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NMRA 2019 Convention Report

Salt Lake City Convention 2019

*Reporting the Salt Lake City National NMRA
Convention 7 to 14 July 2019*

Salt Lake City NMRA National Convention theme, the 150th Anniversary, the completion of the tracks at Promontory Point Utah on May 10th 2019. Clinics were dedicated to Promontory prior to those tours following the history of building the Transcontinental Railroad.

To Salt Lake we traveled a route that followed trains. First watching a BNSF Train wading through the flood waters of the overflowed Missouri river along I-29 in Iowa trying to keep her wheels from getting wet through high water just inches below the rails. As we traveled a head of it, found a grade crossing under water with the signals running. Good Luck to BNSF. Interstate 80 was the route for trains west. A picnic at a rest stop near Grand Island and we run into NMRA member from the Fort Wayne area yelling “**You Headed to Salt Lake too?**” Jim Macino will give a clinic on the “Operations of Nickle Plate #765”. He seen my KC Shirt.

Next, UP Bailey Yards in North Platte and the Golden Spike Observation Tower/Visitor’s Center was stop one. You just want to take it all in at Bailey including feeding

the hump yards and engine shops. It is Huge! You didn’t want to take your eyes off it. Like the Grand Canyon, you keep looking at it. Your in Awl with what you see. You hear wheels squealing and you think it will be close but instead it is a car rolling down the hump far away. We finished North Platte with the Union Pacific Railroad Museum featuring Challenger # 3977 with Gray Paint and the Centennial # 6922 and other UP equipment.

Cheyenne, Wyoming Depot was next with its large yard and home to the UP Steam Power. We even got a glimpse of Big Boy #4014 and #844 just inside the stalls in the Steam shop looking from the nearby bridge. Both noses were pointed out the doors. Outside the shop, one yellow tender jacked up getting a look at. Three more not so yellow tenders being reworked to put into the line up to support now 3 steam engines. The Challenger #3985 was reported in the Round House prepping for overhaul. In the Depot an elaborate Narrow gauge Hon3 model layout was upstairs and a large Museum downstairs about Union Pacific as they trekked westward to Promontory and how Cheyenne became a focal point along the railroad.

*Now on to Salt Lake City and the NMRA Convention at
the Little America Hotel*

I began by entering two photos in the contest room and I

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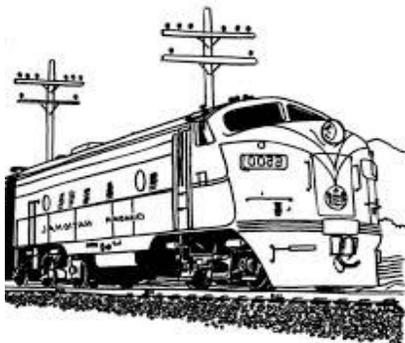
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www.cidnmra.org

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

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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,

Extra! Extra! Extra! Read all about it. I am delighted to inform you that the Central Indiana Division of the Midwest Region has won the bid to host a tri-regional convention in May 2022. This will be a four day events starting on Wednesday and running thru Saturday. The three regions, North Central (NCR), Mid Central (MCR), and of course Mid West (MWR) will join forces to provide a great regional convention like no other. Well ok it is hard to try and beat our 2016 Highball to Indy but we can try. Each region will have various responsibilities. Ours is to provide logistic support in the following areas, convention venue Marriot convention center (same as 2016), layout tours, etc.. The other 2 divisions will work on clinics, white elephant sale, plus provide volunteers in various position etc.. Even though we are having a joint venture, we still need your help, your layout, and your clinic expertise. More details will be forth coming but now is the time to start planning.

So what has been happening in the division for the past several months? Hopefully you have referred to the CID website, received an email or noticed activities on our Facebook page. If not here is what you missed, train shows by Naptown & White River club and Columbus Area Railroad Club. How about the national convention for the Steel Mill Modelers SIG here in Indy or the Midwest Rail Fair held in Atlanta, IN. Did you take in a train ride at White River Railroad or visit the Live Steamers in Columbus? Maybe not but I know what you did, sat on your patio with a tall cold one and fantasied about turning your back yard into a G scale empire. You don't need grass and those pesky weeds are really your G scale trees. Anyway, the fall is packed with great things to do and learn. Just to name a few- train shows at, Dubois County Museum Model Train Show, Carmel Library Train Show, Evansville Train Show, our CID's Danville Train Show and Fall Modelers meet here in Indianapolis. How are you doing on your 100 X 100 scale feet display for the Danville Train show?

