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# Get Ready For Another CID Modelers Meet

We will have our third CID Modelers meet on Saturday, October 20, 2012. 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.

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. One clinic that is scheduled will be "Small / Easy Electronic Projects" by Keith Clark. He did a clinic a year or so ago about adding sound to your mechanical reefers. Lets see what he does this time. Doug Rolfe will do a clinic called "Tips on Building Wood Structures."

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, October 20th. Our CID Board meeting will also be held at this location following this meet.

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# Building a Credible Freight Car Fleet on the Cheap!

By Jim Six  
Superintendent, NMRA Michiana Division MWR



Accurail AAR 41' Steel Gondola.

Many of us have operating model railroads or dream of someday having one. Once work on the layout begins it soon becomes apparent that you no longer have time for super detailing and building craftsman kits. Time becomes a premium commodity. I found myself in this situation when I began work on my New York Central Michigan Division layout five years ago. Working a full time job and tending to family needs leaves little time for the hobby. So, what is the solution?

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Building a Credible Freight ... (Continued from page 1)

The hobby today has evolved away from shake-the-box (blue-box) freight car kits to super detailed ready to roll freight (RTR) cars – or so many people would have you think. Yes, I have my share of RTR cars on my layout too. Problem is, they are expensive and I need about 250 freight cars to operate my layout. I cannot and will not spend \$8000 on freight cars! Yes, that is what it would take to fill my roster with RTR freight cars.

Because of this I have looked elsewhere for most of my rolling stock. This is when I rediscovered Accurail and a few other sources for freight cars and cabooses. Years ago I had dismissed Accurail and others because of molded on detail such as grab irons and ladders. That was a mistake. I apparently thought too highly of myself and paid too much attention to our hobby's nit-pickers and rivet counters.

More recently faced with the problem of putting together a 250-car fleet for the layout I reconsidered those manufacturers I had dismissed. Starting with Accurail, I was pleasantly surprised with what I found. Most of Accurail's freight car kits are of much newer tooling than the old Athearn and Roundhouse shake-the-box freight car kits, some of which were tooled in the 1950s. The level of detail fidelity on most of those old cars leaves much to be desired. However, Accurail models are of much more recent tooling and the detail fidelity matches that of the finest RTR freight cars, with the exception of molded on grabs and ladders.

Most of the models pictured in this article are Accurail kits I assembled and weathered in less than an hour of my time. When I mix them in a train with RTR models they blend right in. In fact, when I ask guests to pick out their favorite couple of freight cars on my layout, the Accurail cars win most of the time. Hmmm . . . something to think about.

Before you jump on the bandwagon agreeing with me or start pooh-poohing me for lowering my standards, consider the following. Most of my freight cars are “stand-ins” for specific prototypes and not truly accurate models of any particular prototype freight car. At one time I was a so-called prototype modeler. Yes, that sounds good, but being a strict prototype modeler ties your hands limiting what you can do when building a layout.



Here is another Accurail AAR 41' Steel Gondola. The brake rigging comes with the kit and consists of

**three pieces that press into place. Nothing complicated.**

My philosophy is that I build realistic-looking freight cars that may or may not accurately match a specific prototype. I care, but don't really care about adherence to a specific prototype. Most modelers I know wouldn't know the difference anyway! Instead, I direct my attention to fit and finish, and most importantly, to the weathering applied to my models. I have long said that weathering is the most important detail you can add to your models. I believe this more firmly than ever. The models pictured in this article have little to no added detail, but all are weathered using acrylic paints applied with paint brushes. I didn't even use an airbrush.



**This is an Accurail outside-braced wooden boxcar. The fish belly frame was discarded to the scrap box and a straight frame installed using Evergreen 1/8" C-channel installed back-to-back into the slots for the fish-belly frame...**

