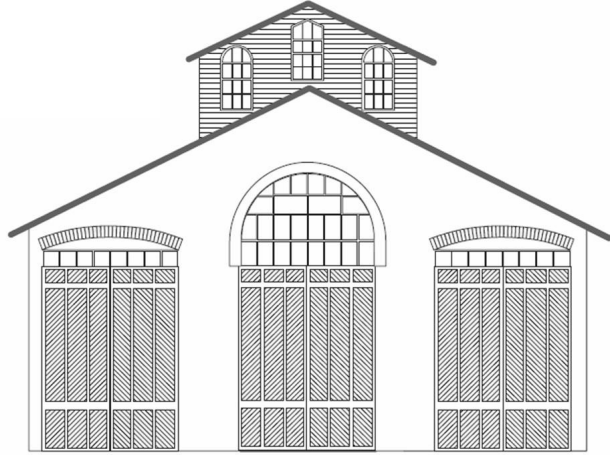


CAR HOUSE



May, 2023

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or

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Call to Order

Meeting called to Order at 7:05

Recognition of visitors and MMRs

MMRs present Jim Zinser, Ron King, Bruce De Young, Greg Rich, and Larry Wolohon.

Presidents Page

In keeping with this month's clinic theme of freight cars, I'm passing on a link that specializes in Pennsylvania Railroad freight cars.

During my Show and Tell, I mentioned that the Pennsylvania Railroad owned 40% of the entire North America fleet of heavy-duty flat cars. However, the Pennsy didn't just have a large roster of flat cars. Flat cars only made up 1.5% of their fleet. The Pennsy had a large roster of just about everything. In 1954, they rostered 183,689 cars that were capable of being interchanged. The minor subclasses of some of their cars outnumbered the entire fleet of some railroads. With that in mind, just about every non-modern railroad that has an interchange should include some Pennsy equipment to be prototypical.

In this link, you'll find information on paint schemes, photos, equipment diagrams, roster information, and available models for all types of Pennsy freight cars. It's a wealth of good information on a railroad that was so omnipresent in its day.

<http://pr.railfan.net/freight/>

Hope you enjoy,

Mark

Clinic

Larry Wolohon presented a DVD video originally filmed in 1951, **A Day at the Car Car Shop**. The **Shop** was in Rochester New York and operated until the early 70's. The video followed the workers giving an idea of what it takes to plan and build a box car. The video shows the workers doing their jobs such as milling, casting, and stamping from small parts to large. The video detailed the manufacturing and the assembly of trucks, wheels, box car frames and sides into the finished box car.

BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

All Members – Please check your NMRA membership cards and renew today. Insurance regulations require meeting participants be NMRA members {after three 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 on the website. Membership with digital delivery of the NMRA magazine, \$92 with US mail delivery of the magazine.

April Car House approved.

May Treasurer's report Dan Shilt: \$4,224.25 on hand. User fees of 69.31 were collected. A check to the NMRA was for \$75 was issued. Approved.

Layout tour Plans – Dan Lewis: Tours of George VanDuyne's and Irv Chmielewski's layouts will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023 from 1-4 PM. If anyone would like to shown their layout to the Division membership, please let Dan Lewis know.

Operating Session Plans – Curt Danielewicz:

Door monitor at the church for the June meeting is **Kent Augie**. **Terry Cummins** has again volunteered for July. 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 the Division and keeping everyone safe.

New Business

Recognition of new member

Mark presented a \$25 Great Lakes Hobby gift certificate to Chris Dobies who officially joined Division 8.



Revised train Show Plan.

As part of our new member initiative, we are revising our train show participation plans. In the past we have purchased a table at train shows, but this has not resulted in getting new members. Starting with train shows in the fall 2023, we will start building a small layout for attendees to see what we do. Accompanying the build we will present a series of lunch time clinics. In the past we have noticed a lot of the attendees looking for guidance on building their railroad. Once the layout is completed, we would raffle off the layout at one of the larger shows, the proceeds to go to funding the next build. We will be looking for volunteers to plan and build the layout and to attend the shows.

Migration to Discord

The NMRA migration to Discord is still underway, but some people are struggling. Mark will put together a presentation for members to take home and try to make progress.

Announcements

Please notify Irv Chmielewski (NCRDIV8SECRETARY@gmail.com) if you would like to have an announcement posted in Car House

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! Clinics for the 2025 Convention are being coordinated by Andy Keeney.

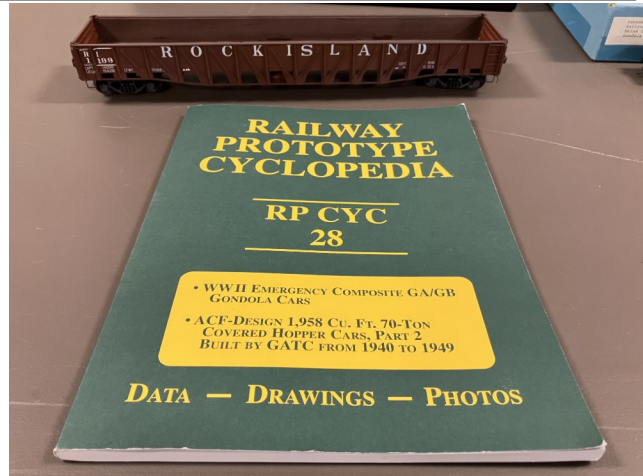
Hints and Tips

None presented this meeting.

