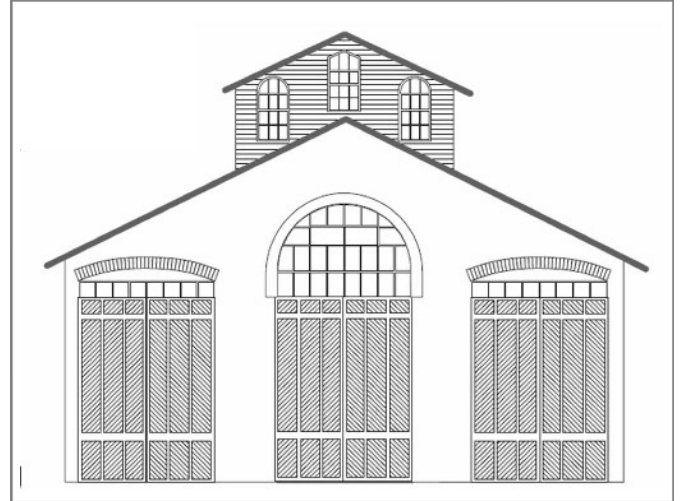


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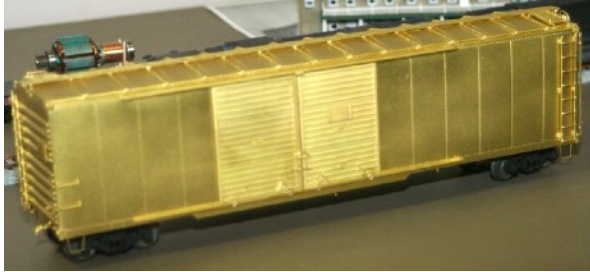


SHOW & TELL - January 2022 - Gifts and Current Projects

(Photos by the modeler, unless otherwise noted)

John Gavasso received the Locomotive Mechanical Gears wood kit by Rokr. (Photo on the left. Of course it is the Steamer of the month!)

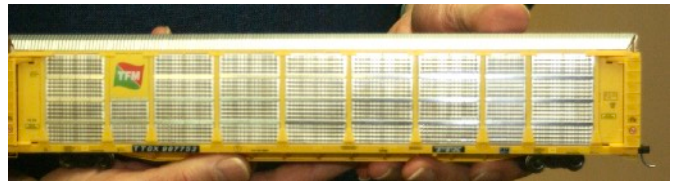
Ken Scherer displayed the propane delivery truck kits he received, among other railroad-oriented gifts. The kits and models are based on an article in January 2022 Model Railroader magazine. The tank is from Shapeways 3-D model. Ken also is building cross-overs using a Fast Tracks template.



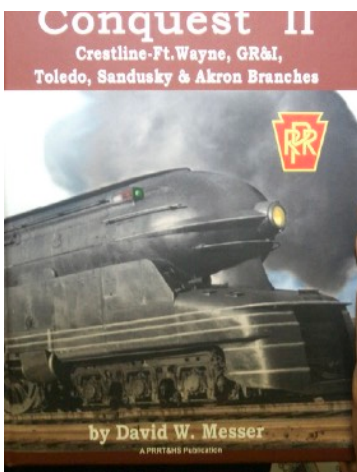
Larry Wolohon, MMR, displayed a new O scale Protocraft 50' SP auto car to be painted, decaled and detailed.



Dan Lewis, MMR, scratch built the N scale model of the Graves Hotel in Harlowton, Montana. He and his wife stayed there in 1995. The building(right photo) is on the National Historic Building registry.



Robert Cabrera brought a high-hood GP-9, a 40' banana box car, a 40' concrete box car and an auto rack - all from the N de M Railway in Mexico.

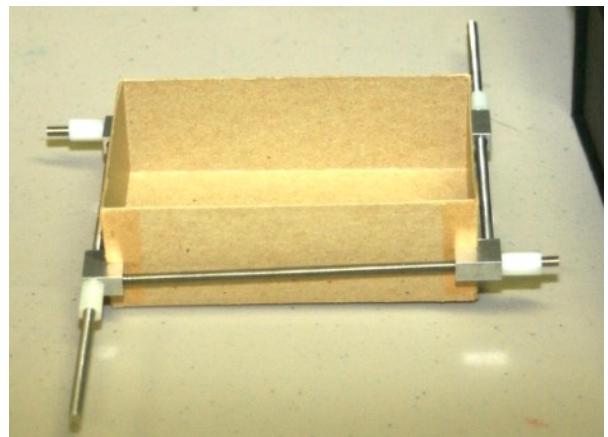


Dave Thornton received this history of Pennsy's Crestline Branches in Northern Ohio, Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan

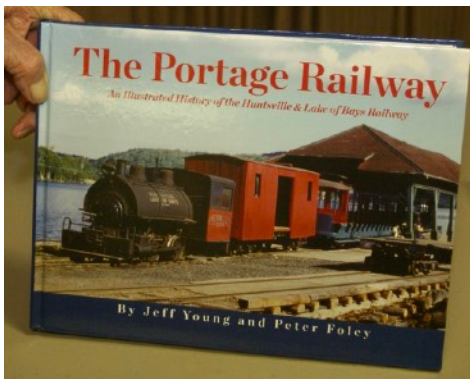


Terry Bossick acquired this Jewett Lakeshore Electric coach from the Estate of Dick Visser, a member of Detroit electric railroad group.

