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Danville Favorites Contest Winners



Favorites Contest winners at Danville were (Left to Right) Dan Banks - 3rd place, Charles Malinowski - 2nd Place and Steve Studley - Champion. All received a very nice plaque in recognition of their work.. You can see their entries on page 7. Information about the Danville Favorites Contest for 2020 is on page 8. Make your plans to model a display and let's see the CID's talent shine.

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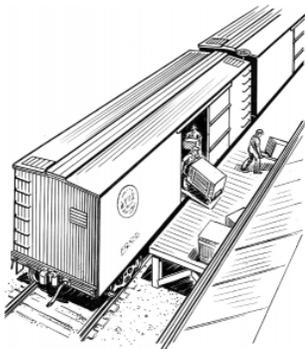
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www.cidnmra.org

Need Some Help?



Back Shop

The CID has lined up members with the experience to help solve your problem and are willing to help ALL modelers, whether or not you are a member of the NMRA. We believe that we can help and be of service to you. If you can get your problem or problems solved, you can better enjoy the hobby of model railroading.

Contact: cidnmra@comcast.net

Rusty Spike Closing Dates

Volume 50 Issue #1 - December 8, 2019

Volume 50 Issue #2 - March 1, 2020

Volume 50 Issue #3 - June 7, 2020

Volume 50 Issue #4 - September 6, 2020

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://www.cidnmra.org/rusty-spike-back-issues> and click on Extra Board Request Sheet

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. 3). Events not sent on the request form cannot be included.

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Did you know?

Super's RRR

Hello CID Model Railroaders,

The theme of this column for the Rusty Spike will be centered on communications within the Central Indiana Division. Utilizing the skills of the CID Board of Directors, several initiatives are taking place. The first is instituting name badges placed in blue custom neck wallets for all CID members. Hopefully, you have seen other CID members wearing the name badges at CID events like train shows, Modelers Meets and other CID events. The purpose of which is to make it easier to recognize fellow CID members and strike up conversations. Feedback on this program is extremely encouraging. If you have not received yours, you may contact Chief Clerk, Rich Seymour at rseymour@bsu.edu.

Another area where emphasis is being placed is on utilizing social media. The CID web page (www.cidnmra.org) and Facebook page are constantly being updated with information. On the CID web page we have expanded the section on extra fare activities as mentioned in a prior Rusty Spike issue. Also, you are receiving periodic emails concerning CID events. Occasionally, we ask input from you. A survey was sent out recently and I hope you have taken the time to respond. If not, do not worry, we plan on sending out surveys periodically. Some of you say what good is it to respond, nothing happens. Well, I am happy to inform you that you spoke and we listened. We are beginning a new "Ambassador Program". Initially, the goal is to reach out and welcome new NMRA/CID members. During a brief call, your Ambassador will welcome you to the CID, answer any questions you may have and provide personal invite to a CID event.

The "Track Talk" program which I mentioned in last issue of Rusty Spike is well on its way to be very popular. The objective is to provide a monthly gathering opportunity for NMRA members and guests with a simple format to foster socializing and a railroad activity. Our goal is to move this event around the division, meeting you and seeing some great layouts. For more information, see the CID web page and do not forget to attend.

On a personal note, I did attend Trainfest 2019 in Milwaukee, WI. I had a great time, met some old friends, made new ones, spent time and, yes, money plus talked to the vendors and manufacturers. The WISE division

does an outstanding job. If you have not gone yet, put it on your 2020 bucket list.

Speaking of bucket lists, I hope you have made notations on your calendar for CID's Noblesville Meet on January 26, 2020, Avon Town Hall Show, February 1, 2020 and Modelers Meet March 14, 2020. Please see CID web page for further information.

If you have not yet guessed, the CID is taking steps to reach out, meet you and be open to feed back that we receive from you. Keep checking the CID web page for updates and additional information. If you have any comments or concerns about the CID, send me an email at danhinel@sbcglobal.net.

So keep it on the rails.

Dan Hinel
CID Superintendent

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Peoria Rocket

Midwest Region Convention
May 14- 17, 2020



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* The Peoria Rocket will be jointly hosted by the Illinois Valley and Illinois Terminal Divisions of the MWR. *

* The convention facility will be Holiday Inn and Suites 101 Holiday Street, East Peoria, Illinois *

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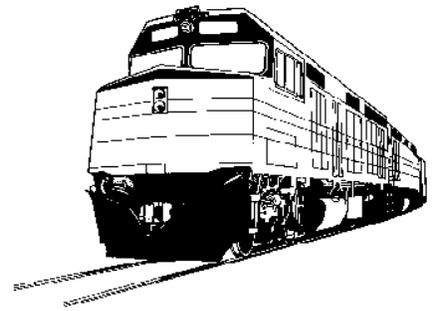
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Noblesville Train Show

