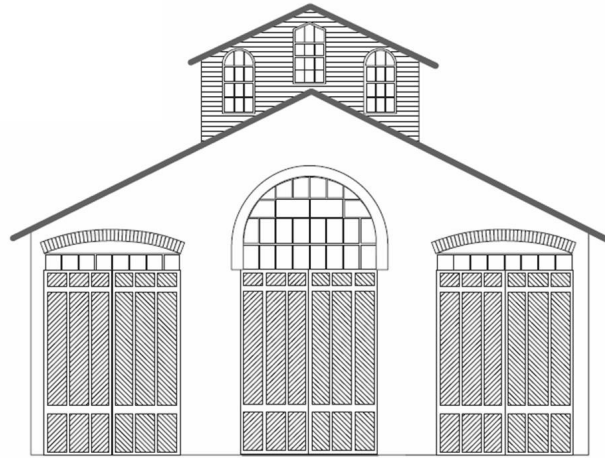


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HOUSE

November 21, 2024

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

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



Call to Order

Call to Order: 7:0

Recognition of visitors and MMRs in attendance: Ken Chick, Dan Lewis, Bruce DeYoung, Jim Zinser, Larry Wolohan, and Greg Rich

Presidents Page

In just a couple of days, we'll all be hanging around the house, waiting for the call of dinner where we'll be stuffing ourselves with turkey and all the trimmings. With that extra time on our hands, it's a perfect time to check out some great railroad photography. Attached is a link to a site that features a lot of high quality photos covering all kinds of railroad topics.

<https://www.losttracksoftime.com/>

Enjoy and don't eat too much!

Mark

Clinic

Mark Mincek – NMRA Member Survey Results

Mark presented the results of the recent member survey that was given at a clinic during the National Convention this summer. There was quite a bit of data presented in charts and graphs.

A brief summary showed that:

- Most members see the hobby growing and changing
- Most members are encouraged and optimistic about the future
- The NMRA must deliver more value for the membership fees
- The National organization must help local divisions and regions to be more successful.
- The majority of members are over 50
- Time, family commitments, and costs seem to be among the main reasons for lack of younger members.

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.

September Car House approved.

November Treasurer's report Dan Shilt: \$3,3059. A ccheck for 251.42 was written to cover the membership retention even. Approved. **Also, please check if your Division 8 Meeting support user fee has been paid. The fee is \$10 per year payable in January. If you have not paid for 2024, please do so.**

Layout Tour Plans: Planning is underway for tours at the beginning of the year.

Regional AP update – Bruce DeYoung has taken over the role as Division 8 AP Chairman.

A.P. CORNER: So, Where Do I Start?

**Bruce De Young, MMR
Division A.P. Coordinator**

If you are at all interested in the NMRA's Achievement Program, you might well wonder about how to get started.

A great way to start is to head to your favorite "Comfy Chair" with a cup of hot chocolate or a glass of Egg Nog, and familiarize yourself with the Achievement Program section of the NMRA website. In addition to the requirements for each Certificate, there are some great articles written by members who have worked their way through the program. Just follow this link: <https://www.nmra.org/education/achievement-program>

In addition to reading all that great info, I can share some insights from my years as the NMRA's Education Department Manager. Although each individual's path through the program is unique, I will share with you the three most commonly earned "First Certificates". They are the Golden Spike Certificate, the Association Volunteer Certificate, and the Scenery Certificate. Let's look briefly at these three.

Golden Spike:

Designed as the perfect entry into the program, the Golden Spike Certificate requirements include some basic modeling of rolling stock (cars and motive power), structures, and scenery/trackwork. Almost all of the layouts we have visited in our "Open Houses/Layout Tours" that our Division arranges would qualify for this award many times over.

