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2014 CID Election Results

The CID 2014 election for positions on the Board of Directors ended on April 4. Results were announced at the membership meeting held during the Martinsville Meet on April 5. For those of you who weren't able to attend that meeting, the results were:

- Superintendent - Keith Clark
- Assistant Superintendent – Chuck Tuttle
- Chief Clerk – Rich Seymour
- Paymaster - Doug Rolfe

There were three Elected Trainmasters:

- Matt Ahlbrand
- Jon Silverberg
- Jack Simpson

Forty-six ballots were received, one of which was declared invalid (filled out incorrectly). The new term for the Board begins May 15. Congratulations to those who are newly elected to the Board. Thanks for your willingness to serve the members of the Central Indiana Division.

Thank you to all who sent in their ballot.

Steve Studley
Chair, 2014 Nominations and Election Committee



Martinsville Meet



Photo: Rich Seymour

Timothy Lingle of the Midwest Live Steamers adjusts an 0-4-0 for a trip around the track. See more about the Martinsville meet on page 7.

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Albertson Collection Donated to the CID

In January I was asked by Dave, a friend at church, to help a widow lady in the neighborhood whose husband had died 16 years ago. Dave was cleaning out her basement in anticipation of her return home from a nursing home, and had found a room full of trains would I come and take a look? The next day Alan Heuer, Robert Sharp, and myself were happily scrambling around in the cluttered basement, taking stock of the situation. Under a pile of junk and mouse droppings we discovered an N scale layout and in rotting boxes was a lot of old HO. It all looked untouched for many years. We set about clearing a space to organize things and see what we had. We found some interesting 60's era Fleischmann HO (Jack Albertson had been an air force fighter pilot stationed in Europe). The rest of the HO was of the old horn hook Tyco variety. There were boxes of used brass track, European style buildings, and scenic stuff, some of it nibbled by the mice.

Once we had uncovered it, the N scale layout was much newer and pretty nice, with some fairly good buildings, but it was built on a crumbling sheet of fiberboard. We were able to gently disassemble the layout and recover the track and structures. We transported everything to my basement and the next week was spent inventorying, cleaning things up, and working on the locos to get as many running as possible. I gained a better appreciation for how hard our dealers have to work, but it was very rewarding to bring Jack's trains back to life. At this point I alerted the board that we had a potential donation and we began the process of establishing a policy for handling them.

Since the CID became a 501(c)(3) organization we have had the ability to accept donations in the same way Goodwill Industries does. At the April board meeting we established our donation policy and

adopted a Receipt for Donations form. We leave valuing a donation strictly up to the donor. Donations must be made public and officially accepted via a positive vote at a meeting of the CID Board of Directors. A board member who has completed and filed a Conflict Of Interest form can accept the donation, give the donor a Receipt for Donations form, and in doing so takes responsibility for selling the items for the benefit of the CID. We do not seek to unfairly compete with our show dealers in selling these items. On the contrary as this becomes a source of revenue it will help us continue to keep our dealer tables prices lower than all the other shows in our area. This will be a service for our members families and to folks in similar circumstances to my neighbor Peg Albertson.

Anticipating that we would soon have a policy in place I had a meeting with Peg in the nursing home. I explained what the CID was all about, and that she could donate Jack's trains to us for a tax credit or, if she was in need, I would buy them for an agreed price and take my chances selling them for myself. To my relief she picked the first option, so I started pricing things and collecting banana boxes to transport them in. At the Naptown & White River Manual High school meet in March most of the collection sold. I enjoyed giving some youngsters bargains on the old HO and N scale cars & locos and even found a buyer for the brass track. Since then a local collector has bought the Fleischmann at a very fair price, and what little remains will be sold at Danville. Thus the CID has received some valuable funds from what might otherwise have ended up in a dumpster, and our policy for handling future estate donations has been established.

Trevor Jones



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THANK YOU!

My second, and last, term as Superintendent of the CID expires on 15 May. It has been my pleasure to serve you, the members of the Central Indiana Division of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association, for the last four years. Thank you for your support. I also appreciate all the help, ideas, and suggestions you have provided during my terms as Superintendent. The Division would not be able to accomplish all it does if we didn't have your help at our various meets and activities. When you volunteer for one of our activities, you are helping the CID to further its purpose of educating those who are interested in model railroading. Whether you do that by presenting a clinic, helping our young engineers put together a train on the switching layout, demonstrating a model railroad technique, displaying your portable layout, helping those modelers who visit the CID Back Shop, or merely greeting and engaging visitors to our booth, it is all very much appreciated. Thanks for your help.