Sunday – January 26, 2020

Admission

\$3 per person
or
\$5 for families



Location

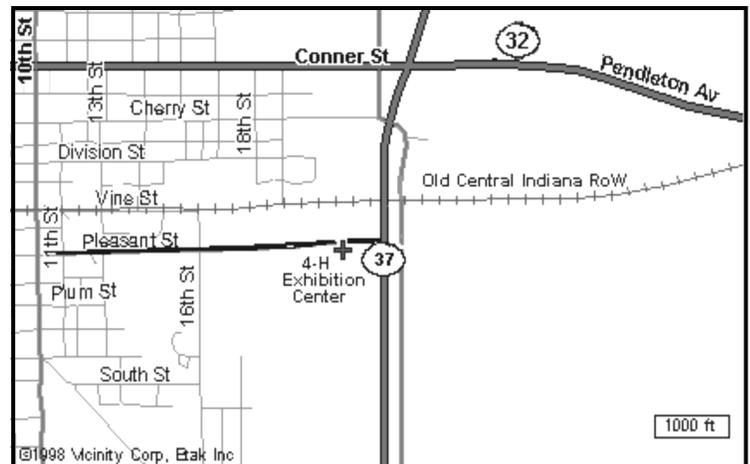
Exhibition Center, Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN
This facility is Handicap accessible

10 AM to 3 PM

Show Features

- Operating Layouts
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Check out our website at <http://www.cidnmra.org>

The next CID train show is the Franklin Show on April 4, 2020

Upcoming Events

– Division Schedule –

Noblesville Meet – January 26, 2020 – Noblesville, IN

Hamilton County 4H Expo Center, 2003 Pleasant Street
Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 3pm
Admission: \$3:00 per Adult / \$5.00 per Family
Operating layouts, vendors, door prizes, contests, food and free parking
Dealer Tables - \$12.00 for 6' table

For more information or tables: Jim Shellhaas at (317) 750-4834



Franklin Meet – April 4, 2020 – Franklin, IN

Johnson County Fairgrounds, 250 Fairground St., Franklin, IN
Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 3pm . CID Annual Meeting at 11am.
Admission: \$3:00 per Adult / \$5.00 per Family
Operating layouts, vendors, door prizes, contests, food and free parking
Dealer Tables - \$16.00 for 8' table

For more information or tables: Mike Roderick at (317) 833-3556 or www.cidnmra.org

– Extra Board –

Track Talk – Indianapolis Area – Monthly Meetings

New Central Indiana Division “Track Talk.”
Monthly social lunch gathering followed by an after lunch visit to a nearby layout, industry, rail fan location, a model railroad related presentation or other activity.
Date(s): Monthly, will be announced on the web site and social media.
Some will be weekdays and some will be Saturdays.
Location: Different each month at different locations around the division.
Time: Usually will gather for lunch at 11:30 am and expect to finish by 2:30 pm depending on the after lunch activity location.
Cost: Just the cost of your lunch paid directly to the restaurant.
What is being offered: A socializing opportunity with other modelers and a visit or activity of interest. The after lunch activity will vary.
Where to find Information: The meeting notice will include the host contact information. Let the host know you plan to attend so the restaurant can be prepared for our group.
Location suggestions are welcome and we are looking for hosts in different locations for future “Track Talk” gatherings.

For more information contact: Eric Peterson, ericgp@gmail.com, 317-947-4829; Dan Hinel, danhinel@sbcglobal.net, 616-634-1754; or Dan Banks, wabashbanks@att.net.

Avon Town Hall Train Show – February 1, 2020 – Avon, IN

Operating Layouts (No vendors)
10am to 3pm—Admission is FREE

For more information: John Coy

Great Train Show- February 8-9, 2020 – Indianapolis, IN, Indiana State Fair Grounds

Admission-Adults: \$10.00 Saturday (2day) - \$9.00 Sunday - Kids under 11: FREE
Purchase tickets on-line and get \$1.00 off with coupon code W11
On site admission is cash only 10am-4pm Saturday and Sunday

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



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Danville Favorites Contest

100 Scale Feet by 100 Scale Feet Display of a Repurposed Railcar



The winning entry, by **Steve Studley**, is a passenger car which is used as an Airbnb and actually exists in New York state. Steve has reproduced it as you can see in the photo in front of the display.



Mel's Diner was done by **Charles Malinowski** and took second place. Look close and you can see a passenger car behind the Entry way into the diner.



Dan Banks' display has a repurposed ice reefer being used as a storage shed behind a barn.. I would say that being next to the railroad they obviously didn't have to move it far.

All 3 displays entered were done in HO Scale.

100 x 100 Scale Feet Modeling Contest for 2020

2020 will be the third year where CID members can enter a favorite model contest where each submission is a 100 x 100 scale foot display. The theme for the 2020 competition is “street running” and your entry must include a depiction of this interesting railroading feature. Street running was common in the first half of the 20th century but can still be found today. Prototype examples can be found easily on the internet.

