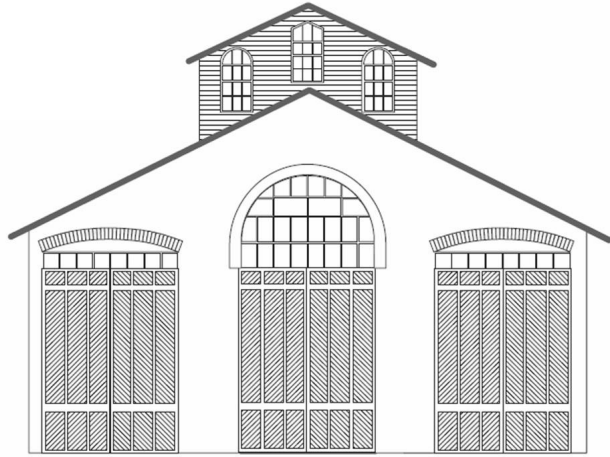


CAR HOUSE



August, 2023

Div. 8 Website: <https://www.div8.NcrNMRA.org>

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Call to Order

Meeting called to Order at 7:00

Recognition of visitors and MMRs

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

Presidents Page

Bruce DeYoung's clinic this month on getting your Golden Spike award is both inspirational and a reminder that even the best modelers that you see in the magazines and on the modeling forums all began their model railroading life with "The Plywood Pacific". With that in mind, I'm passing along a link to photos of John Ott's Arkham City railroad. John Ott was able to transform his very own "Plywood Pacific" into a very interesting and distinctive model railroad with a unique style unto its own.

[Welcome to Arkham—the \(HO\) Model City](#)

Hope you enjoy,
Mark

Clinic

Earning Your Golden Spike

by Bruce DeYoung

Bruce presented his EduTrain clinic. For a complete copy of the presentation and accompanying text, go to the NMRA members website. A couple of additional pictures to help illustrate the point of changing a standard model to make it eligible for consideration as not being "out of the box". The pictures were added were taken at one of our recent Division open houses.

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 is \$68 per year, \$92 with US mail delivery of the NMRA magazine.

Also, please check if your Division 8 Meeting user fee has been paid for 2023. The fee is \$10 per year payable in January.

July Car House approved.

July Treasurer's report Dan Shilt: \$4,2335.25 on hand. No transaction were processed against our account. Approved.

Layout tour Plans – Dan Lewis: The next two Division 8 layout tours are scheduled for Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 1-4. Details are in the announcements

Operating Session Plans – Curt Danielewicz: A sign up sheet for an Operation Road Show operating session September 9th. was available on the shelf at back of the room.

Door monitor at the church for the September is Greg Rich has volunteered for September. Greg Rich has volunteered for the September meeting. John Jackson has volunteered for the October meeting. 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.

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.

2025 Convention: No updates. But we should remember:

- The planning committee is committed to focus the convention on giving value to attendees and the NMRA as a whole.
- Clinics will focus on new content. There is enough time for all of us to develop a new clinic on a topic that will be of interest. Any clinic presentation could be first presented at our meeting so that it can be revised and polished for the National convention
- Clinic/Layout and other Coordinators are included in Carhouse so please reach out if interested.
- Division 8 Volunteer Coordinator is Mark Mincek.

Revised train Show Plan.

Curt Danielewicz has agreed to head up the project to get it started. Mark Mincek will pursue getting us free space at upcoming shows.

New Business

- Ft. Wayne Regional Conference-Early registration closes 9/15. Also need shirt orders by that date. Since the conference does take place at the same time, our Division meeting in October probably will be canceled.
- Interest was judged in visiting Bill Hayes 71/2 gauge in Metamora this fall. The railroad has a 1 ½ mile track. With a favorable response from members present, arrangements will be made.

Announcements

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

NMRA-North Central Region Convention will be held in Fort Wayne in October. If anyone is interested in giving a clinic at the convention, contact Jim Macino at JIM@ICMGT.Com

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.

Robert Quick is offering some magazines for Free. He has 30 years of Model Railroader in binders and 12 years of Railroad Model Craftsman. Also of note, the binders are getting hard to come by since the vendor is not supplying them any longer. If interest, contact Robert at 248-390-7021.

Hints and Tips

If you buy something at a train show, do not trust the package even if marked as “new”.

If buying an engine try it out before buying.

Show and Tell

Dan Shilt – Steamer Algonquin

ON30 Scratch Built ship Model. Over 100 persons depicted on the ship.



John Racey – Interlocking Tower

S Scale, by Imagine That Laser Art. The kit is parts such as brick work brick walls, windows, and staircase are made from MDF. Model is painted with acrylics and then lightly weathered.



Show and Tell Card not found for the Soo Line Engine



Phil Doolittle - Winchendon Machine Shop

Machine shop kit with extensive interior detail, lights, and sound./



Fred Cosgrove - DUR/EMY coach/combine

DUR/EMR number 7534, a 1917 Kuhlman coach, later changed to a combune with only one door on the right side.



Bill Bartlam – Swanson’s Lunch Stand

Bar Mills Model for placement next to a passenger station on my layout.



Steve Weber – Current Project

Campbell kit -
Abandoned House



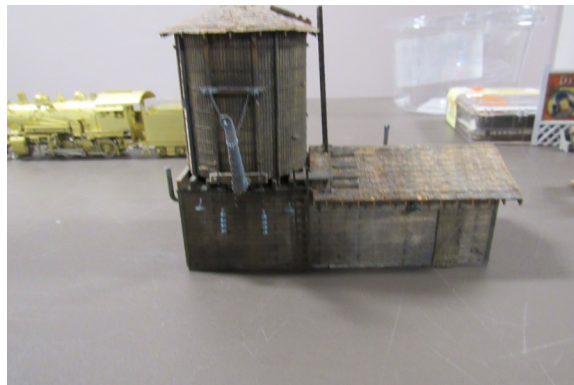
George VanDuyne – Bowser Locomotive

Bowser USRA 2-8-2 locomotive
built from the Bowser Kit, no
modifications. Custom decals
from Rail Graphics were added.



