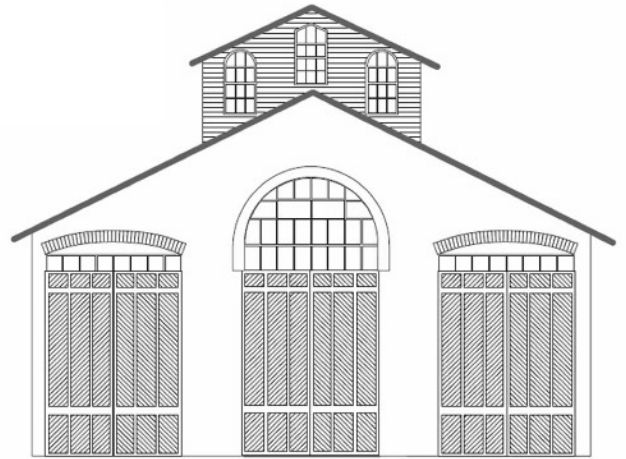


# CAR HOUSE

## AUGUST, 2021



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<http://div8.ncr-nmra.org>  
or  
[clintonriverdivision.ncr-nmra.org](http://clintonriverdivision.ncr-nmra.org)



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<http://www.nmra.org/>

### **BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION CONVENTION**

The 2021 North Central Region Convention is October 21-24, in Toledo. The Convention site is the Radisson Hotel at the University of Toledo. Clinics will be offered in the mornings at the Hotel, layout tours, op sessions, prototype and non-rail tours in the afternoon, and evening clinics and social times at the Hotel to conclude the day. Modular layouts at the Hotel and at Union Terminal downtown, including Freemo layout. The banquet will at noon on Saturday and a “Yard Sale” type flea market to sell your excess rail-oriented items. The Model Showcase features a raffle for refund of registration fees. There is a price increase beginning September 1. For more information and to register, visit [www.divisiononencr.com/2021](http://www.divisiononencr.com/2021)

### **FROM THE SUPER – AUGUST, 2021**

Greetings to all of the Clinton River Division members from the superintendent. I hope this newsletter/August meeting minutes finds you well, especially if you could not attend the meeting either in-person or via Zoom.

Our first in-person meeting at the Troy Christian Chapel along with broadcasting the meeting via Zoom was an outstanding success. We returned to our normal in-person format of show and tell first, followed by the business meeting. With our borrowed computer and corded webcam, **thanks John Jackson**, we were able to have everyone at Troy Christian Chapel present their Show and Tell item to the in-person participants as well as to our Zoom participants via the corded webcam. Zoom participants were

then able to present their show and tell items as we were projecting Zoom onto the screen via the Division's AV projector. Bandwidth was not a problem utilizing the church's Wi-Fi which had been the major concern. With the success of our trial run we will likely request to make an equipment investment to support Zoom broadcasting of our meetings as well as having a Division owned computer that can support all potential media that clinicians will utilize. Unsupported clinician media created disruptions at times and led to last-second clinic cancellations (of course this actually happened again this month as our borrowed computer did not have a DVD drive). The only equipment specifically desired to support a continued Zoom meeting option is a Bluetooth microphone, external amplified speakers as well as a cordless GoPro camera. It was previously discussed to purchase a Division-owned computer, but no action was taken at the time to pursue the purchase. The BOD will discuss the results of the August Zoom experiment at our quarterly BOD meeting in September. If BOD approved, this expenditure will likely be presented to the membership for approval in September as well.

Reminding everyone again, we are implementing a mentoring program within the Division that will give members the opportunity to share areas of personal knowledge as well as request assistance from those members with knowledge in areas where they need help.

The file is located at

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzCIIO4pfcGtM4Lcni-sIExBw2\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzCIIO4pfcGtM4Lcni-sIExBw2_/view?usp=sharing)

When you follow the link, you will be asked if you wish to request access to the file. Please request access and this request will be sent to me for approval. This limits access to the file to only those people within our division and this information will not be accessible by the general public. Please populate a new line item for your information once you are granted access to the file. Members will be able to query the file in time to determine if anyone can help them in an area of need or conversely members may query the file to determine if anyone needs help in an area that they are knowledgeable as well. In either scenario the members themselves can use the file as a resource to gain or share knowledge. Over time this may lead to some additional AP awards for people, although that will be an additional benefit to the mentorship program and Achievement Program participation is not a requirement.

