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Library Show Again A Hit

With November comes National Model Railroad Month and the time that the CID usually teams with the Carmel Clay Library to put on a model railroad event. This year, due to some scheduling conflicts, the event was held on October 15th. There were over 600 visitors this year, down in numbers from past years, but this year's date fell on the area schools' fall break so it would seem that maybe many of the attendees from past events may have been off doing other things that weekend. Next year's show will go back to November and be held on Saturday the 3rd.

As always with the Carmel show we see a very different group of people coming to see the layouts but the enthusiasm is extremely high. While we always have to keep an extra eye on the layouts, the kids do very well with keeping their hands to themselves despite the large number who come to view the trains.



Layouts on display included Trevor Jones (N), the Middle Fork and Cedar Ridge (N), Bill White (N), Midwest Live Steamers (G), Keith Clark (HO), Cin-Trak (N), Ellen Shelton (Z), Ed Keen (N), and Julian Garner (HO). We also don't want to forget the Circus modelers who displayed their items with us in an adjoining area of the library.



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CARMEL CLAY PHOTOS



Left: Kids enjoy operating trains on Julian Garner's HO layout which featured Thomas the Tank Engine and other friends.



"The Motley Crew" discussing who knows what as they sit at the CID Table during the Carmel Clay show. Left to right: Jim Shellhaas, Jon Silverberg and Steve Studley.



An interested spectator photographs a passing N scale steam locomotive.

Dozens of new videos streaming online at our NMRA website!

By Gerry Leone, MMR
Vice President / Special Projects

Our website features over two dozen new videos for your enjoyment! Most are "Members Only" benefits.

"Introduction to Layout Command Control (LCC)" is a recording of the clinic given by the OpenLCB team in Indianapolis. The clinic was recorded from the audience and only has ambient sound, but it is nevertheless extremely informative. If you're curious about what LCC can do, watch this clinic. You'll find it at <http://www.nmra.org/introduction-layout-command-control-lcc> on our website.

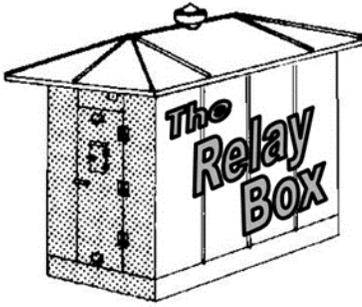
Model Railroader Video Plus donated a 12-minute over-view of highlights of last July's "Highball to Indy" convention in Indianapolis. Just ignore the video's dorky host and you'll hear interviews with President Charlie Getz, a founder of Operations Roadshow, and two

members of the LCC team who demonstrate the simplicity of LCC signaling. That video will be posted to our main homepage soon (if it's not there already), so members and non-members alike can see what a great convention "Highball to Indy" was. Look for it in the "slideshow" on the homepage.

Watch for more Model Railroader Video Plus videos on our website at <http://www.nmra.org/members/videos> in the near future. These videos are generous donations by Model Railroader Video Plus to the NMRA in exchange for us sending you promotional emails.

TrainmastersTV (part of *Model Railroad Hobbyist* magazine) has also donated a dozen videos to the NMRA in exchange for promotional emailings. These videos will be posted soon to <http://www.nmra.org/members/videos> and feature a wide range of interesting subjects.

All of these videos are entertaining and great tools to help your modeling. Again we want to thank Model Railroad Academy, Model Railroader Video Plus, and Trainmasters TV for their generosity!



**Keith Clark
CID Superintendent**

In late September I attended the "Model Like the Prototype" convention offered by the Michiana Division in South Bend, Indiana. It was held on the Notre Dame campus at the Morris Inn over a two day period and featured clinics aimed at modeling prototype themes such as "Modeling the Beer Line", "Kitbashing, Finishing and Detailing Structures", "Creating Scenes using an Artist's Eye" and "Better Modeling with Photography". These clinics were of extreme quality, well-presented by clinicians like Mont Switzer, Tom Johnson, Dan Lewis, Jack Ozanich and Craig Wilson and fit the theme of the convention closely. It also featured a layout tour with five layouts and the Free-mo modules of the southern Michigan area set up in one of the meeting rooms at the inn for viewing. Dave Schroedle also offered a two day weathering workshop for attendees to bring models and work with him on learning tricks of weathering cars. He places an emphasis on using photos of the car as a base to work with.