In my column last issue of the Rusty Spike, I mentioned a new event type called Track Talk. Well I am happy to report Dan Banks from the Anderson area has organized a Track Talk Make and Take event held on November 9, 2019 at the Anderson Library. Briefly attendees will assemble a beginner's level laser cut wood craftsman kit of a scale house. This instructional session only costing a small fee of less than \$6.00, will be a fun an enjoyable experience as you follow as a group each phase of construction. This is a hands on event so bring your tools and enthusiasm. For more information contact Dan Banks at wabashbanks@att.net for further details. As a reminder, if you are a member of a group and want to host an event related to model railroading such as clinic, layout tour etc or just get together and have a meal and swap stories let me know.

OK, I have done a poor job listing all the model railroading events, so why don't you visit our web page or check us out on Facebook.

Lastly, let me discuss a surprising perk for being an NMRA member. I was going to update and purchase new various modeling tools from a well named supplier. As I was checking out there was this box that for coupon codes. Well a little light flickered and I check out the NMRA web site and found a 10% coupon code. This saved me about half of the cost of my annual NMRA membership. Maybe, if I buy more I can get my membership for free? Anyway, If you have any comments or concerns about

Clinic Line-up

October Modelers Meet:

- *Tom Fitzsimmons has a clinic on "Structure Lighting"

Danville Show:

- *Phil Burnside will be doing a clinic on "3-D Printing"
- *Eric Peterson wil talk about "Lessons Learned Moving My Layout"



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

Presents the

**Danville Train Show
Saturday - November 16, 2019**

**Admission
\$3.00 per person
\$5.00 per family**



Hendricks County Fair Grounds

ON OLD US 36 – 4.9 MILES WEST OF AVON – NORTH SIDE OF OLD US 36 AND
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10 AM to 3 PM

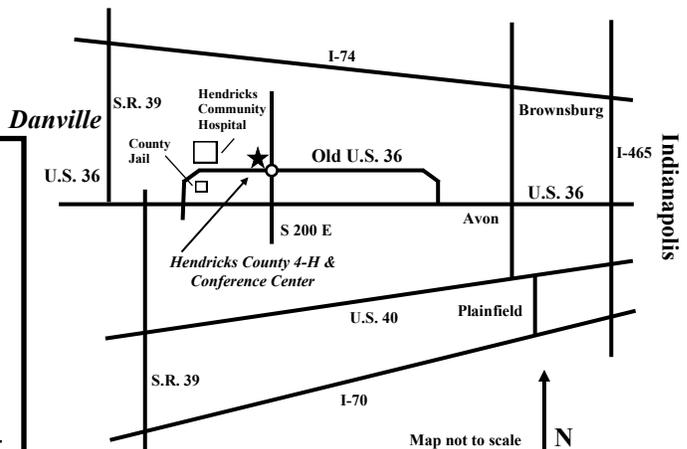
Show Features

- Operating Layouts
- Dealer Tables
- 2 Clinics
- Food
- Displays
- Model Judging
- Door Prizes
- Free Parking

- Popular Vote Contest
 - Favorite 100x100 Scale Feet Repurposed Railcar Display
- Model registration: 10am to 11am
Voting open: 11am to 1:30pm
Winners announced: 1:30pm

All in attendance are asked to be sure and stop by the contest table and vote for your favorite 100'x100' scale display.

*Map to Hendricks County
4-H & Convention Center
1900 E. Main St., Danville, Indiana 46122-0007*



**Dealer Tables \$16.00 each [8 foot] Setup from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Vendor table request forms at <http://www.cidnmra.org>
For information contact Keith Clark at (812) 876-6799.**

Check out our website at <http://www.cidnmra.org>
The next train show will be at Noblesville on January 26, 2020

Upcoming Events

– Division Schedule –



Fall Modelers Meet - October 12, 2019 - Plainfield, IN

Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave, Indianapolis, IN
Hours will be our regular 10A to 3P. The presentation for the meet will be on –
Structure Lighting - by Tom Fitzsimmons
Bring something with you that you'd like to share with others.

