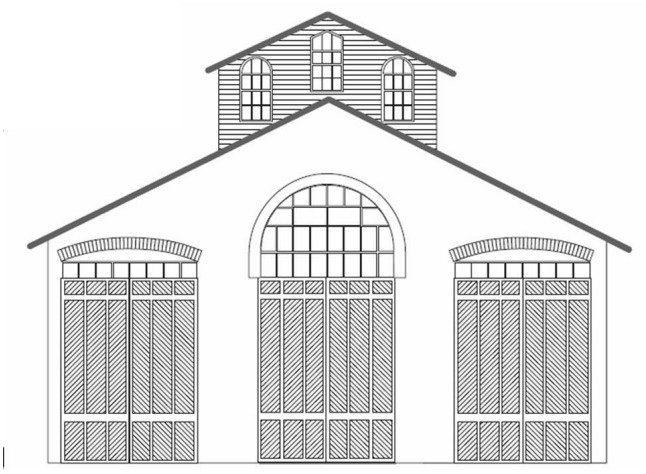
CAR  HOUSE

October 16th, 2026

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

Website: http://www.nmra.org/

Call to Order: 7:01

Recognition of visitors and MMRs in attendance: Bruce DeYoung, Ron King, Dan Lewis, Greg Rich, Jim Zinzer, and Larry Wolohon

President's Page

With our September clinic topic of using AI in model railroading and our show and tell being any model where you used the internet to help you, I thought it would be a good time to pass along a handy little tool to help you get your freight and passenger car fleet running at its optimal performance. Attached is a link to a calculator that will tell you how much a freight or passenger car should weigh in at in order to run optimally. Just plug in your scale, plug in the length of the car, and it will give you the optimal weight of that car.

Something handy that all of us can use!

https://showmyhobby.com/henrys-nmra-rolling-stock-car-scale-weight-calculator/

See you in November,
Mark

Clinic
Vehicles
BY Greg Rich

The clinic covered the steps Greg took to scratch build a 1922 Hudson motor car. The project honed old skills and started new ones. He started with a picture in a book and finished with a scratch built 3-D model.

Starting with the picture in a book, Greg developed accurate drawings of the vehicle. The top, the front, the back and both sides were drawn using a pencil and a ruler. With the drawings, Greg fashioned the car body using thin copper sheets with plastic added to some areas to increase rigidity.

After the passenger body part was completed, Greg scratch built the other parts of the car. The front engine section, radiator grill, fenders, drive train and wheels where made. All components were fitted together and painted (Blue and black).

The coupe then joined the other Hudsons in Greg's collection.

For a picture of the new Hudson and the rest of the Hudsons, see a photo in the Show and Tell section of this Car House.

BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

Car House approved.

September Treasurer's report Dan Shilt:

$4138.98. No expenses
Collected $33.00 train tickets and $78.81 in user fees ($60 cash, $18.81 Paypal)
All regular Division 8 attendees have contributed a user fee for 2026.

The membership meeting fee is $10 per year payable in January. Check with Dan Shilt, he will be happy to assist.

All Members – Please check your NMRA membership cards and renew today. Insurance rergulations 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 now $50 per year.

Regional AP update – Bruce DeYoung – Additional AP awards are in progress.

AP Column

Bruce De Young, MMR
Division A.P. Coordinator

In this month's column, I want to focus on the work of the Division member who earned her first AP Certificate this month. Those members who attend our monthly meetings are already familiar with the work of Gail Braman, since she always brings a structure for our Show & Tell table.
Here is a quick overview of Gail's twelve submissions for the Structure Certificate.

All the structures are N-Scale, all represent structures that exist/existed in the real world and which Gail researched extensively. All twelve structures were totally scratch built – that's not extremely rare, but it is not the 'norm', either. Often, the member scratch builds the six structures required, and then includes at least a few highly detailed structures built from kits. But the real distinction in Gail's twelve submissions is her modeling medium of choice. Not wood, not styrene, not metal or plaster. Gail works in card-stock. Does she use commercial window and door castings? No, those are scratch built out of card-stock. Does she use printed brick paper when bricks are needed? No, she etches the bricks into her card-stock walls and then paints each brick separately by hand. Remember, Gail models in N-Scale.
Gail had six structures evaluated for Merit awards, but all twelve would have reached the Merit score if evaluated. Let me just share two of her structures.