This was the second year in a row that I have attended the Michiana Division Conference. I must say that it was extremely enjoyable and I learned an extreme amount of information there. With saying that I would like to say something about an offering of your Central Indiana Division.

Your division offers what we are calling Modeler's Meets. These meets have currently taken place twice a year and are free to members of the CID. They are a benefit for you as a member of the NMRA. Your CID board of directors is expanding this offering to four meets a year as they feel that this is a great offering for the members of the CID. Each meet always features a clinic on the theme of the meet and while it may not be something that strikes an interest with you, I think that you may find some part of it that you might use on your layout now

or in the future.

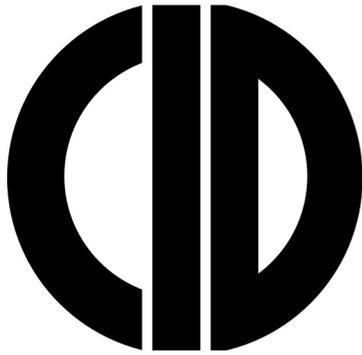
The other component of the meet is where attendees bring items that they have been working on, finished or unfinished, for discussion. It is extremely interesting to see what others are working on and people come away with lots of ideas for things that they can apply to their own layouts.

Please note that you do not have to be a super proficient modeler to attend these meets. Nor do you have to bring items that fit the theme and you don't even have to bring anything if you wish not to. Our goal here is to provide CID members with a chance to learn from each other and take things back to make their layouts better. See page 7 for more on the last Modelers Meet.

Now I don't quite know how to say my next thought and keep it from having a negative context but here goes. Your CID board is trying to provide more options for its membership. The Modelers Meets are a great opportunity for the expansion of your knowledge of your model railroading abilities and also gaining new friends and resources in the hobby. However, even when these meets are held, especially in the core location of our membership base of Indianapolis, we are fortunate to have twenty members in attendance. I am amazed that more of the members of CID do not take advantage of this fantastic offering to improve their modeling skills. Ok, I said it.

I conclude with two other items. Your former CID Superintendent and our current Midwest Region Vice President, Steve Studley, is running for Region President. While he is unopposed, I would urge you to place your vote for him in a show of support when you receive your ballot. There are also other positions up for election and your votes do say something about your support of your region leaders.

Last, I would personally like to invite all of you to the Danville Train Show on November 19th and hope you enjoy the show. Buy something for your layout!



**Central Indiana Division
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Danville Train Show
Saturday - November 19, 2016

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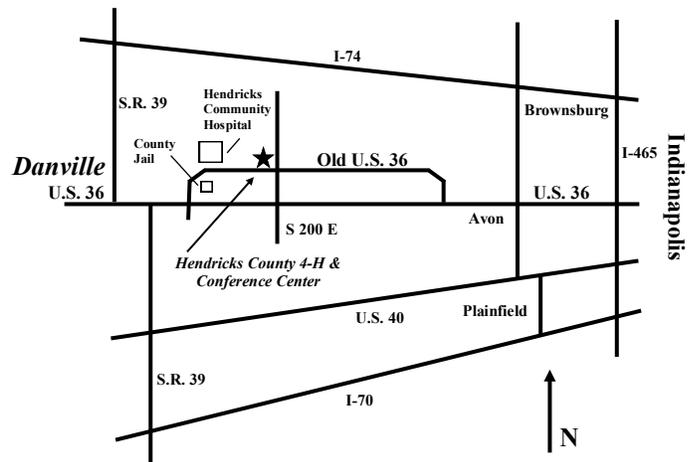
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Contact Keith Clark at (812) 876-6799 or gtwfan@bluemarble.net

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

The next train show will be at Noblesville in January 2017

Upcoming Events

– Division Schedule –



Danville Train Meet – November 19, 2016 – 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
Vendor tables 8' @ \$16.00 each.
See page 5 for flier.

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

Noblesville Meet – January 29, 2017 – 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
Dealer Tables - \$12.00 for 6' table

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

Spring Modeler's Meet – March 14, 2015 – Indianapolis, IN

Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave, Indianapolis, IN
10am to 3pm. The theme for the meet TBA.

