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## Martinsville Meet Location Changes

### Lead Contamination Concerns Affect Armories

The Indiana National Guard is working to clear lead dust contamination from armories across the state. It's residue from old indoor firing ranges and other uses of the buildings.

The issue was identified during required periodical industrial health surveys. Indiana National Guard officials are currently performing follow-up testing, analysis and remediation of all armories as necessary. Public access may be limited until they can meet strict federal surface dust level standards. **No future rental contracts will be entered into until the buildings are approved for public use.**

Martinsville is one of the armories which is restricted and is not available for rental. Our CID managers in charge of the Martinsville show have secured another location in Martinsville and the show will take place as scheduled on April 2, 2016. The new location is in the Martinsville Plaza which is about 1 mile south of the armory just off the west side of Indiana 37. The address is 2182 Burton Lane and is the southern most traffic light on IN37. There is a Starbucks located on the southwest corner of that intersection. Please see the flier for the show on page 5 of this Rusty Spike issue for a map and all other information about the show.

## Noblesville Train Show Report

The first CID Train Show of the year was held on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The excellent weather, which was a little out of character, set the tone for the day and a good day it was. We had over 130 tables for 36 dealers to sell from. Did I find something to buy, you bet. We had over 600 people through the door, which was a record for recent Noblesville shows. The activity in the room held throughout the entire day. We had two excellent clinics for those in attendance. Both were well attended. Actually if we had many more it would have been standing room only. The food provided by the Sheridan Christian Church was excellent as usual, including homemade pies. Train Shows yet this year will be the Martinsville Train Show on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Danville Train Show on November 19<sup>th</sup>. And oh, don't forget the National NMRA Convention from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>!

### Tom Cain-Noblesville Train Show Manager

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# SPRING LAYOUT TOUR

## **April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Layout Tour in Anderson, Indiana from 10 AM to 4 PM**

Maps for the Layout Tour will be available on the CID Website on the evening of April 22<sup>nd</sup> and again on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The website is: <http://cid.railfan.net>

### **Jim and Luana Wilhite's HO scale Buttercup Valley and Denver Mountain Railroad.**

Jim Wilhite recently passed away and his widow, Luana would like for those in the area to still have a chance to see this layout. Jim was an expert modeler and he did professional painting and decal work for people all over the country. This layout is built around the wall in a 16' by 24' room that connects to their kitchen. The layout is built 40" from the floor and access to the layout is through a lift bridge that you pass under to get right inside the layout. The railroad has a continuous running standard gauge railroad with both steam engines and diesels. There is an 8-track rail yard for switching cars and a 9 stall roundhouse that surrounds a working turntable. Because the railroad is set in the Colorado mountains there are lots of mountains and the scenery is 100% completed. One special animation effect is that Jim uses a DVD player and video screen showing a waterfall behind one of the mountain scenes. There is also a narrow gauge railroad in part of the mountain settings. The railroad is DCC controlled by Digitrax walkaround throttles and there is also a RoRo elevator to move cars from staging to the layout.

### **Matt Hewitt's HO scale Shadowton Ridge North RR**

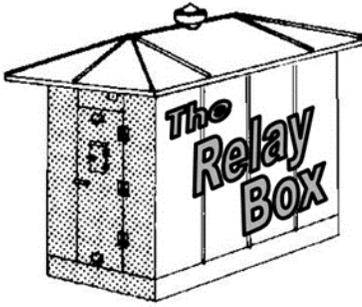
The Shadowton Ridge North RR is a point to point, freelance branch route, running from North Samuels Pennsylvania south of Bedford Pennsylvania to Shadowton Ridge West Virginia in September 1956. Heavy steam & first generation diesels move coal and mixed freight through the rugged Appalachian Mountains. This is a double deck layout that uses a 36" helix to move from one level to the next. The bench work is L-girder with risers, most using 2 by 4 framing. Minimum radius is 32," This layout is approximately 800 square feet in size and the scenery is 100% completely done. Matt is using a DIGITRAX system, and sound is starting to fill the room. The scenery on Matt's layout is the best you may ever see and he has an incredible eye for detail and complex scenes. He has been published in Model Railroader and was the cover story for the October 2010 magazine.

