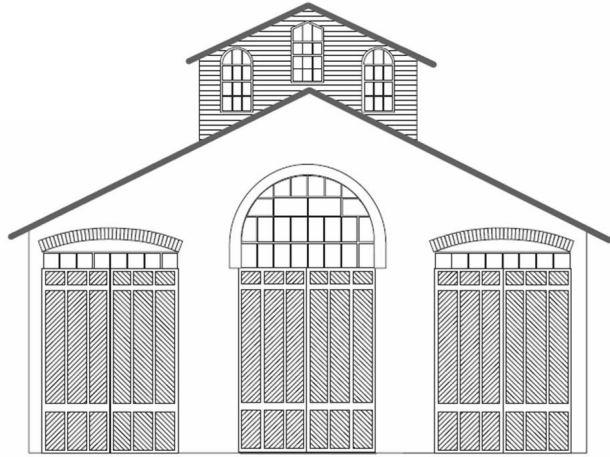


# CAR HOUSE



**March 21, 2024**

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

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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 Rich, Dan Lewis, Bruce DeYoung

## Presidents Page

The clinic for April will be me walking through the Discord onboarding procedure. The idea would be that I'd pick somebody and onboard them as an example. At the same time, everybody else with a laptop can follow along and onboard themselves, with me helping if they get stuck. So, bring your laptop or tablet PC or iPad or cell phone.

Since it's a bit of an unusual clinic, the Show and Tell in April will be an item from your railroad that is unique to your railroad. It could be a home built snow plow, a caboose that no other railroad had, a unique freight car, locomotive or structure, etc. Every railroad did something that was really all their own creation.

Mark

## Clinic for February

George VanDuyne presented a clinic on how he super detailed a plastic body steam engine. He removed the molded on piping, and other cast on parts and replaced them with brass castings and wires.



A copy of the full presentation is available on our web site: [www.NCRNMRA.ORG/presentations](http://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.**

**February Car House** approved.

**March Treasurer's report Dan Shilt:** \$3,904.23 on hand. Approved.

**Layout Tour Plans** have been finalized for an open house on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at Tom Darts layouts, two layouts in one location in Bloomfield Hills. See attached flier.

**AP Awards** – Ken Chick was not able to attend our meeting in February. He is recovering from Gall Bladder surgery. Latest information was that he 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; Scott Swinger has volunteered for April. John Jackson has volunteered for April. Thanks for volunteering.

Please consider volunteering for future months. It only requires a half hour of your time. For security reasons the church door must remain locked at all times. Thanks for helping out the Division and keeping everyone safe.

### **Old Business**

- NCR's move to make the Treasurer an appointed position has been taken off the table. The next election is scheduled for the fall.
- NMRA Code of Conduct – include in Carhouse and will also be posted to the Division 8 website.

### **New Business**

- Still looking for clinicians for the 2024 Regional conventions. If interested in presenting a clinic contact Byrne Blumenstein <[1947sandy@gmail.com](mailto:1947sandy@gmail.com)>.
- Interested in volunteering at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Detroit. Tom from Great Lakes Hobby is willing to sell some layout items at cost.
- Interest in Retention Event was discussed. The most interest was shown to be going to the live steam 7 ½ gauge at Bill Hayes' Michigan Central in Metamora. A date will be picked at the April meeting for some Saturday in late spring or early summer.
- Our yearly donation to Troy Christian Chapel for the use of there rome for our meeting was approve at \$350.
- A Proposal to eliminate printouts for our layout tours was approved. This will save our division about \$150 per year. The tour information is already included in Carhouse.
- An NMRA survey has been emailed to members.

### **Hints and Tips**

- The Mentor/Mentee file (give help/receive help) is at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzClIO4pfcGtM4LcnI-sIExBw2\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzClIO4pfcGtM4LcnI-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](mailto: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, the 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.

