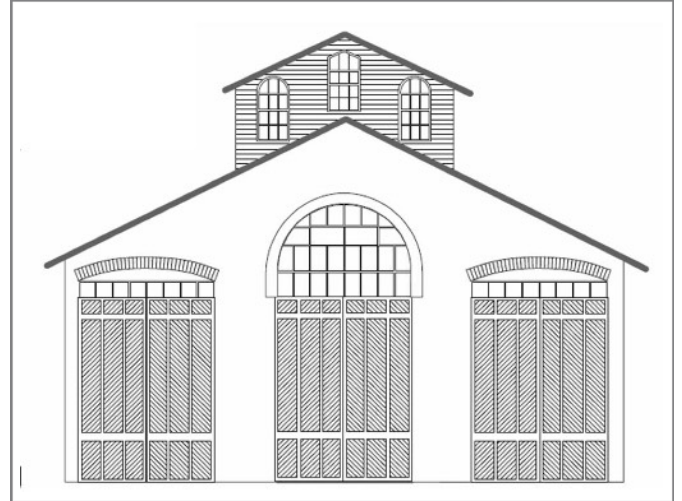


CAR HOUSE MARCH, 2023



Website:
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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM AWARDS



Ken Chick, MMR, AP coordinator, presented achievement certificates from NMRA to **Ken Scherer**, left and **Bob Scherer**, right. **Ken's** award was for Model Railroad Engineer - Civil. **Bob's** awards were for Model Builder - Scenery and Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical. Congratulations to the **Brothers Scherer.**

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I must admit that when I joined the NMRA in 2007, I never thought I'd be sitting in the President's chair. I've really enjoyed my membership over the years, learning from some great modelers, and making some even greater friends, so I'm happy and grateful to the Division 8 membership to allow me to be in this new roll. My main goal is to make sure our meetings and activities are interesting and enjoyable to everybody. I want our activities to be something that everybody is excited about and looks forward to. With that in mind, I'm not afraid to try new things. I'm pretty sure that some things are going to go well. I'm also very sure that some things probably won't. We'll keep the good stuff, move on from the things that don't work, and hopefully have an even better division.

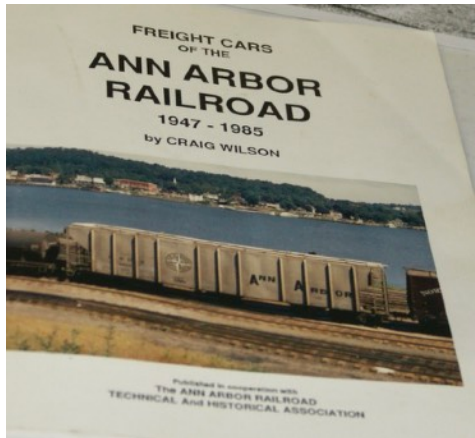
With that in mind, I have a little bit different take on my contribution to the Car House. I'm not going to write about my opinion on the state of the hobby or try to motivate you to go work on your layout because it's a certain time of year. Everybody has an opinion, and I know that I've never run down to the basement to work on my layout after reading one of these motivational messages.

What I do want to do is to take advantage of the age we live in. We live in the golden age of model railroading and railfanning information. There is an abundance of great information available that supports our hobby. The problem is finding the information and being aware that it's out there. I tend to be an information packrat, so I'm going to use the Car House to share some of this information that I've accumulated over the years. It may be in the form of some great sources for modeling inspiration, some high-quality model railroad forums, some sources of modeling products that may be a little unique, or anything else that I think you might enjoy. You may already be aware of some of this information, but I suspect you'll find some things that you did not know were out there.

I'm going to start off with one of my all-time favorite sites, www.shorpy.com. Click on the link and you'll find a website full of high-quality photographs spanning the last century. It is full of great railroad photography, Americana, and modeling inspiration in general. If you want to model a gas station, figure out "the look" for your new city project, or just enjoy old photography, this one is a lot of fun. I must warn you that the hours can pass by quickly once you start looking, so if you start digging into this in the evening, you might not go to bed 'til the wee hours of the morning.

Hope you enjoy,
Mark

SHOW & TELL - Railroad Models or Photos from Michigan, Ohio or Pennsylvania or Current Projects



Larry Wolohon, MMR, displayed his O Scale Ann Arbor box and a book about the Annie.