Show and Tell

Larry Wolohon Gondolas/hoppers/Current Project

Rock Island Line Gondola Details about the gondola were found in the Railway Prototype Cyclopedia which had a picture as well as specifications.



Current Project - O Scale war emergency Gondolas



George VanDuyne Hopper Car

A Tyco operating hopper car from about 1962. The Hopper doors are a clam-shell design that were pushed open by a ramp pin between the rails.



Greg Rich

Pictures not available

Wood Gondolas

Two scratch built gons, one fully detailed with brake gears; the second, to only details. Private road name, Clemens Mtn. RR

Phil Doolittle

Freight Cars

- 1) Weathered rail gondola with scrap load.
- 2) Athearn "Blue Box" covered hopper – "Pillsbury" details with Plano products metal walkway and other details. -Also showed Plano walkway on package.



Bill Bartlam

Gondolas

- Mill Gondola w/load – GT
- Gon w/steel load – Pere Marquette



Terry Cummins

Box Cars

Two Grand Trunk Box Cars

One Northern Pacific w/load of lumber

New to Terry Locomotive wheel cleaner – Tidy

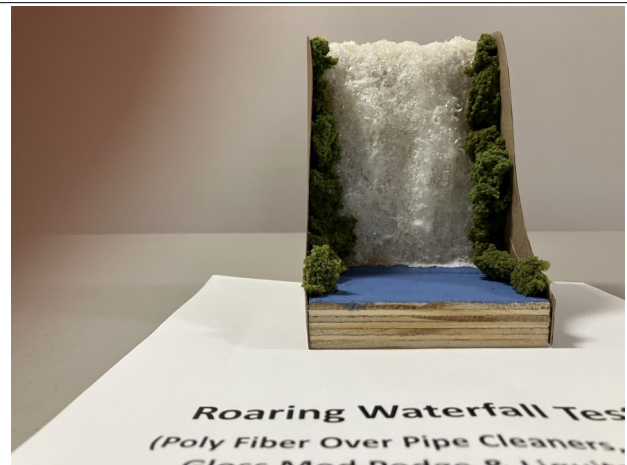
Track from woodland Scenics



Bruce De Young

Test Waterfall

As a test for a current scenery project, poly fiber and pipe cleaners were formed into a waterfall and then covered in Mod Podge.



Steve Weber

Gondolas

New York Central gondola with a removable wood-chip load that can be pulled up with a magnet.



Ron King
65' Gondolas

Two 50' Athern Gondolas were used to make a 65' gondolas for the Erie RR. Super detailed plus paint and decal, Atlas trucks, and Kadee couplers.



Mark Mincek
PRR F-38 Flatcar

A model of an F-38 PRR flatcar designed for heavy duty use. It was rated for 500,00 pounds.



Bill Moore
New England Gondolas

- 1) Maine Central 42' "shallow" gondola, Funaro Camerlargo kit, Built 1939.
- 2) Rutland Railroad Hopper Bottom Coal load, 38', built 1901.



Ken Scherer

Cars

C10 Box Car and a Ford hopper car



Phil Kenyon

Hopper and Gondola

- 1) N scale Seaboard Air Line chip car hopper
- 2) N scale C/O coal 55 ton hopper.



Jim Zinser

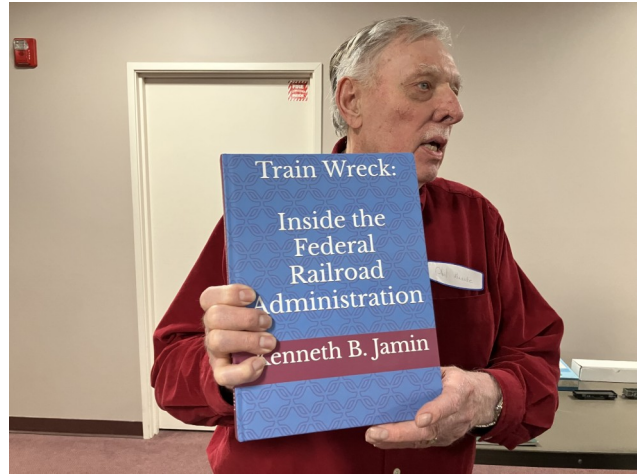
Repair Shed

Old kit made in Canada. Side stone walls walls are plaster castings. Front and Back walls are board-by-board. Deveated from kit instructions by building board-by-board walls from styrene with the wood strips glued to it. Used Paper Creek printed wood floor material glued to styrene. Substituted the kit corrugated roofing material with Paper Creek printed roofing. Detailed interior



Phil Maaske

Presented information about a book by Kenneth Jamin that give a look inside the Federal Railroad Administration's work on investigating train wrecks. The book is available on Amazon.



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The Mentor/Mentee file (give help/receive help) is

at https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzClIO4pfcGtM4LcnI-slExBw2_/view?usp=sharing

The private **Clinton River Division Facebook group** is 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.

June 15 - Clinton River Division Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm
at Troy Christian Chapel

June 2023 Meeting
Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on Zoom
Thursday, June 15, 2023, 7:00 pm

Clinic: Blending Background and Foreground Scenery
By Bruce DeYoung MMR

Show & Tell:
Scenery related.

**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 do not receive it timely. Don't ask, I have no idea why some providers think we are spam.