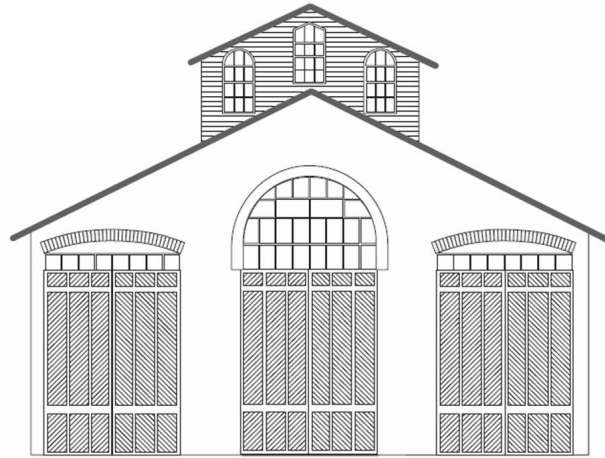


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February 20, 2025

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

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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, and Ron King,

Presidents Page

Before today's modern methods of running a railroad from one central location, the railroads utilized a network of interlocking towers scattered across their entire rail network to keep trains moving and running safely. From simple single story towers that controlled a key spot on a railroad to multistory brick monoliths with hundreds of levers controlling highly complex railyards, there is nearly endless variety. Interlocking towers can be exceptionally fun to model and can add a lot to both the visual and operations side of your layout. With that in mind, I'm passing along a link to a website that lists hundreds of interlocking towers, complete with lots of photos for both your viewing pleasure and to help in your modeling.

http://northamericaninterlockings.com/states_a-z_and_canada_8.html

Enjoy

Mark

Clinic

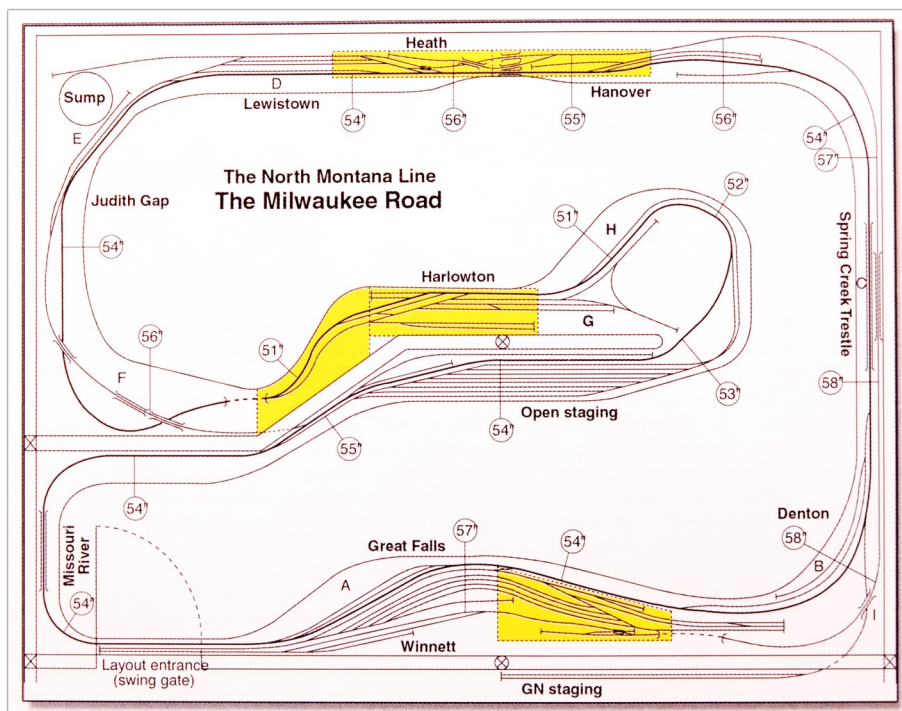
By Dan Lewis

Dan's clinic took us through his history in model railroading. He began in 1970 with a small HO-scale layout while a professor at a college in Oregon. However, that layout was short-lived. Later, he traded a set of golf clubs for a box of HO-scale equipment. Facing constraints on time, space, and budget, he eventually transitioned to an N-scale shelf layout.

When Dan moved to Michigan, his layout moved with him. To expand opportunities for scenery and structures, he added an additional section. Wanting to support operating sessions, he incorporated a removable section accessed through a hole in the wall. Over time, more sections were added. He also discovered that parts of the layout could be moved outdoors for photography, an aspect of the hobby he particularly enjoyed.