Tim Fisher brought a brass caboose and a boxcar from the Conemaugh and Juniata



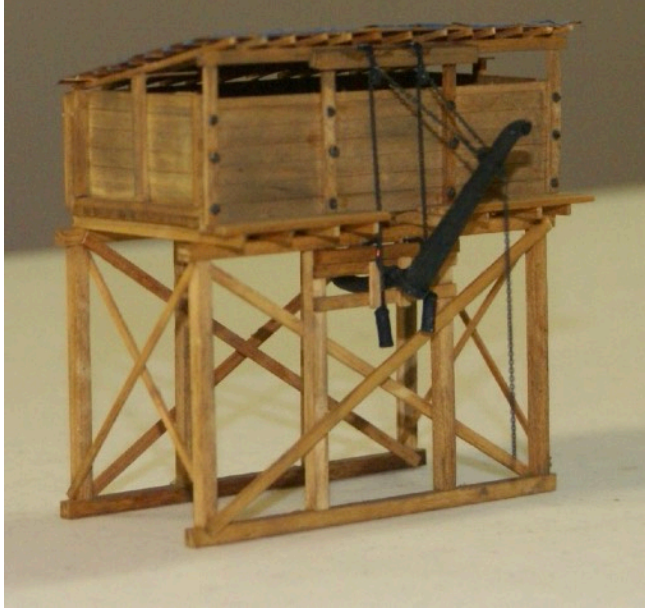
Mike Tranquilla brought an older Athearn SD38-2 custom painted for the Great Lakes Central



Dave Katona is modeling a dozen Department of Defense tank cars that hauled jet fuel from Bay City to the



Air Force base at Oscoda. Photo of the loco was taken by Dave Regittko in 1972.



Steve Weber's current project is building a Campbell kit branch line track side water tank.

Greg Rich, MMR, scratch-built this house, using cardboard material from Hobby Lobby and Paper Creek Model Works "Brick Wall."



John Gavasso displayed vintage photos of the Grand Trunk, Cadillac & Lake City, and



Cadillac and Boyne City Railroads



George Van Duyne is reworking a Bachmann 0-6-0, adding wheel pick-ups, TCS decoder, working front coupler and replacing cast on details.

Jerry Shanek – His G scale box car of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut, & Northern Railroad, a class one railroad operating freight and passenger service in central Pennsylvania and western New York. Financially troubled and in receivership for 42 years. One of the longest bankruptcy proceedings in American railroad history.



Jim Zinser, MMR displayed – Ann Arbor, and Pere Marquette 40 ft. box cars; DTI covered hoppers.

Phil Doolittle recently built and weathered this BTS log unloader kit; serving 4 log cars believed to be by Blackstone.



John Martin purchased a mustard yellow Ann Arbor boxcar at the recent Saline model railroad show



Warren Yohe - My current project is to scratch build a simple 12" turntable for my Marquette staging yard using 2 hard board discs. It does not need to look prototypical for staging. The wiring will be through copper foil contacts under the disk when tracks line up. Track work is in progress. The locomotive on the turntable is an Atlas RS1 DSS&A#101. The project is based on a YouTube video by Stan Ferris: Make Your own turntable Part 1 <https://youtu.be/LY9vhrElqro>





Kent Aughe and his son, Geoff, aboard GT GP-38-2 in 1991. They each took the 5829 for a drive at Milwaukee Jct yard, thanks to the then Yard Master, a friend of ours. The models are Atlas N scale GP-38-2 and GTW boxcar.

Irv Chmielewski presented his large print of an abandoned railroad bed in Northern Michigan.



BUSINESS & NEWS

ALL MEMBERS - please check your NMRA membership cards and renew timely. Insurance regulations require meeting participants be NMRA members (after 3 meetings). Please stay current. You can renew at **NMRA.org**. There are so many benefits of membership, including discounts at major online retailers, information available at the website. Membership is \$68 with digital delivery of the NMRA Magazine, \$92 with US mail delivery of the magazine.