For more information: Tom Cain at (317) 696-2818

Carmel Library Train Show – November 2, 2019 – Carmel, IN

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

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

Danville Train Meet – November 16, 2019 – Danville, IN

Hendricks County Fair Grounds, Danville, Indiana
Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 3pm - Admission \$3.00 per Person/\$5.00 per Family
Operating layouts, vendors, door prizes, contests, food and free parking
Dealer Tables - \$16.00 for 8' table (Table request forms available at cidnmra.org)

For more information: Keith Clark at (812) 876-6799 or gtwfan@bluemarble.net

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

– Extra Board –



Great Train Show- February 8-9, 2018 – 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>

The Peoria Rocket—Midwest Region Convention:—May 14-17, 2020-Peoria, IL

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 61611 Tel: 1-309-698-3333



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put my Golden Spike Centennial Car with it's consist Cars from the UP 100th anniversary exhibition train (not Judged). My Prototype Color photo took Second Place with a theme of "Memorable Magic Moment". My two photos were most of the ones about Promontory Point.

Connie and I started with a SLC City bus tour and learned a little bit about Salt Lake City. The Rio Grande Station, and the Union Pacific Station still stand with their prominent



markings still on them and make great photos. Both Stations now repurposed, with no railroad tracks near them. From a Bridge we had a great view of Amtrak Station, Front Runner Commuter and platform and the Trax City Rail that all meet at the Amtrak Station. Amtrak serves SCL with the California Zephyr East and Westbound that come through late at night It was considered our way to SLC.

Before each Promontory tour, there was a clinic about Golden Spike History going to Promontory. The Speakers played in the Ceremony Re-enactment at Promontory Point on each trip out. Other clinics covered the latest of JMRI for decoder programming. Making your own backdrops, Following the trips of 765, How to make trees, and using Fiber Optics naming just a few. Paid clinics that furnish kits and supplies for a one on one with experts and a place to ask questions called "Modeling with the Masters" constructing buildings, bridges, trees, make and pour your own molds. Hunter Line presented hands-on making snow fence, staining, and mixing steins for your wood projects. I took on the Snow Fence at a previous National and it was Great. There is generally not enough time to finish your project at any clinic, but you get one on one with experts and your clinic fee basically covers a kit and supplies. The expert's advice is free. Other clinics were Historians taking on subjects like the Royal Gorge and the Denver Rio Grand Western and the troubles and problems to get the passes built so trains could get through. (You know, building railroads is not all glamorous). You hear about the fights and court arguments, one company grinding off survey steaks to claim the right of way for their own was very interesting. I Counted 210 clinics overall compared to a Regional Con-

vention with maybe 35 clinics. It is difficult to get to all clinics, take all tours even if you tried. There is something to fill all your time if you want to. But gaining new ideas and new friends in the Hobby that is really the best part.

I did a layout tour early in the week that covered 3 layouts in northern Salt Lake that were wonderful. The Layout tours were every day and I believe each tour was full. Salt Lake City was well organized splitting bus loads between 3 nearby home layouts and rotated each group till we seen them all. If prototype was your interest, there were several of those. Evanston Wyoming Round house was popular as I seen a lot of folks heading for the bus. Most of these tours were sold out before anyone ever arrived in SLC. You need to Register for these before you head to a Convention or it's pot luck to get a tour. Connie and I took on a second Lay-out Tour near the end of the convention up near the Weber Canyon area. We go together on at least one to reinforce what I try to model and for Connie to see some of the of the projects I vision for my layout and a budget to complete that, not that I always get a budget. A last minute guided tour that took us to Ogden Railroad Station / Museums. It included the restoration shop of 223. Being Free we all got there by using the Trax downtown rail transferring to the Front Runner for a wonderful ride to Ogden. The tour included the outdoor museum, the Restoration Project of the Narrow Gauge Rio Grande and Western Steam Engine and included all the museums in the depot including the Archives room. Dinner was on our own and my Cousin picked me up for a short visit over dinner, Then returned back on the Front runner was a great ride back to the convention. I thought this was the best tour and free at that. Connie went on a LDS Welfare tour the day before and Wednesday She had a follow-up at the Genealogy hunt for the family tree. There were several Non Rail tours and luncheons also available to take.

Why is the NMRA National Conventions always in the big cities? Well, we have international members that attend. International Regions are represented. I met folks from Australia, New Zealand, England, Germany, and this year I met 3 from Costa Rica, besides Canada and the USA. The big cities are needed for international flights and transportation to and from the convention. The National Train Show followed the NMRA Convention as always. A great show with lots of layouts and Manufacturers held at the Rocky Mountain Convention Center in Sandy, Utah. Easy transportation on the Trax system. Once it left the city streets it flew down to the show. Enough MFG's there showing their new wares that made you start drooling.