After purchasing a house, Dan fulfilled his dream of building a larger layout, integrating the original shelf sections into the design. His dedication and craftsmanship ultimately led to him earning the title of Master Model Railroader **(MMR) #268**.

Dan Lewis's Current Layout with Past shelf layout sections highlighted.



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.

Car House approved.

February Treasurer’s report Dan Shilt: \$3,,378.97 No Expenditures. Increase in funds due to members paying annual meeting fee. Approved.

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. Bruce would be happy to assist you.

Division 8 members Steve Weber and John Martin were presented their Golden Spike Awards



AP Corner

“It Doesn’t Take A Village, But It Does Take A Team”

Bruce De Young, MMR Division A.P. Coordinator

Since my February Column, I had the pleasure of re-visiting Steve Weber’s layout again. This time I was joined by George Van Duyne and the two of us evaluated Steve’s layout for the AP Scenery Certificate. George and I determined that Steve’s scenery earned a Merit Award, and I

have passed the paperwork up the line to the Region. (Left to right in the photo is Steve, George, and Me.)



Now back to that concept of an AP 'Team'. Just a "heads-up", I will be looking for some volunteers here.

I can evaluate the work towards earning a number certificates by myself because it often comes down to a simple review of paperwork created by the NMRA member seeking the award. Those include the Golden Spike and these five AP Awards: Association Official, Association Volunteer, Author, Chief Dispatcher, and Electrical Engineer.

However, the remaining six certificates require evaluation of modeling work performed by the NMRA member applying for that certificate. That evaluation must be performed by two or more other NMRA members qualified to serve as those evaluators. Let's list those other certificates and then I will address what it means to be 'qualified to evaluate'.

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The AP Certificates needing an evaluation team are:

- Cars
- Civil Engineering
- Motive Power
- Prototype Models
- Scenery
- Structures

So, who is qualified to serve on an evaluation team for these six certificates? Any MMR or any NMRA member who has earned one of those certificates can serve on the team evaluating an applicant's work in that area. That is, if you have earned the Structures Certificate, you can serve on a team evaluating structures. You get the idea.

Now for my plea for volunteers. If you are an MMR, or a Certificate holder in one of the above six categories, and are willing to serve on an evaluation team, please send me an e-mail indicating that willingness. Just a simple e-mail with your name, NMRA Number and expiration date, and the certificates you hold (and would like to help evaluate) sent to bbdeyoung@comcast.net will suffice. I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Layout Tours: Successful tour were help on Feb. 22. **Stay tuned for future tours.**

Operating Session Plans – Curt Danielewicz can be contacted if you would like to be included in future Operating Session plans. Curt48044@Gmail.com

- Mike Tranquilla will be hosting an operating session on April 26th. at his home in Livonia. Contact Mike at Michael_Tranquilla@hotmail.com if you wish to participate.

Door monitor at the church: March - Scott Swinger April - Kent Augie

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 –

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

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- Election –Elections were held. Current officers were reelected to their offices. If you think that you might want to get more involved as a division officer, at some time in the future, you can contact the current officers and they would be happy to let you assist in the current positions as well as joining in quarterly division Board meetings.

New Business

- A donation to the Troy Christian Chapel was for \$350 was approved by the members. We do not pay a monthly fee for the use of the meeting room.

Hints and Tips

- The Mentor/Mentee file (give help/receive help) is at https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzClI04pfcGtM4Lcni-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.
- 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.

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.
- Also see fliers at end of Car House for some future events.

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

Tim Fisher
Pennsylvania R.R. Kerosene Lamp

Lantern was Jack Fisher's working as a switch engineer for PRR in Mansfield, Ohio. Jack was my Grandfather.



Dave Thornton
Current Project

O scale B&O N-35 Hopper Car
Book on B&O 2 bay offset side hopper cars.