An overview of the requirements can be found at this link:

<https://www.nmra.org/golden-spike-award>

Some of you might remember that I gave a clinic at a recent Division Meet on “Earning the Golden Spike”. That clinic is up on the NMRA Website at this link:

<https://www.nmra.org/edutrain/earning-golden-spike-bruce-deyoung-mmra>

Association Volunteer:

Many of you consistently volunteer your time to the Division and/or Region serving on committees or holding an office. Before you know it, you have accumulated enough “Certified Time Units” to qualify for this Certificate. So, you have been working in the A.P. Program without even realizing it. The listing/description of these Time Units can be found on the NMRA website at this link: <https://www.nmra.org/volunteer>

I have been talking with a number of you about your service to the organization, and I’m comfortable in predicting that we will have a flurry of Association Volunteer Certificates issued in late winter or early spring in 2025.

Scenery Certificate:

The reason that Scenery is often one of the first certificates earned is that it builds nicely on the requirements of the Golden Spike. In fact, as you work on the Golden Spike, keep an eye on the Scenery Certificate requirements and realize that if you did a little more work here and there, you can earn both at the same time. In fact, I did exactly that. Those were the first two certificates that I earned and they resulted from the same visit by members of the AP evaluation team from the Garden State Division, NER.

The requirements for the Scenery Certificate can be found at this link:

<https://www.nmra.org/scenery>

That winds up my column for this month. If you have any questions about getting started in the AP Program, feel free to send me an e-mail at bbdeyoung@comcast.net

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

Bruce Ernatt is offering the opportunity to division 8 members to either tour his layout or operate it on Tuesday December 17th between 7-10 PM. Any members interested should contact me at 586-899-0291 or curt48044@gmail.com no later than Saturday December 14th.

Bruce’s address is 170 W Lovell Dr Troy, MI

To preview his layout please see the video at https://youtu.be/MbV_S2vsgXk

Layout Tours-Dan Lewis Coming soon.

Door monitor at the church: December George Van Duyne, January Greg Rich. 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 - None

New Business

- Election – Nominations are due in January. Elections in February. Current officers are willing to maintain their offices. If you think that you might want to get more involved as a division officer, you can contact the current officers and they would be happy to let you assist in the current positions and join in quarterly division Board meetings.

Hints and Tips

- The Mentor/Mentee file (give help/receive help) is at 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/>
- 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.
- Tea bags can be used as tarps to cover loads. The tea can be used as a manure pile.

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 Car House. If you are interested in give a presentation or showing your layout please contact the coordinator.
 - Division 8 Volunteer Coordinator is Mark Mincek.
- Gratiot Valley Railroad Club is selling off their modular layout.
- Also see fliers at end of Car House for some future train shows.

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

Treasurer - Steve Harsh	Webmaster - Marshall Stull
Non-Rail - Kitty Kremer	LDSIG - Ron Burkhardt cdjhyoung@yahoo.com
OPSIG - Eric Smith	RPM Conference - Mike Skibbe
PR/Marketing - Jim Zinser, jimzinser44@outlook.com Barry Hensel barry76lt@wowway.com	Layout Visit - Brook and Jay Qualmann jayqualman@yahoo.com bqualman@yahoo.com
Op Sessions - Ken Chick kdchick@wowway.com	Prototype Tours - Bruce Wolfe
Clinics - Andy Keeney hunter48820@yahoo.com	Volunteers - Div 6 - Bill McMillan Div 8 – Mark Mencek themotive@att.net
Yard Sale - Greg Rich	IT coordinator - Jeff Higgins
Registration Desk - Doug Tagsold dtagsoldyahoo.com	Contest Coordinator - Rick Neibert neibertrichard@att.net

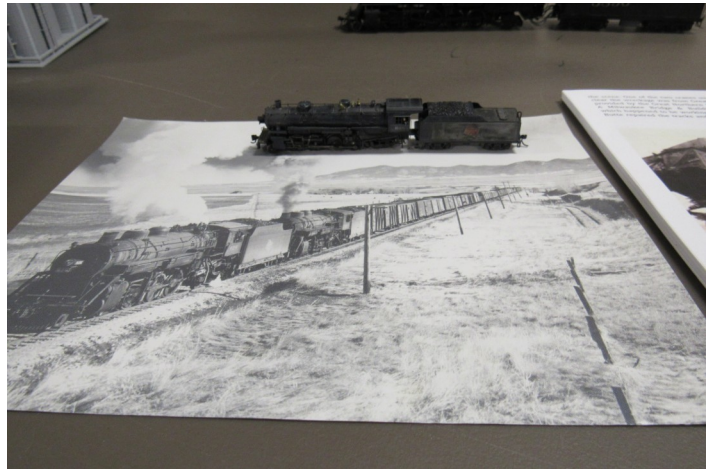
Positions still needing to be filled.

