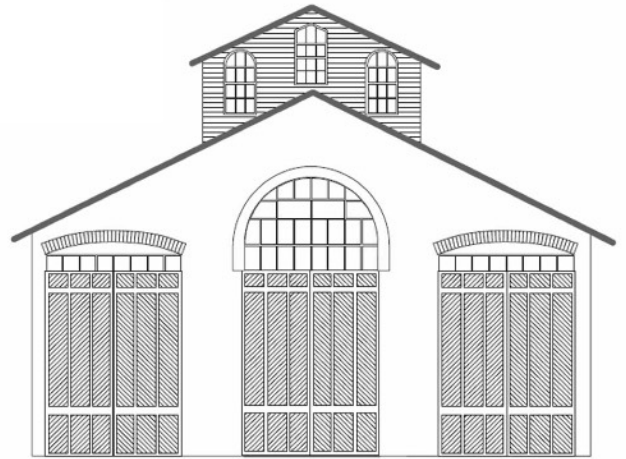


# CAR HOUSE

## JUNE, 2021



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### MAY CLINIC

#### Virtual Tour of Ron King's Erie Railroad Layout



Set on the Erie in October 1953, **Ron King, MMR**, began the layout in 1963. Current scenery was started in 1982. All the towns are named after real towns. Many of the buildings are scratch built, most of the others are kitbashed to varying degrees. Ron built the Akron station platform using three pipes to shape the double curved roof shape, styrene sheets being clamped against the pipes and heated in the oven to form. The control panels use magnets to keep them closed so no screws show on the outside with the interiors still easily accessible.

The following roads are modeled on the layout: Erie, Susquehanna, B&O, and Alleghany & Eastern, with Pennsylvania, Lehigh & New England and Western Maryland making appearances as well.

## **FROM THE SUPER – JUNE, 2021**

Greetings to our CRD members and extended members. As I mentioned in last week's meeting, our host, Troy Christian Chapel held their deacon board meeting this past Saturday and approved our request to begin live meetings again. This is now pending TCC sending me an updated copy of our use agreement for me to sign on behalf of the division as well as our providing proof of insurance through the NMRA. We will plan on restarting live meetings with the August 19th meeting at this point in time and this will be confirmed at the next meeting. Plan on the July 15th meeting being online via Zoom only.

Also shared at the last meeting were the results of our COVID vaccination survey as 49 members responded, with 47 being fully vaccinated, one not vaccinated and one did not wish to answer the question. A very resounding message of people trying to be as safe as possible which is especially important based on the typical age of our members. The BOD will have some discussion on guidelines for our members return to live in-person meetings and that guidance will be shared at the July meeting so everyone can be prepared for August.

Within the next month there will be another survey to inquire if members would like to mentor others within the group within their areas of expertise. The survey will also inquire if members would like mentoring in specific areas and hopefully we can match members up and get more of our members on the path toward AP awards and an eventual MMR, think big!

If you are interested in contributing supplies, rolling stock, locomotives, etc or helping build our new display layout that our recruitment chairperson takes to train shows, please contact Bob or Ken Scherer.

In reviewing our last membership reports received from the National NMRA and dated for March 2021, a number of division members appear to be in arrears on National dues and a larger number are in arrears for division user fees. A reminder as we return to live in-person meetings that we can only allow visitors for a short period of time. If visitors were to prolong joining the NMRA, this could jeopardize our insurance coverage from the National. If there is any doubt as to your NMRA membership status you can check online at the NMRA website or you can reach out to me or our paymaster Dan Shilt. The NMRA website should have the most up to date information though. The CRD will not enforce payment of 2021 user fees since we will only be meeting in person in August, September, November and December. The October meeting will be annulled due to the NCR convention in Toledo the same weekend as the meeting. If you feel like paying a user fee for 2021 upon our restart you certainly will not be discouraged though. With the end of the year approaching you may want to consider prepaying your 2022 user fee as well.

