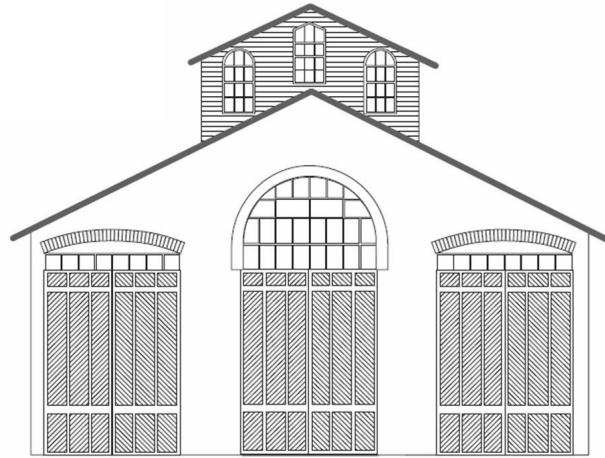


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HOUSE

June 19, 2025

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Call to Order

Call to Order: 7:02

John Jackson ran the meeting in place of Mark Mencek who was absent.

Recognition of visitors and MMRs in attendance: Dan Lewis, Bruce DeYoung, Larry Wolohan, Ron King, Greg Rich, Scott Kramer and Jim Zinser

Prior to regular business, Scott Kramer gave a brief update about the upcoming Convention.:

- As of our meeting, over 800 had already registered,
- 230 first timers.
- 116 clinics
- 60 layout tours
- more volunteers needed.

Presidents Page

My last Carhouse message started off by saying it's hard to believe that the National Convention was upon us. I'll start off this month's message by saying it's hard to believe that it's over. I do want to commend all who volunteered to help out at the convention. In total, there were nearly 500 people who volunteered their time to make the convention a big success. The positive comments that I heard about the convention seemed to be endless and it would not have been possible without all of the volunteers. Thanks to all of you!!!

Mark

Clinic

Dave Thornton gave a short talk on the B&O railroad. A DVD was going to be used, but a DVD player was not available. As a substitute, Dave Talked about the B&O's ability to constantly update and modify steam engines, keeping them relevant for decades.

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.

June Treasurer's report Dan Shilt: \$3093.33; No Expenditures 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 – A number of AP Awards and certificates were awarded this meeting.

Dan Shilt -Association Volunteer



Phil Doolittle – Chief Dispatcher



David Katona

Golden Spike Award



Gail Braman

Two Master Builder Merit Awards



AP Corner

“Chief Dispatcher Certificate”

Bruce De Young, MMR
Division A.P. Coordinator

At our June Division Meeting, I had the pleasure of handing Phil Doolittle his Chief Dispatcher Certificate. At that time, I mentioned that several other Division members had mentioned to me that they were in the process of accumulating hours of operating trains on various layouts as part of the requirement for earning this certificate.

Fast forward a few weeks, and the latest edition of the “*NMRA Turntable*” arrived in my e-mail in-box. Low and behold, one of the included items was a YouTube Video on earning the Chief

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Dispatcher Certificate. The author of that video did a very good job of explaining the various requirements and showing samples of the necessary documentation. For any member working towards the certificate, viewing this video would be a good use of time. Here is the link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQbfOHgmAV4>

Another resource for those working towards the Chief Dispatcher Certificate are NMRA members in the area who have already earned it. Besides Phil Doolittle, there are Greg Rich, Brook Qualman, Larry Burk, and Norm Logan. I'm sure that there are several more, but those are on the list that I've been provided.

Well, that's it for this column. Short and sweet. Elsewhere in this issue you will find photos of those members who received AP Certificates, Golden Spikes, and Merit Awards at our last meeting. See you at the August meeting.

Layout Tours: Next Tours in our Division will be scheduled for the Fall. Many of our members layouts are open as part of the National Convention.

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

Door monitor at the church: Dan Shilt will cover the door for August.

