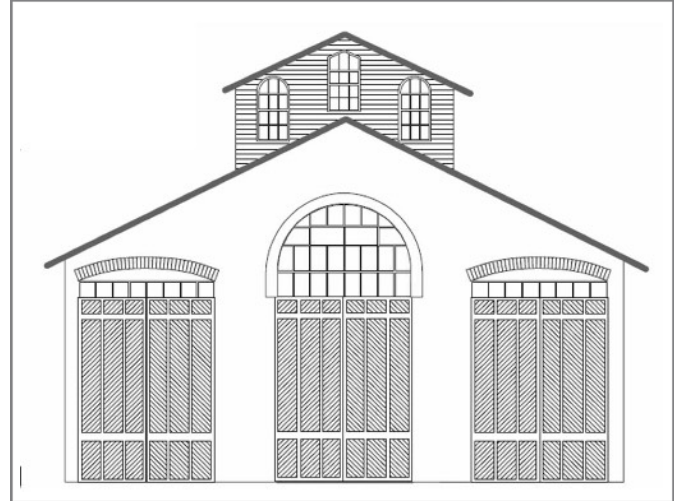


# CAR HOUSE

## SEPTEMBER, 2022



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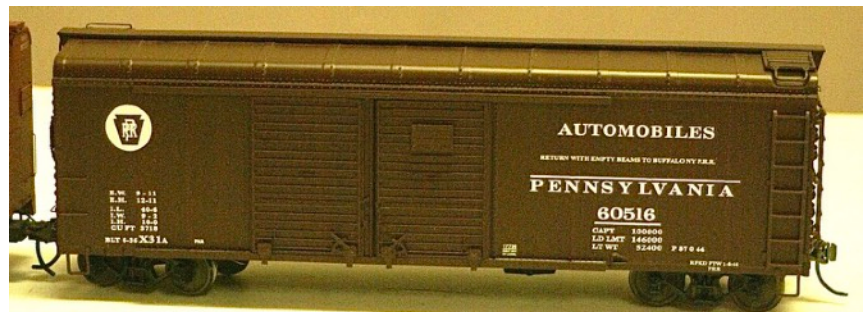
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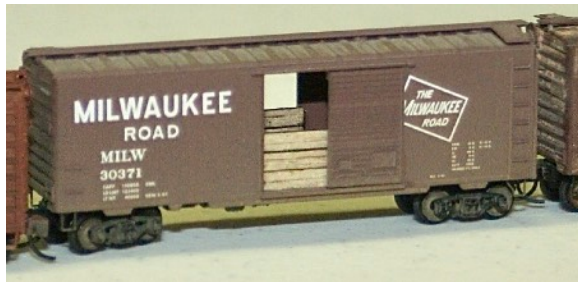
### SHOW & TELL - SEPTEMBER 2022 - BOXCARS REVISITED or Current Projects



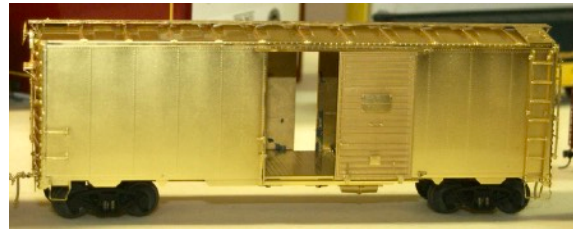
**Mark Mincek** displayed his B&O M-50 experimental boxcar, built by the railroad in 1935. It was an experiment in high strength corrugated steel with reduced weight and higher capacity. Only one car was built.

**John Martin** brought his Pennsy “turtle top” 40’ box, X-31, used for hauling Jeeps.





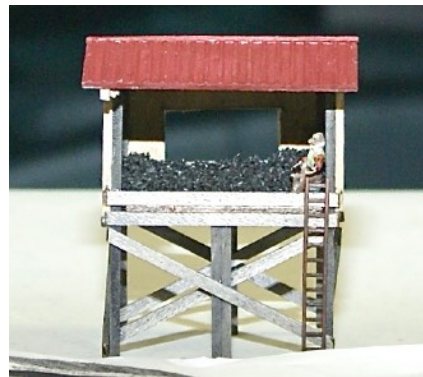
**Dan Lewis, MMR** - showed several boxcars from his railroad, this a Milwaukee outside sheathed box. Other boxcars displayed included auto box, rib-sides, double doors.



