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★ CID To Host NMRA ★ 2016 National Convention

The 2016 NMRA National Convention and Train Show will be held in Indianapolis. The convention will be held in the downtown area, adjacent to the Indiana Convention Center.

The Central Indiana Division will be the host for this event. That means all CID members have a chance to be part of the convention. Whether you choose to participate as a layout owner - with your layout open for tours - or as a modeler - with entries in the model contest or RPM display room - is up to you. Perhaps you'd rather volunteer some time to help out with the operation of the convention, or maybe you'd rather just attend. All choices are welcome. It's your chance to attend the National Convention when it's close to home.

Indy hasn't hosted since 1963 – the year the CID was chartered. I'll guarantee times have changed since that time. Your participation will help us make this convention a great one.

Steve Studley
CID Superintendent and
2016 Convention Chair

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Next CID Modeler's Meet March 16, 2013

We will have our fourth CID Modelers meet on Saturday March 16, 2013. This type of meet is all about sharing what is going on with your model railroad or modeling projects. Our format is similar to a Railroad Prototype Modelers meet with people bringing some of their models completed, and also those in progress.



Lou Venema explains wiring of a turnout frog to the attendees at the fall 2012 Modeler's Meet. (Photo: Tom Cain)

This meet is designed for the serious model railroader and those who want to move up to the next level. We are putting this meet on for our NMRA members and it is one of the benefits of belonging to the NMRA. There are no dealers or trains for sale. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of Allisonville Christian Church at 7701 Allisonville Road in Indianapolis. We will hold our clinics in the same room where models will be on display, so the models will not be unsupervised during clinic presentations. We will plan on having two clinics at this meet.

Our schedule will be pretty informal other than we will have one clinic in the morning and the second clinic in the afternoon. This meet will be from 10:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, March 16th.

For questions contact Tom Cain:
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Noblesville Train Show Wrap-up

What happens when you make a train show free? People come, families come, Model railroaders come. The Central Indiana Division decided last year to make its traditional area Train Shows **FREE** this year in celebration of our 50-year anniversary. Speaking of our 50-year anniversary, don't forget our MILEPOST 50 Regional Convention in May. Anyway, we had over 650 people walk in free to our Noblesville Train Show on January 27th. With Board members, Train Show dealers, and portable layout owners and operators that mean that we easily had over 750 people at that show. No doubt about it the Noblesville 4-H Fairgrounds hall was full and hopping all day long. There were plenty of operating model railroad layouts and displays to be seen and if you came to buy some trains, you had plenty to look at and pick from.

Richard Seymour gave his clinic on the Norfolk Southern Heritage fleet two times and it was well attended both times. This colorful and exciting event was well documented by Richard and his son Ryan. Richard stated that the Norfolk Southern railroad had over \$52 million dollars of locomotives off line and on display for this event. It really was an event of a lifetime. CID Superintendent Steve Studley did a run through of the Highball to Indy 2016 Convention pitch for the NMRA National convention and it was well attended and good feedback was provided.

We'll see you at our MILEPOST 50 Convention in May!

Tom Cain



Left: Train show patrons browse through vendors wares. (Photo: Rich Seymour)

Right: CINtrak members operate their N Scale modular layout for all to enjoy. (Photo: Rich Seymour)



More Noblesville Meet photos on page 10.

INTERCHANGE TRACK

Opportunities...

The Central Indiana Division (CID) will host the 2016 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show (NTS). We are pleased to announce that the NMRA has accepted our bid to hold these events in Indianapolis.

Our first opportunity will be to showcase Indy to those who are considering attending. The downtown area boasts many attractions that will interest convention attendees and their families. Both general history and sports museums are reached by an easy walk in the downtown area. Shopping and movies are available in Circle Center Mall. Exceptional sports facilities for basketball, football, and baseball are located on the near edges of downtown. Did I mention the 200 restaurants in the greater downtown area? Just like locomotives, modelers need fuel, too. The addition of transportation allows attendees to visit more exceptional, family-oriented museums and attractions in the greater Indy area.

Our next opportunity will be for CID clinicians to be able to present local information to an international audience. CID members will also get the opportunity to learn from the visiting clinicians. If you are thinking about presenting a clinic, **now is the time to begin work on your presentation**. Hone your presentation skills at the local and regional levels before moving up to the "big time". If you need help or have questions, let us know. We'll find someone who can provide that assistance.