John Martin used machine shop parts to make loads for his flat cars

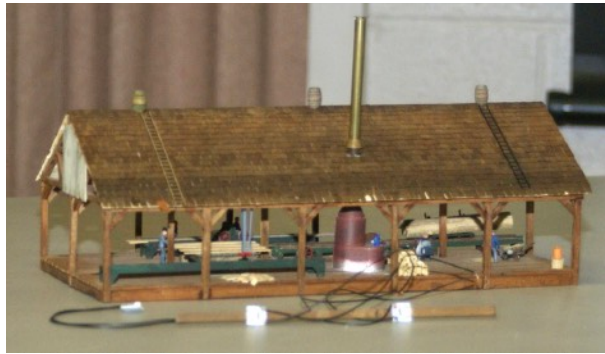


Irv Chmielewski received a battery-operated portable air-brush that charges from a USB cable. He also received various clamps, including this 4-corner clamp for keeping buildings square during construction.

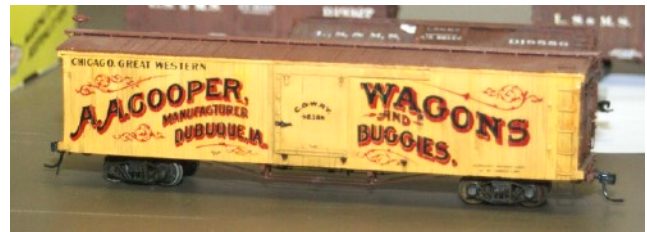


Dan Shilt received a new book about the Huntsville & Lake of Bays Railway, his favorite narrow-gauge shortline in Northern Ontario.

Phil Doolittle received a media blaster to weather trucks and other parts. He also received a BarMills kit, "Idaho Hotel" which he will bash into "The Sportsman."



David Cook built this saw mill for the Gratiot Valley Model Railroad Club. Unfortunately, the LEDs were wired to 12 volts and blew out. David is attempting to install new lights without tearing the mill apart.



Greg Rich, MMR, scratch built the A A Cooper Wagon & Buggie boxcar from individual pieces of wood for the car sides and obtained the decal from Art Griffin. He also scratch-built the 3 36' Lake Shore & Michigan Southern boxcars from photos he found online.

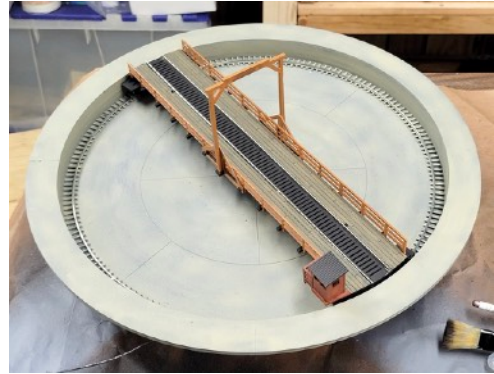


Ron King, MMR, painted, decaled, and super detailed these PRR Alco C-630s #6319 & 6316.



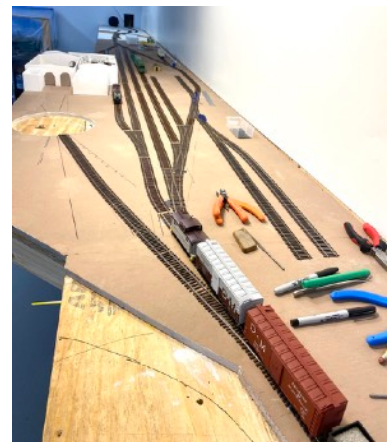
Mike Tranquilla heavily modified an old Athearn GP 38-2 drive, using a P2K drive from a GP-7. Lead pieces were added to weight the engine at nearly one pound. He added Tsunami decoder and Large Scale Sound Systems speaker with enclosure.

Steve Weber is building a 90' steel girder turntable from a kit by Custom Model Railroads.



Warren Yohe received two Berkshire Valley Model kits from his son for **Christmas**. One was a photographer's wagon with photographer and horse which he has assembled. The other was a kit with 2 HO_{N3} 28 foot ore cars.