Ron King – Water Tower and Shed

Fine Scale kit of a water
tower and shed.



Mike Tranquilla – Rock Car

Scratch built rock car, loosely based on rock cars used on the Heckla & Calumet Railroad's rock cars in the Keweenaw peninsula in Michigan's upper peninsula.



Greg Rich – Train Station

Scratch built HO scale train station with cues taken from an article in HOn3 Annual.



Bruce DeYoung – Devon's Dills

A scratch built Pickle Factory made from wood. Based on the classic polystyrene Pickle Factory.



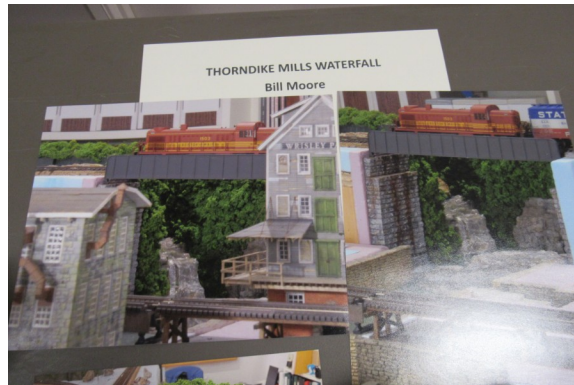
John Gavasso – Nicest Model

AT&SF 2-8-0 No. 1900
class Brass Locomotive
by Sunset.



Bill Moore – Current Project

Thorndike Mills
Waterfall Pictures
showing early
construction and then
final scene on layout.



Chris Dobies Gift Certificate Purchase

Recent purchases using my Division 8 new member gift certificate. Purchase included Woodland Scenics turf and a cutting mat.



HO Flat Car and Load

A Class One Model Works Flatcar and three possible loads for the car. Presenter did not turn in presenter form.



Larry Wolohon – Passenger car

Scratch Built Baggage car that won first place at the NMRA Discovery 1992 in Columbus Ohio.



Monthly Newsletter of the **Clinton River Division** of the North Central Region of the NMRA

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

https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzCIIO4pfcGtM4LcnI-sIExBw2_/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.

September 21 - Clinton River Division Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm
at Troy Christian Chapel

1st Saturday of the month Operations at Railroad Park Royal Oak

Sept 10 - Division Layout Tours See flier below for details

Oct 19-22 – NMRA - North Central Region at Fort Wayne. Details can be accessed through our Division web site.

January 28, 2024 10am-3pm. Model Railroad Sale Hosted by Division 6
See flier below.

National Convention 2025 Regional Contacts

A lot of work needs to be completed before the Nation Convention. The region has established a number of work groups that can use additional volunteers.

The following are the persons that you can contact to assist with the convention.

Chairman- Scott Kremer

Co-Chair and Hotel Coordinator - Bill Neale (Note the primary hotel responsibility is through the NMRA Meeting and Trade Show personnel)

Treasurer - Steve Harsh	Webmaster - Marshall Stull
Non-Rail - Kitty Kremer	LDSIG - Ron Burkhardt
OPSIG - Eric Smith	RPM Conference - Mike Skibbe
PR/Marketing - Jim Zinser, Barry Hensel	Layout Visit - Brook and Jay Qualmann
Op Sessions - Ken Chick	Prototype Tours - Bruce Wolfe
Clinics - Andy Keeney	Volunteers - Div 6 - Bill McMillan
Yard Sale - Greg Rich	IT coordinator - Jeff Higgins

Positions still needing to be filled.

Bus Coordinator	Contest Coordinator
Volunteers - Div 8	Merchandise - basically shirts

September 2023 Meeting
Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on Zoom
Thursday, September 20, 2023, 7:00 pm

Clinic – Getting the most out of those DPM Kits.
By Dan Lewis
Show and Tell will be One of your Best Kit Structure.

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.

3rd Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE!

Hosted by **Division 6**
North Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

SUNDAY – JANUARY 28, 2024
10am - 3pm



Costick Community Center

28600 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

145 Tables of model railroad items - ALL scales!

Door Prizes Awarded every 45 minutes! *(must be present to win)*

Snacks and refreshments available

Admission –
\$5 per person over 18 years old *(spouses/children under 18 = FREE!)*
\$10 per person **Early Bird** entry at 9am
VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS FREE (WITH ID)

Information –
Barry or Terry 734-649-3056 (6pm-9pm) div6trainshow@gmail.com
VENDOR INFO on back side of this flyer!



Clinton River Division Layout Open House

Sunday, September 10, 2023
1-4 PM

Warren Yohe 2603 Windsor Dr., Troy, MI 48085



My Mineral Range Railroad is an HO standard gauge prototype-based model of the Duluth South Shore and Atlantic RR extension that once served the "Copper Country" on Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula ca. 1900. The railroad is 26' x 23', featuring a walk around point-to-point design with traffic from connections in Houghton staging to the terminus in Calumet. It has scratch-built and kit-bashed structures. Scenery is 95% complete but an expansion is planned.

Gale Saxton 3801 Anvil Dr., Troy, MI 48083

My Green River Subdivision of the Boston & Maine is a fictional division running north from the Maine coast through the mountains toward Berlin, New Hampshire. The railroad is set in the late 1950's and is still running steam along with first generation diesel.

The emphasis is on capturing the New England scenery and providing a stage setting for my operations sessions. The railroad is designed for operations with 8 to 10 persons.