Attendance is free but is limited to NMRA members. (May bring one guest)

Martinsville Meet & CID Annual Business Meeting – April 1, 2017 – Noblesville, IN

Martinsville Plaza - 2182 Burton Lane, Martinsville, IN
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

– Extra Board –

Dubois County 1st Annual Museum Train Show – December 3, 2016 – Jasper, Indiana

27104 Newton St., Jasper, Indiana
Train Show & Swap Meet - 10 am to 4 pm.
Operating 50' layout with 8 to 10 trains operating on separate tracks
Dealer Tables - \$10.00 for 8' table

For more information: Fred Williams at (812) 793-5400 or jaspertrainsho@outlook.com

Naptown & White River Model RR Club – December 10, 2016 – Indianapolis, IN

Train Show/50th Anniversary Celebration
Manual H.S. Gym, 2405 S. Madison Ave., Indianapolis, IN
Admission \$5.00/Children under 12 free with adult
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See www.naptownrr.org for map and directions

For more information: Steve Handly at (317) 786-8627 or busycaboose@aol.com



Great Train Show- February 4-5, 2017 – Indianapolis, IN

Indiana State Fair Grounds
Admission-Adults: \$9.00 (1 day) \$10 (2day) - Kids under 12: FREE
10am-4pm Saturday and Sunday

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



2016 CID Fall Modelers Meet

The fall CID Modelers Meet was held Saturday, September 24 in Ellettsville, IN. There were fifteen modelers in attendance on a bright, early-fall day. It just seems right to spend most of the day in a basement, even though it's a church basement and there is no model railroad there. There were enough model railroad projects brought in for display that we attendees weren't bothered with layout withdrawal.



Doug Rolfe brought in his current module and talked about the progress he is making on it. Trevor Jones presented his clinic, "Scenery by the Yard", that was given at *Highball to Indy 2016*. Trevor also demonstrated the use of more of his bargain finds for scenic elements and some of the kits he is using for structures on his railroad. Bill Schoonmaker demonstrated his use of Microsoft Publisher software in the planning process for his layout. And Keith Clark led a discussion on the design of his railroad.

As noted, the fifteen of us were able to share some time together and add a thing or two to

our individual model railroading skill set. Being in a smaller group is a great way to interact with fellow modelers. However, I'd sure like to see more modelers attend these very beneficial sessions. If you are planning on coming to our next Modelers Meet, consider rounding up a buddy to bring along. The CID is currently planning to double the number of Modelers Meets for next year. We'll have four Modelers Meets in 2017. Next year's first meet will be held on March 11, at the Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave, the modeling subject for the day will be announced soon.



Add March 11 to your calendar and if you aren't already a member of the CID email list, you should sign up. Additional information concerning CID meets and activities is shared on that list in a more timely manner than is possible with only five yearly issues of the *Rusty Spike*. Directions for joining the list are posted on the CID website, cid.railfan.net or you can contact me.

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Rusty Spike Closing Dates

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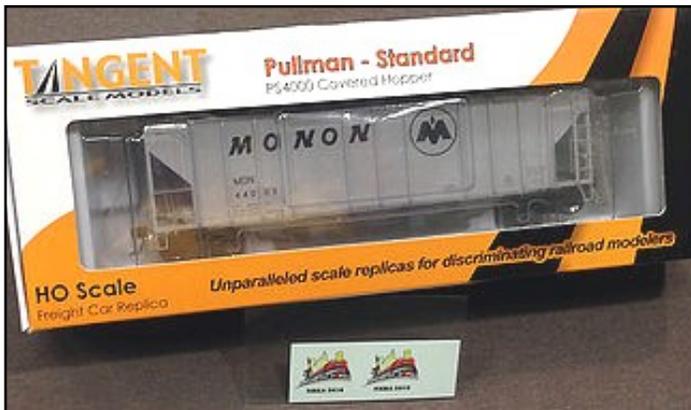
Attention – All notices of club open houses, or other shows & meets will be included in the **Extra Board** only if the official request form is used. This form may be printed off the CID website at:

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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JRMI WiThrottle Setup and Use. - *by Steve Studley*. Everything you need to know in setting up your very own JRMI WiThrottle system to control trains on your layout.

Sharing knowledge and experience with fellow modelers is extremely beneficial for everyone and a means to energize and expand our wonderful hobby. Please consider providing your valued support and volunteer today to give a clinic on your favorite topic. Contact Bill Schoonmaker at b.schoonmaker@comcast.net to have your name added to a list of future clinic presenters.

Upcoming CID Board Meetings

Date: December 4, 2016
Location: Indianapolis Marion County Library
Wayne Branch Library
198 S. Girls School Road
Indianapolis, IN

Time: 1:30 PM

Date: February 12, 2017
Location: Indianapolis Marion County Library
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Time: 1:30 PM

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

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