Remember the Superintendent is only one of 14 members on the CID Board of Directors. It is this group that runs the Division. The positions on the Board include: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster, Chief Clerk, six elected Trainmasters, three appointed Trainmasters, and the Past Superintendent. Over the past four years there have been nineteen individuals who have served on the Board. There are also several managers who, although not on the Board, are instrumental in helping to provide services to the Board, and by extension, to the modeling community. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all who have served and continue to serve. It has been a pleasure to serve with you. Thank you for the time and energy you have spent on behalf of the CID. I hope anyone new to the Board will, during your tenure on the Board, realize and appreciate the camaraderie and friendships you can build with the other members. I know I have. Although we may model in different scales or gauges, we all speak the same language - Model Railroading.

As we look back over the recent past, the CID has shown that the Division continues to serve railroad modelers who are fortunate enough to live in the boundaries of the CID. NMRA members from other Divisions and Regions also attend CID activities so they may experience railroad modeling in the Division. The 2013 Midwest Region Convention was sponsored by the CID and held in Indianapolis. The title of the convention, MILEPOST 50, was cho-

sen to commemorate the Division's 50th anniversary. This convention proved to be very popular. Why? Because we had enough volunteers available to provide the services needed to put on a first-rate convention. That, along with two great prototype tours, quite a few clinics, layouts for both touring and operations, and a superior keynote speaker, allowed attendees to increase their knowledge of railroading. Attendees were also able to build friendships with other modelers.

The CID has been awarded the opportunity to host the 2016 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show. This, too, will be held in Indianapolis. We will use what we learned at MILEPOST 50 as a head start on the plans for *Highball to Indy, 2016*. We look forward to hosting an international audience of NMRA members as they experience modeling in the Central Indiana Division. A national convention is similar to a regional convention, but with more of everything. Therefore, we need to find more layouts that can be on tours and/or open for operations. We are also looking for local modelers who are interested in producing and presenting clinics. If you have information about layouts and/or clinics to share, please contact me. My contact information is available on page 2 of this issue. We will also be looking for volunteers to help staff the convention. Consider using some of your time to help show visitors what CID modelers have produced.

The CID received a 501(c)(3) non-profit tax exemption from the IRS. Although this required quite a bit of time and work, the resulting exemption will provide a service to the modeling community. The Board continues to work on this service to determine exactly how we can put it to best use. We have recently accepted an estate and sold most all of the items in that estate. The widow is able to claim the value on her taxes, much as you can if you donate to Goodwill or other non-profits.

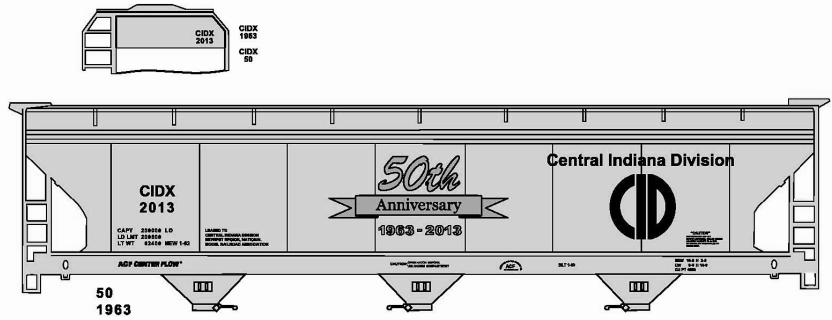
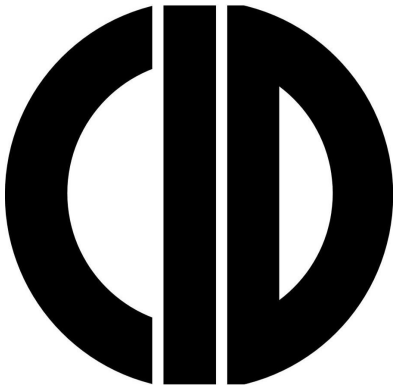
The spring CID Layout Tour in the Muncie area provided a great way to see the work of other modelers. There were three of us in our car and we traveled with three other modelers as we visited the various layouts – including a stop for lunch. The weather was nearly perfect. After visiting the layout in the Children's Museum, we spent 90 minutes railfanning in that area. Seeing one train before we went in to the museum, and six more after we left the facility, closed out the day in great fashion. You should have been there.