Bus Coordinator	Merchandise - basically shirts
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Show and Tell

Dan Lewis
Light Mikado

Milwaukee #626 N-scale. The prototype was wrecked, reshopped and put back into service. Dan was able to talk to the engineer.



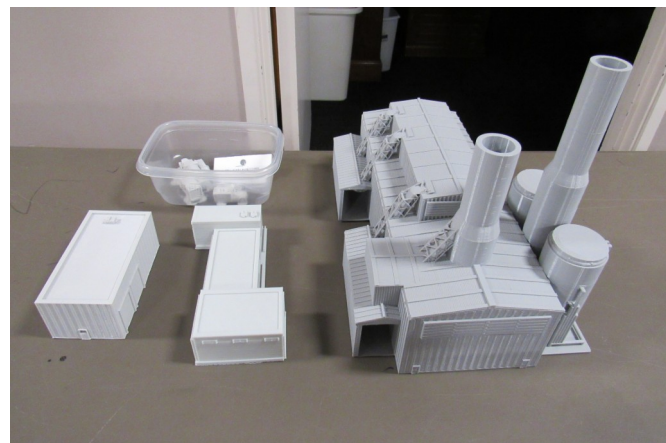
John Jackson
Irv C Special Scenery

Playground equipment worked into a small playground scene.



Kent Aughe
3D printed model of a steel plant

A 3d model of a 175' x 65' 3d model of a steel plant and other buildings produced by Wapiti Rail Services, Calgary.



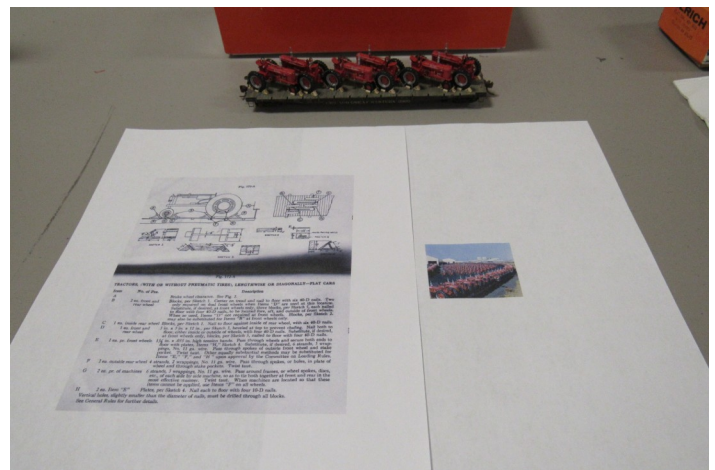
Tim Fisher
Santa Fe 2-10-2 #3896

Class had 141 engines.
Santa Fe built improved 2-10-2 engines with 63” drivers, heavier weight, and higher tractive effort up to 85,000 pounds



Mark Mincek
Farmall Tractor Load

Bought in a Proto 2000 Chicago Great Western Fflat car that was super detailed and loaded with Farmall tractors that are also superdetailed. They are loaded per AAR standards.



