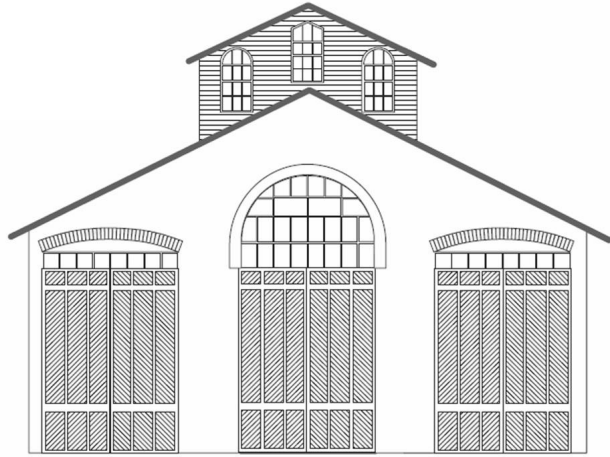


CAR HOUSE



June 20, 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 7:06

Recognition of visitors and MMRs

MMRs present Ron King, Jim Zinser, Greg Rich, Bruce DeYoung

Presidents Page

My message this month is to invite the Division 8 membership out to Bill Hayes' Michigan Central Railroad on Saturday, July 20th. For those that have never been there, this is a 7 1/2" gauge railroad featuring a mix of locomotives, including live steam. We'll begin operations at 10 am and we'll officially wrap up the session at 2 pm. For those that are interested, Bill has extended his welcome to us all day and we're allowed to run trains until dark.

Lunch will be provided. We'll be getting subs from Jimmy Johns. We'll also have soft drinks. I'll be taking your orders when we arrive on Saturday.

All Division 8 members and Division 8 meeting attendees, along with their spouses/girlfriends/boyfriends are welcome. It will be a really fun time. Don't miss it!!

Bill's address is: **3700 Cramton Metamora, Michigan**

Also, please keep an eye out for any updates via our Division 8 Constant Contact emails. In the event of a rainy day or any unforeseen circumstances, we will need to postpone the event.

This will be the first ever NMRA sponsored Division 8 member retention event. All costs will be split between the NMRA and the Division. There is no cost to you. Just bring yourselves and be ready to have a great time. I should also note that no experience is necessary. Bill has a crew that will be there to help us out.

Looking forward to seeing everybody,

Mark

Clinic for June

Chessie Steam Specials 1977/1978

Dave Katona



Dave brought in a slide presentation made up of pictures he and his mother took in 1977 and 1978 when the Chessie system toured engine 2021. The engine ran a number of trips out of Detroit, as well as a round trip from Grand Rapids to Plymouth, Mi.

At the time, Dave worked at the Rider Hobby Store in Farmington Hills, where he sold tickets for the events. Dave also brought in a display of some memorabilia he gathered during the events.

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.

May Car House approved.

June Treasurer's report Dan Shilt: \$3,488.28 Approved. 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. 18 Div 8 members that paid our user fee in 2023 have not paid in 2024.

Layout Tour Plans: A flier for our July 27th. layout tours is attached. ***Please note, there is construction closing some intersections that normally would be used in the area, so please use a GPS mapping system to get to the layouts.***

AP Awards – None this month.

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: Bob Scherer for July. Ken Scherer has volunteered for August. 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

- A couple of our members have volunteered to to work on the Model train layout at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Detroit. Some repairs and cleaning have been made. A short second visit is expected to complete the work.
- Interest in a 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 of July 20th. was selected for the event. Please see Mark's message above for further details.

New Business

- Please submit announcements to Irv Chmielewski so that they can accurately be reported in Carhouse, and also to keep the meeting running on time.
- We have a new Facebook page accessible to non-members to be our public social media face.
- Norm Logan did a briefing on The north Central Express that takes place in October. Something new they will be trying is one of the meeting rooms will be showing presentations of layouts that are open for tours so that anyone who can not make the tours can see what they are missing.

Hints and Tips

- 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/>
- For those on Medicare Part D (Medicare Advantage) ask your insurer if they give you a “Grouper” discount. This can pay you for your NMRA dues.
- A presentation on the steps necessary to complete the onboarding process for NMRA Discord is on our website <https://div8.ncrnmra.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Discord-Instructions.pdf>
- Other Discord instructions are available on the NMRA website under presentations.

