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– Division Schedule –

Danville Meet – October 16, 2010 – Danville, IN

For more information: John Pancini (317) 272-3796

Carmel Library Train Show – November 6, 2010

Carmel Clay Public Library, 55 4th Ave. S.E., Carmel, IN

Saturday, November 6th – 10am to 3pm

Free Admission, Operating Layouts, Demonstrations, and Displays

Noblesville Meet and Auction – January 30, 2011 – Noblesville, IN

Hamilton County 4H Expo Center, 2003 Pleasant Street

Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 4pm

CID Annual Auction – 2pm to 4pm - get those auction items ready!

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



– Extra Board –

Great Train Expo – October 9 & 10 2010 – Indianapolis, IN

Indiana State Fair Grounds in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion

Saturday and Sunday – October 9th and 10th - 10am to 4pm

For more information: <http://www.trainexpoinc.com>

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For more information: Jim Thomas (765) 452-2330, Mike Chandler (765) 472-1624, Gary Carlile (765) 474-0574

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For more information: Steve Handly at (317) 786-8627

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.

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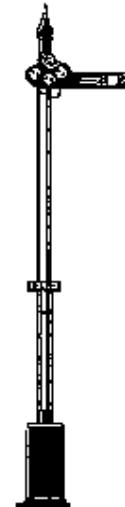
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**Central Indiana Division
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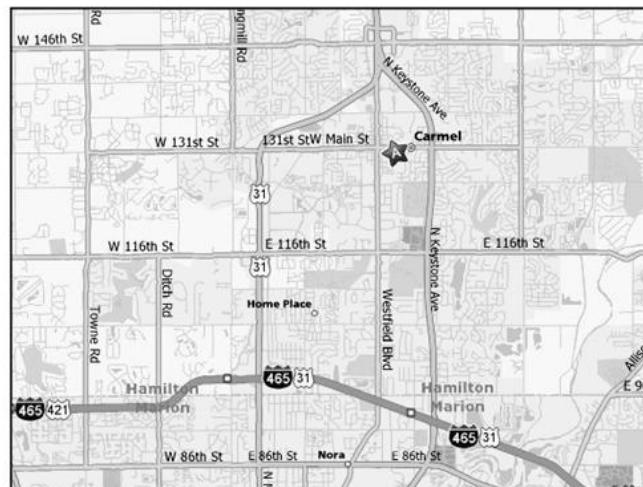
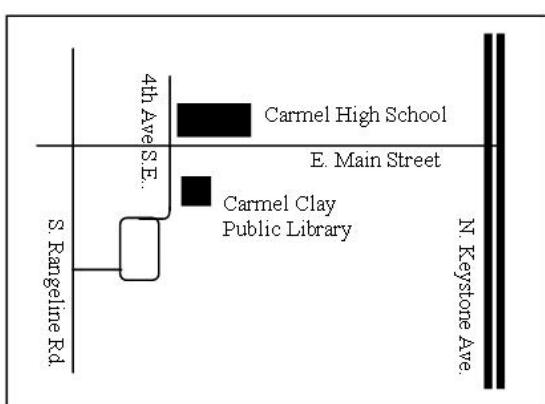
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**Next Show & Meet: January 30, 2011
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NMRA Adopts New Logo

Welcome to the new NMRA logo...



The official NMRA logo color is PMS300

and in many ways, the new NMRA. On its face this wheel-on-rail symbol represents the oldest of the NMRA's objectives: interoperability.

Yet, it also represents the future. It's a symbol of our willingness to keep pace with the changes all around us. Changes in our world, in our lives, in our hobby. While it honors the achievements of the past 75 years, it commits us to the continuation of those achievements in the next 75.

Most important, our new logo is a symbol of the NMRA's commitment to you. As your wants and needs evolve, so will we, with expanded content on our website, easier accessibility to the information in our Library, and programs designed to position us well for another seven-and-a-half decades.

"NMRA" now replaces "National Model Railroad Association" and becomes our brand, just as "NFL," "AARP," and "CBS" have become brands in their respective fields.