Thanks for volunteering. **Please consider volunteering for future months. It only requires a half hour of your time just before the meeting.** 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.**

New Business

- No new items were brought up.

Hints and Tips

- The Mentor/Mentee file (give help/receive help) is at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hj4moARyx4iKjpShtSzk8mVanFln9vq0/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=116662642115004050447&rtpof=true&sd=true
- The private Clinton River Division Facebook group is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288929175921717/>

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- 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.

Announcements

Please notify Irv Chmielewski (NCRDIV8SECRETARY@gmail.com) if you would like to have an announcement posted in Car House. Provide written details

- A presentation on the steps necessary to complete the onboarding process for NMRA Discord is on our website.
 - For information on how to connect to the NMRA Discord portal go to the Div 8 web page <https://div8.ncrnmra.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Discord-Instructions.pdf>
 - Other Discord instructions are available on the NMRA website under presentations.
- See fliers at end of Car House for any future events. (NOTHING FOR NOW)

Show and Tell

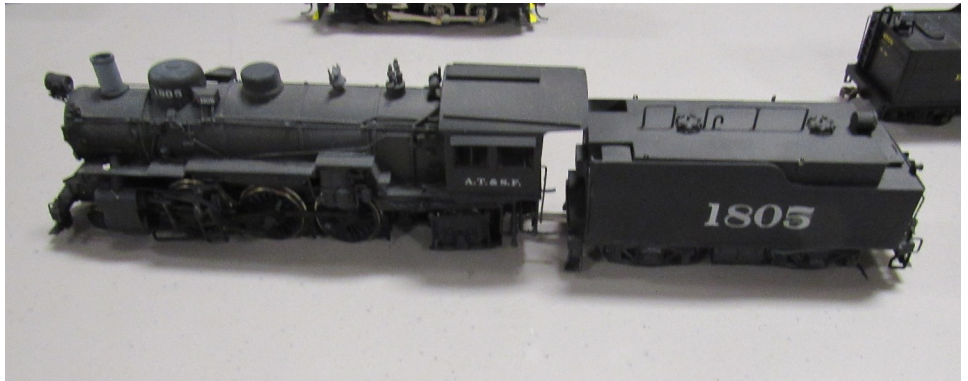
Kent Augie
Various N scale items

Millen engineering – stainless steel Diner
Tomix wheel cleaner (But instructions in Chinese)
“Pluto Water” Box car – NADX reporting marks
“Pluto Water” T-shirt (wearing it.)



Tim Fisher
Santa Fe Prairie 2-6-2

Santa Fe 1800 class had 88 engines. They were designed for Freight. They were built from 1906 to 1909 with 69" drivers and 43,200 lbs tractive effort. Model is HO custom brass.



Ron King MMR
Erie #122 0-8-0

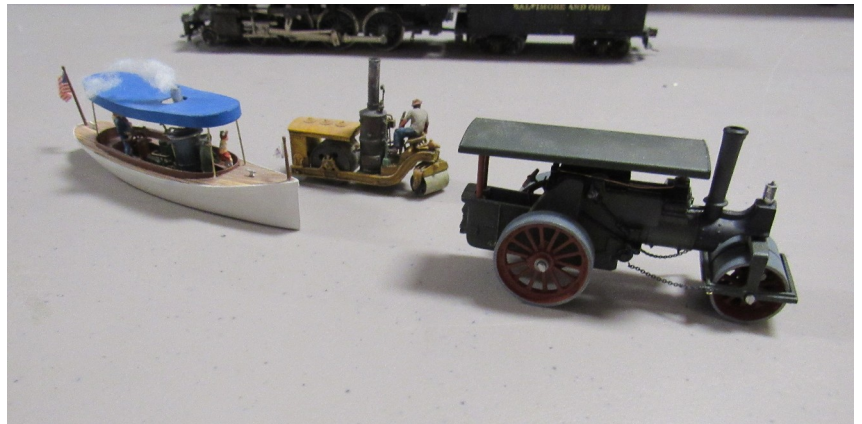
Paint and decals and super detailing for the Erie Model by Life Like. Prototype built in 1918.



