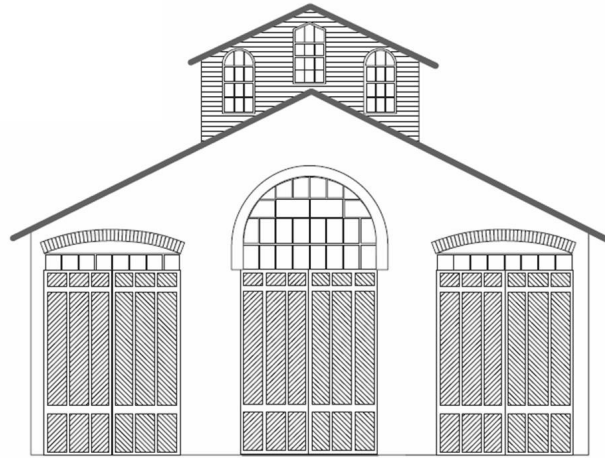


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## December 19, 2024

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

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



### **Call to Order**

**Call to Order:** 7:01

**Recognition of visitors and MMRs in attendance:** Dan Lewis, Bruce DeYoung, Larry Wolohan,

### **Presidents Page**

It was nice to see that our Division ended 2024 on a high note. At our December meeting, George Van Duyne was presented with his Golden Spike Award. Congratulations George!! It was great to see another member get an AP award. To say that Division 8 was a little light on AP achievement awards in 2024 would probably be an understatement. The best part of George's story, though, was that his award wasn't the result of a flurry of last-minute activity trying to get things done on his layout. He received the award based off the nice work he had already completed. It was just a matter taking the credit for that work. I'm guessing that a lot of us fall into this category (including myself). We've done the work. We just need take the credit for it. With that in mind, I'm attaching a link to the AP portion of the NMRA website. Here you can see the individual requirements for each category. Take a look and see how close you are. In many cases, I bet you already qualify for the certificate. If you do, it would be great to see you receive an Achievement Certificate at an upcoming Division 8 meeting.

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

Happy New Year!

Mark

**Clinic**

**Division Railroad Theme Photos**

Dan Shilt

A Christmas Train & Lake of Bays RR Santa  
Traun, Ontario, December, 2023



Dan Lewis - Layout Pictures





Dave Katona  
Pictures of Chasing 1225 and a Christmas greeting



Larry Wolohon – Assorted pictures of trains around Ypsilanti





Tim Fisher -Selection of Stacked and Photo Shopped Photos Notice ceiling removed, as well as sky and smoke added



Neil Thomas – Pictures of an Oregon Commuter Line





Warren Yohe

Pictures of Quincy Mine (real and layout)

Photos – Quincy & Torch Lake RR. Narrow gauge 2-8-0 engine #5 at Quincy Mine, Hancock, Mi. Wood rock cars, and engine house also at the mine. Also layout pictures of the Q&TL model railroad inside the Quincy museum.





Curt Danielewicz – Pictures of a train in Egypt and Historical Pictures of Nicholson Terminal R.R.





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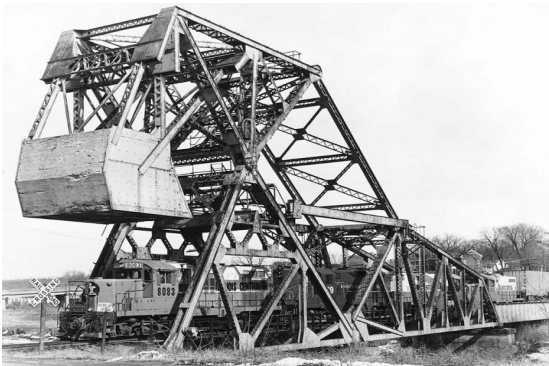


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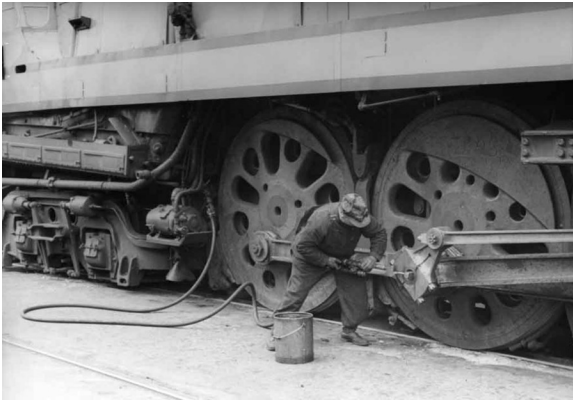




Mark Mincek – Assorted Railroad Historical Pictures



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## **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: \$3,003.66.** Approved.

A request for a reimbursement of membership retention expenses has been submitted to the NMRA.

**With the start of the new year, the membership meeting fee is due. The fee is \$10 per year payable in January. Check with Dan Shilt, he will be happy to assist.**

**Regional AP update** – Bruce DeYoung is Division 8 AP Chairman. Contact him if you are interested in getting an AP certificate. At our December meeting, Bruce had the pleasure of presenting George Van Duyne with the Golden Spike Award that he had earned. At that time, a few members approached Bruce asking if he would be willing to visit their layouts to see if they qualified for the Award. Bruce said that he would be happy to do so.