- 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 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](mailto:1947sandy@gmail.com)
- Jim Prowse is tearing down his O scale layout prior to moving. Contact him at [jprowse@flash.net](mailto:jprowse@flash.net) for further information.
- Gail Saxon is distributing for free parts (including trees, rail cars, buildings) of a dismantled HO layout. Contact Gail at [gsaxton2006@gmail.com](mailto:gsaxton2006@gmail.com) if interested.
- Kent Aughe is helping distribute a disappearing layout. Contact Kent at [atchappe81@wowway.com](mailto:atchappe81@wowway.com).

**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)**

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

**Positions still needing to be filled.**

<b>Bus Coordinator</b>	<b>Contest Coordinator</b>
<b>Volunteers - Div 8</b>	<b>Merchandise - basically shirts</b>

## Show and Tell

Tim Fisher  
Santa Fe 4-6-2 #1388

Built in 1913, 1 or 52 engines in the 1337 class. Built as balanced compound. Rebuilt as simple in 1923 with 73" drivers, boiler pressure 220 psi, tractive 34650. Fujiyama brass model.



Dan Lewis  
Graves Hotel

Graves Hotel in Montana - Scratch Built in N scale.  
Dan and his wife stayed in the hotel. It burned down about a year ago.



Gail Braman  
Building from Camden New jersey

Scratch built in N scale. A building from Camden New Jersey . A picture from the 1930's was the base for the paper model.



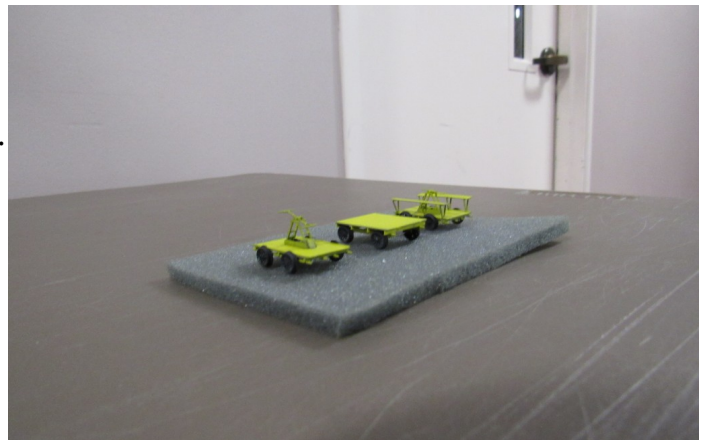
Phil Doolittle  
0-6-0 engines

Wants to convert to DCC, modify and update to use on his layout.



George VanDuyne  
Set of Handcars

Two handcars and a trailer built from a Tichy kit.  
“The most delicate kit I have ever seen!”



Greg Rich  
Three tank engines

He

“I started collecting DieCast Tank Engines back when my budget didn’t match my desires.”  
All DC.

1. Varney docside
2. Tenshodo 0-6-0
3. Tyco- Mantua -0-6-0





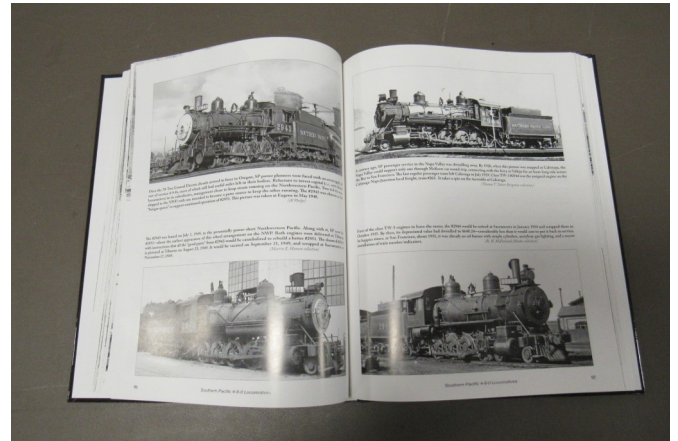
Bruce DeYoung  
Roundhouse MDC 0-6-0 Saddletank

Built from kits (2).