We've even renamed our magazine "NMRA Magazine" to further reinforce that brand. And our website, www.nmra.org, will become "your portal to more fun in scale model railroading."

So as we move into tomorrow, think of our new NMRA logo as a symbol of our promise to you – and our promises to each other – that we'll all keep the hobby of scale model railroading alive, vibrant... and ready for the future.

Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director

Bloomington Group and Model Railroading Get Television Attention

I was just sitting at home one evening when the phone rang. The gentleman on the other end was from Indiana University's public television station WFIU. He had gotten my name from the local library at which I am listed as the contact person for the Hoosier Lines Model Railroad Club. I was asked if I knew of anyone who would be willing to have their layout taped and talk about model railroading for their program called "The Weekly Special" which airs on Thursday each week at 7 o'clock in the evening (replays Friday's at 6 p.m.). The Weekly Special is an eclectic local magazine program that looks at issues, events, people and things of interest in their broadcast area. I gave him some possible contacts and he thanked me.

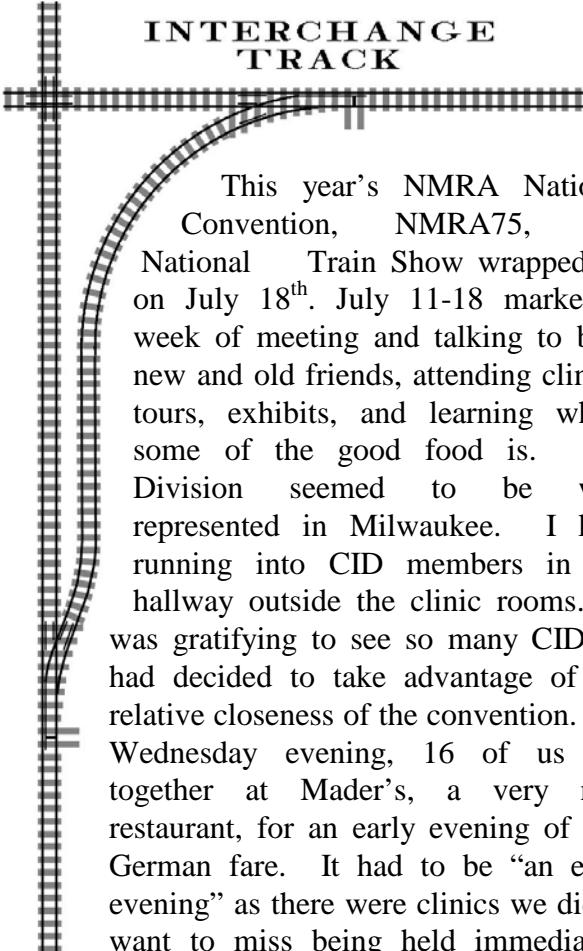
Two days later I was contacted by Susanne Schwibs who is a contributing producer for the television program. After finding out that they only had a week to put the program segment together, it was decided that my layout would be the best choice for taping and I was to be interviewed. Plans were made for taping the following Tuesday and I went to work on straightening up the layout and making sure that I had trains that would run.

On Tuesday Susanne arrived with a camera operator and an intern. It is always fun to see the reaction of people who are not familiar with what model railroaders have set up in their houses. Jaws drop and the wows and wonders begin as most have no idea how large and detailed our layouts can be. They set up for the interview and we spent about forty five minutes of answering questions about my layout and model railroading in general. I have to say it was quite the experience. After completion of the interview portion the camera operator positioned himself in various locations around the layout and I ran some trains so that he could capture the railroad in operation. The group spent another hour and a half filming and talking and just observing the railroad. They really just could not get enough.

We had been discussing how the group of guys I

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INTERCHANGE TRACK



This year's NMRA National Convention, NMRA75, and National Train Show wrapped up on July 18th. July 11-18 marked a week of meeting and talking to both new and old friends, attending clinics, tours, exhibits, and learning where some of the good food is. Our Division seemed to be well represented in Milwaukee. I kept running into CID members in the hallway outside the clinic rooms. It was gratifying to see so many CID'ers had decided to take advantage of the relative closeness of the convention. On Wednesday evening, 16 of us got together at Mader's, a very nice restaurant, for an early evening of fine German fare. It had to be "an early evening" as there were clinics we didn't want to miss being held immediately following the dinner break. Thanks to Lou and Pam Venema for making the dinner arrangements.