Finally, if we can secure an internet connection at TCC, we will be planning on continuation of the Zoom meeting broadcast from the in-person meeting at TCC. This will allow snowbird participation in our meetings as well as those that may be mobility

impaired or on the physical fringes of the CRD. This could also be helpful on those Thursdays in winter when travel may be problematic as well. The new BOD is interested in continuous improvement to make your NMRA experience more rewarding, enjoyable and valuable.

Best regards,  
Curt Danielewicz  
Clinton River Division Superintendent

P.S. - CRD private Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288929175921717/>

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### **Business and Announcements:**

- **MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS** in attendance at the JUNE ZOOM meeting: **Ken Chick, Ron King, Greg Rich, Larry Wolohon, and Jim Zinser.**
- **EVERYONE:** if you displayed a model or prototype item or otherwise participated in our ZOOM meeting, please send me photos at [chappie81@wowway.com](mailto:chappie81@wowway.com) to include your contribution in the monthly issue of the Car House. Thanks.
- **CALL FOR ARTICLES:** Do you have a tip to share, photos of constructing a model, a neat electronics project, an interesting model or prototype story? Sure you do! Write it up and share it in the Car House - your fellow modelers will appreciate it and you get points toward Model Railroad Author AP certificate. Just send me your material and it will find its way into print! [chappie81@wowway.com](mailto:chappie81@wowway.com)
- **GUESTS:** We welcome guests from other Divisions who attended our Zoom meeting. Thanks for attending.. You are always welcome.
- **NORTH CENTRAL REGION FALL 2021 CONVENTION, BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION 2021,** is scheduled for October 21-24 at the Radisson Hotel at University of Toledo. Let's have a great representation by Clinton River Division at this close-by convention! For information and registration, visit <http://divisiononencr.com>
- **May Car House** approved.
- **Dan Shilt**, Paymaster (Treasurer), reported \$5,722 on hand. Expenditures \$500 in NMRA for donation to the museum effort and \$150 to Troy Christian Chapel for 2020 room usage.
- **Dean Pyers** is looking for a replacement as the Resident Agent for the Region, as he has moved out of state and is prohibited from fulfilling that role. If you are interested, please contact an officer or **Phil Doolittle.**

- **Curt Danielewicz** warned everyone of phishing scams involving fake CRD, NCR, and NMRA emails, asking for gift cards and such. **DON'T FALL FOR IT!**
- **RAILS BY THE BAY - 2021 NMRA National Convention, 7/6 -7/10 is now virtual.** Over 70 clinics and many pre-recorded virtual layout tours. The clinics are live 9:00 am to 9:00pm Pacific time each day, Tuesday through Saturday. The clinics will be online for two weeks to view. Registration is \$49 at NMRA.ORG, and follow the prompts for the national convention. With the clinic line-up posted, looks like a bargain for all modelers.

### **NEW BUSINESS: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2021**

1. Last National membership update was in March. Curt is striving to get more current info. Check your NMRA membership card that your membership is up-to-date
2. COVID Vaccination Survey results were good with 47 of 130 responding; Troy Christian Chapel is holding their Council meeting on Saturday 6/19 and to make decisions about re-opening the church building for outside groups. We hope to return to live meetings, maybe in August. Discussion was held regarding keeping the ZOOM portion going even after the return to live meetings. **John Jackson** has volunteered to investigate the purchase of the necessary equipment. A computer compatible to our present projector, portable camera, microphone and speakers. We hope to test a system in August.
3. Recruitment Chair has passed from **Ken Scherer to Bob Scherer**; We are still researching building a demo layout for show. **Phil Doolittle** has offered some lumber to that effort.
4. A mentor program is also under study both to recruit mentors and match them to those seeking mentorship.
5. **Ken Chick, MMR**, Area AP coordinator, reported on progress for Achievement Program certificates: **George Van Dyne and Ken Scherer** submitted Scenery AP applications that have been forwarded to **Skip Luyk, MMR**, North Central Region AP Chairman. Additionally **Ken Scherer's** application Electrical AP is being processed.