Ken Scherer
Steam Engine

PM 2-8-2 Bachman # 2378



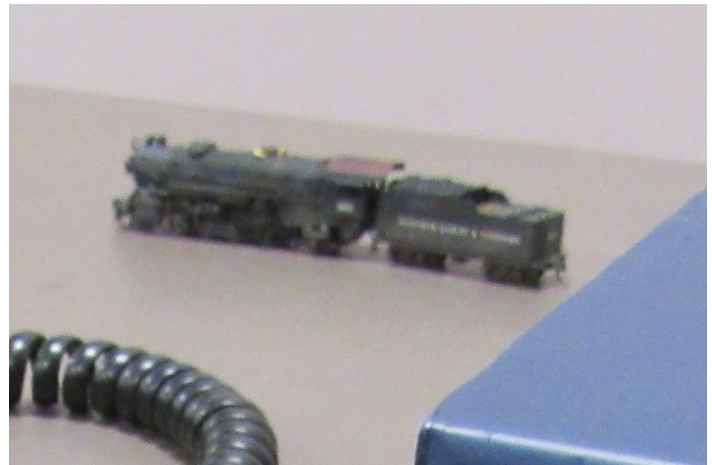
George Van Duyne
Bachman Spectrum 2-8-0

Bachman 2-8-0, custom lettered, painted, and weathered.



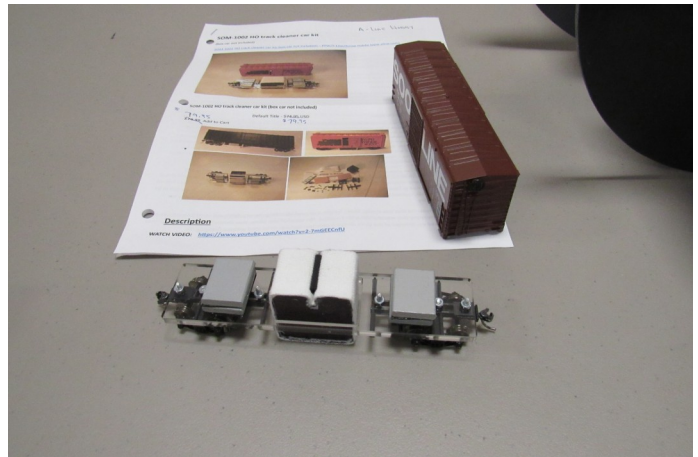
Ken Chick
Steam Engine

DH&N Mike



Warren Yohe
Track Cleaning Car

A-Line SOM Track Cleaning Car kit with a square slider block covered with a cleaning cloth.



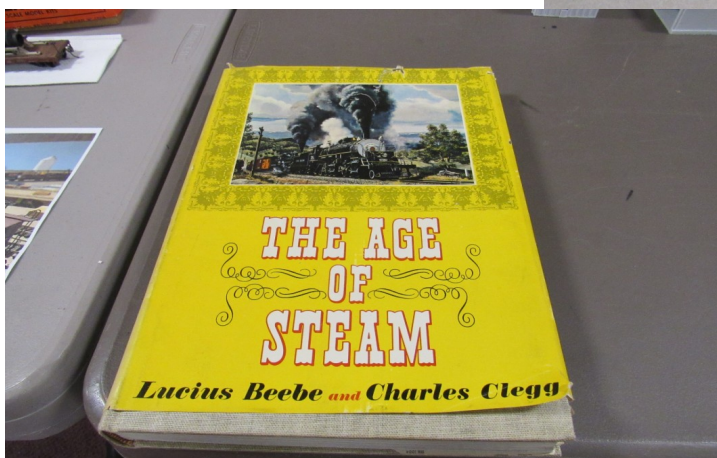
Bruce De Young
Ulrich Flay Car w/load

Picked up this Ulrich Flat Car in the yard sale room at the NCR convention in October. Bruce assembled it and added a load.