**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-mmr>

**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>

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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.

**Layout Tours: Our next layout tour date is February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 to 4:00. At Ken Sherer and John Jackson's layouts. A flier is attached with more information.**

**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: January Greg Rich. February – Ken Sherer. Thanks for volunteering.

Please consider volunteering for future months. Iterer. 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 –**

- **Reminder that \$10 User fees for 2025 is due in January.**

#### **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/195MkOSzCII04pfcGtM4Lcni-sIExBw2\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzCII04pfcGtM4Lcni-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 can give you a "Grouper" discount. This can pay you for your NMRA dues.

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- 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.
- If you plan on joining the meeting using Discord, Sign in around 6:30-6:45. Mark will be available during that time to make sure stuff works.
- 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](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 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.
- 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**

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

**Positions still needing to be filled.**

<b>Bus Coordinator</b>	<b>Merchandise - basically shirts</b>
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## Show and Tell (Member Railroad Photos are presented in Clinic section)

John Jackson  
Current Project Telephone system for  
OPS

Displayed an old telephone system that  
he is converting to be used as a  
communication system during  
operations on his railroad.



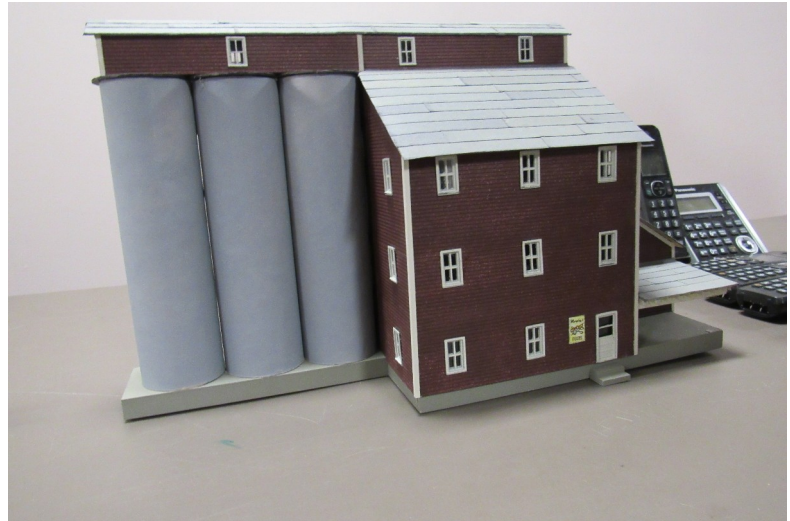
Bruce De Young  
Latest Project – Bar Mills “Jerry’s  
Small Engine Repair”

Renamed the kit after Great Grandchild  
to “Issac’s Ironworks”



John Racey  
Building

S Scale Grain mill by  
LeHigh Valley Models



Phil Doolittle  
Metal “Cut stone”

Found metal pieces imprinted  
and shaped into stone. He applied  
paint to match colors of stone  
work already present on his  
layout.



## **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.

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

**Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Division 6 Layout Tours See flier below**

### **Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House**

**Saturday & Sunday - January 11, 2025, January 12, 2025,**

**Saturday & Sunday - January 25, 2025 January 26, 2025**

104 N. Saginaw, Holly, MI

Contact: Art Williams

dmrrc.email@gmail.com - 248-634-5811

[Google Map link](#)

<https://dmrrc.org/>

**Numerous train shows and train sale events. See fliers below.**

### **Division Meeting**

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

**Thursday December 16, 7:00 pm**

**Clinic**

**Dave Thornton**

**Steam Engines**

**Show and Tell**

**Steam Engines, or What I Got For Christmas 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.*



## Clinton River Division Layout Open House

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025**  
**12:00-4:00 PM**

**Ken Scherer, 1992 Tyler Ave., Berkley, MI**

Ken's layout, under construction, is a freelance of the Grand Trunk Western and "grandpa's trains," 22' x 10'. There are no duck-unders. The lower level and both helix's are finished, and the main level has the mainline complete (but still 50' of main to do on the upper level).

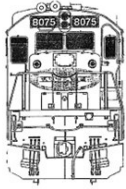


**John Jackson, 1589 E. Melton Rd., Birmingham, MI (1 block north of 14 Mile)**



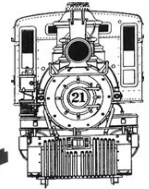
The Detroit, Woodbridge and Birmingham RR is a late 1960's through 1980's free-lanced point-to-point road. While primarily an industrial switching road, it does a lively business connecting the GT, CN and NS railroads in Michigan. The 9' x 13' is about 30% is scened.