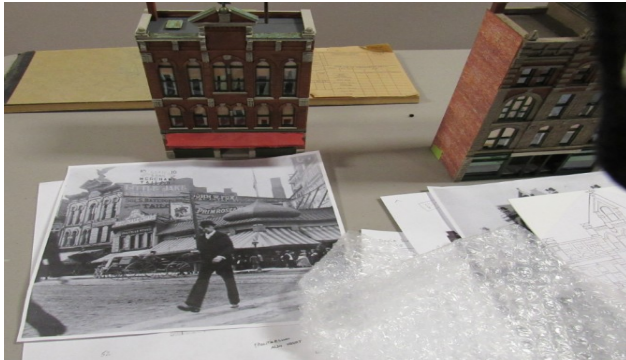
David Cook
Combine

Pullman Green
Athearn Blue Box combine



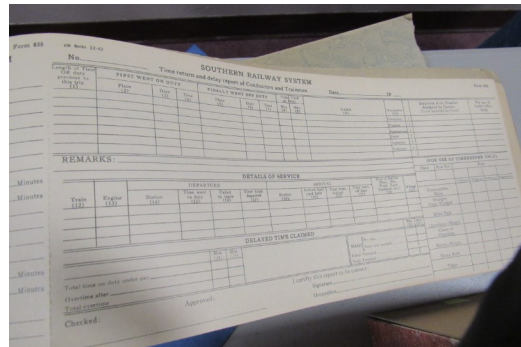
Greg Rich
Scratch Built Buildings

Two Circa 1890 Buildings made from Card Stock And Basswood shapes. Modeled after old photos of actual buildings



John Jackson
Railroad Memorabilia

Birthday card w/folding steam loco.
Southern Railway System Conductor and Trainmen Book circa 12/42



Jerry Shanek
Memorabilia

UP Restoration and crew signed Big Boy Case and T-shirt
Ticket stubs found in the wall during the restoration of the Detroit Michigan Central Station.



John Gavasso
Railroad Memorabilia

Adlake R.R. Lantern, His first railroad lantern
(painted gold)



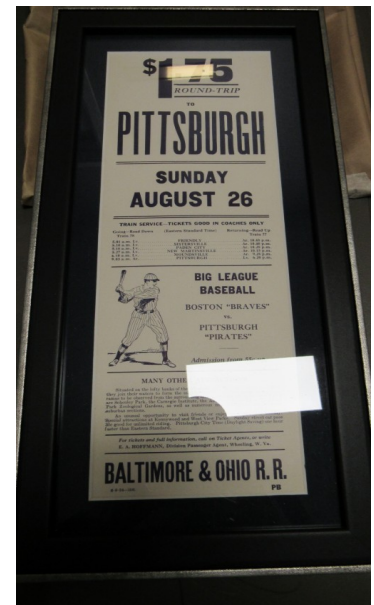
Kent Aughe
Railroad Memorabilia

Telegraph Register of Trains - Central
Indiana Railway from 6/17/1911
and White Water Valley RR Heisler
drawing



Mark Mincek
Telephone Pole Advertising B&O

The B&O used these types of “hang type” ads back in the 1930’s



Dan Shilt
Railroad Memorabilia

Huntsville & Lake of Bays RR
1. Spike from RR- c.1900 RR abandoned 1960

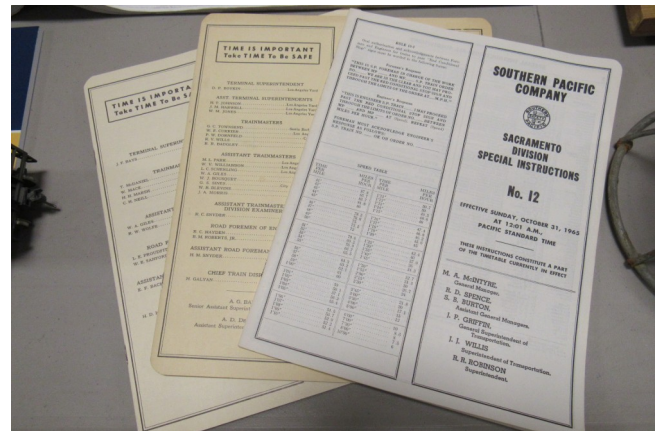


2. Whistle from Steamer 1897-1932



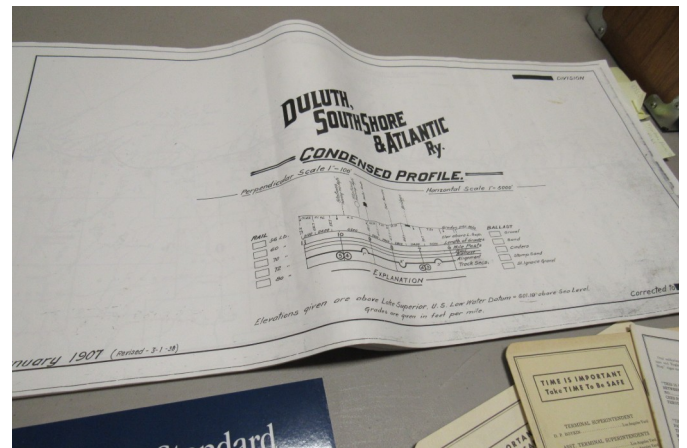
Larry Wolohon
Railroad Memorabilia

Three SP Timetables



Warren Yohe
Railroad Memorabilia

DSS&A Profiles Railway Maps show track elevations and grades by mile along the right of way. It also shows statio9ns, water Tanks, bridges, and curve measurements.