Dave Katona has put in most of the track for the Tawas City yard. A foam board mockup of the shop buildings can be seen. Out of the picture, a small portion of the town of East Tawas is being laid out, using some stand-in structures from his old layout.



Phil Kenyon received another of the Wooden City products - Round Railway + Crossing. Many ways to enjoy this hobby of ours!



Greg Wujcik received his favorite railroad's shirt with lots of "motive power".



Jim Zinser, MMR - (we did not get these into the December Car House.) These are shots of two lesser-known scenic railroads I've ridden on. The first is the Verde Canyon Railroad that operates out of Clarkdale Arizona, near Sedona. The scenery is spectacular and I highly recommend it. The motive power consists of a pair of FP7s which the railroad's website claims are two of only ten that still exist.

The last shot was taken on an even lesser-known scenic railroad. It's the Branson Scenic Railway in Missouri. There's only one shot because it's the only one worth seeing. According to their website, the engine shown is an ex-B&O FP9PH that was rebuilt in 1981. As to the railroad itself, it's not very scenic at all. We also paid the extra bucks to have dinner in the diner on the train. Big mistake. The food was terrible! My advice: go to Branson to see the great shows they're famous for, take a picture of the engine, then leave!

OTHER UPDATES

Tony Britsky purchased a portable microscope to solder LED connections and other small electronics.

Al Huberty is experimenting with LCC interface.

Paul Runyan is getting a new air brush - but it has yet to arrive.

Dan Mitzel acquired an Accutrack 58 speedometer for his layout.

Mark Mincek has driven his GOLDEN SPIKE! Now for the rest of the fun.

Dan VanHorn, from Division 10, joined the meeting via Zoom. Visitors from other divisions are always welcome, as are guests who would like to find out more about model railroading and make new modeling friends, either in-person or via Zoom.

Jim Zinser, MMR, received gift cards which will magically become model railroad equipment in the near future.

TIPS

Dan Lewis, MMR - When superglue doesn't make good bond, use Aleene's Tacky Glue on top of the superglue after it dries. That will give the superglue flexibility and holding.

Greg Rich, MMR - When soldering small parts, attach one part to the sticky side of painter's tape to hold it in place.

Several people suggested using Goo instead of Pliobond on Fast Tracks ties.

Larry Wolohon, MMR uses glue from 3M - Plastic & Emblem Adhesive, available at Painters Supply and at most auto parts stores.

BUSINESS

- **December Car House** approved.
- Because of the INDY JUNCTION 2022 convention in May, there will be **NO** Clinton River Division meeting in **May**. Please register for the convention and join us in Indy. See the full-page display ad in this issue of the Car House.
- **“Door Monitors” volunteers:** *Volunteers for futures meetings needed!* It is an easy job: time requirement is 6:30 pm to 7:05 pm to admit members and guests as church doors are to remain locked at all times. This will be a continuing need. If we can rotate the assignments, it will be an easy job once in a while. **Greg Rich, MMR** volunteered for February 17 and **John Martin** for March 17. We need volunteer for April 21. Please volunteer. Contact **Kent or Curt**.
- **Dan Shilt**, Paymaster (Treasurer), reported \$4,484.43 on hand as of 1/15/2022. Major expenses included computer equipment and Constant Contact fees. New user fees are being paid. *Editor: We hope to get everyone current on user fees which supports Division operating expenses (such as equipment, Zoom and Constant Contact fees, stipend to the church for room use)*

- **The Indy Junction 2022**, May 18-22, is seeking judges for the Model Contests. Previous experience is not necessary. Training will be offered. The time commitment is May 21, at 9:00 a.m. until all entries have been evaluated. If you plan to attend the Convention and are interested in judging, please contact Steve Zapytowski at szapytowski@neo.rr.com

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - January 2022

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

Gene Kome's passing

The Division is sad to announce the passing of **Gene Kome**, a longtime Division 8 member and a treasurer for many years. Gene was an AT&SF modeler with an HO scale layout that was on many regional convention tours as well as the 2007 National convention tour. The Division voted unanimously to donate \$75 to the NMRA in Gene's memory.

Layout tours and operating sessions

Dan Lewis MMR is stepping up as layout tour chairman, taking over from **Doug Kass**. I would like to extend a big thank you to Doug for his past work as Division layout tour chair and as the 2019 NCR convention layout tour chair. Many thanks to Dan for taking on these tasks. I have assumed the role as operating session chair. Hopefully we will have our first operating session at Operation Road Show in March or April. We have created a survey to identify Division layouts that would be open to hosting tours and/or operating sessions. Please participate in the survey if you can host now or in the future.