- **MMRs in attendance** at the March meeting: **Ken Chick, Greg Rich, Larry Wolohon and Jim Zinser**
- We welcome **Jim Sobodos** of Troy to his first Clinton River Division meeting and **Chris Dobies**, who joined the NMRA and is looking forward to attending his first Division meeting next month.
- **February 2022 Car House** approved.

- **Dan Shilt, Treasurer**, reported \$4,229.94 on hand as of 2/28/2023. Income of \$30 in user fees and no expenses. Report approved.
- **USER FEES:** *If you have not paid your user fees, please bring yours up-to-date. See the website to submit the \$10 fee (on a calendar year basis) via PayPal. User fees support Division operating expenses such as equipment, Zoom and Constant Contact fees, stipend to the church for room use. We receive no funds from the National Model Railroad Association or the North Central Region.*
- **Door monitor** at the church for April is **George VanDuyne**. Thanks for volunteering. Please consider volunteering for future months. For security reasons, the church door must remain locked at all times. Thanks for helping out and keeping everyone safe.
- **The 2025 NMRA National Convention will be held in Novi, second week in July!** More information is coming, but get your layouts in shape for open houses, prepare possible clinics and be ready to volunteer!
- **CLINTON RIVER DIVISION LAYOUT TOUR - Dan Lewis, MMR**, coordinator. The layouts of **George VanDuyne and Irv Chmielewski** are being scheduled for Mid-May. Final dates and times still to be determined.
- **Operating Sessions** - If you are interested in op sessions, please contact **Curt Danielewicz** (curt48044@gmail.com) Operation Road Show requires 10-12 people to stage a session. Andy Keeney, Lansing area, hosts an op session the fourth Saturday in April, and can use 10-12 operators. Contact Curt if you can attend. First-timers are welcome. Please consider joining an op session.
- **The Mentor/Mentee file (give help/receive help)** is at https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzCIIO4pfcGtM4Lcni-slExBw2_/view?usp=sharing
- The private **Clinton River Division Facebook group** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288929175921717/>
- **Meeting Improvements:** from Mark Mincek, President, and the Board of Directors
 1. Length of meetings would be limited to 2 hours.
 2. Start the meeting with a general welcome and recognition of MMRs.
 3. Clinics would follow and would be limited to 55 minutes.
 4. After a short break, hold the Business Meeting.
 5. Announcements to be submitted in writing to Secretary in advance.
 6. Show and Tell would conclude the meeting. The Show and tell should be related to the clinic topic or be a current project. We should get away from “just bringing in something” and would be limited to one item, and be limited to 2 minutes. Eliminate the \$.25 “penalty” for not bringing an item.
 7. Every three or four months, instead of a full clinic, Mini-clinics, where presentations from the membership of five to fifteen minutes; will be scheduled. The mini-clinic presentations would allow for more detailed information than is currently being jammed into the Show and Tell.

- The Royal Oak Nature Society is holding its annual auction and fun night, Wednesday, April 26, at the Royal Oak Farmers Market. Among the auction items is a WRRS Co. type 1870 Electric Switch Lamp, and a couple of short (about 3”) sections of rail from Royal Oak interurbans, dug up from Washington Street in a repaving project. For information and tickets, room.gov/463/Annual-Fundraiser then click on Fundraiser.
- Fort Wayne Rails 2023, the North central Region Convention is October 19-22, 2023, at the Holiday Inn Purdue Fort Wayne. For information about all the activities of the convention and to register, go to www.div3.ncrnmra.org/fort-wayne-rails-2023

WELCOME TO OUR NEW OFFICERS beginning March 2023

(Please note revised titles, making clearer the duties of each)

President: **Mark Mincek**

Secretary: **Irv Chmielewski**

Treasurer: **Dan Shilt**

Director: **John Jackson**

Ex-Officio Director (Position as Past President): **Curt Danielewicz**

And thanks to outgoing officers, **Curt Danielewicz, Kent Aughe and Phil Doolittle**

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.