Greg Rich
Steam Engine

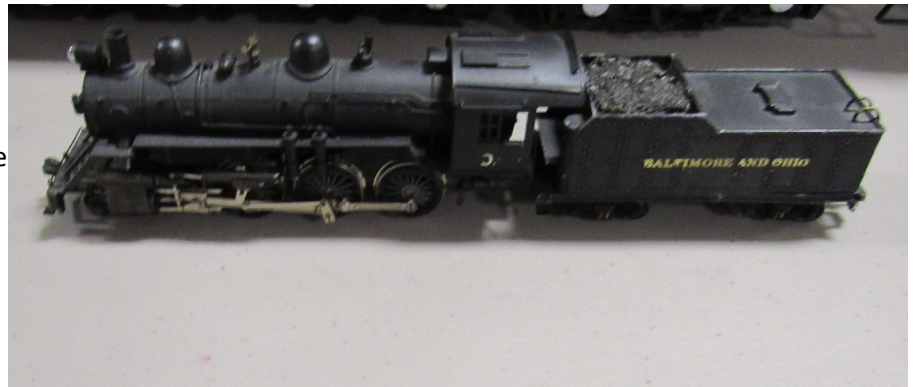
Three non-rail steam powered vehicles

- SSLtd. Ross Rollers
- Sheep SGT Steam Powered Launch
- Steam Tractor kit from Irv Schultz



John Gavasso
B&O Steam

B&O B-18c 4-6-0
1901-53
70" Drivers, 200 psi, 30,000 lbs Tractive
effort./



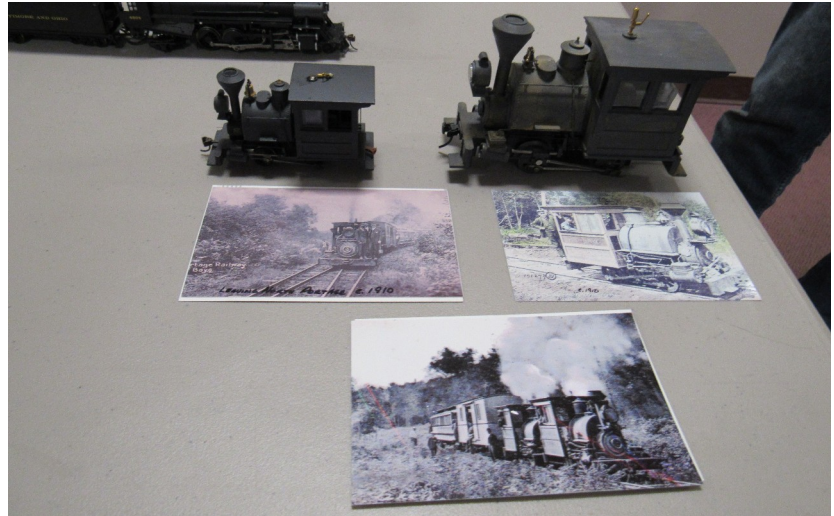
Fred Cosgrove
Steam Locomotive

LMS 4-6-2 Princess series of steam
locomotives #6221 was 2nd in
series. Built in 1937, retired in
1963



Dan Shilt
H.K. Porter Saddle Tank Locomotives

0-4-0, 7 Ton prototype manufactured in 1880's



Dave Thorton
Steam Locomotives

O scale B&O T-3 4-8-2



Gail Braman
Covered Bridge

N scale covered bridge. Scaled down version of the Frankenmuth covered bridge. Completely made of card stock and paper.