**Larry Wolohon, MMR** - brought two boxcars, 1/4" scale AAR SP and AAR UP modified box (it was 6" higher for autos). He also displayed a book about 1937 AAR boxcars. (One boxcar shown)



**Greg Rich, MMR** - built and detailed this boxcar for his railroad, an ambroid kit from LaBelle, using dry transfer lettering from Irv Schulz 125 Line (no longer available) and adding end doors.



**Irv Chmielewski** scratch built this 1870 coaling shed used in Santa Fe branchline service. This is Irv's first scratch build!



**Dave Cook** - current project is this green 40' wood box car.



**George Van Duyne** (rear car) - Lettered for his Rochester & Richmond RR, is Georgia Railroad wood-sided box, rebuilt with steel sheathing. **Jim Zinser, MMR** - (front car) showed a Canadian National boxcar.



**Dave Thornton** modified and detailed two boxcars in O Scale - B&O M-61 wagon top box (shown) and a Pennsy X-31 double door box converted from a Lionel box.

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**Ken Chick, MMR**, purchased these N Scale Kadee cars years ago, before the transition to MicroTrains. They were undecorated; Ken decaled one for NP, the other for his Danforth, Hadley & Northern.

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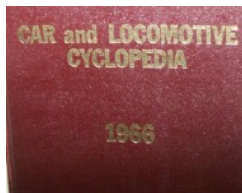
**John Racey** displayed his model of a C&O LCL boxcar. The S scale model is from S Helper Service.

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**John Jackson** purchased a 40' PS-1 steel boxcar, labeled for the Milwaukee, Racine & Troy - Model Railroader & Trains employee club layout

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**Terry Cummins** brought his copy of the 1966 Car and Locomotive Cyclopedia. It contains specification for all rolling stock in service then.

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**John Gavasso** modified a NP 40' box as a transition car between Kadee and "horn-hook" couplers.

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**Phil Kenyon** showed his N Scale 40' C&O plug door boxcar in C&O yellow.

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**Bob Taffs** displayed boxcars from Sunshine Models.

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**Bob Stelmach** built this B&O wagon-top boxcar from a Smoke Mountain resin kit.

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**Tony Britsky** - (via Zoom) presented his brass poultry car (1920-1950), a Norbrass Norwegian wine barrel car and a Central Electric Railway Association (CERA) box trailer car. (Sorry, no photos)

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## SEPTEMBER 2022 NMRA TURNTABLE

The Turntable is an online, free magazine for all NMRA members. If you do not receive it, sign-up at [NMRA.org](https://www.nmra.org). Highlights of the September issue include "Making Amazing Trees and Foliage"; "Fatal Crossing - Lost RR Car Ferries of the Great Lake; plus clinics and other videos and articles. All free as another benefit of **your** membership in the NMRA!



**Phil Doolittle**(via Zoom) - New business names in Wheatland Junction, his

Free-mo module. Waldo's Discount Donuts, Waldo Otto, proprietor, and Red's Music, where you can learn "Blazing Guitar". Both names inspired by the novelty band "Red Knuckles and the Trail Blazers" that used to perform on Hee Haw. (Phil Doolittle photos)

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**Irv Chmielewski** receives his Golden Spike Award from Achievement Program Coordinator **Ken Chick, MMR**. Congratulations, **Irv**. Readers, you probably have modeling that qualifies for Achievement Program Certificates. Contact **Ken Chick, MMR**, at [kdchick@wowway.com](mailto:kdchick@wowway.com) or check out the Achievement Program information at [NMRA.org](https://www.nmra.org)

