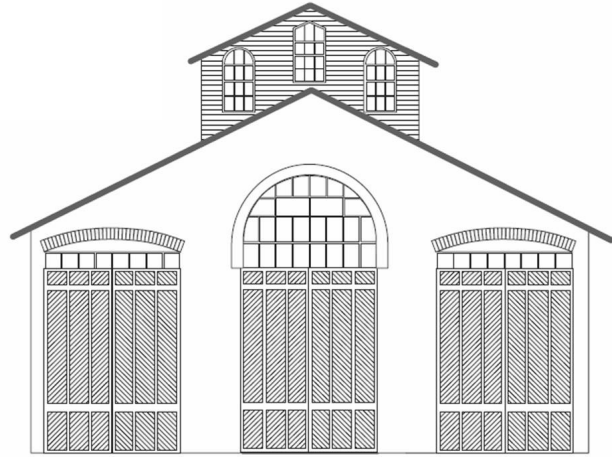


CAR HOUSE



February 15, 2024

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

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[http://
www.nmra.org/](http://www.nmra.org/)



Call to Order

Meeting called to Order at 7:02

Recognition of visitors and MMRs

MMRs present Jim Zinser, Ron King, Larry Wolohon, Greg Richj

Presidents Page

Recently, I was going through my large stash of model railroading magazines, looking for an article to prep for one of my future modeling projects that I wanted to read again. I kept looking and looking for the article in the timeframe of when I thought the article was published. Well, I guess time flies when you are having fun because my “estimated” timeframe of when the article was published, and the actual publication date was almost ten years off.

The good news is that I also found a solution for the next time I am looking for something that I’ve read in the past, or if I’m just looking for articles on a specific topic. I came across an online model railroad magazine index that covers 47 different railroad and model railroad magazines. (I didn’t know there were 47 different railroad and model railroad magazines titles to pick from). It’s very quick and easy to use and the amount of information available is impressive. I typed in “Baltimore and Ohio” and came up with 18,545 different times where my favorite railroad was mentioned. That’ll keep me busy! Below is the link.

<https://www.rrmagazineindex.org/>

Happy Reading!
Mark

Clinic for February

A clinic on small movable or temporary scenery to improve the look of a layout

Movable or Temporary Scenery By Irvin Chmielewski

Irv presented a slide show of some of the tips, and hints he has come up with to add interest to his layout by adding small and easy to build scenery elements. A copy of the slides have been posted under our division web site www.NCRNMRA.ORG/presentations

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 support user fee has been paid. The fee is \$10 per year payable in January for 2024.

January Car House approved.

February Treasurer's report Dan Shilt: \$3,910.23 on hand. Approved.

Layout Tour Plans have been finalized for an open house on Saturday, April 6th at Tom Darts layouts, two layouts in one location in Bloomfield Hills. See attached flier. I have also posted the flier for Division 6 layout tours

AP Awards – Ken Chick was not able to attend our meeting in February. He is recovering from Gall Bladder surgery. Latest information was that we was doing good.

Operating Session Plans – Curt Danielewicz can be contacted if you would like to be included in future Operating Session plans.

Door monitor at the church; John Martin has volunteered for March. Thanks for volunteering. Scott Swinger has volunteered for April.

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.

Old Business

- The Discord onboarding instructions are finally complete. This is a step by step instruction manual that clearly show how to get on-boarded. The process was emailed to all Div 8 members in mid-February.

New Business

- NMRA Code of Conduct – include in Carhouse and will also be posted to the Division 8 website.

- Discussions in the NCR to moving the regional Treasurer an appointed position. Discussed at our meeting and the membership reached consensus against appointing the position. There was no opposition to extending term limits on the NCR board.

Hints and Tips

- Trains.com undergoing maintenance – free to use right now.
- 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/>

Announcements

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

- **The 2025 NMRA National Convention will be held in Novi, second week in August!** 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.
 - 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.
 - The Detroit Model Railroad Club has scheduled open house events through the holidays and into the winter. Go to WWW.DMRRC.Org for dates and time.