### **Rick Norris' On30 - The Southern**

This is a 600 square foot layout set in the Colorado Mountains. The railroad is On30 and is completely finished. There's been a lot done on the RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN over the years. The portion of the railroad I've modeled is from Tank Creek just north of Vance Junction to Rico Colorado, with staging for Ridgeway and Durango Colorado. Bench work is open grid with spline roadbed, using Micro Engineering flex track and with hand laid turnouts. The main line is over 150 feet, but I've tried to make it feel longer by having the main wind through the canyons in and out of sight. I painted ties and rail prior to laying the track. Structures are a mix of mine from plans and kits if available when I was ready for them. I've installed over 2000 trees to date, some from Timberline and Grand Central and some of my own. The scenery which runs from 40 to 96 inches above floor is 100% complete with many details to add as time permit but I can say that the best decision I made was to use Joel Bragdon's geodesic foam scenery system.

All the back drops were hand painted by me except the backdrop along RICO which is a photo of the area.

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Keith Clark  
CID Superintendent

Spring is just around the corner and with that comes some great events just for you members of the Central Indiana Division of the NMRA. They are events that are open to only members (and at your discretion a guest) and are a benefit of being a member of the NMRA and the CID that your board of directors have put together just for you. I hope that you will take advantage of these offerings that we have set up for you.

The first event will be the spring Modelers Meet and will be held on the near north side of Indianapolis. Information on this meet can be found on page 10 of this issue of the Rusty Spike. I would encourage you to make plans to attend this meet and see what it is all about. Since the beginning of these meets there has been a lot of misunderstanding about what they are about and who should or should not attend. I would like to try and set things straight here for all of you.

First and foremost all CID members are welcome. There are no requirements to bring any of your models to the meets. If you do bring something, it can be finished models or just works in progress. If there is a theme for the meet your model(s) may or may not adhere to that theme. The meet is primarily a show and tell format. You can get as much out of this as you want as it is intended to be an educational experience for all who attend. We will have a clinic at the meet and while the topic may not be of interest to everyone my thought is that if you walk away with one new idea that you might use on in your modeling then it was worth seeing.

I look forward to seeing you March 12th and if you have any more questions about this meet please feel free to contact me.

The Spring Layout Tour will be next on the

agenda and it is a good one. There is a little background that has resulted in this particular tour. As most of you are aware, Jim Wilhite passed away last year, and his wife Luanna wants to have their layout open again before it is probably removed in the near future. So the Butter Cup Valley along with four other layouts will be open for viewing on April 23rd. Information on all of these layouts is in this issue of the Rusty Spike starting on page 3.

These layouts will be on tours at the NMRA Convention but will be in high demand and also most of you (I hope) will be busy helping work the convention so won't have the chance to see these layouts then. This will be the chance for many of you to see these layouts early and perhaps even spend more time at them than on a bus tour. So mark your calendars now.

Last, watch your mail for the CID Ballot that will be in your mailbox in the next month. Please vote and show your support for those people who have agreed to lead your CID.



Buyers and vendors at Noblesville

Photo: Rich Seymour



Here a Rio Grande passenger train traverses a bridge on Ethan Atkinson's portable layout.

Photo: Rich Seymour



**Central Indiana Division**  
of the  
**National Model Railroad Association**

*Presents the*

# Martinsville Train Show

**Saturday - April 2, 2016**

**New  
Location**

**\*\*CID Annual Meeting\*\***

**Martinsville Plaza  
2182 Burton Lane  
Martinsville, IN**

**10 AM to 3 PM**

**CID Annual Meeting at 11:00AM**

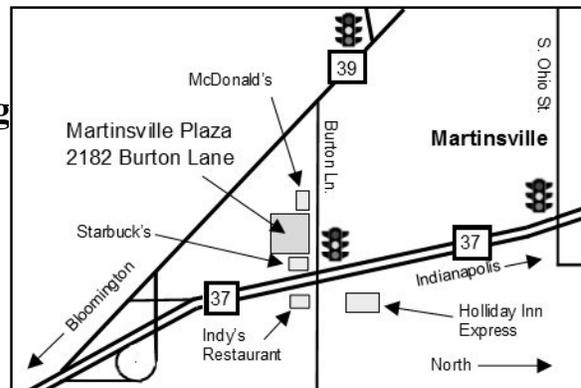


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in Indy in 2016.  
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Check out our website at <http://cid.railfan.net>

The next CID train show is at  
Danville, IN on November 19, 2016

# Upcoming Events

## – Division Schedule –



### Spring Modeler's Meet – March 12, 2016 – Indianapolis, IN

Allisonville Christian Church, 7701 Allisonville Rd., Indianapolis, IN  
10AM to 3PM. Clinic presentation will be *JMRI Overview* by Tom Fitzsimmons.  
Attendance is free but is limited to NMRA members. (May bring one guest)  
You don't have to bring anything or bring what you are working on to share.