Larry Wolohon
Steam Locos

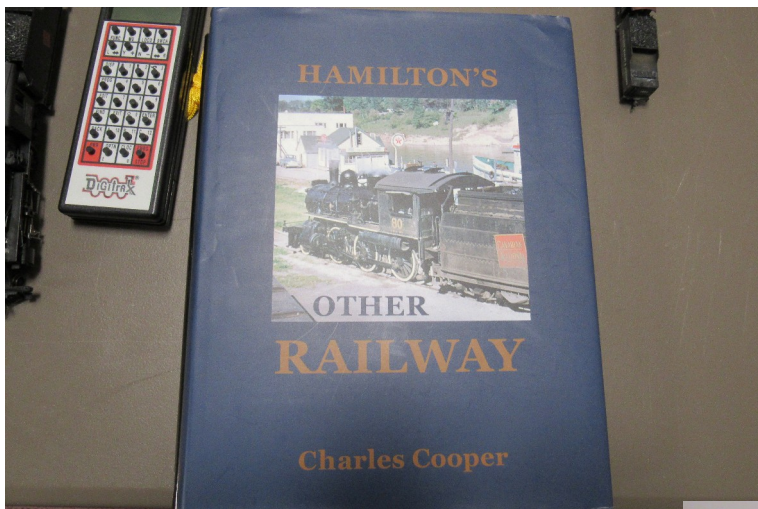
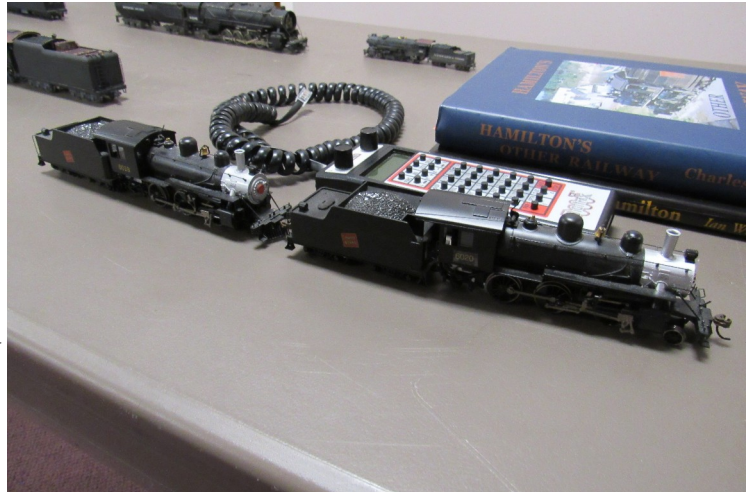
Picture of Larry's O scale SP 4-8-0
Book - Beebe & Clegg – Age of Steam.



Phil Dolittle
Pared Locos

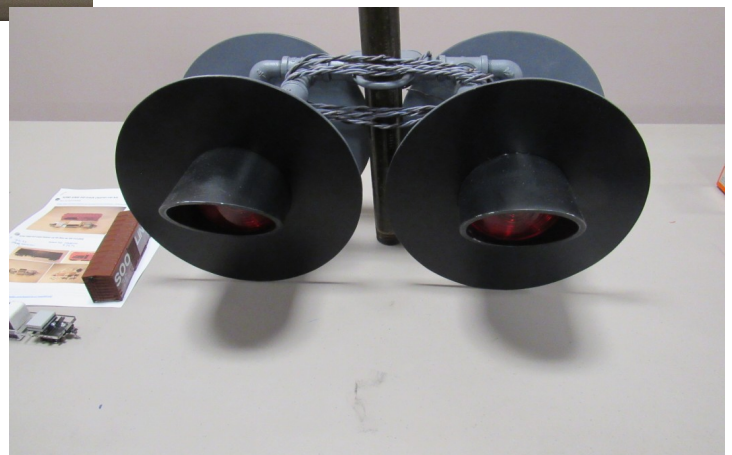
The paired 2-6-0 locomotives and commented about running them with two throttle controls, individual control-not "MUed",

Also brought in the book Hamilton's Railway



Other submission No show and tell form

1:1 scale crossing signal used to help keep kids from crossing in-front of line steam operations. Made from plastic plumbing pipe and other readily available material.



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.

Dec 8th – Division 6 Layout Tours See flier below

Dec. 19th - Clinton River Division Monthly Meeting Troy Christian Chapel

Numerous train shows. See fliers below.

Division Meeting

Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on Zoom

Thursday December 19, 7:00 pm

Clinic

To Be determined

Show and Tell

To Be Determined 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.