- The North Central Region convention is happening in Northville, Oct 10-12. A flier is attached. The organizers are still looking for additional clinics. If interested in presenting contact Bryne Blumenstein at 1947sandy@gmail.com
- The Royal Oak Historical Society is planning an exhibit (probably April 2024) about railroading in Royal Oak. They have historical information and photos. They desire to display models (in secure cases). If you would consider loaning models (any scale) of locomotives (particularly steam), rolling stock and passenger cars, or models of structures, please contact Kent Aughe at chappie81@wowway.com for further information or to make arrangements. Thanks.
- Jim Prowse is tearing down his O scale layout prior to moving. Contact him at jprose@flash.net for further information.
- There are two regional conventions in May, one in Cleveland and the other in South Bend. Information is available on the NMRA website.

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 – to be filled (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

Show and Tell

John Jackson
Scenery Coal

Use water pitcher filters:

- Cut open and pour out Activated Charcoal
- Spread out to dry
- Remove interior screen material – use as screen door
- Bottom filter scree for a variety of industrial screen



Mark Mincek
Military Modelers Scenery Material

Brought in some examples of scenery materials that are more commonly used by military modelers. All can be purchased at the Toy Solder Shop in Berkley



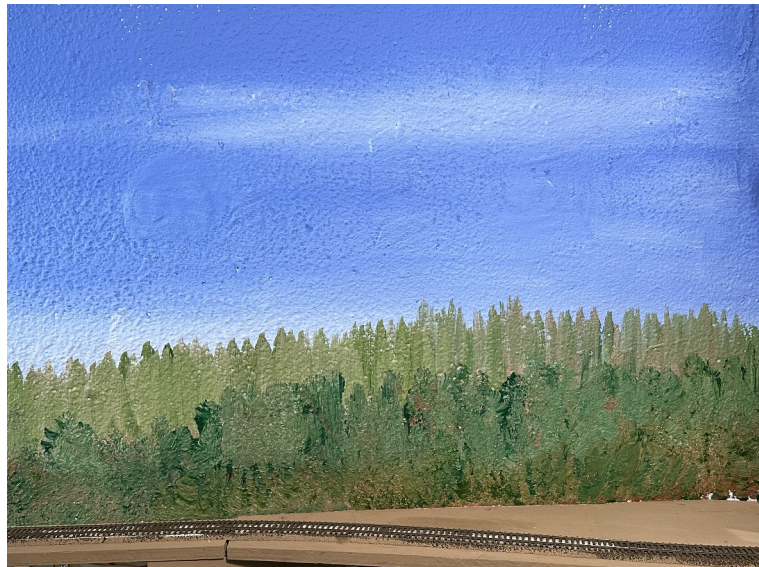
Larry Wolohon
Scenery Items

1/43 scale '49 Ford Wagon'



David Katona
Painted Backdrop

Photos of first attempt to paint a backdrop using Norm Logan's techniques. Painted behind tracks going to the staging yard.



Greg Rich
Trees

Scratch built evergreen trees using techniques from YouTube: Boomer Dioramas



Gail Braman
N-scale Building

Jo-Jo's Steak House
N scale cardboard and paper model of a real building in New Jersey. One of over a hundred model buildings in a neighborhood where Gail grew up in.



Dan Lewis
Movable Scenery

Block of scenery that can be removed to provide access to hidden track.



The following Items did not have a Show and Tell Form



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 15th - Clinton River Division Monthly Meeting Troy Christian Chapel

March 17th – Div 6 Layout tours See attached map/flier for more information

March 23, 2024 North Central Region Spring Modelers Meet. See Flier

September 11-14th -National Narrow Gauge Convention <https://www.44nngc.com/>

Also See -Train Show Fliers Below.