This next subject is a big opportunity. Let us know you'd like to have your layout considered for layout tours or for operating sessions. Visiting layouts is a very popular activity at conventions. Most layouts will be assigned to bus tours, but there will also be self-guided tours for quite a few of the layouts. **Now is the time to begin** to clean up the basement and freshen up the layout. Cast a critical eye on your layout. If there is still a lot of plywood showing, it's time to get the scenery material out and put it to use. A good way to do this is to photograph your railroad. Looking at close-up photos allows you to see problems you might miss if just eyeing your real estate. If operations are important to you, get a group together and run a few sessions to ensure your layout and operating plan are smoothly working. Contact us when you are ready for someone from the host committee to come view your work. Honest, you really do need to start this work soon. The list of layouts that will be open for tours needs to be finalized by October, 2015. We just lost nine months. **Get busy!**

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are represented at these conventions. As the name implies, these groups are interested in a particular aspect of model railroading. I expect there will be, at least, reps from the Operations SIG (OPSIG), the Layout Design SIG (LDSIG) and Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM). If you need some help with a design problem on your layout or have a question about operations, you'll want to take the opportunity to visit these rooms. Make sure you visit the RPM room, too. There you will see some fantastic modeling being accomplished. Some of these models will be in the "still-building" phase so you can see how it's done.

Here is your opportunity to enter a model in the National Convention model contest. Again, don't put this off. **Start soon**. No, it doesn't necessarily take three years to build a model. Consider, though, that you may build now and have the entry assessed at one of the future CID meets. Perhaps the model doesn't score as well as you hoped. By starting now, you'll have time to correct any deficiencies in the construction and re-enter the model. Just as we have provided activities for the Non-Rail attendees at MILEPOST 50 this May, we will have a complete program in 2016 for the non-modelers who attend. Spouses/companions and children will find things to do, both in the hotel and around Indy. This is your opportunity to include your family in your model railroading hobby.

Perhaps you've attended NMRA Region meets in the past. Typically, these are three day meets, with activities beginning on Friday and lasting through Sunday. The CID's MILEPOST 50 Midwest Region meet is a fine example of this type of meet. Now consider the schedule for that meet, but expanded to a whole week, from Sunday to Saturday, with more rooms of clinics each day, more layouts to tour, and about ten+ times more people attending. This is what you will experience at an NMRA National Convention. The National Convention provides you the opportunity to attend a week's worth of intensive exposure to model railroading. If you haven't attended a National Convention before because they were too far away, this is your opportunity to enhance your modeling skills "right in your own backyard." Having the National in Indy provides the opportunity to showcase the talents and accomplishments of members of the Central Indiana Division.

Start making your plans for summer of 2016. Before you know it, it will be time to pack up the family and -

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See you there in 2016.

"Clear signal at Sycamore Hollow"
Steve Studley, Superintendent





Central Indiana Division
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Presents the

MILEPOST 50 Train Show
Sunday - May 5, 2013



Indianapolis Marriott East
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Indianapolis, IN
10 AM to 3 PM

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Check out our website at <http://cid.railfan.net/>

The next CID show is at Danville, IN November 23, 2013

Upcoming Events

– Division Schedule –

Modeler's Meet – Saturday, March 16, 2013 – Indianapolis, IN

Allisonville Christian Church, 7701 Allisonville Road in Fellowship Hall
10am to 3pm – See page 3 for more information.
Share your expertise with other modelers.

For more information: Tom Cain at 317-475-7834 or atsf93@comcast.net

MILEPOST 50 / 2013 Midwest Region Convention – May 2-5, 2013 – Indianapolis, IN



Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 E. 21st.

Information and registration form on following pages of this Spike issue.
Prototype tours, layout tours, operating sessions, clinics, non-rail activities.
Banquet speaker Thomas Hoback, President & CEO The Indiana Rail Road Co.
Sunday train show from 10am to 3pm. Admission \$5.00

For more information: <http://cid.railfan.net>

– Extra Board –

INDY SOUTH TRAIN SHOW – Saturday, March 30, 2013 – Indianapolis, IN

Southside K of C, 511 E. Thompson Rd. (U.S. 31 and Thompson Rd. Behind CVS)
10am to 3pm - Admission \$4 Adults, Under 14 FREE w/adult
100 Dealer Tables, All Scales, Operating Layouts, Food Available, Free Parking
Dealer Tables \$14 (6 Foot); \$12 Ea. Additional

For more information: Dennis Scamihorn at (317) 340-8181 or dscamihorn@marian.edu

Peachtree Express – NMRA National Convention – Atlanta, GA – July 14-20, 2013



Renaissance Waverly Hotel & Convention Center
2450 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339 USA
National Train Show July 18-20, 2013, Cobb Galleria Convention Centre

For more information: <http://www.nmra2013.org/welcome-atlantas-2013-nmra-national-convention>

Upcoming CID Board Meetings

Date: April 7, 2013
Location: Fishers Library
5 Municipal Drive
Fishers, Indiana
Time: 1:30 PM

Date: June 9, 2013 (tentative)
Location: Indianapolis Marion County Library
Wayne Branch Library
198 S. Girls School Road
Indianapolis, IN
Time: 1:30 PM

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

Rusty Spike Closing Dates

Volume 43 Issue #3 – May 5, 2013
Volume 43 Issue #4 – July 7, 2013
Volume 43 Issue #5 – October 6, 2013
Volume 44 Issue #1 - December 8, 2013

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.