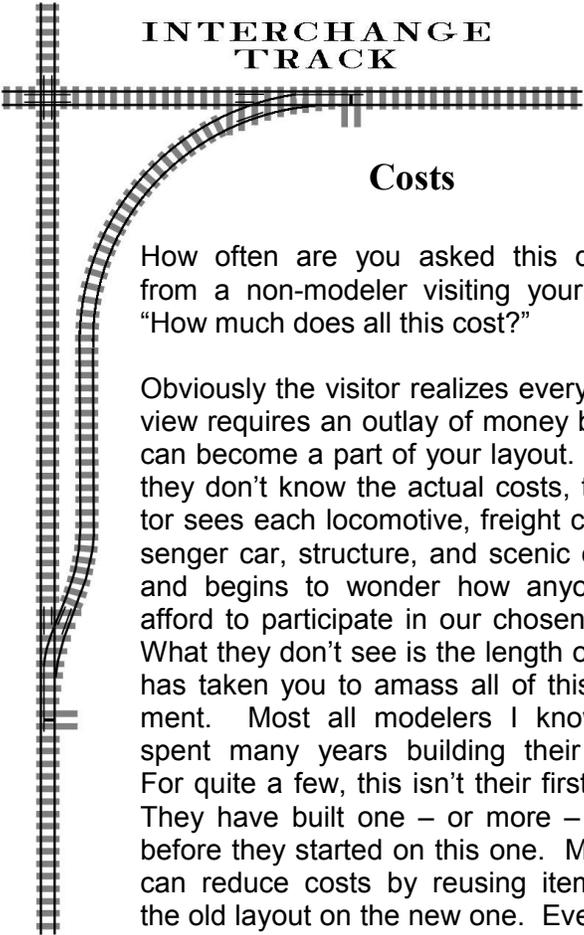


**The one-piece brake rigging is cemented to the Evergreen straight frame sills. This is the extent of the underbody detail.**

My layout is set in the summer of 1943 when America was fighting for its survival against the war machines of Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany. At the time there remained many older freight cars of wood construction. This setting made the need for single sheathed (outside braced) and double sheathed boxcars crucial for me. Accurail has a nice variety of the more common cars of this type. I have added more than three dozen Accurail wooded boxcars to my roster. For several of these cars I made one detail change. That is, I replaced the fish-belly frame with twin C-channel frame and added the one-piece brake rigging to the Accurail AAR gondola – available separately from Accurail for a small price. Otherwise, the cars are box-stock Accurail models.

Weathering is brushed on as an acrylic wash diluted with Windex window cleaner. Excess is wiped off with paint brushes and cotton swabs. I do not use an airbrush of this process. Not needed as most anybody can apply

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## INTERCHANGE TRACK

### Costs

How often are you asked this question from a non-modeler visiting your layout, "How much does all this cost?"

Obviously the visitor realizes everything in view requires an outlay of money before it can become a part of your layout. Even if they don't know the actual costs, the visitor sees each locomotive, freight car, passenger car, structure, and scenic element and begins to wonder how anyone can afford to participate in our chosen hobby. What they don't see is the length of time it has taken you to amass all of this equipment. Most all modelers I know have spent many years building their layout. For quite a few, this isn't their first layout. They have built one – or more – layouts before they started on this one. Modelers can reduce costs by reusing items from the old layout on the new one. Even if this is your first layout, the long-term modeler

has been buying items for many years and has inventory on hand. Considering costs per time, the amount of money spent on your layout, averaged over several years, reduces monthly or yearly costs to a more reasonable number.

Assistant Superintendent Keith Clark attended a clinic at Grand Rails 2012 during which the clinician spoke of costs for someone who had taken up golfing as a hobby. Neither golfing nor model railroading is free. The more involved you are in either one, the more it's going to cost. However, after both groups have spent their hobby money, we model railroaders end up with an operating, scenicked (albeit never completed) layout while the golfer ends up with a drawer full of little cards with numbers on them. In a clinic I attended, we learned there are railroad modelers who will pay to get what they want. In the 1980s, there was a modeler who wanted to have an operating, Baltimore & Ohio-based, color position light signaling system for his layout. He found someone who would build that system for him, so he got his want. The cost: \$20,000. Perhaps this is an extreme example. You may not spend anywhere near this much money for any given system on your layout, but the total for a model railroad might give even a small-

layout owner something to think about. I try to answer "How much..." by letting the person know there will be an initial outlay of funds to get started. As a minimum, you should consider getting a train set or individual locos, cars, and track. Ensure these are good-quality items. If you are like the rest of us, you'll get started with your initial purchase and realize you need some more cars, or structures, or scenery supplies, or track, or all of the above. Well, you get the picture. Figure you'll spend money throughout the year. My point is that we each deal with the costs associated with our hobby/hobbies as we are financially able. Hopefully, we'll be able to reach a sufficient level of fulfillment without straining the family budget.