First there is this apartment building with brick siding. Here is just a small sample that I've taken from her paperwork that speaks to the construction process.
"Walls are made from card-stock (Comic Book Backer Board). The brick siding and block foundation are made by etching lines in the card-stock. Bricks individually painted. The roofing material is from various construction papers, cut to size and then de-laminated to decrease thickness.
Windows and doors are made from 60 lb paper. Each window and frame assembly are made from ten separate pieces. Mullions are bristle from brushes."



One of the requirements to earn the Structure Certificate is that you must include a bridge or trestle as one of your twelve models. I can't tell you how many simple truss bridges I've evaluated – King Post, Queen Post, etc. Simple Girder bridges are also common. What did Gail choose to scratch build in card stock? The covered bridge that sits along the road in Frankenmuth, MI.
Again, here is a small excerpt from Gail's documentation.
"This bridge is located in Frankenmuth, MI. During several in-person visits to the bridge, I took many photos and measurements. From these I created my own drawings (see attached).
The primary building material is card-stock (Comic Book Backer Board). This includes all beams, trusses, roof, siding and abutments. Roofing material is from various construction papers, cut to size and then de-laminated to decrease thickness."



Our congratulations go out to Gail for earning this AP Certificate. She is an outstanding modeler!

Layout Tour Plans - Dan Lewis- Division Layout Open House
Saturday, November 21 10:00 AM – 2 PM.
South Oakland County Model Railroad Club
22833 Dequinder, Hazel Park, Mi. 48030
Flier attached.

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: November Irv Chmielewski; December Dan Shilt.

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 –

- Train Show committee – Tim Fisher – Reported a couple possible opportunities. We will have a table at a combination Train Show-Div 6 demonstrations on Nov 21st.
- Also looking to have a table at the January Div. 6 Train Show (See Flier)

New Business

- Election Plans? Everyone is encouraged to consider running. Current officers have been in place for years.
- Chris Dobies reported on a new model kit company. The following information was supplied

> I am contacting the Clinton River Division because I grew up in Rochester (and remember trains running on both NYC and GTW ... and the GT derailment that destroyed the Rochester depot). I used to swim in the Clinton (and Paint Creek). My first club experience was in Rochester back in the 60s.

I now live in Idaho and have started a new HO-scale kit company, "Payette Valley Models". Although I mostly concentrate on inter-mountain upper Great Basin structures, I have an Ontario farmhouse currently available and am developing a model of the Marlette feed mill. I'd also like to develop a kit of the Rochester GT depot if I can find plans ...

I have a mini-ad in the Oct RMC on page 96 and the company web site is payettevalleymodels.com. If someone is interested, I'd like to provide a kit free of charge with the provision that the builder provide an honest review.
Thanks for your consideration.

Dave McGlone
Payette Valley Models, LLC
Rochester Adams '71

Hints and Tips

- The Mentor/Mentee file (give help/receive help) is at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hj4moARyx4iKjpShtSzk8mVanFln9vq0/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=116662642115004050447&rtpof=true&sd=true

- The private Clinton River Division Facebook group is at https://www.facebook.com/groups/288929175921717/
- **Also check out our web page at https://div8.ncrnmra.org for past Car Houses and other links**

Announcements

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

- November 22nd Bellville, Wayne Country Community College Haggerty Campus
  - Train show and clinics presented by Division 6.
  - 10 AM – 6PM.
- Stoney Creek Model Railroad modular display: It will be held during the 2026 Holiday season at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester, MI.
- Looking for members of our Division to Volunteer to staff our table at the Division 6 Train show in January. See Tim Fisher for further information.
- See fliers at end of Car House for any future events including any upcoming train show/ sales.
- Cincinnati Division 7 has started an effort to showcase the proto-freelanced railroads of its members and plans to do so by offering limited-edition freight cars in those liveries. The first to be introduced is John Miller's Kanawha & Lake Erie RR.
  The following link provides details about it as well as pricing, shipping and ordering information.
  https://division7mid-centralregionnmra.godaddysites.com/car-projects

- A list of train shows is also available on the website https://www.trainshowlist.com

Show and Tell

Greg Rich
1920's Hudson's

3 Scratch built Hudson's
1 kit-built Jordan, 1926
Essex



Phil Doolittle
Latest Project

Figures (3-D printed) from Characters Count Models. One is as received with printing supports still in place. The rest are trimmed and painted (also showing repair resin and UV curing flashlight tools).



