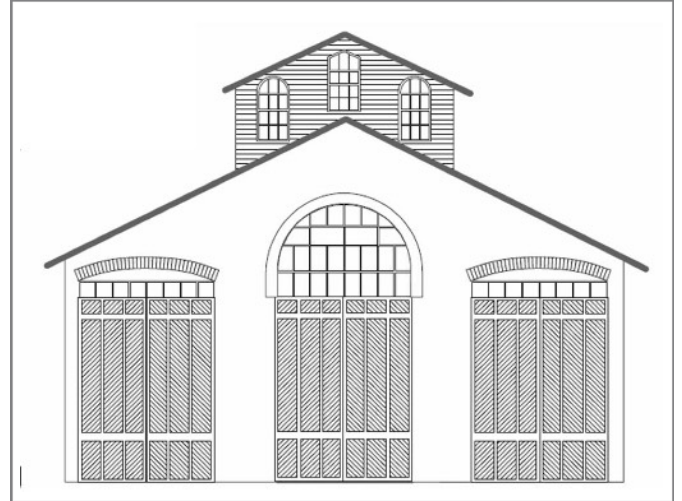


CAR HOUSE

FEBRUARY, 2022



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PART I of February Car House

(Part II will be published after the March 7 Board of Directors Meeting)

FEBRUARY DIVISION MEETING BECAME "ZOOM ONLY" WITH SNOW AND ICE STORM ON FEBRUARY 17 AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

THANKS FOR TUNING IN TO ZOOM - Zoom has its continuing benefits!

SHOW & TELL - February 2022:

DCC, Automobile related models and current projects Gifts and Current Projects

(Photos by the modeler, unless otherwise noted)

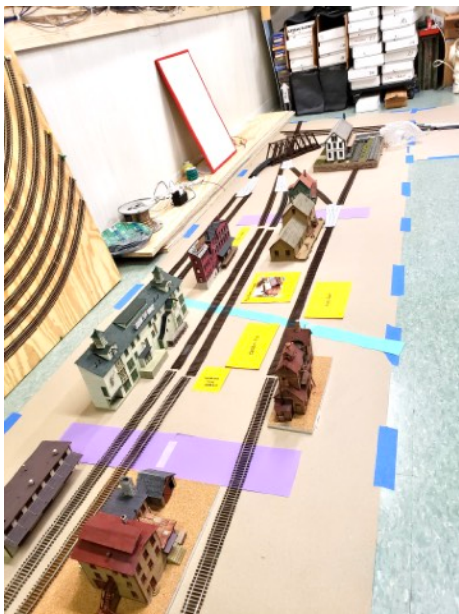


Mark Mincek - Ford pickup that I super detailed. I added the gas cap, windshield wipers, a hood ornament, tailgate chains, painted the window gaskets to represent rubber and the wheels to represent pie pan hub caps. It's getting loaded up behind the Holiday Auction House



Larry Dickinson is scratch-building tunnel portals

Dave Katona - The scratch-built scale house for the scale track at the Tawas City yard, per photo. Hopefully by the next meeting it will be painted and installed on the layout. The scale track will be an active part of operations, using Boulder Creek Engineering's scale track readout which generates a random number within the car's weight range, activated when a car is on the scale.



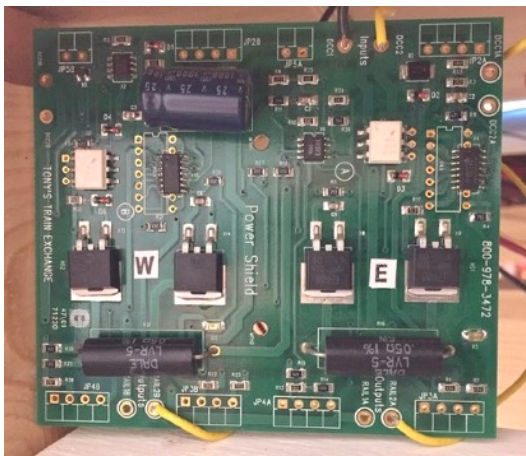
Phil Doolittle - mock up of one option for how to arrange track and industries in the town that will be called Oxbridge on the Desmond Oxbridge & Orillia, or DOO Line railroad. The mockup is about 45 or 46 inches directly below where everything will be when finished. I like planning in full size because there are fewer unpleasant surprises when trying to fit everything in the final construction and installation. This is just the initial idea for track and building arrangement. I expect to try others before settling on the design.

Bob Scherer has been busy building his town areas and updating scenery



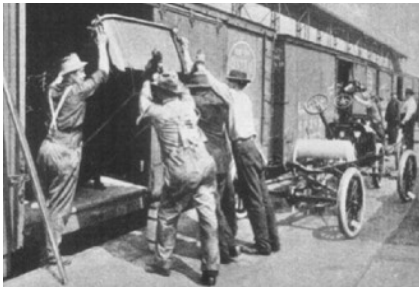
Steve Weber -current project is a 90' steel girder turntable kit by Custom Model Railroads. It is installed in the layout with auto-reversing unit wired in. Alignment is by visual spotting.