P.S. - private Clinton River Division Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288929175921717/>

Best regards, **Curt Danielewicz**

## **Business and Announcements:**

- **MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS** in attendance at the August meeting: **Ken Chick, Ron King** (via Zoom), **Dan Lewis, 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)
- **August Car House** approved
- **Dan Shilt**, Paymaster (Treasurer), was not available but reported \$5,736 on hand, no transactions since last report.
- **Indy Junction 2022, May 18-22, 2022** at the Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel and Convention Center is sponsored by the Midwest, North Central, Mid Central Regions of the NMRA, and the Railroad Prototype Modelers Conference. The combined convention will be four days of clinics, layout tours, operating sessions, and more! If you are interested in presenting a clinic, contact Andy Keeney (Division 5) at [hunter48820@yahoo.com](mailto:hunter48820@yahoo.com). Clinicians receive free registration, contact Andy for details. Registration is \$85, includes a large Train Show, with lots of new items for sale. For more information, [www.indyjunction2022.org](http://www.indyjunction2022.org)
- **Old Business** - AV equipment and Mentorships - See Curt's column on Page 2. Also **Kent Aughe**, Secretary, reports continued problems with Division emails being labeled spam by email providers. Kent suggests "Constant Contact" email program. Referred to Board of Directors for recommendation.
- **"Door Monitors" volunteers:** for September, **Tony Britsky**. Volunteers for November and December needed!
- There will be **no Division meeting in October** - Plan to attend the Black Swamp Junction Convention in Toledo, October 21-24.
- **Division business cards** are available to any member who wishes to invite prospective members to Division activities, especially if you attend model railroad shows. See **Curt** or **Kent** at the September meeting.

- **Ken Scherer** and **Bob Scherer** head the recruiting team - an effective way to generate interest at shows is to have an operating layout. The Division had previously authorized the construction of a demonstration layout, but it put on hold by the COVID-19 interruptions. **Ken** and **Bob** are willing to begin construction; **Phil Doolittle** offered some benchwork; **John Jackson** will assist in construction. Others are invited to help. Contact **Ken, Bob, Phil, John** or one of the officers.
- **Train Shows** are resuming throughout the Midwest. We will list some of the shows we hear about in the Schedules section of the Car House and on the website. As always, verify with the promoters/sponsors before traveling. We do know the TrainFest in Milwaukee (November) has been cancelled. The Lansing Model Railroad Club Show at the MSU Pavilion returns November 14. Info at <http://www.lmrc.org>
- **Gratiot Valley Model Railroad Club** Annual Show will be in April 2022 at Shelby Elite Soccer Complex. Watch for more information
- **Cynthia Priest**, editor of the NMRA Magazine, asked in the April 2021 issue, *Why? Why? Why? "Why did you join the NMRA? Why do you stay? Why do you see membership in the NMRA as being personally beneficial? And fourth why, Why would you encourage other modelers to join?"*  
I encourage you to read the entire editorial (page 5 of the April issue, if you still have it) and respond to her at this late date. I'm sure she would love to hear your thoughts. ([sreditor@pairedrail.com](mailto:sreditor@pairedrail.com)). Your voice can and should be heard. Also, consider the same questions for the Clinton River Division and respond to the local officers - or bring up the subject at a Division meeting. We are always looking for ways to keep our current members active and add new members to the our great hobby.

## SCHEDULES

For more information, contact the organization listed. We do not have further details.

Obviously, schedules are subject to change.

**September 16** - 7pm - Clinton River Division 8 monthly meeting, Troy Christian Chapel

**September 19** - New Baltimore Model Train Show - VFW Lempke-Blackwell Post 7573, Mike Neuendorf, 586-271-6024

**October 9** - Greater Grand Rapids Fall Train Show, Wyoming, MI, Ken Skopp 616-667-9680, [kwskopp@gmail.com](mailto:kwskopp@gmail.com)

**October 16** - Elkhart Model Railroad Club Train Show, Nappanee, IN, Nathan Overmyer 574-850-8485

**October 31** - Kalamazoo Fall Train Show, Kalamazoo Expo Car, David Haye-Moat, 269-344-0906

**November 14** - Lansing Model Railroad Club Show, MSU Pavilion, <http://www.lmrc.org>

**AUGUST 2021 SHOW & TELL**  
**Theme: "Passenger Equipment" Or Current Project**

**Ken Chick, MMR** - His current project is loading all his engines on Decoder Pro, which he has owned for eight years, finally he says

**Dan Lewis, MMR** - shows his Milwaukee "chair" car. It is a ConCor shell with brass car sides, custom painted with full interior.



**John Jackson**, our media guru, (with Curt Danielewicz) ran the camera for the Zoom broadcast. Thanks John for your work.



**Jim Zinser, MMR** - displayed a Milwaukee Road coach from a Copper Country Limited which ran from Chicago to Copper Harbor, having trackage rights on Jim's Copper Valley Railway.