I'll still be attending CID activities as Past Superintendent and hope to see you there.

*Eng CID 2013 run extra MP50 to Highball to Indy
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Steve Studley
CID, Superintendent
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Highball to Indy, 2016, Chair

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Danville Train Meet – November 22, 2014 – Danville, IN

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Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 3pm - Admission: \$3.00 per person- \$5.00 per family

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America's Coast to Coast Train Show

Upcoming CID Board Meetings

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

Time: 1:30 PM

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

Date: August TBD

Location: Lafayette, IN

Time: 12:00 PM

*Note: This is a closed meeting for board members only.

Rusty Spike Closing Dates

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Volume 44 Issue #5 - September 14, 2014

Volume 45 Issue #1 - December 7, 2014

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
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.

Spring Meet at Martinsville

The third Martinsville Meet on April 5th was a success by all measures. Attendance was a record 366. Our new reduced admission rate of \$3 individual or \$5 per family was well received and still enabled us to cover expenses and make a modest profit. We had nine layouts that were enjoyed by the visitors, especially the many locals with families who came. The usual crowd of rails were there shopping with the 24 dealers who had a wide range of goods on offer: railroad antiques, books, tools, trains, and a dealer selling Thomas the Tank who was popular with the kids.



Photo: Rich Seymour



Photo: Rich Seymour

Vendors displayed a variety of both new and used items along with all kinds of railroad memorabilia.

Dan Goins was the man on the spot for this show, coordinating with the ever changing command structure of the armory and getting good coverage

in the local newspaper. John Pancini took care of the publicity while I handled the layouts and dealers. Dan also found a new caterer for the dining car. Her food was great and very reasonably priced, though she had trouble keeping up with the demand for coffee during the set up from early risers trying to stay awake. Keith Clark gave an interesting clinic on modeling roads which was well attended. There was just one entry each for the popular train and structure contest, and no models presented for AP judging, which was disappointing.



Photo: Rich Seymour

Keith Clark gives a clinic on his approach to building roads. Clinics are a great tool for even experienced model railroaders to learn something new that they can apply to their modeling. Even if you only walk away with one new idea it can be worth it to attend them at the meets.

As required by our constitution the CID annual meeting also took place. Steve Studley, outgoing superintendent, reviewed the past year and highlighted future events including upcoming conventions, especially 2016. Board election results were announced and outgoing members recognized for their service. Tom Fitzsimmons presented the financial report and the audit committee affirmed the accounts to be in good order. Thanks go to the Martinsville Model RR club who set up and tore down the tables, the board members who helped on show day, to Jim Wilhite who engineered the floor plan, so important in a limited space like that, and to Carl Krull and Alan Heuer who hauled extra tables up from Bloomington. We already have the armory reserved for 2015, the Saturday after Easter, April 11.

Trevor Jones
Martinsville Meet Co-Manager

Spring Modeler's Meet

The CID Modeler's Meets continue to draw interest for modeler's with more advanced skills. The last meet in March, with an underlying theme directed toward painting, decaling, and weathering, produced some magnificent show-and-tell models.



Photo: Rich Seymour

Dick McPherson brought this beautiful kitbashed weed sprayer set.



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This work in progress N scale arch bridge is being built by Trevor Jones.


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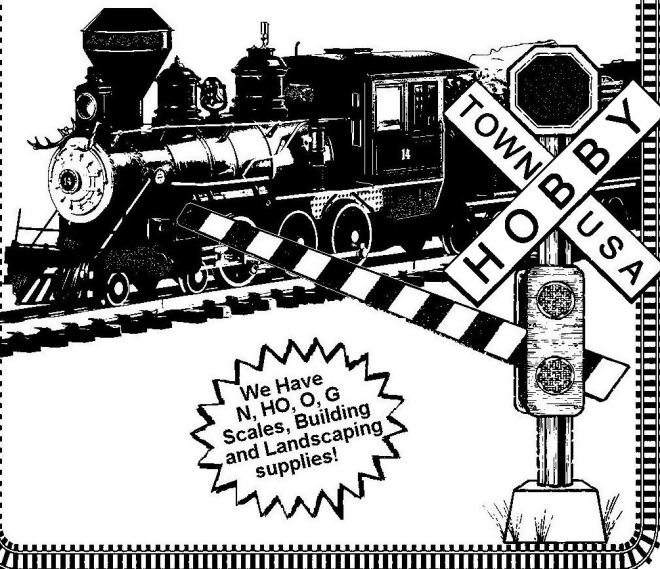
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