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, 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.
- Gail Braman is distributing for free parts (including trees, rail cars, buildings) of a dismantled HO layout. Contact Gail at 1769gailbraman@gmail.com if interested.
- Division 8 membership will be meeting at Bill Hayes' Michigan Central Railroad on Saturday, July 20th.
- Train Sale run by Barry Hensel (Div 6) – June 18-20. 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 – 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
Registration Desk - Doug Tagsold dtagsoldyahoo.com	

Positions still needing to be filled.

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

Show and Tell

Jim Zinser, MMR
Bachman 2-8-0 & Heisler

A Bachman 2-8-0 and a Heisler with added details. Lettered for Copper Valley Railway.



Greg Rich, MMR
4-4-0 Loco #33

Heavily Bashed. 4-4-0 started life as a Mantua "General". Added a can motor, DCC ecoder, LED headlight, extended the wheel base, added brass castings, and all wheel electrical pick ups.



Ron King, MMR
PRR 4-8-2 M1-B Locomotive

A model by Broadway Limited of a PRR M1-B Mountain Steam Locomotive with weathering and detailing.



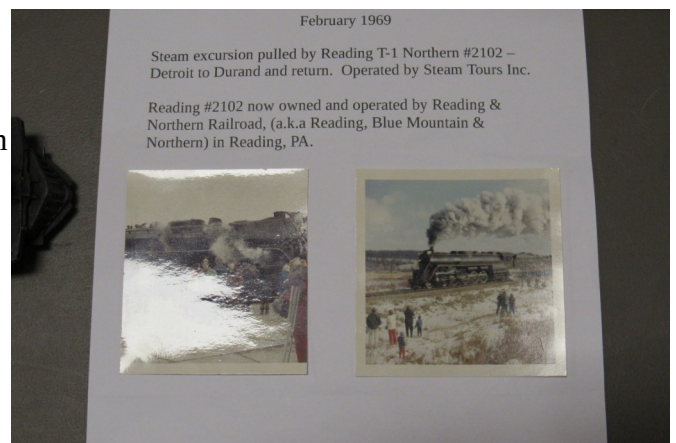
Phil Doolittle
Current Project

DuBois House - American Model Builders kit
about $\frac{3}{4}$ finished.



George Van Duyne
Pictures of steam excursion in 1969

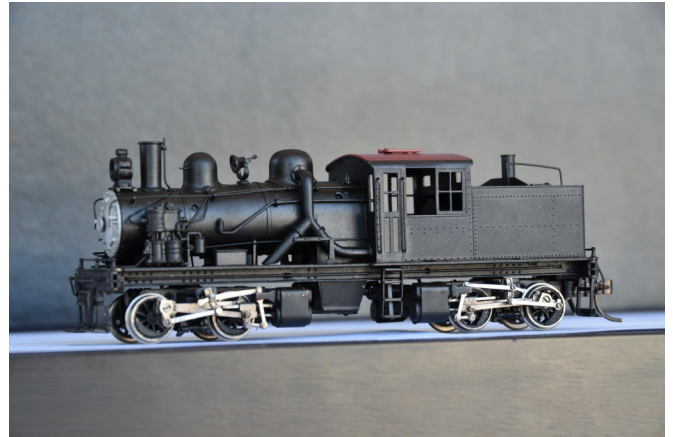
Two photos of a steam excursion in Feb., 1969. Reading 2102 (T-1 Class Mountain) ran from Detroit to Durand and back. One picture is of the locomotive in the Birmingham station. Second pic is a run by somewhere north of Pontiac.



John Martin
Vulcan Logging Engine

A Pacific Fast Mail HO Vulcan logging engine.

(manufacturer's photo)



Gail Braman
N-Scale building

Camden, NJ fire station with hose tower.



Ken Scherer
Engines

CN SD-40-2
BWL with DCC and Sound



John Gavasso
Steam Locomotives

1948 (?) Lionel 2-6-2 with Pennsy K-4 style boiler.