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
2025 National Convention

STATION No. VI

Hosted by:
the NORTH CENTRAL REGION

July 14-19, 2025

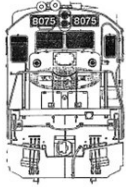
Open to ALL model railroaders! You do not have to be an NMRA member to attend! **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!**

Our location – Sheraton Detroit-Novi, MI
A suburban location with FREE parking!

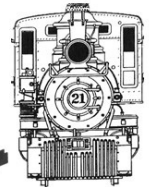
CONVENTION GOALS and HIGHLIGHTS -
Our main objectives are to provide events of value, items attendees will see as worth their money, all at the lowest possible cost. ** We will honor the traditions of past conventions but at lower cost and with greater flexibility. ** This convention will be shorter, starting at 1 PM on Monday and continuing through Saturday afternoon with a banquet Saturday evening. ** Note that registration includes all layout visits and operating sessions, and all activities at the hotel except Modeling with the Masters, and admittance to the National Train Show. ** We will support all the traditional activities of the SIG's. ** The National Contest will be fully supported. The contest will be in a prominent room and will be run by the National Contest team. There will be space for model displays, modular layouts and other functions. Those putting their models on display will have the option of entering the People's Choice Contest. ** We will have several prototype tours which may include a Ford plant tour and a cruise on the Detroit River with an emphasis on the industrial aspects of the waterfront. ** We expect to have at least 90 clinics. The clinics will be varied, and each will be given twice. ** We expect to have at least 60 layouts open for visit. Most layouts will be at least 900 sq. ft. in size running to over 3,000 sq. ft. in one or more cases. All layout visits and op sessions will be self-guided so you may take your time.

<https://nmra2025.com/>





4th Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE!



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

SATURDAY – JANUARY 25, 2025
10am - 3pm



2142 Community Center

7526 Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI 48114

NEW Location!!
MORE Tables!!

189 Tables of model railroad items - ALL scales!
Door Prizes Awarded every 45 minutes! *(must be present to win)*
Food available – FREE parking

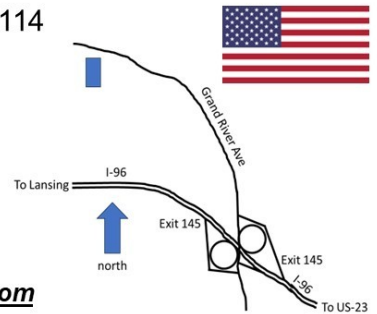
Admission –

\$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 734-649-3056 (6pm-9pm)** div6trainshow@gmail.com





**November 30
& December 1
10am - 3pm**

Tickets \$6

Age 11 & under

FREE with

Adult Paid

Admission

**ADMIT
ONE**

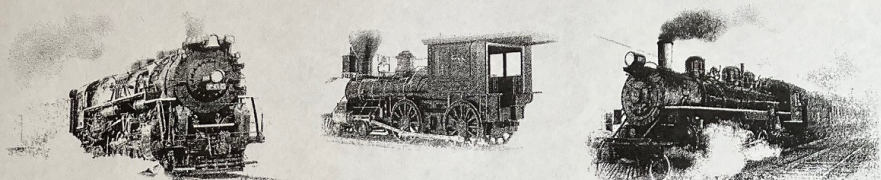
Details at PackardProvingGrounds.org/TrainShow

For More Information Contact:
Mike at mikelj318@gmail.com
or (248) 509-4537

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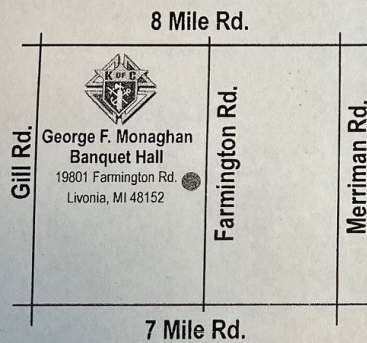
49965 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby TWP, MI 48317
Call or Text (586) 739-4800



6th Annual George F. Monaghan Ole Toy Train Show

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Monaghan Banquet Hall, 19801 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48152
(between 7 and 8 Mile Rds.)



