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Fall Modelers Meet

Modelers Meet Report Fall 2014

The Central Indiana Division's fall Modelers Meet was held on October 11th in Bedford, IN. There were 18 in attendance. The subject for the meet was Structures and there were many structures on display. These were not the only displayed items as there were also some completed resin-kit freight car models to view and a discussion of repairs that can be made to 85' freight cars to enable the cars to track better, in both forward and reverse directions.

We asked each person who brought something for display to tell the rest of us about the techniques and procedures used to produce that model. It was a great learning experience evidenced by many attendees who were busy taking copious notes during

the discussions. There were enough models to learn about that we ran over our allotted 3P closing time. That's a nice problem to have.

Marty Witkiewicz gave a PowerPoint presentation on building large structures utilizing both scratch-building and kit-bashing techniques. Marty's talk was complemented by the display of several of the large buildings he has produced for his current and previous layouts. These structures are large enough to justify spotting six or eight freight cars alongside for loading/unloading.

Your next chance to participate in a CID Modelers Meet will be on March 14th, next year. This meet will be held at the Allisonville Christian Church, in Indy, 10A – 3P. The subject for the meet will be Open Loads. If you have a model of a car with an open load, bring it and tell us how you built the model.

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Dick McPherson brought this model of a laser cut wood kit from years ago that is no longer available. (Photo by Keith Clark)

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Remember when we were young and we'd be told to "Take a hike"? Well, take a hike is exactly what we did each day of this year's NMRA convention. There were two convention hotels, one was directly across the street from the entrance to the convention center hotel. However, from our hotel it was about a four-and-a-half block walk to the entrance of the convention center. After you got to the entrance, it seemed it was about that far to get from the entrance to our booth space. Our hotel was adjacent to the Tower City Center (formerly Cleveland Union Terminal), originally built by the Van Sweringen brothers as a terminal for all trains coming into Cleveland. Today Tower City is home to business offices, a shopping mall, a casino, and the Cleveland Rapid Transit station. Downtown Cleveland is a nice place to visit and their host committee worked hard to see that those attending the convention had plenty to see and do.

The convention had a full complement of clinics and tours – both rail and non-rail. Both the Operations Special Interest Group (SIG) and the Layout Design SIG had activities. The contest/display room had many very nice models to see. You should have been there.

The CID booth advertising the *Highball to Indy, 2016* convention proved to be a popular place. We were pleased to have received 113 registrations for the Indy Convention. I'd like to thank

all those who helped out at the booth. It proved to be a popular place. If people had questions about the Indy convention, they found answers to those questions. We also received many suggestions about what attendees would like to see or do during the convention. We made note of those suggestions and will consider them as we move forward in our planning.

To all CID members: Here's your chance to attend a National Convention and Train Show close to home. Don't pass up this opportunity. Sign up and show up.

Walking at the Indy convention will be minimized. The clinic rooms, SIG rooms, and contest rooms will be in the convention hotel. The National Train Show will be directly across the street from the hotel in the convention center. How's that for convenience?

Make your plans now. Next year the convention will be in Portland, OR. And then, just one year after that, we'll be welcoming NMRA members to Indianapolis.

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Railfanning and Modeling Railroad

This is a somewhat strange tale of two brothers and their father, who went on a railfan trip to North Platte, Nebraska's Railfest in mid September. Now if you are unfamiliar with North Platte I will start with a little background about the town.

Sitting in south central Nebraska it is home to the largest rail yard in the world operated by the Union Pacific Railroad. Approximately 160 trains a day make their way through Bailey Yard which is 8 miles long and 3 miles wide. It contains 2 hump yards, many arrival and departure tracks for both east and west bound trains as well as run through tracks for trains that do not stop in the yard except for crew changes. The majority of these run through trains are unit coal along with double stack containers and trailers on flatcars. While coal makes up only about 15% of Union Pacific's entire manifest, Bailey Yard sits where coal funnels out from the Wyoming coal mines on its way to the east. So coal traffic is heavy through the yard with loaded trains going east and an equal number of empties going west. Needless to say there are trains in North Platte...lots of trains.