I hope you've now seen some of the changes that were announced at the convention. As of the August issue, *Scale Rails* is now the nmra magazine. There is a new look to the NMRA website and a new logo. There are two new Vice-Presidents: Bill Kaufmann is the VP for special projects and Dave Thornton is VP for Operations. Bill will work with the SIGs and also the Regions and Divisions. Dave will be in charge of the daily operation of the association. These two positions are part of the new direction and image being taken by the NMRA directors. To help ensure members get their money's worth from the association, there will be a "members' only" area of the website. The contents of this area are still to be determined. Currently, items – maps, track charts, photos, etc. - in the library at headquarters are being scanned. As that happens, the digital images will be placed on the NMRA website where they will be available for download for

both members and non-members. While this service is not free, there is a definite cost advantage if you are an NMRA member. Stay tuned for other advances.

Due to publishing deadlines, I'm writing this about a month before the CID's fall layout tour. You probably won't receive this until after the tour date of September 18. I hope you were able to visit the layouts and learn a bit from each of them. I'm looking forward to seeing each of the layouts. Remember these tours are for CID NMRA members and are a benefit of your membership.

For those of you who enjoy model railroad operations, CIRROPS, Central Indiana Railroad Operations, will be having an Ops weekend on October 8 – 10. The CID website has a link to CIRROPS. Check it out.

That same weekend, GTE comes to town and CID will have its booth at the show on both October 9 and 10. If you attend the show, be sure to stop by and say hello. If you have a question, please ask it. We'll try to answer it for you.

The CID Danville show will be held on October 16. This is a free show that enjoyed renewed interest last year. There will be a door prize, operating layouts, vendors, and clinics. Information about these shows will be, or already is, posted on the CID website; cid.railfan.net

CID is working to become a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. There are definite advantages for us if we can achieve this. In order to receive that designation, we will need to make some changes to the CID Bylaws. There is a committee working on this with the plan to have the changes ready for the membership to examine and vote on at the next annual membership meeting. More information will be published in a later issue of the *Rusty Spike*.

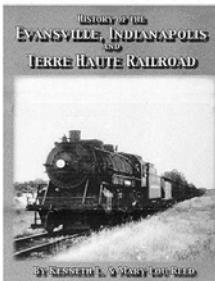
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Bloomington Group and Model Railroading Get Television Attention

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get together with meet on a weekly basis at each other's houses to work on their railroads. Since we were meeting the following night, I was asked if they might come to the meeting and do some more taping. The following evening they stayed for nearly two hours in which they taped our working on the layout and even tried to get a small camera to ride around on a bulkhead flat car. Unfortunately they didn't have much luck with that idea though they had a lot of fun trying.

"The Great Train Episode" aired on June 17, 2010 and along with our segment it included segments on The Indiana Transportation Museum, Rosedale Strawberry Festival and Train Show, The Orphan Trains, and McKnight's Raiders at the French Lick Scenic Railway. The guys in the group were very impressed with the editing of our segment and information that they provided their viewers. You can watch our part of the program on the web at <http://indianapublicmedia.org/theweeklyspecial/board-railroads-big-smll/>. This was a great opportunity to promote our hobby, the Central Indiana Division, and the NMRA.