Rad Jones
Milton Vehicles

Convoy of various military (Army) trucks, jeeps, and Ford Trucks. R.R. flat car with load of military trucks.



Tim Fisher
Santa Fe 4-6-4
Early Hudson



9450 class 10 engines built 1927 coal, 75” drivers
Modernized 1937-39 79” drivers, Oil Fuel, 230 psi boiler pressure.
Spray painted the model, applied decals, installed sound decoder.

Larry Wolohon MMR
Vehicles

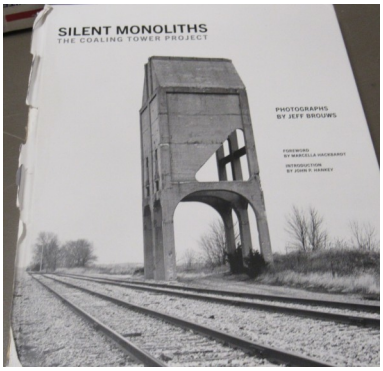
1/43 1949 Ford Two door
1/43 1936 Ford convertible





Gail Braman
N-scale-Brick house and pet store

Camden N-scale Paper model
Coaling tower book





Fred Cosgrove
Building 1922 Hudson

O scale Bus built by Ashland Car Works 1920's with observation deck



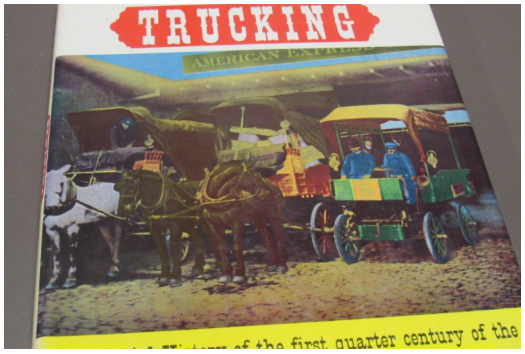
Robert Cabrera
V.W. Beetle 1974

FOUND A 1974 VW Beetle, same color and model Dad bought and still owns. I learned to drive in that car. 4 speed manual transmission



Tom Hoermann
Vehicles

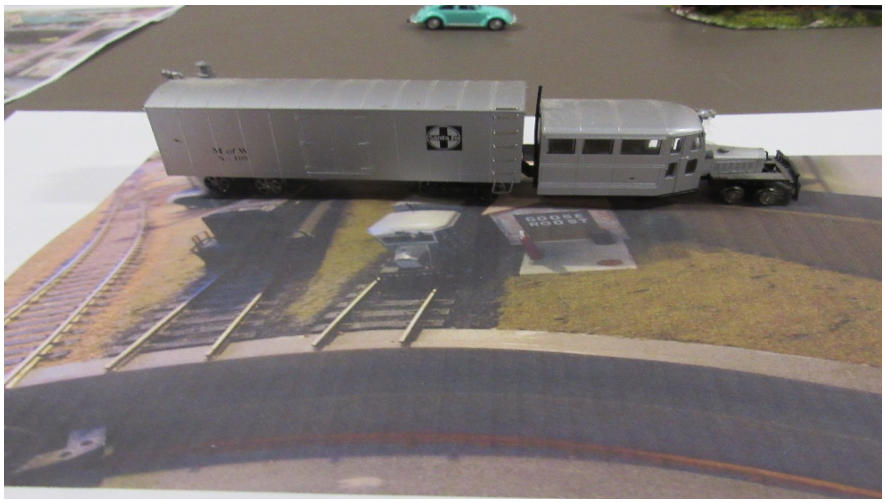
Copy of “This was Trucking”, excellent reference for early trucks in the US grouped by manufacturer. Lots of photos.
Two Athearn 1/48” western wagon kits.





Pierre Willermet
Galloping Goose

Model was on sale and had to by it. Added a decoder (which cost more than the model).