Tim Fisher's photo of Tom Dart's On3 Durango and Silverton. This view shows the Rock Train at Needleton Tank. The photo appears in the current issue of Model Railroad Planning.

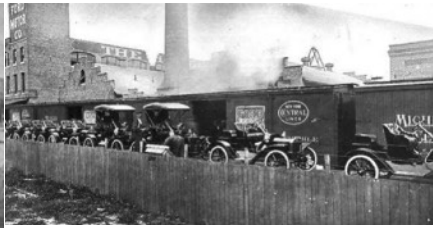


Tim also displayed circuit breakers from his old layout, now installed on the new layout. The breakers are Power Shield from Tony's Train Exchange. They shut off short circuits before a short gets to the command station and shuts down the whole railroad. Each board has two breakers. The inputs are the black and yellow wires at the top of the board. The yellow wires at the bottom of the board go to the red leads leading to sets of track ON-OFF toggles that in turn lead to track sections.

Greg Rich, MMR, shared photos of the changing methods of shipping autos from plant to distributors and dealers. (From Internet research)



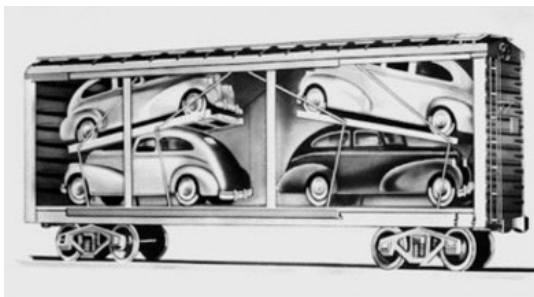
Loading Model T's



Awaiting Shipment



1921 Grand Trunk Auto-box



1930s autos in 40' auto-box



1930s Studebakers.



"Armstrong" loading

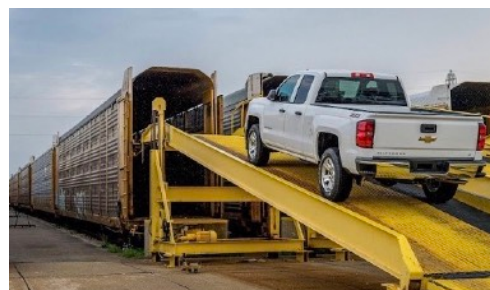


"Move those autos"



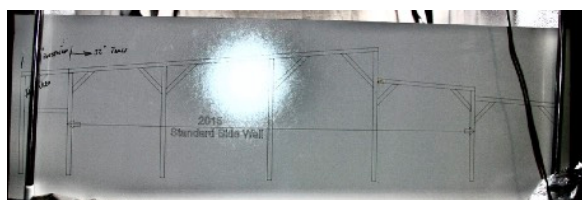
1961 Corvairs on open auto-racks

Modern pick-up loading onto a covered auto-rack (below)





Phil Kenyon gifted himself a Kansas City Southern MP-15 switcher and caboose from N-Gauge Enthusiast. Happy Birthday!



Larry Wolohon is building templates for the 32" beams for his O scale roundhouse.

Phil Doolittle reports: "I have enjoyed visiting the layouts in the Guelph/Waterloo/ Kitchener area in person in the past. There are some great ones." Virtual layouts tours are being offered in March. Check out the Doubleheaders Club website.

Doubleheaders Model Railroad Club is again offering a Special Free Online Virtual Model Railroad Layout Tour. We will feature videos from a selection of layouts located in Waterloo Region and Wellington County (Ontario, Canada). The videos will be available on YouTube from 9:00 AM EDT on [Saturday, March 26, 2022](#), until 9:00 PM EDT on [Sunday, March 27, 2022](#).

Doubleheaders Model RR Club
Club Website: <http://www.doubleheaders.org>

Have you thought about:

- Building a Grain Elevator?
- Constructing Central Valley Parker Truss Bridge?
- Making a DPM Trackside Transfer facility?
- Taking an O Scale Layout Tour?
- Revisiting Jacksonville in 1999?
- Reading a new edition of **Jim Zinser's NMRA@Home?**
- MORE & MORE?

It's all in February's NMRA Turntable - a perk of membership. If you don't receive the email copy, please sign-up at NMRA.org. It's a benefit for your modeling enjoyment.

George Anderson displayed his G-gauge Delton Loco Works Inspection Truck.

Paul Runyan is laying streets on his layout.

Ken Scherer is completing scenery on the main level. His new NCE power station malfunctioned, but NCE repaired it under the warranty.

Stu Sonta uses a Prusa SL-15 3-D printer to print N scale locomotive shells.

Barry Hensel is installing grade crossings.

Dave Thornton is reading the book Steam Locomotive Energy Story by Walter Simpson. The best steam locomotives functioned at 6%. Not a bragging point, is it?

Curt Danielewicz is laying cork for his staging yard and acquired two new autoracks.