Keith Clark

Upcoming CID Board Meetings

Date: October 24, 2010

Location: Indianapolis Marion County Library
Wayne Branch Library
198 S. Girls School Road
Indianapolis, IN

Time: 1:30 PM

◆—————Date: December 12, 2010—————◆

Location: Fishers Library
5 Municipal Drive
Fishers, Indiana

Time: 1:30 PM

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



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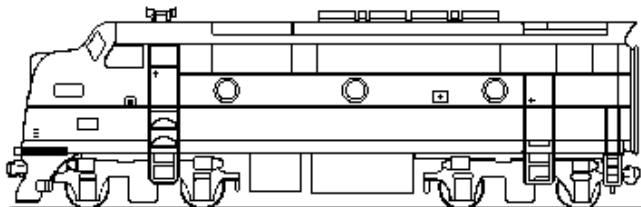
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The above are those who have joined the NMRA since June. **Welcome** to the Central Indiana Division of the Midwest Region of the NMRA. We're happy to have you aboard. Current CID members: If you know any of these new members or happen to see them at a CID activity, give them a personal welcome.

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If you are visiting the CID website and happen to scroll down the home page, you'll come to this bit of information:

E-Mail Discussion List

cidlist – The Central Indiana Division has a Yahoo e-mail discussion list (cidlist@yahoogroups.com) that is for the sharing of model railroad, railfan or railroad information of interest to modelers living within the boundaries of the CID. It is a restricted list open to anyone living within the CID sharing these interests, but is only open to those outside CID boundaries by invitation or by special request.

To join, you can send a message to:

madisonrails@railfan.net

Subject: subscribe CID List

Body: subscribe cidlist your_e-mail_address, name and location.

As you can see, it's fairly easy to join this group. You'll have to enter your email address, your name, and where you live. Send that information to the madisonrails address to request to subscribe to the list. The CID List is predominately for the members of the Central Indiana Division, but others may join by sending in their request for inclusion.

For those of you who are now asking yourself, "Why should I join this list?" let me provide a couple of reasons:

The list is used to pass information regarding CID meets and activities. This may include last minute updates about the meets and activities.

The list provides a location for modelers to ask questions, to let others know what they are working on, and/or to pass along information of a general modeling or prototype interest.

This list does not have a large amount of traffic. When you join you won't be inundated daily with a huge number of messages. Hopefully you'll find what the list lacks in volume is made up in content.

I hope to see your name posted as a new member of the CID Discussion List.

Steve Studley



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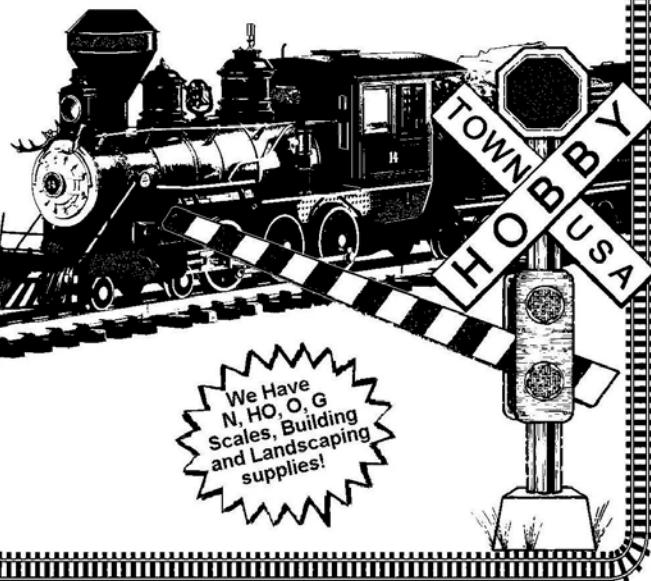
The AP requirements are a set of standards, but they can also serve as a set of guideposts for those who are new, near-new, and not-so-new to the hobby. Not because they lead to some sort of official pat-on-the-back, but because they are a source of ideas for projects that can help us learn to become better modelers.

Briefly, the AP is a system of requirements for demonstrating a superior level of skill in various aspects of our hobby. It covers not only building various types of models, but also building other things which are important to the hobby, such as scenery, structures, track work, and wiring. It also recognizes service to the hobby and the NMRA, which are important as well. Go to <http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/> to explore the different certificates and requirements.

We hope that you will soon find just how easy it is to participate in the Achievement Program, and if you are not yet involved start you off on the right foot. Your AP Manager for the CID is Tom Cain (see pg. 2 for his information).

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