Neal Thomas
Vehicles

HO Diecast CAT Backhoe



Dave Thornton
Automobiles

O Scale 1948 Chrysler Windsor



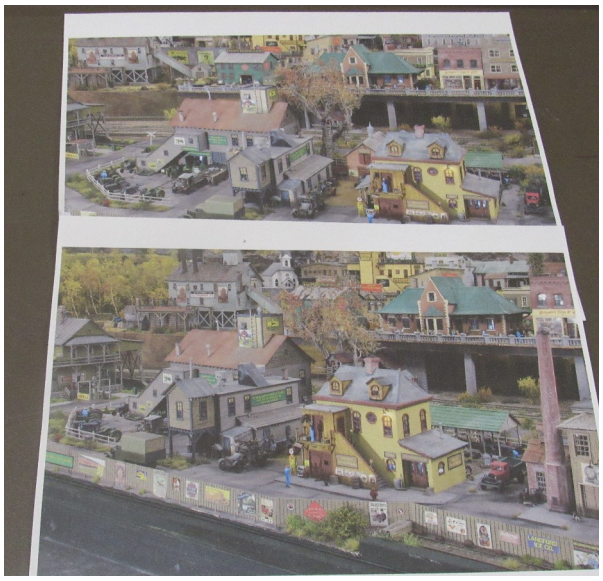
Dan Lewis
Brian Federoff Resin Models

2 pickups – Studebaker and Chevy
1 Sedan – Plymouth



John Siekirk
Current Project w/Vehicle photos

Gallant Tractor Sales with Sierra West 3D printed vehicles.





Robert Kilmor
Barn
HP Scale Barn built with scenery to sell at the Lansing train Show. Comes with a barn an animals-cow, horses, pigs, and sheep.

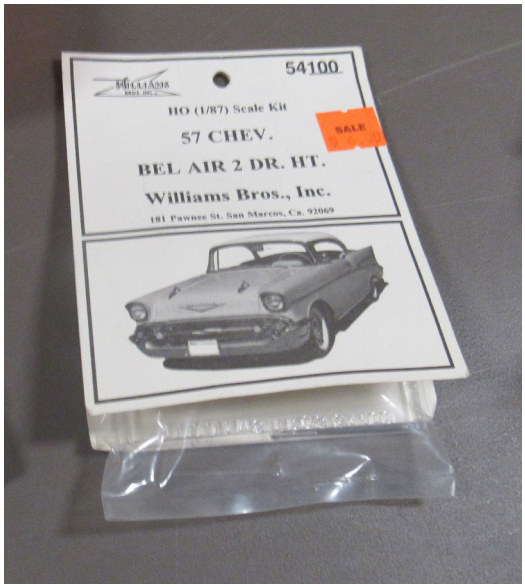


Irv Chmielewski
Movable Vehicle scene

Movable scene with tow truck, and two men looking under the hood of a van.



Show and Tell forms not submitted





SCHEDULES

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

November 19, 2026 Division Meeting Troy Christian Chapel.

Saturday, November 21 10:00 AM—2:00 PM South Oakland County Model Railroad Club 22833 Dequindre, Hazel Park Mi

Train show and other event fliers are attached when available.

Division Meeting
Live at Troy Christian Chapel
Thursday November 19, 7:00 pm

Clinic
By Bruce DeYoung
Using AI in Model Railroading
Show and Tell
Current Projects (Using AI?)

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

Clinton River Division Layout Open House

Saturday, November 21
10:00 AM—2:00 PM
South Oakland County Model Railroad Club

22833 Dequindre, Hazel Park Mi, 48030

The South Oakland Club formed 72 years ago and built the first layout in the Birmingham Grand Trunk Railroad Station. 1978 the station sold and the club became modular, occupying donated space several times. Acquired the Hazel Park building 2002. The Layout represents the Holly Subdivision, Grand Trunk Western Railroad with Pontiac and Ferndale Yards, an Engine Terminal and 14 switching locations. The two-level layout is double track on the lower level and single track on the upper. Control includes wireless Digitrax DCC, complete signals, and dispatch by CTC and radio. Sites include: Detroit industrial switching, Royal Oak, Birmingham station, Yellow Cab loading for GM Truck and Bus, Holley and Gaines.

Scale HO Era: 1960 - 1975
Size 30' X 50'
Track Completion 100%
Scenery Completion 100%






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Rochester Hills Museum

at Van Hoosen Farm

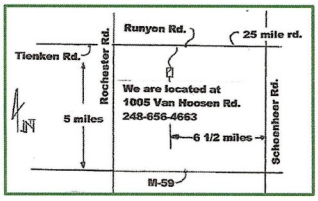
1005 Van Hoosen Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI

All Aboard!