Judging will be by popular vote at the 2020 CID Train Show held in Danville, IN at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds, Saturday, November 21. Each entry must fit in a scale 100’ by 100’ display (no backdrop). Displays in any scale other than 1:1 can be modeled. There is no vertical limit of the display other than the display must be self-supporting.

Pictures of the winners of the 2019 100’ x 100’ favorite model contest are found on page 7 of this issue of the Rusty Spike. The theme was “Repurposed Railcar.”

Start planning your entry soon!

Plan your entry for this year’s 100’ x 100’ Favorite Model Contest at the 2020 CID Danville Show

Street Running



2020 CID Board of Directors Election – Call for Nominations

This is a call for nominations for positions on the CID Board of Directors – nominations will be accepted through February 29, 2020. Self-nominations are accepted, but nominations from friends and others are welcome, so long as the nominee has agreed to serve!

The next CID Board election will elect the executive committee - Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk, Paymaster - and three Trainmasters. The terms for the positions listed are all two years in length. Maximum term length is two consecutive terms, except for the Chief Clerk and Paymaster positions. Those two positions are not term-limited. The new term begins May 15, 2020.

To be a member of the Board, you must be a member of the Central Indiana Division, NMRA. Dues must be kept up-to-date. Duties include attending the 4 - 6 Board meetings held each year. These meetings take care of the business of the Division. Board members serve on committees associated with the work of the Board and help at CID activities. If you have questions about any of the positions or are interested in placing your name in nomination, please contact either Jeff Norkin, Dan Banks or Mike Roderick. Contact info for each of us is shown below. We'll be asking for each nominee to send us a bio of approximately 250-350 words. Voting will take place next during the first 3 weeks of March 2020, so we can announce the winners at the Franklin Train Show, Johnson County, Annual Members' Meeting on April 4, 2020.

Being on the Board of Directors is a great way to serve the members of the CID. If you have some time that you would like to put to good use, consider running for a CID Board position. Let us know.

2020 Nominations and Election Committee

Jeff Norkin – jeff@etfbs.com

Dan Banks – wabashbanks@att.net

Mike Roderick - mdrghost@hotmail.com

A Look at the 2019 Danville Train Show



Here are a few pictures of the happenings during the 2019 Danville Train Show. More than 430 people attended and saw trains running and many opportunities to buy model railroad items from vendors.



The Caboose Parade Preparing for the 2019 Run

by Newman Atkinson

I was pulling all the cabooses off the board to make room for some track cleaning and decided to get a count with all that I had boxed up out of the way. The collection is from years of collecting and repairing these fine end of the train devices of the past. Believe it or not, the collection includes the caboose that came with my very first train I got for Christmas. At one point I thought that one would never run again. It really was falling apart, wheels and all.

This caboose collection includes several that were pretty cheap and came with trains that I got as a kid and the cabooses were poor at best, although they looked pretty good when I was a kid. Now with some years of experience I found myself getting them back to running condition one caboose at a time and better than new. Not to say there are some cosmetic things to finish up on many of them from windows to stove stacks. Good or cheap, these are now dependable running models.

The count is now 55 cabooses ready to roll for the next run of the "Caboose Parade" here in 2019, plus one that might be ready to add to it for the New Year's Eve. The very first run was 2012. As you can see from the history of this run below, this train has grown from 31 and as many as 38 Cabooses and has become the most colorful train in my fleet and a new record to boot, boasting many of the railroads now found on Railroad Family Trees of the Past.



The Caboose Parade's History

2012 The first run was 31 cabooses but that run included about 6 from someone else. It was pulled by a single CSX Engine on SHRINE HILL RAILROAD layout.

2013 The second run was 32 (with one more caboose) and this time they were all of my own and was pulled by 2 Amtrak engines on the SHRINE HILL RAILROAD layout.

2015 The third run was 38 I believe (from the count from the video, and was pulled by a single Union Pacific engine for New Year's Eve on THE SHRINE-HILL RAILROAD as a New Year's eve run. This was the first time it was pulled as a New Year's Eve special run.

2017 The Caboose Parade was run on Dan Hayes' layout for the first time pulling again 38 Cabooses using the power of two Soo Line Engines. A few more Cabooses were close to being ready but didn't make the run.

2019 is coming up and after checking the stored Cabooses I counted a total of 55 ready to go for the fifth running of NEW YEAR'S EVE Caboose Parade.

There have been 4 runs so far and all have been videoed. The first two have been put on YouTube on my page called "SHRINEHILLRAIL" Just search for the Caboose Parade on my page.

Happy New Year!! Newman

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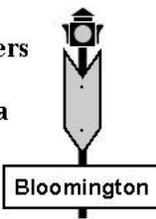
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