Barry Hensel
Atlas GE U30C Reading RR

New for his railroad – waited 2 years on order.
SoundTrax Economy sound put in.



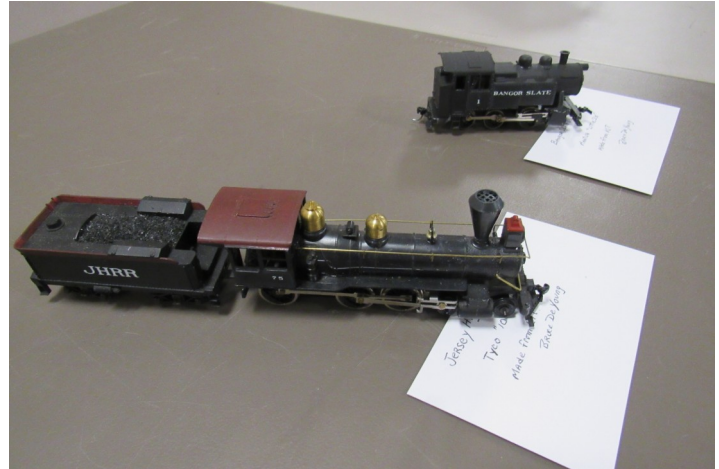
Pierre Willermet
Mantua 4-4-0

From the 60's but now with DCC



Bruce DeYoungf, MMR
Steam Locomotive

Tyco “ten wheeler” Lettering for his Jersey
Highland RR
Mantua “Little Six” Lettering for his Bamgor
Slate Company.
Both Locos made from kits.



Dan Shilt
Locomotives

O Scale 1888 H. K. Porter 0-4-0 7 ton saddle tank
locomotive.



Fred Cosgrove
Locomotives

East Broad Top RR “Millie” #12 2-8-2 by Hallmark. The real one was built in 1911-12 by Baldwin. #12 is the smallest locomotive in the present EBT fleet. HO 2 ½ 0-4-4T locomotive by Minitrains. Based on 2 foot gauge in Maine.



Fred Cosgrove
Freight Cars (Picture not available)

Traction freight cars were usually longer because of the smaller width (8'6" versus 10'). Also has radial couplers and rounded ends to take the sharp radius of the city streets.

Irvin Chmielewski
Locomotive

AHC DC model of a 2-8-0 lettered for the Chesapeake & Ohio



Mark Mincek
Nickel Plate RS-11

Mark won this as a door prize at the Cleveland MCR Regional convention this year.



Tim Fisher
Stacked Pictures

During the past month, Tim took focus stacked photos of his layout for use during the 2025 Convention. At the recommendation of Dave Katona, an Olympus OM 4/3 camera was acquired which will take and stack 3 to 15 images shifting focus from front to back. The



output is an 8 MB JPEG file along with the various focus images. During World War II, the Santa Fe Plains Division used 4-8-4s on most freight trains. Here 3783 enters the double track at Pampa, Texas while 2-10-2 number 940 switches the refinery. 940 was one of the first 2-10-2s and were assigned work as helpers on grades and sometimes switching as shown.

Also displayed were two models of the 3776 Class 4-8-4, 10 engines built 1940. Number 3783 was built with friction bearings and heavy side rods. The wartime 2900 Class with 30 additional engines were built to this specification. The model is a Hallmark Super Crown with factory paint. Number 3784 was one of two built with roller bearing axles and rods with a stack extension for improved draft. After 1945, the remainder of the Class and the 2900 engines all received roller bearings and stack extensions. The model is a United PFM bought used and painted by air brush last year. Both models have Tsunami sound decoders.

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.

July 18th - Clinton River Division Monthly Meeting Troy Christian Chapel

July 18-20, 2024 – Train Sale run by Barry Hensel (Div 6) see attached flier

July 20, 2024 - Division 8 membership will be meeting at Bill Hayes' Michigan Central Railroad on Saturday, July 20th.

July 27^h – 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 11-14th -National Narrow Gauge Convention <https://www.44nngc.com/>

Division Meeting

Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on Zoom

Thursday, July 18, 7:00 pm

Clinic

Traction (Electric) Railroads

Fred Cosgrove

Show and Tell

Traction Electric 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 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.