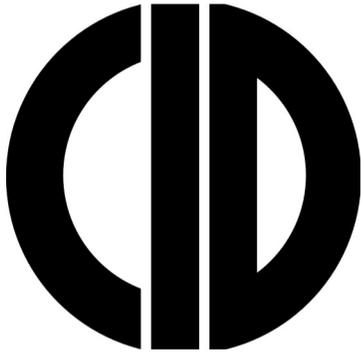
As we approach the holiday season, another question that may be asked is: "How much will it cost for me to get started in model railroading?" As stated before, there will be an initial cash outlay to get started. This will be followed by many purchases as you "complete" your model railroad. Remember, not everything needs to be purchased at once.

Another part of the answer to this question is the old "it depends". The costs will vary depending on whether you are an older modeler nearing retirement or a younger parent wanting to work with their child while building their shared layout. Many soon-to-be retirees visit our booth and say they have a box of old train supplies at home and are thinking about getting them out. These returning modelers are going to find the hobby now has many new, neat electronics, higher costs for ready-to-run models, and fewer kits. For someone building a smaller layout, there are some manufacturers who are selling smaller Digital Command Control (DCC) systems. While they often lack the expandability of the full-blown systems, the cost advantage may allow the parent/child layout to enter the world of DCC.

A hobby should provide recreation for the hobbyist. There are costs associated with your involvement in a hobby that somehow correlate with your enjoyment. They can be large costs or small costs. It's your decision. It's not necessarily true that the greater the cost, the greater your enjoyment. Quite often, a long-sought, particularly well-chosen purchase will provide great enjoyment even though it might not have cost that much. The important thing is to get started enjoying model railroading.

"Clear signal at Sycamore Hollow"

**Steve Studley, Superintendent**



# Central Indiana Division of the National Model Railroad Association

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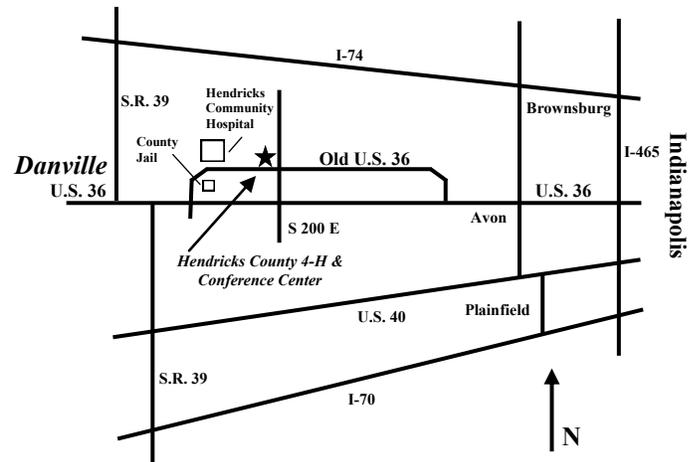
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Check out our website at <http://cid.railfan.net/>

The next CID show is at Noblesville, IN in January 2013

# Upcoming Events

## – Division Schedule –

### Carmel Library Train Show – November 10, 2012 – Carmel, IN

Carmel Clay Public Library, 55 4th Ave. S.E.  
10am to 3pm - Admission is FREE  
Operating layouts, demonstrations and displays  
**For more information:** [trevjn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trevjn@sbcglobal.net)

### Danville Train Meet – November 17, 2012 – Danville, IN

Hendricks County Fair Grounds, Danville, Indiana  
Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 4pm - Free Admission  
Operating layouts, vendors, door prizes, contests, food and free parking

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### Noblesville Meet and Auction – January 27, 2013 – Noblesville, IN

Hamilton County 4H Expo Center, 2003 Pleasant Street  
Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 4pm  
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**For more information or tables:** Tom Cain at (317) 475-7834



Make your plans to join the CID for this great event. More information and registration form at: <http://cid.railfan.net>

## – Extra Board –

### Great Train Expo – January 5 & 6, 2013 – Indianapolis, IN

Indiana State Fair Grounds South Pavilion  
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**For more information:** <http://trainexpoind.com>



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#### Upcoming CID Board Meetings

Date: October 20, 2012  
Location: Allisonville Christian Church  
7701 Allisonville Road  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Time: 3:00 PM (Immediately following the Modelers Meet)

Date: December 9, 2012  
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.