Public Admission:

\$3.00 / Person, \$7.00 / Family
Early Birds / \$10.00 (10:00 am)

Show Opens to the Public

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Vendor Tables Set-up: 7:00 am

Table Donations:

Make checks payable to:

Monaghan Banquet Hall

19801 Farmington Rd
Livonia, MI 48152

(All Tables are 8 Feet Long)

Registration: \$20.00

Day of Show: \$25.00

Operating Train Layouts

Food and Refreshments

Trains Tested

\$1.00 Raffle New Train Set

For Table Reservations
Call or email Brian Klotzer at:
313.255.0466
k432098@aol.com

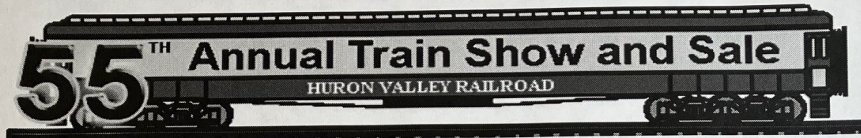
Other Contacts:
Greg: club2690@gmail.com
Cliff: lip7@sbcglobal.net

Come Join Us and Get a Table!

**** Note: No refunds for cancellations the week of the show****

Sponsored by: Monaghan Council # 2690

Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club



Held at Saline Middle School – Saline, MI

2 Day Show
February 15th & 16th, 2025

Saturday 10am – 4pm

Sunday 10am – 3pm

Admission \$7.00

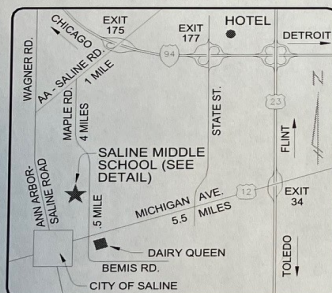
Scouts in uniform admitted free
Children under 10 free with paid adult

Free shuttle bus service provided
to all school parking lots.

Attractions

- 300+ Tables
- Operating Layouts
- Clinics by AAMRC members.
- Free Raffle – Vendor Bucks which can be used towards purchases from any dealer
- Dealers from around the country
- Food Service
- Kids Zone

How to Get There:



Saline Middle School
7190 N. Maple Rd.
Saline MI 48176



← google map QR code

From US-23

- Exit 34, US-12 – Michigan Ave
- West on US-12 5½ miles to Maple Rd.
- North on Maple ½ mile to the old Saline Middle School on the West side of Maple

From I-94

- Exit 175, Ann Arbor – Saline Rd.
- South on Ann Arbor – Saline 1 mile to Maple Rd.
- South on Maple 4 miles to the old Saline Middle School on the West side of Maple



For information on exhibiting or attending see our website at www.hvrrhs.org,
Call or Fax (734) 426-0829 anytime or (734) 426-5100 Wednesday evenings
or email us at a2modelrailroad@gmail.com

**LINCOLN PARK
TRAIN CLUB'S
TRAIN SHOW
(Buy & Swap)**

**Saturday, March 29, 2025
Saturday, October 4, 2025**
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Admission \$5.00
Early Bird - 10:00 AM - \$10.00

J.F.K. Memorial Building
3240 Ferris (behind church)
at the corners of Ferris and London Streets, east of Fort Street
Lincoln Park, Michigan

TABLES
Spring show: \$20 before March 1
Fall show: \$20 before Sept 6
After above: \$25 (if available)

CONTACT
Bob Adler - 734-675-5712
10:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Darrell Hicks - 734-624-1462
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
John Waske - 734-676-8645
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

SET UP
8:00 AM
Hall must be vacated by
4:00 PM

Map Not To Scale

Division 6, NCR, NMRA LAYOUT TOURS

Sunday, December 8, 2024



- 12 noon-4pm John Emley 48142 Red Run Dr Canton
- 1pm-5pm Rick Neibert 3317 Riverside Dr Canton
- 12 noon-4pm Barry Hensel 43642 Lotus Dr Canton
- 1pm-4pm Tom Kosta 959 Princess Drive Canton