## **BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- **August Car House** approved as written.
- **August Treasurer's report:** \$4,590.70 on hand. \$21 income - user fees and fines, no expenses. Approved.
- **Master Model Railroaders** in attendance at the August meeting: **Ken Chick, Dan Lewis, Greg Rich, Larry Wolohon, and Jim Zinser.**
- **New Clinton River Division name tags** are here. Order yours at the next meeting at no cost to you!
- **First Time Attendee** - NMRA member **Bob Stelmach**, an S Scaler. Welcome Bob.
- **CLINTON RIVER DIVISION LAYOUT TOUR** - *Saturday, November 5* - **Ron Griffin** and **Greg Rich, MMR** - see flyer in this issue.
- **CALLING ALL CANDIDATES** - Election of officers is coming in February 2023. Superintendent office will be open. If you are interested, please contact one of the officers or speak up at the next meeting.
- **Operations Sessions** ("Op sessions"): **Andy Keeney** will hold an op session on October 1 at his Lansing home. Contact Curt Danielewicz if you can attend.  
**Operations Road Show** in Saline have invited Clinton River Division members to participate in sessions at mutually agreed times. Road Show needs 8-10 operators and prefers Sunday. *We need firm commitments from our members to schedule Operation Road Show. Thank you for signing up at the next Division meeting*
- **Door monitor** at the church for the October is **Larry Dickinson**, November is **Steve Weber**, and December is **Terry Cummins**. 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.
- **The Mentor/Mentee file (give help/receive help)** is at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzCIIO4pfcGtM4LcnI-sIExBw2\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzCIIO4pfcGtM4LcnI-sIExBw2_/view?usp=sharing)
- The private **Clinton River Division Facebook group** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288929175921717/>
- **SEPTEMBER CLINIC** - **Larry Wolohon, MMR**, presented the history of boxcars through 1950, with photos of many types of boxcars. An interesting fact: in 1950, 41% of all rail freight cars were boxcars. By 2004, less than 12% of freight cars were boxcars. Autoracks, covered and open hoppers, and specialty cars have replaced the ubiquitous boxcar.

## 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.

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

at Troy Christian Chapel

**September 24 & 25 - Blissfield Model Railroad Club Open House**

109 E. Adrian St., Blissfield, MI 49228

**October 1 - Gratiot Valley Model Railroad Club Show, Elite Sports Arena,**

49771 Oakland Dr., Shelby Township

**October 1 - The Great Berea Train Show, Cuyahoga Co. Fairgrounds Events**

Center, Middleburg, Hts., OH (Cleveland Area)

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

at Troy Christian Chapel

**October 28 & 29 - Model Railroad Convention - Kalamazoo/Battle Creek Area**

see flyer in this issue

**November 5 - Clinton River Division Layout Tour - see flyer in this issue**

**November 12 - Division 6 Model Railroad Show and Workshop, 11 am - 4 pm,**

Ward Church, 40000 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI

**November 26 - Model Train Show at Packard Proving Grounds, 10 am - 3:30 pm -**

49965 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Township, MI 48317



**Rich Mahaney**, NCR Director, caught this BNSF consist with a weed sprayer on the CN in West Michigan on June 28, 2022.

Rich received a warm reception from a CN crew the same day. They even “played a tune” with air horn as a greeting, Rich said.



**OCTOBER 2022 MEETING**  
**Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on ZOOM**  
**Thursday, October 20, 2022, 7:00 pm**

**Show and Tell Topic:**  
**YOUR LAYOUT PLANS or CURRENT PROJECT**

**Clinic Topic:**  
**Time Fisher - LAYOUT PLANNING FOR OPERATIONS**

*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!*

**CLINTON RIVER DIVISION 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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***NEXT MEETING - Live and ZOOM***  
**October 20, 2022 - 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.**

## **OCTOBER 2022 MODEL RAILROAD CONVENTION – KALAMAZOO/BATTLE CREEK, MI**

The NMRA NCR Division 9 is hosting a Model Railroad Convention over two days (OCT 28/29, 2022) which will include layout tours, clinics, a special dinner and hopefully some operating session, all of this is over a Friday afternoon through Saturday time frame. The location is in the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek area of Michigan. The Kalamazoo Model Railroad Club will be hosting their annual fall train show and sale on the Sunday (Oct 30) of that weekend if you would like to attend that also. A weekend of railroading activities. Hotel selection in the area is on your own.