Irv Chmielewski
Railroad Memorabilia

Three railroad souvenir hats; The Ghan (central Australia), White Pass and Yukon (Canada), and Engine 1225 (Railroad Steam Institute – Michigan)

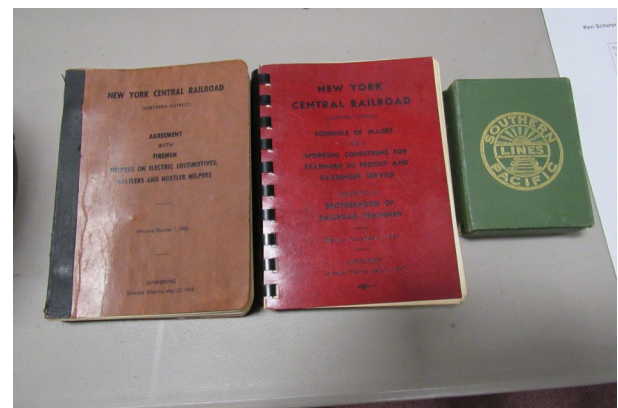


Book Ends
No Show and Tell Slip submitted



New York Central
• Books detailing agreements with Firemen,
• Schedule of Wages
Similar book from Southern Pacific

No Show and Tell Slip submitted



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.

March 20th - Clinton River Division Monthly Meeting Troy Christian Chapel
March multiple days – Detroit Model Railroad Club See flier

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

Division Meeting

Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on Discord
Thursday March 20, 7:00 pm

Clinic

Love Affair With Old Kits
BY Bruce De Young

Show and Tell

Old Kits, Either Built Or Still In Box
or Current Project

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

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2024

Nov. 29 - Dec. 1
Dec. 7 & 8
Dec. 14 & 15

2025

Jan. 11 & 12
Jan. 25 & 26
Mar. 1 & 2
Mar. 15 & 16

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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



JAN 12
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MAR 15
OCT 19
2025

11AM TO 4PM

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CONCESSION AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE

<p>TABLE REGISTRATION \$20.00, IF RECEIVED BEFORE APRIL 7, 2025, AFTER APRIL 7, 2025 AND AT THE DOOR WILL BE \$25.00. DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ADMISSION. ADMISSION FOR EACH ADULT \$5.00. KID'S 17 AND UNDER, ACTIVE MILITARY ID and LADIES ADMITTED FREE.</p>	
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<p>Advanced Table Registration Make Checks Payable To: The Flying Aces R/C Club Inc. Mail to: Flying Aces R/C Club Inc. 6184 King Arthur Dr. Swartz Creek, MI 48473 For Info. & Table reservations: Call Bill Gerald Cell 810-845-3007 Set-up 9:00 AM Reserved tables will be held until 10:00 AM. Then released to be issued as unreserved General Information ONLY: Steve Polen 810-730-3533</p>	
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GRAND RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD CLUB
THE GREATER GRAND RAPIDS
SPRING 2025 TRAIN SHOW
SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025

LOCATION: HSB, Inc. (Home School Building)

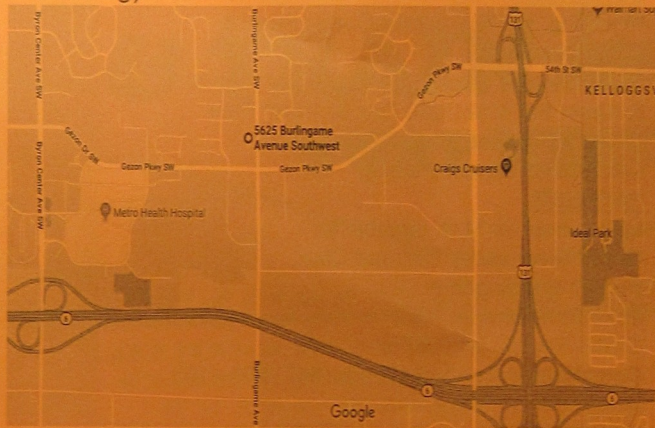
5625 Burlingame Ave SW
Wyoming, MI (NW corner Gezon
Pkwy & Burlingame Ave)

TIME: 10am to 3pm

COST: Adults - \$5, 12 and under
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