Division Meeting

Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on Zoom

Thursday, March 21, 7:00 pm

Clinic

Detailing a Plastic Steam engine

By George Vanduyne

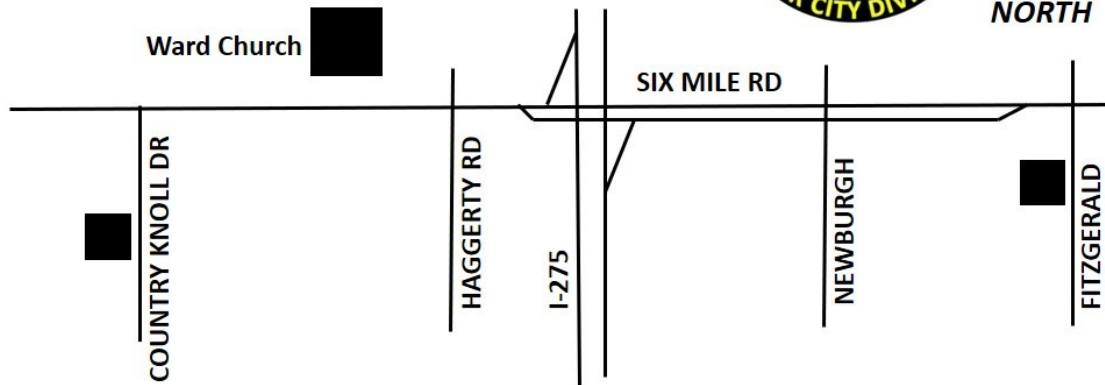
Show and Tell

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

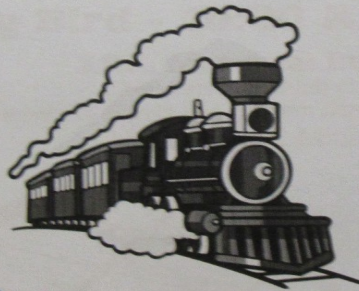
**DIVISION 6 – Motor City Division
LAYOUT TOURS
Sunday, March 17, 2024 1pm-5pm**



<p>Michael Tranquilla 16823 Fitzgerald St Livonia, Mich. 48154</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge - Burlington Pacific The Burlington Pacific is a steam and diesel era layout with continuous operation, with 1 branch line. Modeled from the 1950' to the 1980's with scratch-built structures in all five towns</p>
<p>Ken Chick, MMR 16657 Country Knoll Dr Northville, MI 48167</p>	<p>N Standard Gauge - Danforth Hadley & Northern The DH & N is a large point-to-point railroad designed for operation with two large yards and a large engine facility. It features long runs through beautiful scenery and 12 cities on a 400' main line. Based on the Northern Pacific Montana Division operating between Huntley and Garrison, MT.</p>

**TAYLOR TOWN TRAIN
SHOW AND SALE
MARCH 16 2024
10AM – 4PM**

22525 ECORSE RD. TAYLOR MI. 48180



KIDS FREE

FOOD ON SITE

FOR VENDOR INFO CALL MIKE: 3139555523

\$25 FIRST OR ONLY TABLE \$20 EACH

ADDITIONAL TABLE

TAYLOR TOWN TRAIN SHOW 3139555523



North Central Region Spring Modelers Meet

Hosted by the Black Swamp Division (Div 1) of the North Central Region (NCR), NMRA



March 23, 2024 – Sylvania OH

Sylvania Community Services Center, 7140 W Sylvania Ave, Sylvania, OH 43560

Learn New Skills, Share Your Models, Share Techniques, Visit Layouts



This is a modelers' event!
Lunch options will be available on-site!



This event is open to ALL MODELERS - NMRA Membership is not required

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Model Showroom – Bring your models (finished or in-progress) of locomotives, rolling stock, structures, dioramas, or scenery. All are welcome! The showroom is about sharing the hobby in all its many forms.

Modeling Clinics – learn new skills with clinics on a mixture of subjects presented by modelers, historians, and industry experts.

Layouts and Displays - Small and modular displays will be available within the main venue.

Layout Tours - Layout tours of local layouts will be available during the afternoon.

Admission is \$20 at the door

All event activities (minus lunch) are included in one low price!

Advance registration is encouraged on the website at smm.ncrnmra.org

This is NOT a swap meet!