A Registration location on Friday will be announced after you register, registration on Saturday will be at the location where the clinics are being held from 7:30am to 12:30pm. **The Saturday registration location and the clinics will be at a facility called The River Church, which located at 517 Walbridge, in downtown Kalamazoo. The building is northeast of the Kalamazoo Amtrak Station, and their parking lot backs up to the train tracks.**

**Oct 28, Friday afternoon**, there will be layout open houses from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. You must have a paid registration and convention badge to see the layouts. **Registration for the convention will occur at the first layout on the tour.**

**Oct 28, Friday evening**, there will be a gathering of model railroaders for dinner at Clara's Restaurant in downtown Battle Creek starting at 6:30pm. You need to reserve a spot for this event and dinner will be ordered off the menu with individual bills. Who knows what might be scheduled for education, entertainment, and fun!

**Oct 29, Saturday**, at the River Church, registration from 7:30am to 8:30am and time to visit with other model railroaders. **Free refreshments and some breakfast foods during registration and the clinics!**

**Oct 29, Saturday**, 8:30am, 9:45am and 11am. 12 clinics will be presented between four different rooms.

**Oct 29, Saturday**, Lunch on your own. Then more model railroad layout viewing 1:00pm to 5:00pm, operating sessions on Saturday evening. 11 layouts will be open for viewing on Saturday afternoon.

More information will all be posted on The NMRA NCR Division 9 website, including information about paying with credit cards for registration and the Friday registration site. The Division 9 website address is <http://ncr-div9.com/conventionForm.php>

**Registrations at this time can be check or money order made out to NMRA, NCR, Division 9. Cut off the registration form below and mail it to Division 9 Superintendent and Convention Registrar Garry Johnson, 371 32nd Street N, Springfield, MI 49037.**

**Registration fees are to be paid in US Dollars only: Pre-registration is \$25, the late registration fee is \$30 on or after August 31, 2022. Yup, send your money and registration in now and save some money!**

For more information or question contact Rich Mahaney at 269-214-4221 or [rcmahaney@gmail.com](mailto:rcmahaney@gmail.com).

-----REGISTRATION FORM/Cut off and send to Garry, at the address above-----

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA Number \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you interested or planning to attend the Friday, Oct 28, 2022 dinner at Clara's in Battle Creek, the cost of dinner will be on your own. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**Are you interested in attending operation sessions on Friday or Saturday evening? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**More information will follow in the future as these get set up.**



## **CLINTON RIVER DIVISION LAYOUT OPEN HOUSE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022, 1-4 PM**

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**Ron Griffin, 47549 Malburg Way Dr., Macomb, MI 48044**



Ron's Adrian and Blissfield RR is an HO scale pike of a Class III short-line operating in Lewanee County, MI. The shelf layout is set in a 26.5' x 13.5' room with a center peninsula and a helix connecting two levels. About 2/3 of the scenery is complete, and there is a 53" nod-under to enter.

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**Greg Rich, 53372 Deerfield Lane, New Baltimore, MI 48047**



Greg's New Baltimore & Fair Haven RR, set in 1927, was featured in the June 2016 MR. It is a free-lanced line, 55' x 30' around the walls (and no duck-under). Scenery is 95% complete and the layout features dozens of exquisite scratch-built and kit-bashed models.



*DIVISION 6 and invited guests of the  
NORTH CENTRAL REGION of the  
NATIONAL MODEL RR ASSOCIATION  
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**44th ANNUAL!**

# ***MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP***

**11am- 4pm Saturday  
November 12, 2022**

***NEW DAY!!  
NEW LOCATION!!***

***LEARN HOW TO DO & ENJOY MODEL RAILROADING!***

***This is NOT a sale or swap meet!***

***SEE DEMONSTRATIONS*** on power systems, scenery, kit building, structure building, backdrops, wiring, track laying tips, & basic building techniques.

***ALSO SEE*** video presentations, historical displays and operating model railroad layouts! Refreshments available.

***ASK QUESTIONS*** of our talented members and NMRA Master Model Railroaders – we have 7!! Get answers to your modeling questions!

***PARTICIPATE IN*** a raffle for many prizes of model railroad items and an open model railroad model contest



***GREAT FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!  
Stop by for a visit, ask questions, get answers!***

## **MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP**

is located at **WARD CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Rd Northville, MI. 48168

**ENTRY FARE:** \$3 per person  
\$5 per family  
**under 16 is FREE!**