# 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

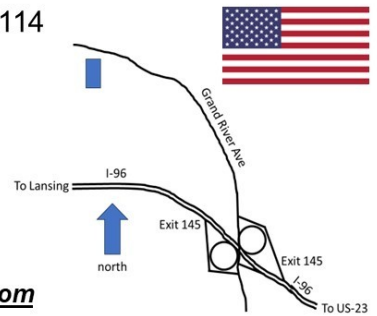
Admission –

**\$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](mailto:div6trainshow@gmail.com)



## Train Shows and Sale Events

**Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club**

**55<sup>TH</sup> Annual Train Show and Sale**  
HURON VALLEY RAILROAD

**Held at Saline Middle School – Saline, MI**

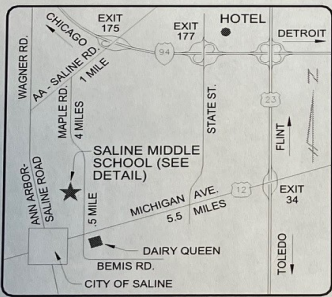
**2 Day Show**  
**February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**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

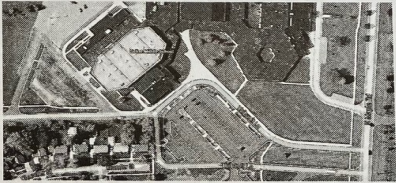
**How to Get There:**



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](http://www.hvrrhs.org),  
Call or Fax (734) 426-0829 anytime or (734) 426-5100 Wednesday evenings  
or email us at [a2modelrailroad@gmail.com](mailto:a2modelrailroad@gmail.com)



Add this superb, one of a kind, historical tank car to your collection. The Northern Utah Division of the NMRA is selling a series of HO scale Utah Oil Company (UTOCO) tank cars manufactured by InterMountain Railway. The cars feature a build date of 8/45 and a test date of 9/28/51.

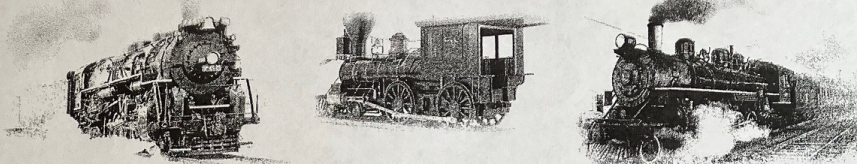
Originally intended to be the convention cars for the 2019 NMRA convention in Salt Lake City, supply chain issues prevented the cars from arriving on time. Offered in six road numbers, the cars have metal wheelsets and Kadee couplers. Priced at \$45.00 each with free shipping, you can get your very own historical tank car before this limited edition is sold out, go to either:

[www.northernutahnmra.org/club-car](http://www.northernutahnmra.org/club-car)

or

<http://northern-utah-division-nmra.square.site/>

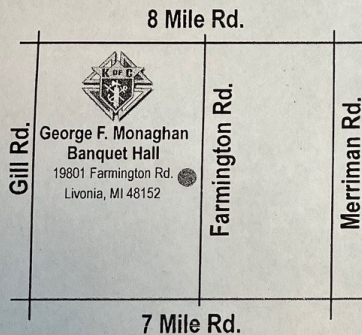




## 6th Annual George F. Monaghan Ole Toy Train Show

**Saturday, February 1, 2025**

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



**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

### **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**

## Come Join Us and Get a Table!

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

Sponsored by: Monaghan Council # 2690

**PRIVATE OWNER  
MODEL RAILROAD**

** SALE **

**JAN 18**

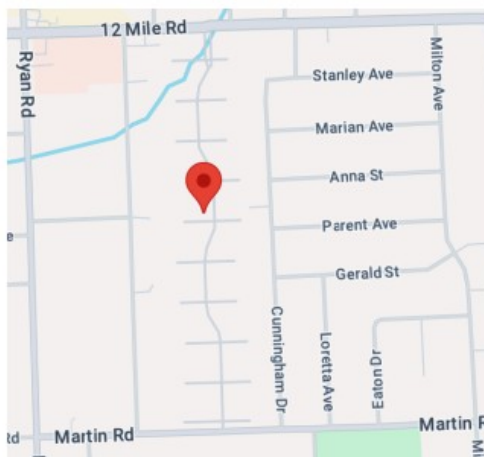
**JAN 19**

**10a-4p**

**12p-4p**

**LOCATION:  
4439 Larkspur Ct,  
Warren, MI 48092**

**ALL HO SCALE ITEMS!!!**



**Locomotives -**

**1970s era Diesels**

**Santa Fe & Some Erie**

**DCC Sound, DCC, DC-Powered**

**Railcars**

**200+ RTR**

**200+ Kits**

**Layout for sale -**

**Buildings, Vehicles, Details,  
Trees**

**Cash , Paypal & Venmo Only. All Sales Final.  
No Public Bathrooms**



### **Great American Train Show**

Saturday and Sunday January 18-19,  
Suburban Collection Showplace.  
46100 Grand River, Novi

Taylor Town Train Show  
Taylor Town Trade Center  
January 12<sup>th</sup>.

22525 Ecorse Rd, Taylor, MI [Google Map link](#)  
Contact: Mike Leland - samziegler@hughes.net - 3139555523

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