**For more information or tables:** Tom Cain at [atsf93@comcast.net](mailto:atsf93@comcast.net)

### Martinsville Meet & CID Annual Business Meeting – April 2, 2016 – Martinsville, IN



Martinsville Plaza - 2182 Burton Lane, Martinsville, IN (See map on page 5)  
Dealer Show & Meet – 10AM to 3PM / Admission: \$3:00 per Adult / \$5.00 per Family  
CID Annual Meeting at 11:00AM / Dealer Tables - \$16.00 for 8' table

**For more information:** Trevor Jones at [trevjn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trevjn@sbcglobal.net)

### Spring Layout Tour – April 23, 2016

Anderson Area - 10AM to 4PM  
5 layouts open for viewing.

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**For more information:** Tom Cain at [atsf93@comcast.net](mailto:atsf93@comcast.net)

## – Extra Board –

### Hoosier On30 Meet - April 30, 2016 - Noblesville, IN

Noblesville Community Center - 372 South 8th Street, Noblesville, IN  
10AM to 4PM. Hosted and Sponsored by the Indiana On30 Group  
All Narrow Gauge Scales and Fine Scale Modelers  
Layouts, Show and Tell, Swap and Sell, Dioramas  
Registration Fee \$10.00 (Spouse included), Tables 6' or 8' \$5.00 each  
Set up 8:00AM to 10:00AM

**For more information or tables:** Paul "Rob" Robinson at [michelerobinson14@att.net](mailto:michelerobinson14@att.net)  
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### Highball to Indy – NMRA National Convention – July 3-10, 2016 – Indianapolis, IN

Westin Hotel , 50 S. Capital Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204  
National Train Show July 8-10, 2016, Indianapolis Convention Center

**For more information:** <http://www.nmra2016.org>



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## Roger Hensley HO scale - East Central Indiana with NYC & PC

This layout has been reworked several times and it looks finished, but, somehow, it still keeps changing. The railroad is based on the line from Anderson IN to Westport IN that had passed to Penn Central from a New York Central line. The line was sold to the ECI who has resurrected it. There are two yards; one is the Anderson Yard (ex-PRR), and the other outside of Westport (ex-NYC). The small town of Westport has its Grain Elevator and several other small businesses. The city of Anderson has several businesses requiring rail service. Anderson and Westport are dated circa 1970 with prosperous businesses in both. The layout is operated with DCC having been converted several years back, and there are two automatic reversing switches. The railroad also has numerous Tortoise Switch Machines to improve operations. The layout is in the basement, so come around to the side street. Come out and see a modest sized layout in 14 x 13 feet.

## MCHS Model Railroad Museum in Anderson Indiana

These railroads are in the basement of the Madison County Historical Society, and are accessible either by steps or an Elevator. Many of the exhibits are operational and are set for viewing. There is the mock up of a 1/4 scale Baker Valve Gear on a NYC Railroad steam locomotive. An HO scale 5 x 16 foot layout built with several sections. It has numerous buildings, houses, a couple of factories and a rail yard. There is an On30 Scale 4' x 6' operating layout with old time steam train, an O Scale Traction 4' x 8' setup, O-27 Gauge Lionel & Marx layout dating back to the early 1950s. An N scale layout that is a long setup and includes backdrop paintings and is the biggest layout in the museum. It has a large yard at one end and there is a siding for the passenger Station with a city on the other end. Last, but not least is an S Gauge American Flyer layout on a 4x12 panel with buildings and autos setup. It has a number of lighted buildings and a lake with a boat. There are also numerous railroad photos on the walls representing the early 1900s right up to today, and various railroad memorabilia as well.



### Upcoming CID Board Meetings

Date: April 3, 2016

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

Time: 1:30 PM

Date: June 5, 2016

Location: Indianapolis Marion County Library  
Wayne Branch Library  
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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 46 Issue #3 - April 9, 2016  
Volume 46 Issue #4 - July 17, 2016  
Volume 46 Issue #5 - September 4, 2016  
Volume 47 Issue #1 - December 4, 2016

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](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.