Larry Wolohon  
Steam Loco book

Book on 4-8-0 locos by S.P. Historical Society



John Gavasso  
Plastic Steam Loco

IHC 2-8-2 Santa Fe with 10 modifications including window glazing, replacing cast handrails with wire, and a new motor.



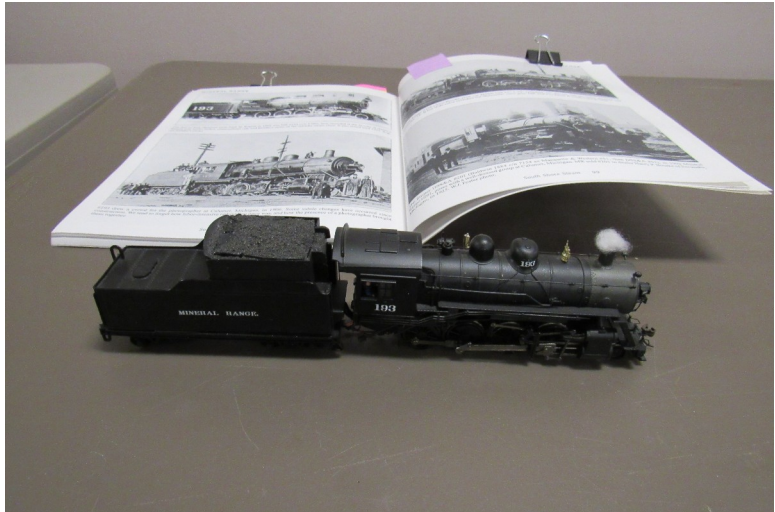
John Racey  
CN Cabin

Allegheny kit in S scale. CN Tower is found in Thurmond West Virginia on [C@O](#) railroad.



Warren Yohe  
Mineral Range #193 2-8-0

Bachman Spectrum 2-8-0 was upgraded with a raised coal bunker and is currently having a Blunami decoder installed.



Irv Chmielewski  
Pennsylvania 2-6-0

Pennsylvania 2-6-0 by Pemco. The drive mechanism is completely in the tender no power being supplied to the engine drivers. An electrical connection to the engine is only used for the headlight.



## **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 16<sup>th</sup> - Clinton River Division Monthly Meeting Troy Christian Chapel**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> – Div 8 Layout tours See attached flier for more information**

**August 4-11 – Surfliner 2024 NMRA National Convention** See NMRA website under Conventions for a link to more information

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

**May 8<sup>th</sup> – Blissfield Model Railroad Club – Scale Trains Road Trip**

### **Division Meeting**

**Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on Zoom**

**Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm**

**Clinic**

**Getting Connected to NMRA Discord**

**Show and Tell**

**Unusual item on your Railroad**

**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 Discord connection 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.*

***Blissfield Model Railroad Club***

*109 E Adrian St Blissfield, MI 49228*

*Wednesday, May 8th*

**The ScaleTrains Road Trip™ returns this April with stops throughout the northeast. Join us at a Meet & Greet where we'll display our latest models, have giveaways, share our story, show how model trains are made, answer questions, and more. Everyone receives a FREE gift bag with an exclusive Road Trip Pin. All Meet & Greets start at 7:00pm unless noted and doors open 20 minutes beforehand. Shane, Michelle, and Bear look forward to meeting everyone and hope you can join the fun.**

## 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 Tagsold'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 -  
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Paul Lichau, Div 6 Superintendent –  
734-878-5390 [plichau@yahoo.com](mailto:plichau@yahoo.com)  
Mark Ellis, Asst. Chairman -  
734-538-5470 [emark@sbccglobal.net](mailto:emark@sbccglobal.net)  
visit our web pages at- [ncx24.ncrmmra.org](http://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

**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](http://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.