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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visit our web pages at- ncx24.ncmmra.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		
	4X-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



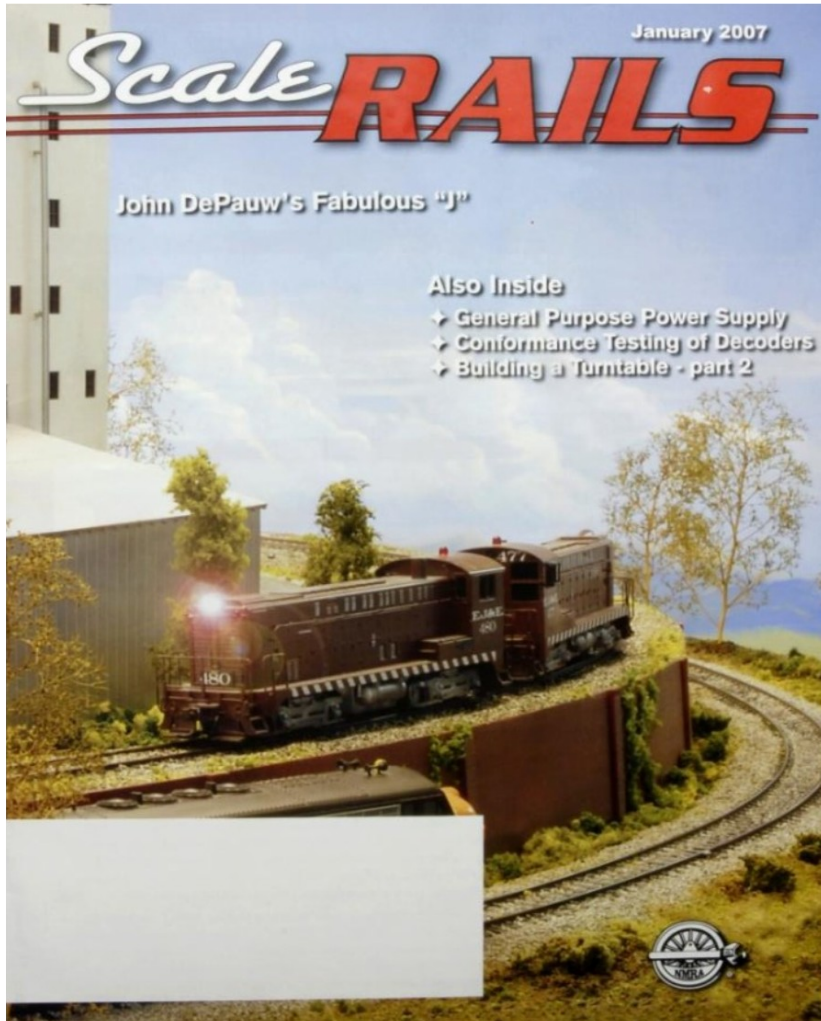


Clinton River Division Layout Open House

Saturday, July 27, 2024
1-4 PM

John Depauw [1303 Ridgeview Circle, Lake Orion, MI 48362](#)

Based on the EJ&E in Chicago in 1973, John's layout depicts the belt railway that linked most of the railroads coming into the Chicago area, including the B&O, Indiana Harbor Belt, Chicago South Shore, N&W, GM&O, NC&P, BN, and others. The layout is large (multi-deck 2000 sq. ft.), and it was constructed with operation in view. John operates regularly, and his sessions have space for 15-20 operators. The layout features coal-hauling, the steel industry, and a large number of subsidiary industries. Most important, his layout features interchanges with the many railroads in the Chicago area.



John Siekirk 9415 Thornhill Drive, Clarkston MI 48348

This free-lanced HO scale layout, the Superior & Seattle RR, depicts the northwest during the steam era. You may have seen John's photography work without realizing it, since he does a lot of the photography for George Sellios' famous Franklin & Manchester layout in the Boston area. John has built virtually all of Sellios' Fine Scale Miniature structures for his layout. He also produces the monthly S&S Railroad Gazette, an online publication featuring both his own work, cameos of George Sellios' railroad, and guest authors.