***Highball to Indy 2016***  
**July 3 – 10, 2016**  
Downtown Indianapolis

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Groundhog Day  
February 2, 2016

February 2<sup>nd</sup> has come and gone. The groundhog didn't see his shadow, so spring can't be too far away. That date also had meaning to those of you who haven't yet signed up for the NMRA Convention, *Highball to Indy 2016*. Originally, Feb. 2 was the date the rates for the convention registration would increase. However, it has been decided that the lower rate is to be **temporarily extended**. If you'd like to save some bucks, you can still do that, but you need to register now. The basic registration remains at \$130 and the companion registration is \$55.

You may register by going to either the NMRA or the *Highball to Indy 2016* (HTI 2016) web site. For the NMRA site, go to [NMRA.org](http://NMRA.org) and then click on NMRA Store at the top, left of the page. Click on Members Only Store and then choose 2016 Indianapolis Convention. You may also use the HTI 2016 site. To do this, go to [NMRA2016.org](http://NMRA2016.org). Choices for how you may get registered are listed on the home page.

Don't pass up this opportunity to attend a National Convention in your own back yard. I think it's pretty safe to say there won't be one held closer to the CID than this one. See you in Indy this July.

Steve Studley

*Highball to Indy, 2016*, chair  
MWR Vice President

## Some photos from the Noblesville Meet



Jim Canter entered this "GM Train of Tomorrow" in the Favorite Train Contest at Noblesville. Photo: Rich Seymour



Paul Hanson operates trains on the O Scale layout that was one of many layouts at Noblesville. Photo: Rich Seymour

## Hoosier On30 meet

The Hoosier On30 meet is now in its ninth year providing an annual opportunity for modelers interested in narrow gauge railroads and fine modeling to show off their handiwork and discuss fine modeling techniques. The meet attracts modelers from both Indiana and the surrounding states. In recent years, modelers have been bringing their work in other scales besides On30, and they are encouraged to do so. The scale is not that important, and the sharing of information about narrow gauge history and operations as well as fine modeling techniques is useful to any modeler. Even standard gauge modelers could find the meet of value for the opportunity to meet with excellent modelers and glean useful modeling techniques - maybe even be inspired to take up narrow gauge modeling.

Narrow gauge on a standard gauge layout? Sure. There have been industrial narrow gauge lines feeding standard gauge lines with agricultural products, such as sugar cane and cotton; mining and quarry operations; and manufacturing operations. Such a narrow gauge operation can be a good source of revenue for your standard gauge line and requires very little space.

The meet registration form and map is available on the CID website at <http://cid.railfan.net>

## NOBLESVILLE FAVORITES CONTEST RESULTS

### Favorite Train

- 1st Place James Canter  
GM Train of Tomorrow -1947
- 2nd Place Matt Hewitt  
Shadowton Ridge North Work Train

### Favorite "Weathered Rolling Stock"

- 1st Place James Canter  
"Wilson" O Scale Refer
- 1st Place Keith Clark  
Milwaukee Road HO Box Car
- 2nd Place Tom Cain  
TPW HO Box Car
- 2nd Place Brad Philbrick  
N Scale Tank Car
- 3rd Place Brad Philbrick  
N Scale Stock Car

## Spring 2016 Modelers Meet

We will have our Spring Modelers Meet on Saturday, March 12 from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Allisonville Christian Church located at 7701 Allisonville Rd., Indianapolis, IN. This is an opportunity for any NMRA member to attend to both share any of their current projects or to observe the projects of others. You do not have to bring a project to share, but projects of all stages of progress are welcome. These meets reveal some of the great talent to be found here in the CID. Just seeing how our fellow modelers are accomplishing great things is the equivalent of attending a clinic that you might find at a local, regional or national convention. Speaking of clinics, Tom Fitzsimmons will provide a clinic on JMRI Decoder Pro with an overview of what can

be accomplished by this free and fantastic software. Tom has done presentations for the CID before and this WILL be a National Convention level presentation. As stated at the beginning of this write-up, this is for NMRA members, but you are also welcome to bring a friend along so that others can discover the benefits of NMRA membership.

*Highball To Indy '16*  
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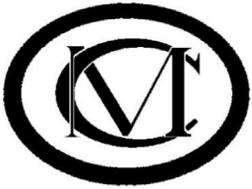
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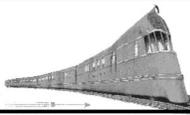
  
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