### **Hints & Tips:**

1. **Larry Wolohon** showed a battery powered soldering iron that seems to work well for small jobs like electronics.
2. On that same theme **Phil Doolittle** saw a rechargeable pencil-style soldering iron at Home Depot by Ryobi.
3. **Jerry Shanek** also showed a butane powered soldering iron.
4. **Paul Bentley** reminded everyone that the AMAZON SMILE Program awards a percentage of the purchase price to the charity of your choice, which includes the NMRA.

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

**JUNE 2021 SHOW & TELL**  
**Theme: Erie or Susquehanna Railroad Items**  
**Or Current Project**

**George VanDuyne** - A recent project was the repaint and re-lettering of a fleet of 50' gondola cars. The picture shows 2 of 4. These are Athearn blue-box kits originally acquired many years ago. They were originally lettered for the Erie-Lackawanna so they are in keeping with this month's theme. Two of the gons actually were mis-printed, lettered "Erie-Lackawnaan". Also displayed was an Athearn blue-box wood sheathed boxcar, lettered for the Erie Railroad, now the only remaining Erie item on the R&R.



**Warren Yohe** is nearing the completion of his coal dock., still needs shingles.



**Phil Doolittle** has been busy painting his backdrop with the help of an art student



**Greg Rich, MMR**, displayed his NYS & W hopper that he built "years ago" from a resin kit.



**Paul Bentley** showed his latest work on his station platforms. In the UK, station platforms are 3ft above railhead. Photo is my "Hackney North" East End of London, circa 1948, home layout. The station buildings are heavily kit bashed Menominee Falls Station buildings by Oregon kits.



**Ron King, MMR** - his Erie tugboat extensively modified - started out as a Walthers kit.



**Dan Mitzel** displayed his new Photo throttle, he now has a pair of them. (From last month)



**Tim Fisher** remembers the Erie - "During the mid-1950s I grew up in Mansfield, OH, where the Erie and the B&O crossed the Pennsylvania RR. On a drive during a rainy dark day, the family car got stopped at an Erie crossing to see a train led by four black cab units. The train was very long moving fast. Every car was a black mill gondola. We could not see any load over the sides of the cars. My father suggested that the loads were steel slabs, plates or girders. A couple of years later while ice skating at a local park lake, the Erie called out a steam engine on Sunday to switch next to the lake for about an hour. I believe the engine was a 2-8-2. In the 1960s, I rode the Erie-Lackawanna from Mansfield to Binghamton, NY, on my way to college. It was my first train ride and had dinner in the dining car."

**Jim Zinser, MMR**, showed an Erie 40' Branch Line Models box car kit and an Erie flatcar with plastic wheels and horn-hook couplers.

**Fred Cosgrove** has a book of Erie Road locomotive line drawings.

**Larry Wolohon, MMR**, has an Erie Road Power Book and an Erie gondola he built that was featured in the NMRA Magazine a few months ago.

**Dave Thornton** displayed a modified 50' Erie double door boxcar that began life as a Lionel scale model.

**Ken Scherer** is retiring his 40+ year-old railroad based on the Grand Trunk and replacing it with a newly-designed layout without “duck-under.”

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### The Old



### THE NEW



**JULY 2021 MEETING - on ZOOM**  
**Thursday, July 15, 2021, 7:00 pm**

**Show and Tell Topic:**

***“Brief Presentation of why You Picked Your Railroad and Something From It.” or Current Projects***

**Clinic:**

**Dean Pyers:**

**NORTH CENTRAL REGION FALL 2021 CONVENTION,  
BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION 2021, October 21-24 in Toledo**

*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 - We plan that the August 19 meeting will be  
face-to-face at the Troy Christian Chapel. Stay tuned for announcements.**

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