Visit our website for more information
smm.ncrnmra.org



Clinton River Division Layout Open House

Saturday, April 6, 2024 1-4 PM
Tom Dart 1445 Epping Lane, Bloomfield Hills, MI



Tom Dart's version of the Durango & Silverton has quite a colorful history. It originally resided in Doug Taggsold's home in Blissfield, MI, but made the trek to

trek to Bloomfield Hills when Tom & Doug decided it needed a new home. The mid-50's D&RGW RR is modeled in On3 and depicts ore hauling, cattle, lumbering & freight trains working through the mountains between Durango & Silverton, Colorado. The railroad is operated on a regular basis by folks from all over the Metropolitan area.

Besides the trains upstairs, there is also a growing HO scale RR downstairs. This freelanced railroad, set in the steam to diesel era, features mixed freight and coal as the revenue producers. The pike is about 60% scened and about 70% detailed. The railroad services an extensive waterfront, a coal mine, a large industrial area, and a refinery.



A large staging yard in an adjacent room is used to originate and terminate trains. Operating sessions have been developing past the "shake-downs" and are currently progressing nicely.

Division Six of the
NCR- North Central Region of the
NMRA- National Model Railroad Association presents-



NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024

A MODEL RAILROAD WEEKEND CONVENTION!



**THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY
OCTOBER 10-11-12-13, 2024
NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN, USA**

WELCOME to the NCR Model Railroad Convention, **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024!** The convention is being hosted by DIVISION SIX, located in Wayne and Washtenaw counties. We are planning a great weekend of model and prototype railroading, just for YOU! Please access our website for all of the important information you need to help you to decide to attend this event. As you'll soon read, we're concentrating on having fun and learning all about model railroading! All you need to do is fill out the registration page, send it in with your registration fees and you'll be part of one of the greatest model railroad events in Michigan! Visit us online and register there using your credit card and PayPal security services! Come and join us for the MAXIMUM model railroad **FUN**, all in one weekend!

Open to ALL model railroaders! You DO NOT have to be an NMRA member to attend!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE-

- * Event site – Ward Church, Northville, MI
- * Event shirts available pre-order only
- * Special DAY PASS entry available!
- * Online Registration available on website!
- * Banquet Dinner on Saturday evening
- * Clinics on Friday and Saturday
- * Operation sessions available Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- * NO model contest – MODEL SHOWCASE – show off your work!!
- * Get a discount for participating in the Model Showcase!!
- * Model layouts to visit on Friday and Saturday
- * Prototype tours on Friday (if available)
- * Yard Sale of new/used model railroad equipment
- * Ask the Experts (MMR's) table
- * EVERYONE welcome to attend!

For more information or questions answered, contact -
Norm Logan, Chairman –
248-444-3491 nlogan114@wowway.com
Paul Lichau, Div 6 Superintendent –
734-878-5390 plichau@yahoo.com
Mark Ellis, Asst. Chairman -
734-538-5470 emark@sbccglobal.net
visit our web pages at- ncx24.ncrmmra.org



NCX - NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024 REGISTRATION FORM & INFORMATION

Name		Spouse	
Address			
City	State		
Phone	Zip		
email			
NMRA No.	Region	Div	MMR

REGISTRATION FEES

	how many
on or before September 25, 2024 - NMRA member	\$65
on or before September 25, 2024 - NON NMRA member	\$75
after September 25, 2024 - NMRA member	\$75
after September 25, 2024 - NON NMRA member	\$85
on or before October 13, 2024	One Day Pass = \$40

REGISTRATION - is per person for anyone over 18 years old that will be participating in the convention activities. Spouse is free if ONLY attending layout tours and/or dinner. Children under 18 years old are free for the weekend and welcome to attend convention activities with a paid adult.

Dinner - SPAGHETTI DINNER!! Everyone (including children under 18) must pay for dinner if you are attending. This also includes our Keynote Speaker and Awards presentation. **NOTE- cut-off date for dinner is October 1, 2024.**

Event Sweat shirts are cotton/poly blend, green in color with the NCX logo embroidered in color on the left side

Event polo shirts are 35-65% cotton-poly no pocket shirts, green in color with the NCX logo embroidered in color on the left side **NOTE- cut-off date for ordering shirts is September 10, 2024. There will be NO shirts available at the convention!**

Model Showcase Discount!