The Central Indiana Division Presents
MILEPOST 50



2013 Midwest Region Convention

May 2-5, 2013

Indianapolis, Indiana



**Layout Tours • Operating Sessions • Clinics • Contests • Displays
 Banquet • Women's Program • Sunday Train Show**

Banquet
 Keynote Speaker
Thomas Hoback
 President & CEO
 The Indiana Rail Road Company



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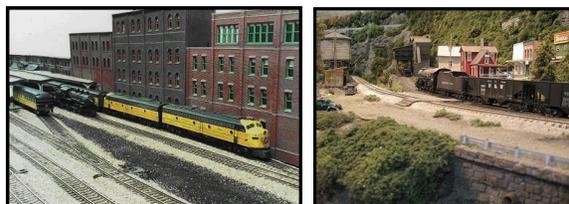
- Ron King - Scenery
- Jim Six - Photo backdrops Using Photoshop Elements
- Mont Switzer - Favorite Highway Vehicle Projects
- Plus many more educational clinics

Prototype Tours

Amtrak's Beech Grove Shop & Indiana Rail Road Facilities

Layout Tours and Operating Sessions

Over 20 layouts will be open!



**Operating
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 And
 Friday.**

• Non-Rail Program •
 Welcome Event Thursday Evening
 Presentations include:
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 Gardening, Marriott Hotel Chef
 and a Dietitian.
 Friday Evening Bingo
 Chair Massages, Craft project,
 Maps to shopping and attractions will
 be available.

Registration is just \$80 for NMRA
 Members on or before April 2, 2013.

See the CID Website for
 more information.
<http://cid.railfan.net>
 Registration form on
 back side of this flyer.

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MILEPOST 50 / Midwest Regional Convention Registration Form



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT!

Name:		NMRA #:	
Mailing (Street) Address:		Division: NMRA Region:	
City:	State:	Zip:	
Names Of Companion / Family Member(s):			
E-Mail Address:		Interested In Ops Sessions?:	
Special Considerations:			
Tours: Free "drive-it-yourself" tours are available for registered conference attendees, departing from the Marriott hotel on Thursday @ 9:00AM to visit the Indiana Rail Road complex, and on Saturday @ 8:00AM to visit the AMTRAK Beech Grove Shops. Meet at the Marriott a bit early to get your credentials and to form car-pools. Note: Only 40 participants are allowed into each venue. List the # of tickets you would like to request for MP 50 tours: ____ Thursday - Indiana RR ____ Saturday - AMTRAK			
<i>Full Fare / NMRA Member: \$80.00 for pre-registered NMRA members; \$95.00 after April 2, 2013</i> <i>Full Fare / Non-NMRA Member: \$90.00 for pre-registered participants; \$105.00 after April 2, 2013</i> <i>Weekend Fare / NMRA Member: \$60.00 for pre-registered NMRA members; \$75.00 after April 2, 2013</i> <i>Weekend Fare / Non-NMRA Member: \$70.00 for pre-registered participants; \$85.00 after April 2, 2013</i> <i>Companion / Spouse / Family Members: A single fee of \$25.00 for one or all family members including companion</i> <i>A separate banquet ticket (for Saturday evening's meal / program) is required for each participant @ \$25.00 each*</i>			

Registration Fees For MILEPOST 50 Program Participants

<i>Fees On or Before April 2, 2013</i>	<i>MP 50 Fees After April 2, 2013</i>	<i>Sub-Total</i>
Full Fare (NMRA Member) __ x \$80.00	Full Fare (NMRA Member) __ x \$95.00	\$
Full Fare (Non-NMRA Member) __ x \$90.00	Full Fare (Non-NMRA Member) __ x \$105.00	\$
Weekend Fare (NMRA Member) __ x \$60.00	Weekend Fare (NMRA Member) __ x \$75.00	\$
Weekend Fare (Non-Member) __ x \$70.00	Weekend Fare (Non-Member) __ x \$85.00	\$
Companion / Family Members __ x \$25.00	Companion / Family Members __ x \$25.00	\$
Banquet Tickets For Sat. PM* __ x \$25.00	Banquet Tickets for Sat. PM* __ x \$25.00	\$
* Featured Speaker: Indiana Rail Road CEO Thomas Hoback		Total Submitted To CID/NMRA: \$

Make checks payable to **Central Indiana Division NMRA** & mail to:
(Please do not staple checks to registration forms!)