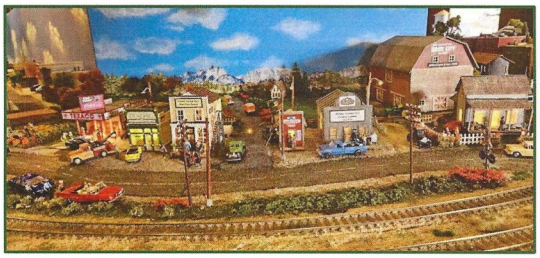
2026 Model Train Exhibit

Rochester Hills Museum at
Van Hoosen Farm

www.rochesterhills.org/museum 248-656-4663



Join the ***Stoney Creek Model Railroad Club*** (www.scmrrc.org) to learn about the world's greatest hobby. Use your imagination to travel the old-fashioned way, seeing the country and all its splendor. These HO scale trains travel through countryside and cities, over bridges and through tunnels, each module built with great care and attention to detail, all telling a different story. A camera on the engine shows the "engineer's eye view" of the trip, broadcast on a large screen!



- **Nov. 27, 28, 29 – Train Exhibit 12 – 3pm**
- **Dec. 5 – *Santa's Visit* (MUST pre-register to see Santa & Mrs. Claus) Train Exhibit 9am – 5pm**
- **Dec. 12, 13 – Train Exhibit 12 – 3pm**
- **Dec. 19 – *Old Fashioned Christmas*, including Train Exhibit 12 – 4pm**
- **Dec. 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 – Train Exhibit 12 – 3pm**

ADMISSION: Adults/$5; Children & Seniors/$3; Museum Members *FREE!*



Kids – participate in our scavenger hunt for a chance to win one of three train sets!


Three Rivers Division of the
NMRA
Train Show and Swap Meet
Saturday Nov 21, 2026
10:00am - 4:00pm
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
4000 Parnell Avenue Fort Wayne IN 46805
Admission: Adults $8.00
Children: 12 and Under Free
NMRA Members: w/card $5.00
Hourly Door Prizes
Children's Activities
All Gauges
Two Train Set Drawings
Rail Fan Items
Handicap Accessible
Over 170 Tables
Food Service
Contact
Don Hanley c/o NMRA Div 3 Show Superintendent for Table Reservations
19123 Maples Rd Monroeville, IN 46773
(775) 636-5725 or 3Riverstrainshow@gmail.com

TWO events in one!!

Rails on Wheels

SE MICHIGAN MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALES MARKET

and ***DIVISION 6, NCR, NMRA***

47th MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

NMRA
NORTH CENTRAL REGION

rails on wheels

10am – 3pm Sunday
November 22, 2026

Sunday Before Thanksgiving

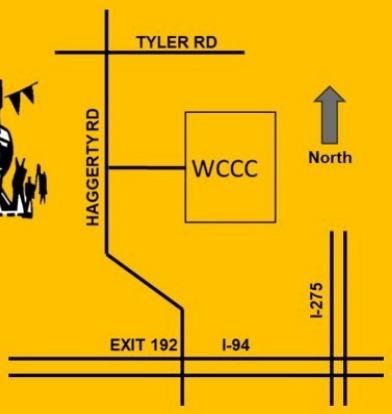
RR SHOW & WORKSHOP – see tables of demonstrations of "HOW TO DO" model railroading – basic kit building, historical displays, painting, weathering, track laying, Div 6 HO model RR

RR SHOW & SALES – see 130 tables of vendors selling all scales of new & used model train items – see model RR layouts

GREAT FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! STOP BY TO SEE OR BUY! ASK QUESTIONS – GET ANSWERS!

Wayne County Community College
Ted Scott Campus
9555 Haggerty Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111
1/2 mile north of I-94 exit 192





Admission - $6 per person
under 12 is FREE
Early Bird entry 9am - $10 per person
Vendor info - ***cdjhyoung@yahoo.com***


Model
TRAIN SHOW
at the Packard Proving Grounds
Bigger & Better for 2026!
Look for us in the Newly Renovated
Tank Test Center Building & Repair Garage!
Saturday,
November 28
10am - 3pm
Tickets $5
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) 509-5540 (Voice Messages Only)
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49965 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby TWP, MI 48317
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6th Annual
MODEL RAILROAD SALE!
Hosted by Division 6
North Central Region - National Model Railroad Association
SATURDAY – JANUARY 23, 2027
10am - 3pm
NMRA
NORTH CENTRAL REGION
2|42 Community Center
7526 Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI 48114
200+ Tables of model railroad items - ALL scales!
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
VENDOR INFO – vendor tables are $26 each – see back of this flyer!!
Grand River Ave
I-96
To Lansing
Exit 145
north
Exit 145
I-96
To US-23