**Mike Tranquilla** - brought a business car from Westwood Wood Kits, built by Thomas Wilson.



**Larry Wolohon, MMR** - built this "O" scale Harriman coach



**John Gavasso** - his 1890s 10-wheeler (UP) is a passenger engine - it has a 4 wheel leading truck.



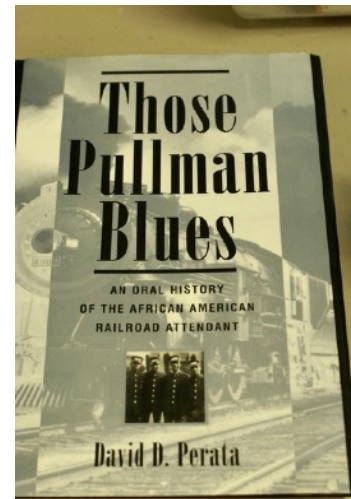
**George Anderson** displayed an On30 Combine (and a coach) by Bachman, relettered them from PRR to Hancock & Calumet. He also displayed a book about private passenger cars "Mansions on Rails" by Lucius Beebe.



**Dave Thornton** -displayed 3 "O" scale B&O Pullman section cars, a 12-1, an 8-1-2, and a 10-6



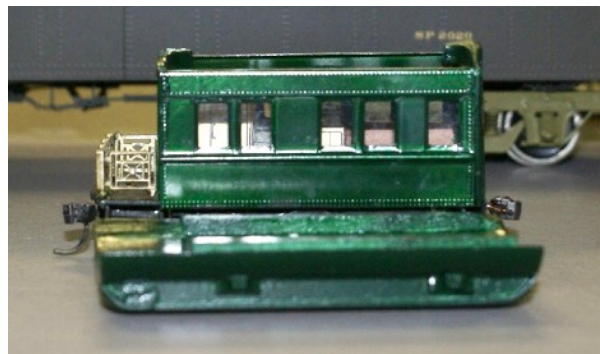
**Rad Jones** has a history of the African American railroad attendants, "Those Pullman Blues." The book also covers the role of President Lincoln in expanding the railroads in the United States.



**John Racey** - built a 50' Railway Express Agency refrigerator car from Kinsman Scale Models Kit in "S" scale, added Kadee couplers. It needs passenger trucks as the prototype had.



**Irv Chmielewski** modeled a "shorty" business car, an "Oscar" kit from Walthers in the 1970s. After 50 years, he is almost finished, having modified the interior, removed a bathroom, added seats. Couplers have been replaced, awaiting new trucks and wheel sets.



**Phil Doolittle** - brought his Budd RDC-1 (Rail Diesel Car) by Rapido in CN colors



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**Terry Bossick** - displayed an "O" scale Birney street car. Terry says he represents the "electrical" contingent!



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**Jerry Shanek** - brought his "G" scale model of GHW Bush's funeral car from the UP. The baggage car carried the Bush casket and escort. The lead locomotive in the train was UP 4141 in Air Force colors, the only UP locomotive ever painted in non-UP colors. It is a special treasure for Jerry as his father and President Bush were friends in the military.



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Another modeling opportunity from **Rich Mahaney**, a bulk loading facility in Northern Indiana



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**Dan Mitzel** (via Zoom) presented a synopsis of the Milwaukee Road Historical Society Convention in Chicago.

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**Tony Britsky** (via Zoom) discussed the Pullman 3975C Solarium Observation heavyweight Illinois Central from the 1930s - his model is an Oriental Limited brass model.

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**William Bartlam** (via Zoom) displayed an "S" scale 85' Pullman 10 section/3 compartment car "Pocohantas" from American Models (Whitmore Lake, MI) with pivot points modified to run on sharp curves.



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**Rich Mahaney**, NCR Director-at-Large, sends us nifty photos. At Kendallville, IN, is it Fast Tracks?



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Speed restriction here? Notice the curb.



**SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING**  
**Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on ZOOM**  
**Thursday, September 16, 2021, 7:00 pm**

**Show and Tell Topic:**  
***Anything DCC or Current Projects***

**Clinic:**  
**JIM BAKER: "INSIDE DCC"**

*We will send you notice of the meeting and 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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**SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 Meeting - Thursday at 7:00 pm**  
**TROY CHRISTIAN CHAPEL**  
**Second Floor Meeting Room (use parking lot door and stairway just inside the door. There is also an elevator in the lobby if you prefer)**  
**400 E. LONG LAKE ROAD, TROY, MI**  
**See you there! Same Time, Same Place, Third Thursday, .Every Month**

**Thanks for your membership, support and participation in person at Troy Christian Chapel or in the Zoom meetings.**

**HAPPY MODELING and STAY HEALTHY and SAFE!**