If you bring a model to display in the Showcase room, we will give you a \$5 discount on your entry to NCX-24! **NOTE - you do NOT get \$5 per model!! Only ONE discount per person no matter how many models you bring. Discount to be given at Registration!**

ONE DAY PASS - is for Saturday only and includes all the clinics that day and 5 layout tours.

EXTRA BOARD

		how many
Dinner per person		\$25
sweat shirt	small	\$34
	medium	\$34
	large	\$34
	X-large	\$34
	2X-large	\$34
	3X-large	\$34
polo shirt	small	\$32
	medium	\$32
	large	\$32
	X-large	\$32
	2X-large	\$32
	3X-large	\$32
4X-large	\$32	

TOTAL

Payment to be check or money order made out to- **NMRA DIVISION 6**

Send registration form with payment by October 1, 2024 to-
NCX Registrar 35684 Camden Ct Farmington Hills, MI 48335
 ON-LINE registration available until October 7, 2024 at ncx24.ncmmra.org



National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Member Code of Conduct

Introduction

This Code of Conduct (“Code”) has been developed to set expectations for the behaviors, conduct, communication, and interactions between you and other members, officers and directors of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (“NMRA”). This Code applies to all such persons when engaging with other NMRA members, participating in any event, social media platform or other sponsored extension of the NMRA (for example, the NMRA Interchange or an NMRA-sponsored online meeting) and attending NMRA meetings, events, or activities (whether National, Regional, Division or other subset). This Code also includes general guidelines on the appropriate use of social media for NMRA matters at any level.

Why do we need a code of conduct?

We join the NMRA and participate in its activities for one common reason - we enjoy the model railroading hobby and the fun, challenges, personal growth and camaraderie that it provides. It is imperative that we keep our common bond of model railroading “front and center” and rise above the inevitable differences that exist among us in personalities, opinions, experience, gender, age, race, nationality, or any of the other factors that make each of us unique individuals. Our collective goal is to enjoy and promote the hobby of model railroading, so we must strive to avoid “distractions” that interfere with or obstruct our common purpose. Collaboration and co-operation are vital for the success of our hobby and our enjoyment of model railroading and everything it has to offer.

What does the NMRA expect of members?

The NMRA expects all members to conduct themselves in a respectful, responsible, and mature manner, and demonstrate courtesy and kindness toward other individuals. Constructive and healthy discussions and interactions are encouraged and in fact are vital to the success of our hobby. However, certain other verbal and nonverbal behaviors and actions are not consistent with the NMRA’s values and hurt our hobby and relationships, such as the use of disparaging language, shouting, profanity, confrontational, intimidating or threatening behavior or language, and immature and disrespectful behavior or language. It is imperative that we interact in a polite and professional manner.

The NMRA does not condone abusive, threatening, or aggressive behavior toward anyone at an NMRA event or in an NMRA forum (such as social media and other forms of electronic and digital interaction). This includes other participants, event organizers or sponsors, judges, or other officials.

You should be welcoming to newcomers and remember they may not have the benefit of experience and information that you have enjoyed. Be constructive in helping to make their entry into the hobby an enjoyable one.

Harassment

NMRA events and functions are meant to be fun, educational, and inclusive. No one should be subject to intimidation, made to feel unwelcome, or put in fear of reprisal. Harassment may include behavior or language that causes alarm, distress, anxiety, fear of physical violence, offensive statements, verbal abuse, and threats. Members should be sensitive to others.

Non-Retaliation

The NMRA relies on you to identify potential issues and raise concerns that the NMRA may need to address. The NMRA prohibits acts of retaliation against any person who reports an issue honestly and in good faith, and retaliation can constitute misconduct that could subject a member to discipline. This commitment to non-retaliation assures you that raising concerns, reporting misconduct, or cooperating in any investigation will not result in adverse consequences. The NMRA prohibits retaliation in any form, at any level of the organization, recognizing that retaliatory behavior contributes to an environment of mistrust and diminishes the willingness of individuals to be collaborative and transparent. During the investigation of any matter, the NMRA makes every reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of those involved.