The Banquet Speaker was telling about the things you never hear about like the fights and things that went wrong building the Trans Continental Railroad. Not the good things but the stuff no one wants to put in tour pamphlets. Our National Leadership also awarded a Life Time Membership to someone who had accomplished a lot and done many things

TIMESAVER in O Scale

By John Robert Coy (MWR CID)

Long ago and for many years now, I had dreamed about building my very own Timesaver layout. When I finally did, the build took just 11 days which was just in time for a NMRA (Midwest Region: Central Indiana Division—Carmel Clay Public Library) event. The library hosts this event each year in November to celebrate National Model Railroad Month.

I greatly admired John Allen, who was a true pioneer of the hobby. His famous Gorre & Daphetid layout is legendary! He was a true craftsman who very often had to scratch-build items because these things simply did not exist in his day. He built THE original Timesaver layout only to occupy the operators of his regular layout during their down-time on operating session nights. John's Timesaver “game” turned out to be an absolute classic!

I have seen photos of John's original Timesaver where he used four “Y” switches and two left-handed switches. For the longest time, I was confused as to what one of the left-handed switches was for, because it led to no where. I just figured that it must have been the imaginary connection to the rest of the world.

As it turned out, one of John operators, Russ Cain, constructed his own identical “twin” Timesaver layout (that now hangs on the wall of the San Diego Model Railroad Museum). Cain's Timesaver also had the left-handed switch leading to nowhere. I have since discovered a photo of these two layouts connected through these turnouts so people could compete against each other as they “raced” to put the rolling stock in their correct respective locations; thereby explaining the reason for these switches.

All of the Timesaver layouts I've seen, less John's and Russ', did not use the “Y” switches that were used originally. I had a great desire to duplicate John's original track arrangement, including using Wye switches. However, I did want to put my own spin on things by using weathered three-rail track.

Fortunately for me, Ross Custom Switches produces an 11 degree Wye switch in O scale; which is the closest “match” to John Allen's track-work. Thank you to Owner Steven Ross Brenneisen who sent the switches to me very quickly and also gave me a significant contribution toward this project. Ross switches are simply the best by far bar none!

One of my most important goals was to keep my Timesaver as small and light-weight as possible. However, ultimately I elected to use a MTH diesel Alco S2 switcher as well as a



44 ton switcher. The S2 is twelve inches long. The 44 ton switcher is three inches shorter; meaning I could have reduced my layout length by six full inches by not using the S2. That was my first compromise. I wanted to use the S2.

The module only weights 16lbs.

I also decided to allow myself sixteen inches of width, because I greatly prefer to not jam the tracks close together or have them too near the layout's edges. It makes coupling/uncoupling the cars much easier when the tracks are spaced farther apart and reduces the possibility of cars falling to the floor. That was compromise number 2, because I could have made my layout somewhat narrower.

At the end of the day, my Timesaver is 88” inches long and 16” inches wide compared to the original and “twin” versions which are 72” inches long and 11” inches wide. The difference in size is negligible; especially considering that mine is O scale. Who says: “O scale takes up twice as much space as HO?” Not true or even remotely close!

A very special thank you goes to the San Diego Model Railroad Museum's Operations Director, Alyssa Thompson. She was good enough to measure Russ Cain's “twin” so I would have the precise measurements of the “twin” copy of John's original Timesaver.

Another highly critical, primary goal of mine was portability. I constructed this modular layout for several reasons, but my foremost focus was keeping it as small, light-weight and easily transportable by one single person as possible. I succeeded! The layout weighs a whopping sixteen pounds! I even installed six handles, two on each side and one on each end, to make it easier to carry and a backdrop!