The layout tour and operating session survey is located at <https://forms.gle/674ZbeZyXzaicvg39>

Clinics

We are looking for help from the membership to determine what clinic subjects would be popular. We are also gathering information on potential clinicians and topics. Remember that you can earn Association Volunteer AP points for being a clinician!

The clinic survey is located at <https://forms.gle/nHHAnSxa9WN9bPQH6>

Tool loan registry

Another area that we will start up this Spring will be a tool loan registry where members can list any tools that they would be willing to loan for periods of time that would be agreed upon between the tool owner and the renter. The intent would be for the "rental" to be free so our members can pool their resources and make good use of their hobby budgets. It will be imperative that everyone treats the borrowed tools with utmost care. If any damage does occur, the renter should be prepared to replace the damaged tool. It is also imperative that tools are returned by the agreed upon date.

Mentor/mentee database

The mentor/mentee database is available at the link below for those wishing to participate.

The file is located at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzCIIO4pfcGtM4Lcnl-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; the request will be sent to me for approval. This limits access to the file to only those people within our Division. 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 to determine if anyone can help them in an area of need. Conversely, members may query the file to determine if anyone needs help in an area that they are knowledgeable. 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. Achievement Program participation is not a requirement.

INDY JUNCTION 2022

A reminder that the NCR convention will be a spring convention held jointly with the MCR and MWR regions along with the Railway Prototype Modelers Conference in Indianapolis between May 18-22, 2022. The NCR will also be hosting a one day event in the fall in lieu of our traditional convention timing, more information to come on that as it becomes available. (See full-page ad in this issue of the Car House.)

Best regards,

Curt Danielewicz

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

SCHEDULES

For more information, contact the organization listed. We do not have further details. Obviously, schedules are subject to change. Check with the venue before the event.

February 19 & 20, 2022 - Ann Arbor Railroad Club Show - Saline Middle School, info at a2trainshow.com

March 26 & 27 - The Great Train Show, Novi Suburban Collection

April 30 - May 1 - Port Huron Train Show, more info later

May 7 - Gratiot Valley Train and Toy Show, Elite Indoor Sports, 49771 Oakland Dr, Shelby Township, (off Hayes between 22 & 23 Mile Roads) www.gvrr.org

May 18 - 22, 2022 - Indy Junction 2022, Tri-Regional Convention, Indianapolis - register now - support the North Central Region and the NMRA (see ad in this issue)

FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING
Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on ZOOM
Thursday, February 17, 2022, 7:00 pm

Show and Tell Topic:
***DCC related items, Auto-industry related railroad items
or Current Projects***

Clinic Topic:
(Postponed from January) Richard Neibert on 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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NEXT MEETING - Live and ZOOM
February 17, 2022 - Thursday at 7:00 pm
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**Thanks for your membership, support and participation in person
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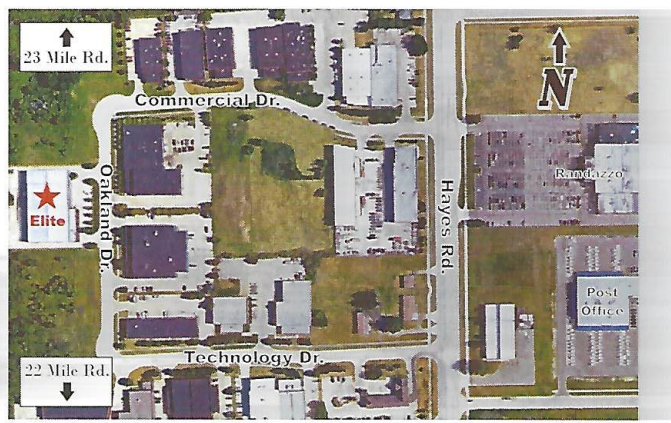
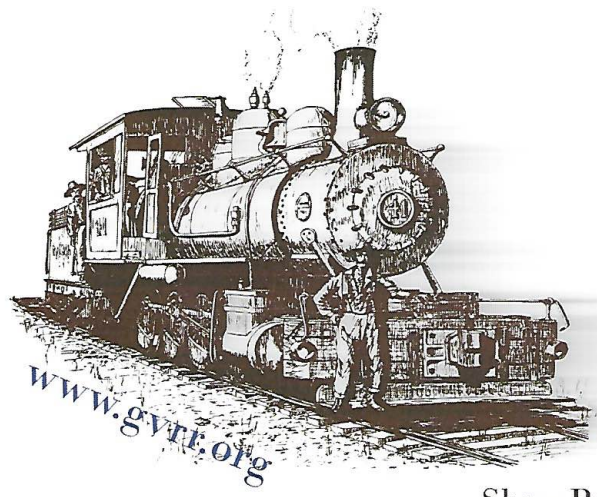
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