So Railfest is a yearly event put on mostly for the locale people with a smattering of us who ventured from locations in other parts of the country. Put on with lots of cooperation from the Union Pacific there were bus tours of the rail yard, a display of UP heritage units, Golden Spike Tower tours, model railroad displays, and all kinds of other activities through out the town.

Now here is where I want to make a strange and maybe somewhat farfetched connection to

railfanning and model railroading. While my brother is not into model railroading like I am, his ties are in his investments in corporations like the Union Pacific Railroad and Trinity Industries. Now Trinity Industries among other things makes railcars and he collects HO scale models of those cars that they produce. He has



Trinity Industries Trincool Box #111293 Photo by Keith Clark

been looking for the Trinity 64' Trincool Refrigerated Boxcar. BLMA had recently released the car with new Carrier refrigerator units in 24 different road numbers. He had ordered a couple of these models and one of the numbers he order was ARMN 111293.

I have no idea what the odds are but all of a sudden my brother shouts out. "There's one of the cars I ordered." Sure enough right there on a mixed freight rolling through Bailey yard is Trinity reefer ARMN 111293 and I have a photo to prove it. Go figure.



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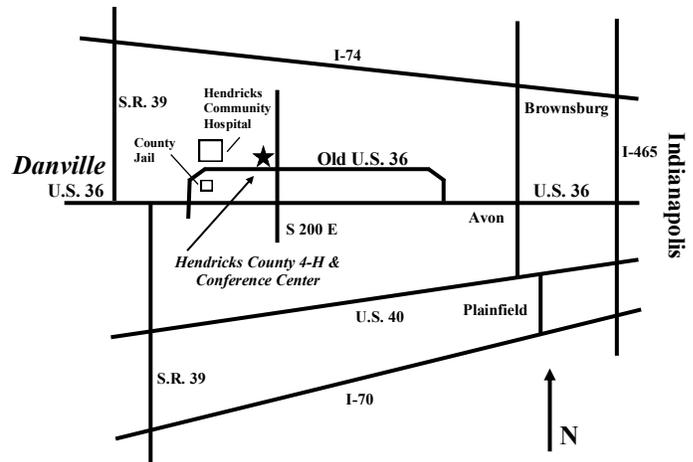
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Mark your calendars for the Noblesville Train Show on January 25, 2015. Also look for us at the Great Train Expo Shows. Martinsville Train Show in April. In 2016 the CID will host the National Convention for the NMRA in Indianapolis.

Upcoming Events

- Division Schedule -

Danville Train Meet – November 22, 2014 – Danville, IN

Hendricks County Fair Grounds, Danville, Indiana

Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 3pm - Admission: \$3.00 per person-\$5.00per family

Operating layouts, vendors, door prizes, contests, food and free parking

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Noblesville Meet – January 25, 2015 – Noblesville, IN

Hamilton County 4H Expo Center, 2003 Pleasant Street

Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 4pm

Admission: \$3:00 per Adult / \$5.00 per Family

Dealer Tables - \$10.00 for 6' table

For more information or tables: Tom Cain at (317) 475-7834

- Extra Board -

Great Train Show – December 6 & 7, 2014 – Fort Wayne, IN

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

Admission-Adults: \$8.00, Kids under 12: FREE - 10am-4pm both days

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Great Train Show – January 3 & 4, 2015 – Indianapolis, IN

Indiana State Fair Grounds

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Upcoming CID Board Meetings

Date: December 7, 2014
Location: Lawrence Branch Marion County Library
198 S. Girls School Road
Indianapolis, IN
Time: 1:30 PM

Date: February 8, 2015
Location: TBS
Time: 1:30 PM

CID members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Board members can confirm location and date.

Rusty Spike Closing Dates

Volume 45 Issue #1 - December 7, 2014
Volume 45 Issue #2 - February 8, 2015
Volume 45 Issue #3 - April 12, 2015
Volume 45 Issue #4 - September 6,, 2015
Volume 45 Issue #5 - December 6, 2015

Dates are tentative and subject to change.

Attention – All notices of club open houses, or other shows & meets will be included in the **Extra Board** only if the official request form is used. This form may be printed off the CID website at:
http://cid.railfan.net/Extra_Board_Request_Sheet.pdf
Fill out the form and send to the address listed on the form. Upcoming deadlines for each Rusty Spike are listed in the Spike or may be obtained from Keith Clark (see pg. 2). Events not sent on the request form cannot be included.