I constructed my layout's base with two-inch thick foam, which weighs about three pounds. I compromised for the third time by using 1 by 4s as the framing material. I was going to use 1 by 2s which are lighter, but thought that I might need the larger material possibly for: fascia and adding folding legs in the future, if I so desire. In addition, I purchased an attractive, red in color, metal rolling



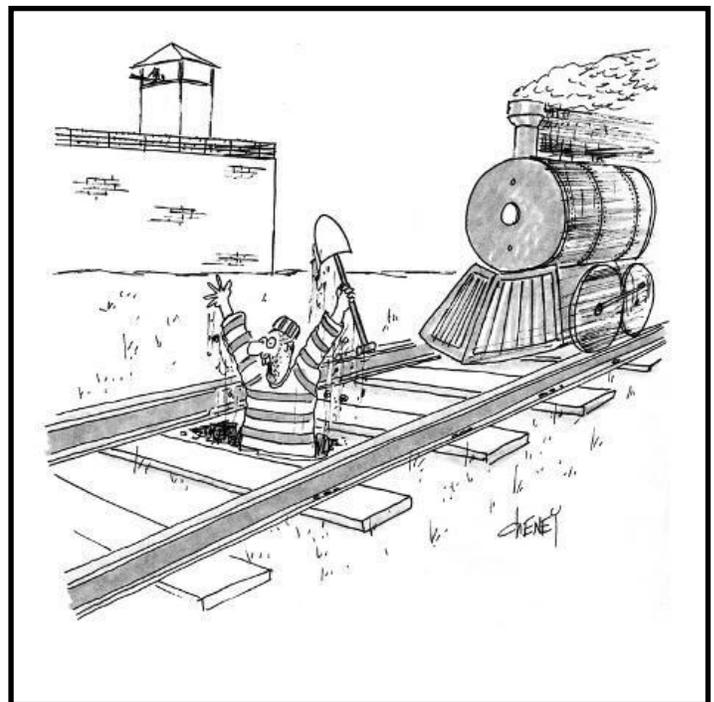
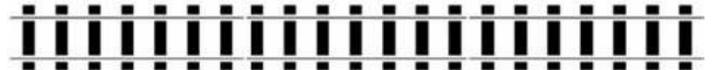
cart which has three shelves. This cart is 30 inches long by 16 inches wide and is the perfect size to act as the layout base. The cart's shelves provide the ideal place to transport the: transformer, digital command control system, maintenance supplies, engines, cars and other necessary items. I can move everything at once! I use bungee cords, one on each of the side four handles, to secure the layout to the top of the cart.

A future model railroader has a good time operating on john's module at Carmel

Any one single person may with relative ease take this layout to any location and operate it. This layout will be a great resource tool to expose others at train shows and other model train events to an operational layout. The vast majority of layouts at train events are primarily display layouts. I plan to actually involve people in my layout's operations; so they may experience what it's like to participate on an operational layout. In addition, this layout will teach others realistic, basic railroad switcher engine maneuvers and operations.

In my book: Model Railroad Custom Designer, I have written extensively about the three most critical and essential elements needed for any successful model railroad: Plausibility, Purpose and Participation. The Timesaver has all three of these elements. That is exactly why the Timesaver has been and continues to be so highly successful! In addition, I wanted to demonstrate that anyone may have a layout virtual anywhere. A common excuse/complaint in the hobby is: "I don't have enough space for a layout."

My Timesaver is an exceptionally easily portable layout that may be stored anywhere, transported anywhere and/or mounted as a shelf on a wall in any room. It could provide hours of entertainment and engagement. If any-



2019 SPECIAL FAVORITES CONTEST

At the 2018 Danville meet, there was a special, popular-vote, Favorites Contest. The subject of the contest was the construction of a 100 scale foot X 100 scale foot display in the model scale (NO 1:1 scale) of your choice. The CID board was happy to have ten displays on hand and also pleased at the interest shown by the show attendees. We'd like to thank all the modelers who participated and remind others that we will be having a similar, but slightly different, contest for 2019.

The theme will be the display of a **Repurposed Railroad Car**. If you were to search the internet for "repurposed railroad car" you would find many photos of cars that were no longer serving their original purpose, but were put to another use after their railroad life had ended. As an example, we often see cabooses being used as offices, hotels, or lake cabins. Flat cars have often been used as bridges over ditches or small creeks. It was once popular to see passenger cars used as diners or extra seating at restaurants. Check out Internet sites; there are lots of uses shown. Your challenge . . . choose one that intrigues you and design a display to illustrate the new

Upcoming CID Board Meetings

October 6, 2019

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

Time: _____ 1:30PM _____

December 8, 2019

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

Time: _____ 1:30PM _____

Peoria Rocket

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May 14– 17, 2020



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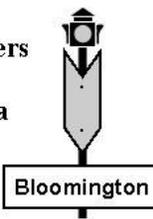
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