#### Rusty Spike Closing Dates

Volume 43 Issue #1 – December 9, 2012  
Volume 43 Issue #2 – February 17, 2013  
Volume 43 Issue #3 – May 5, 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](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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**2013 Midwest Region Convention**

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## 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. evening* ___ x \$25	Banquet Tickets for Sat. evening* ___ x \$25	\$
* Featured Speaker: Indiana Rail Road CEO Thomas Hoback		Total Submitted To CID/NMRA: \$

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 weathering in this way. If you are interested, attend the Michiana Division Symposium next April in Middlebury at Das Dutchman Essenhaus Inn and convention center.



Here are the paint brushes that weathering is applied with. The boxcar and brushes are in the same photo so you can see their relative size.



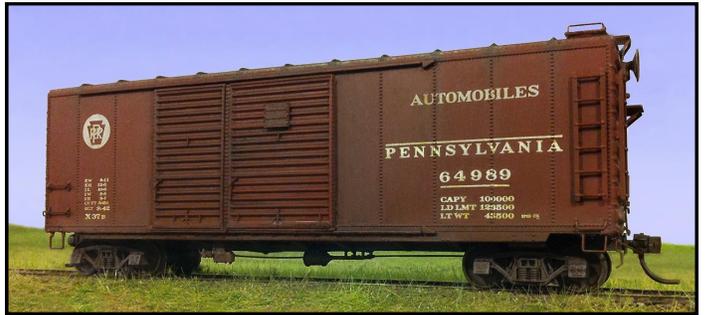
Here are the acrylic artist's paints used for weathering and paint touch-up. Paints and brushes were purchased at Hobby Lobby.



This is an Accurail model with the fish-belly to straight frame modification and one-piece Accurail brake rigging installed. The model is weathered, but weathered somewhat clean. I recommend you avoid over-weathering.



Above is an Accurail double sheathed boxcar.



This model is a nearly thirty year old Front Range kit that has the one-piece Accurail brake rigging installed and a light coat of acrylic wash weathering.

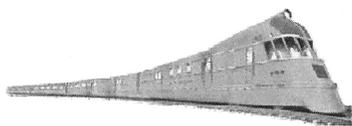


This is a Roundhouse RTR model of a 36' boxcar that was common from about 1910 to 1950. It is weathered with Acrylic washes.



Above is my most recent Accurail model. I added the extra door to make a so-called door-and-a-half boxcar. I also replaced the fish-belly frame with a straight sill frame, and then added Accurail's one-piece brake rigging. Otherwise the model is a factory painted Accurail CB&Q kit.

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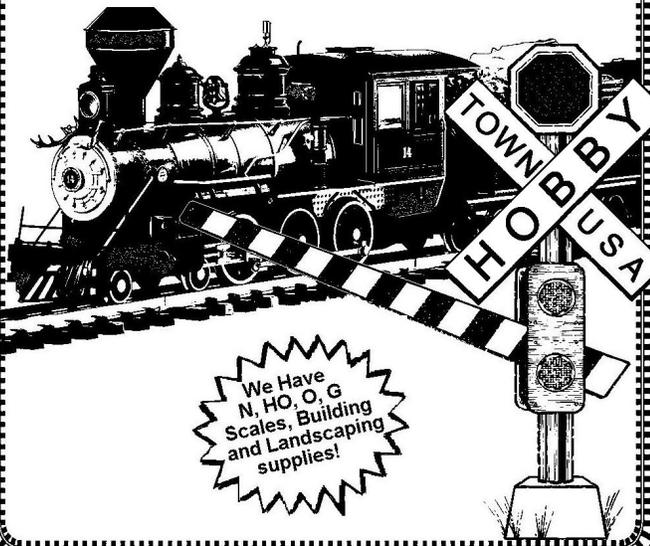


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