April 20 - Clinton River Division Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm

at Troy Christian Chapel

April 22 & 23 - Blissfield Model Railroad Club Open House, 109 E Adrian, Blissfield,

MI, Joe Watts, 517-486-0404

May 6 & 7 - Blue Water Train & Swap Show, Darrell's, 5078 Lapeer Rd, Kimball, MI

48074, Geoffrey Herring, 810-531-4975

APRIL 2023 MEETING

Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on ZOOM

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 7:00 pm

CLINIC:

HOW TO LIGHT YOUR LAYOUT ROOM

by Mark Mincek

SHOW & TELL:

**Models That Duplicate Prototype Colors
or Current Projects**

**Join us after the meeting for snacks and conversation at
Leo's Coney Island, Walton & Livernois**

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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Curt Danielewicz - NCRDiv8FormerPresident.com
Note new email addresses for officers. Use these addresses please.

Car House Editor: Kent Aughe

Car House Proof-reader: Barbara Aughe

NEXT MEETING - Live and ZOOM

April 20, 2023 - 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 with the Clinton River Division, in person at Troy Christian Chapel or in the Zoom meetings.

March Clinic Highlights on Page 11

Clinic Presentation
Photo Collection of the late Dave Regittko
By Tim Fisher
A selection of some of the photos presented.



Rouge Power Plant



Western Maryland BL-2 and Slug



Trenton FN Tower

GT GP-9 & DT&I GP 40-2

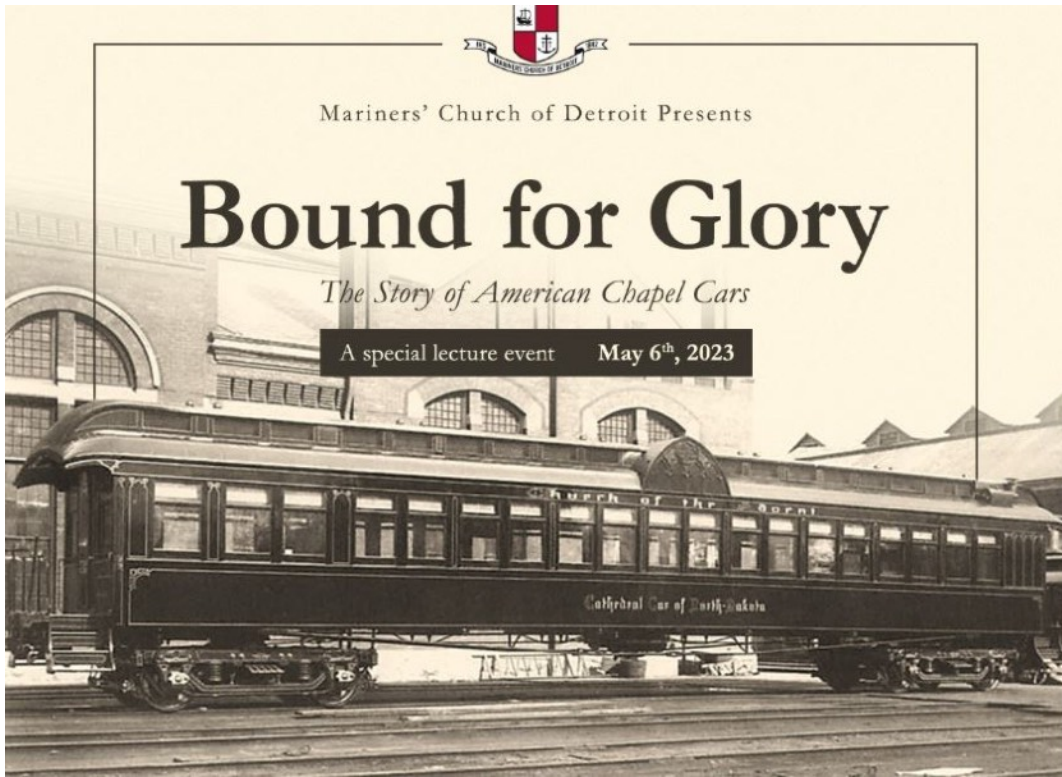


RSD-12 Helpers push rear of train

with steel Class N-5C caboose at the crest of Horseshoe Curve

**Great Lakes Steel
Bottle Cars**





Mariners' Church of Detroit Presents

Bound for Glory

The Story of American Chapel Cars

A lecture from biblical scholar, Dan Lewis
Saturday, May 6th
10 am - 11:30 am
Refreshments following

Share with a friend & RSVP at
<https://marinerschurchofdetroit.org/lecture>

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