Photos from the Fall Modelers Meet



(Top left) Bob Case talks about his scratch built model of the Queen City Hotel & Station located on the B&O in Cumberland, Maryland. (Top right) This photo shows the model of the station and hotel.



Steve Studley's diorama of the Fulghum Fibres plant, a wood chipping facility in Meridian, Mississippi, features all scratch built buildings and continues to develop a each meet.



Adding a piece of styrene was a trick that Newman Atkinson presented at the Modelers Meet that he found helped his long cars back up without derailing.



Trevor Jones showed a very interesting concept for adding buildings to a layout which consisted of a book of punch out buildings. These N scale fold and glue together buildings were quit impressive.



Another craftsman kit constructed and displayed by Dick McPherson.

All photo on this page by Keith Clark

Layouts Needed

Remember:

THE MODEL DOES NOT NEED TO BE COMPLETED IN ORDER FOR YOU TO DISPLAY IT. We're interested in construction techniques and those can be demonstrated just as easily with an unfinished model as with a completed model.

THE MODEL DOES NOT NEED TO MATCH THE STATED SUBJECT. If you have something other than an open load and would like to display it in March, bring it. We'll be happy to have a look at it.

CID MODELERS MEETS ARE FOR NMRA MEMBERS ONLY. We consider this opportunity to learn from other, experienced modelers a benefit of your NMRA membership.

Steve Studley

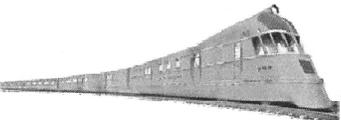
The 2016 NMRA national convention in Indy, is getting closer. And while several of you have stepped up and volunteered your layouts for either tours or operating sessions, we are sure there are more layouts out there. Please consider letting us know about your layout. It doesn't have to be big, and it doesn't have to be finished. We may not be able to work in every layout presented to us for the convention, but it's still good to know about layouts that are out there. The CID also hosts tours just for CID members and it may be possible to include your layout in a tour or maybe an operations weekend at some point.

And, if you know of someone who has a great layout, but is not an NMRA member, please let them know about the convention or tell us about them so that we can contact them. Layout owners participating in convention tours or op sessions do not need to be NMRA members. It's great if you are a member, though, as you will be covered for liability insurance through the NMRA for any accidents that might occur during an NMRA sponsored tour or op session.

So, a big thank you to those who have already submitted their layouts for consideration. And lots of encouragement for those of you who have not yet done so. We do need to know pretty soon, though, so that we will have time to visit with you before putting our final schedules together and preparing our tour guides. If you have questions about what you'll need to do for a tour or an op session or to volunteer your layout, please contact Chuck Tuttle via email at catuttle@comcast.net or call at 765-586-4806.

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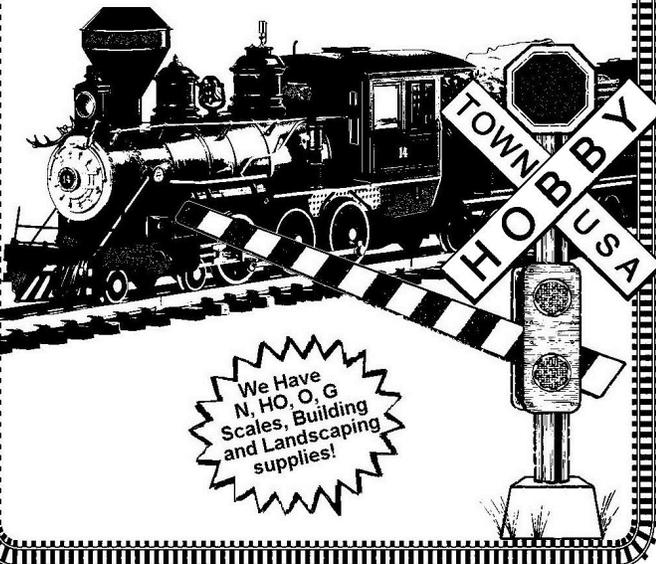
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