John Jackson is home from recent hospitalization; his wife is still hospitalized. Please remember them. John would appreciate notes and calls.

A gentleman from Dearborn contacted our website, seeking assistance in rehabbing 1950s American Flyer equipment. *Please contact Dave at danolly@aol.com if you can help. He is willing to pay for services.*

BUSINESS

- **“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. **John Martin** volunteered for March 17 and **Greg Rich, MMR**, for April 21. We need a volunteer for June 16. Contact Kent or Curt.
- **Dan Shilt**, Paymaster (Treasurer), reported \$4,577.43 on hand as of 2/13/2022, including \$93. In new user fees.
- **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
- **Annual contribution** to Troy Christian Chapel of \$250 was approved. Motion by **Mark Mincek**, seconded by **Paul Runyan**, approved unanimously.
- **The NMRA President, Gordy Robinson, MMR**, would like to attend Division meeting by ZOOM (he lives in Scotland) - members approved by voice. Curt will pass our invitation through channels.
- **Curt Danielewicz** encourages members to complete the survey regarding clinics and layout tours, that appeared in last month's Car House. Also, please add your interests, needs and ability to assist others by completing the Mentor/Mentee page. The links appear below.
- **Name Badges** - Please wear your Division name badges to the meetings. It helps us all become better acquainted. If you don't have one, we are working on new name badges.
- **Dave Thornton** has been contacted about an HO collection for sale. The seller hopes to sell the whole collection to one purchaser. If interested, please contact Dave by email, dthorn5552@aol.com

- **Master Model Railroaders** in attendance were **Larry Wolohon** and **Greg Rich**.
- **Reminder:** Because of the Indy Junction Convention, **THERE WILL NOT BE A CLINTON RIVER DIVISION MEETING IN MAY.** Hope to see you all in Indy!

CLINIC: Rich Neibert presented **POWER MANAGEMENT WITH DIGITRAX**, and highly recommends the **Big Book of DCC**, by Digitrax, available on Amazon.

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>

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/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; the request will be sent to Curt 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.)

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 27 - Packard Proving Grounds Model Railroad Show, Shelby Twp (see flyer)

March 26 & 27 - World's Greatest Hobby Train Show, Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, 10a - 4p each day

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, (see flyer) 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 flyer))

MARCH 2022 MEETING

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

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Model Train Show

Sunday,
Feb 27, 2022
10 am-3 pm

Admission: \$7
Age 11 & under free w/adult
paid admission



Info: Mike 586-271-6024
or mikel.j@comcast.net

Vendor tables \$25 each
Set up starts at 7 am

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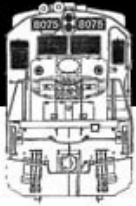
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Make check/money order to **DIVISION 6 – NCR – NMRA**

Send to- **DIV 6 TRAIN SALE 43642 Lotus Dr Canton, MI 48188**

SPECIAL REQUESTS – write on back of this form. Confirmation will be sent via email/mail. Set-up is 7am day of the sale only.

SATURDAY MAY 7, 2022 · 10:00AM - 3:00PM

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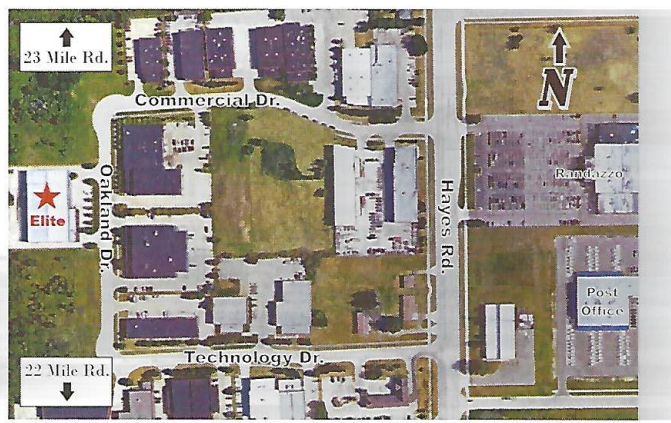
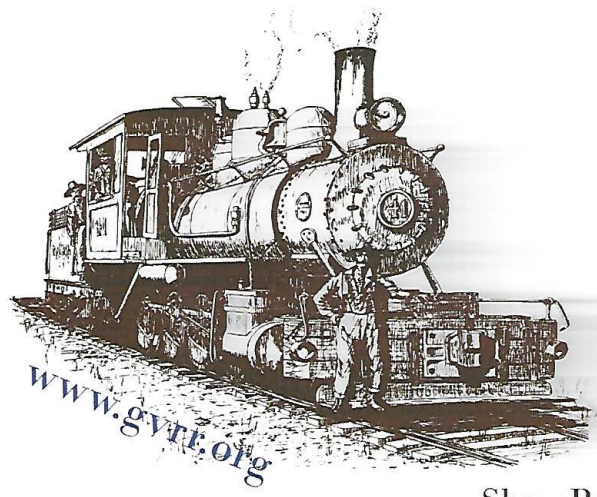
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