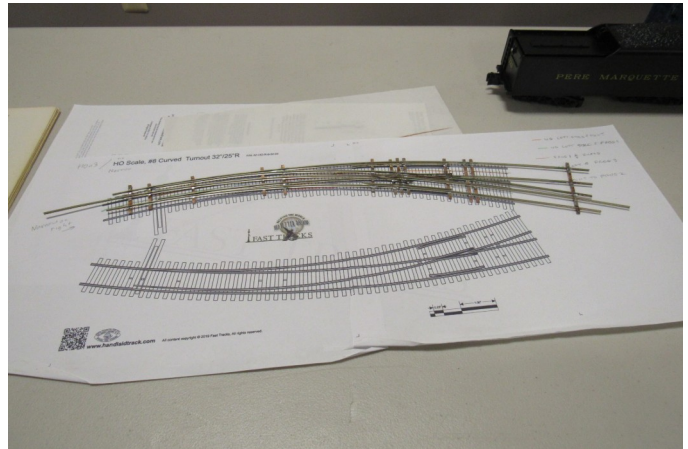
George Van Duyne
Mikado

Bachman USRA 2-8-2 Mikado. Lettered for
B&O.



Phil Doolittle
Latest Project

Dual Gauge- Gauge separation turnout on a curve.
Study of frustration and epiphany.



John Racey
Steam Locomotives

Lionel S scale Berkshire- Pere
Marquette #1223

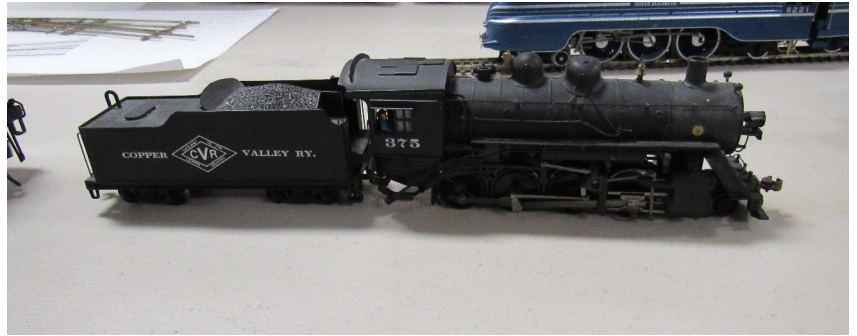


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Jim Zinser

Bachman Spectrum 2-8-0

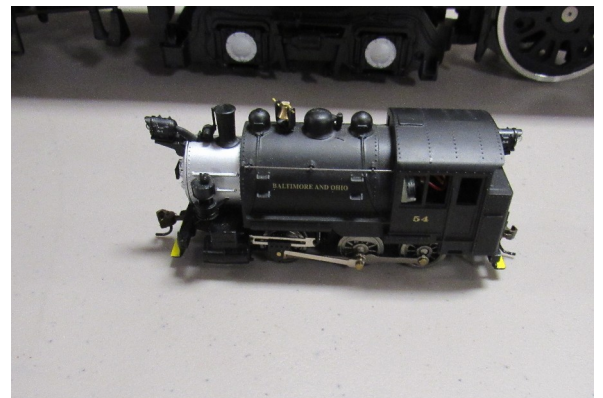
DCC and sound, lightly weathered with custom made lettering for his Copper Valley Railroad.



Irvin Chmielewski

B&O Switcher

A B&O Saddle Tank 0-6-0 Switcher lettered for the B&O with DCC. Had been looking for a small switch engine for a few years. Found this at a train show about a year ago. The seller immediately dropped the price (must have had at it for some time?). Turned out to be DCC with sound. It has since been re-lettered for my railroad.



Jerry Shanek

Union Pacific Big Boy

The wood case for it is signed by the engine crew and rebuild crew. He obtained the signatures at a 4014 show in Chicago.



SCHEDULES

For more information, contact the organization listed. Event Fliers are attached when available. Check with the venue before the event.

Aug 21th - Clinton River Division Monthly Meeting Troy Christian Chapel

Division Meeting

**Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on Discord
Thursday Aug 21, 7:00 pm**

Clinic

**Model railroading and artificial intelligence
by Bruce De Young**

Show and Tell

Cabooses or a current project.

*Join us after the meeting for snacks and conversation at Leo's Coney Island,
Walton & Livernois*