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8504 West Thorn Tree
Muncie, IN 47304-8701

Housing Information For MILEPOST 50

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Indianapolis Marriott East #
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Indianapolis, IN 46219
Phone 317-352-1231
Rate: \$114.00 per night
IndianapolisMarriottEast.com

Additional Housing Adjacent To The Marriott East

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Indianapolis, IN 46219
Phone 317-322-0101
Rate: \$94.00 per night

La Quinta Inn & Suites #
7304 East 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219
Phone 317-359-1021
Rate: \$74.00 per night

Free Parking At All Three Locations Hotel Reservations Required By Tuesday, April 2, 2013
For all housing arrangements, please use the code "MILEPOST 50" when making reservations!

MILEPOST 50

Midwest Region Convention Update:



We are progressing along nicely with our MILEPOST 50 Convention Planning. Our newest developments include the Prototype Tours that we will be providing for some of our Convention Attendees and also our

Saturday Evening Banquet Program. Each prototype Tour will be limited to only 40 attendees as we will be guests of these important and vital railroad businesses and we do not want to interfere or disrupt their places of work.

On Thursday, May 2nd in the morning we will tour the offices of the Indiana Rail Road and have an opportunity to see President and CEO, Thomas Hoback's Business Car, which was the former Santa Fe Business Car #56. This car has been completely refurbished and has been used on both the Indiana Rail Road and elsewhere with AMTRAK throughout the United States. We will also see Mr. Hoback's 1930's era Santa Fe El Capitan lounge car which has much of the original trim and seating along with a beverage bar. We will tour the Indiana Rail Road Executive Office, which is a faithful reproduction of a typical Santa Fe rural passenger depot. This facility has many appropriate era railroad travel posters and art that was used to promote rail travel in the golden years of railroad passenger travel. We will also see the remote control operation of locomotives in their railroad yard. The Indiana Rail Road was one of the first US Railroads to use remote control of locomotives.

Our second Prototype Tour is of the AMTRAK Big Four Maintenance shops in Beech Grove Indiana on Saturday morning, May 4th. This tour is full, but you can still express interest in this tour as we will keep a waiting list in case anyone who is signed up cancels. Convention attendees will transport themselves to the sites of these tours, but they will be required to report

to the Convention Hotel first to receive maps to these sites along with the credentials to attend these tours.

Our Speaker for the Saturday evening Banquet will be President and CEO of the Indiana Rail Road, Thomas Hoback. Mr. Hoback has been a driving force in making the Indiana Rail Road a thriving local railroad business that reaches from Indianapolis, to Evansville, Indiana to Chicago, Illinois and more. Mr Hoback will speak on the "Past, the Present, and the Future of the Indiana Railroad."

Please go to our MILEPOST 50 Website for the most up to date information on the convention: <http://cid.railfan.net/MP50.html>

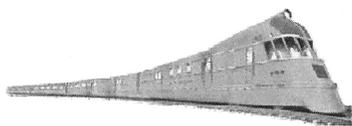
Right now on the website we have 16 of our scheduled clinics planned and at this time, we are still getting calls from some who have an interest in doing a clinic. Check out the website to see if more are planned. We have 24 layouts planned for tours with tours available all four days that the convention is in session. Check out photos on the webpage for most of these layouts along with descriptions of the layouts.



NMRA ARRIVALS

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Right: Doug Rolfe's beautiful On30 module was on display at Noblesville Meet. Below: (left to right) Tom Cain, Steve Studley and Doug Rolfe discuss a model structure submitted for points toward an NMRA Achievement Award Certificate. (Both photos: Rich Seymour)



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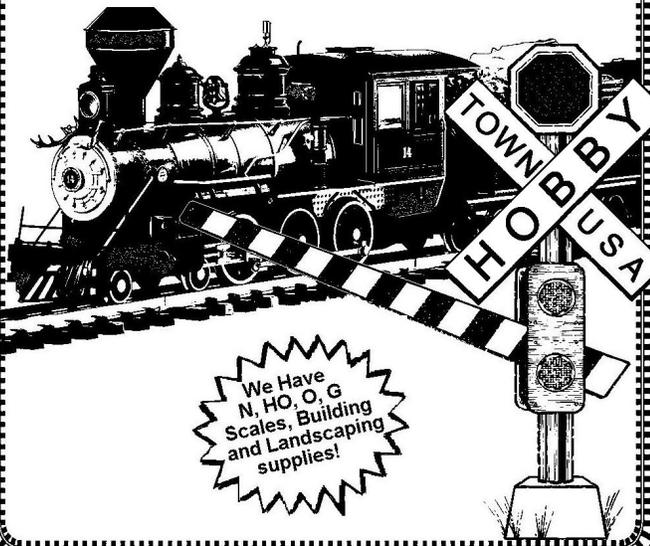


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