Use of social media

The rapid growth of social media combined with ease of use and pervasiveness make it an attractive channel for communication. Use of social media for communication also creates the possibility of a host of unintended consequences. To help you identify and avoid potential issues, we are providing some examples of best practices that are meant to help you understand, from a wide range of perspectives, the implications of participation in social media. Any postings that you make as a representative of or participant in NMRA sanctioned activities will reflect on you and the NMRA.

Understand Your Personal Responsibility: You are personally responsible for the content you publish on user-generated content forums, such as blogs or social media sites. Remember that what you publish will be public for a long time. Protect your privacy.

Be Accurate: Be sure that you have all the facts before you post. It's better to verify your sources first than to have to post a correction or retraction later. If you do make a mistake, admit it and correct it. Post a retraction, edit your post, make any necessary apologies. If you are editing an earlier post, make it clear that you have made a correction.

Respect Others: You can catch a whole lot more flies with honey than vinegar. If you are constructive and respectful while seeking advice, asking for help, or discussing a disagreement or bad experience, you are far more likely to reach an understanding. In some instances, you may not be able to reach an understanding or agreement, but it is your responsibility to be constructive and address the problem rather than attacking the person.

Respect Your Audience: Don't use personal insults or disparaging conduct or language toward others. Show proper consideration for others' privacy and for sensitive topics. Users are free to discuss topics and disagree with one another but be respectful of others' opinions. You are more likely to achieve your goals if you are constructive and respectful while discussing a bad experience or disagreeing with an idea or a person. Harassment is not acceptable.

Think Before You Post: There's no such thing as a "private" social media site. Search engines can turn up posts and pictures years after publication. Comments can be forwarded or copied, and screenshots are easily available. Archival systems save information even if you delete a post. If you feel angry or passionate about a subject, it's prudent to wait until you are calm and clear-headed before posting.

Does it Pass the Publicity Test? If the content of your message would not be acceptable for face-to-face conversation, over the telephone, or in another medium, it is not acceptable for a social networking site. Do not use the anonymity afforded by a social media screen name or handle to post something that you wouldn't say if you could be identified.

Take the High Ground: You are more likely to build a high quality following if you discuss ideas and situations civilly. Don't pick fights online. Remember that as a participant in NMRA programming, you are representing the NMRA, and the organization supports the principles of fun, respect, and inclusion.

Do not post information that you know (or reasonably should know) is private, confidential, or proprietary. Some information that becomes available to you may be considered private, confidential or proprietary by the owner or source of such information – think before you post and if you are unsure, check with the owner or source before posting. Do not post anything in a private forum that you would not present in any public forum because there is no true privacy on the Internet. Ask yourself if you would want to see this published in the newspaper or posted on a billboard tomorrow or ten years from now? Additionally, ask yourself if you would want to see screenshots posted to the person or persons about whom you are speaking or writing.

Be Aware of Liability: You are responsible for what you post on your own site and on the sites of others. Be sure that what you post today is not something that you will regret in the future and that you are not violating any legal guidelines. Postings on social media sites can be, and have been, the subject of lawsuits alleging defamation, slander, or libel. In such a lawsuit, a court can compel the social media platform to disclose your account information; you won't be anonymous.

How does the NMRA enforce this code?

The NMRA can enforce this code of conduct independently, or in response to a complaint, after notice to affected members and due process including an opportunity to be heard. Proceedings include gathering facts, interviewing witnesses, conducting a hearing, and imposing discipline or dismissing the matter. The NMRA is a private membership organization; membership, member benefits, and the use of NMRA trademarks and intellectual property are not free or public. Therefore, the NMRA's leadership can determine that a violation of this code of conduct justifies a disciplinary action. Examples of actions include censure (a warning the similar conduct could cause termination), removal from an elected office, disqualification from elected offices or leadership, and termination of membership. The NMRA's Corporate Policies & Procedures Manual (CPPM), and Ohio state law applicable to nonprofit membership corporations such as the NMRA, governs the enforcement of this code and member discipline.