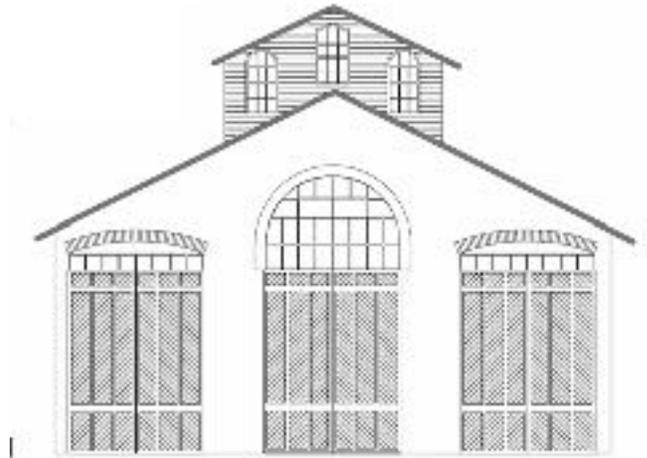


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October 19, 2017



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From the Super – October 2017

Life changed last month. At least my model railroad life changed. Most of you know we lost Bill Gawthrop. At his memorial service, his son said that as he was making progress battling cancer, his heart “sucker-punched him.” Bill served many years as the Division 8 Secretary and Car House editor, always busy with his big professional-style Canon camera taking photos of our “show and tell” offerings to include in the newsletter. That camera got lots of use in his basement as he continually posted shots of action on the Coal and Coke Railroad layout, on the road as rail fanning prompted Bill to travel all over the country, and at Free-mo setups.

Years ago, I stood up at the Div. 8 meeting and asked if anyone was interested in getting into Free-mo modular railroading. The one very enthusiastic “Yes!” came from Bill. In no time, we had set out the parameters of the “SE MI Free-mo” group and travelled to a set-up in Cleveland to experience the concept first-hand. Then we started designing and building modules. I eventually built 3. Bill built 15 or 16. Bill would help me load mine into my van for travel to Free-mo meets. Bill always rented a trailer for his. We needed Digitrax command stations and boosters to power layouts. Bill bought them, brought them, and set them up. Bill and as few as one other could make a functional Free-mo layout, as he and I did as recently at this past August at Crossroads Village. There Bill (recently in and out of hospitals and cancer treatments) worked as hard as ever hauling, leveling, wiring, troubleshooting, and running the layout. Just as enthusiastically, he could fit right into large groups making very large layouts, as we did at the National Train Shows in Grand Rapids, and Cleveland. He even hauled that trailer-load of modules all way to Syracuse, New York several times for a set-up at a large train show there. The

Free-mo activity in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana will have to make major adjustments to continue without Bill. Hopefully, some other model railroaders will adopt some of Bill's modules and keep them alive to participate in future Free-mo activities with us.

Bill was also a member of Stoney Creek Model Railroad Club. He and I had some of our Free-mo modules on display with the SCMRRC group Christmas display at Van Hoosen Farm in December of 2015, along with the club's NMRA-standard modular railroad. When for 2016, Stoney Creek guys decided their NMRA display would fit the room better without adding the Free-mo layout, Bill decided to build a new 2-section module in that standard to help the Club make up for some retired modules. They were done quickly, and were very nice. Stoney Creek will miss Bill as well.

Now the Clinton River Division is planning the 2019 North Central Region convention. At the first planning meeting, someone mentioned a conversation with Bill where he shared his ideas about the next convention, based on what he had learned helping with the 2013 one. He might even have been interested in chairing the convention. The second meeting began with a moment of silence for Bill, and we all realized how much our convention development will miss his ideas and active involvement.

You made a great impact on us, old friend. We have to learn to get on without you.

Phil

P.S. The CRD will make a donation of \$75 to the NMRA Diamond Club in Bill's memory.

THE 2019 NORTH CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION

CLINTON RIVER DIVISION will host the 2019 North Central Region Convention - As Phil mentions above, two planning meetings have been held. We are exploring sites for the convention, then the date. The meeting did choose the theme and logo - **NORTH CENTRAL CROSSING 2019**, with the same logo as 2013 (with 2019 inserted). We want everyone to be involved in planning and making our 2019 NORTH CENTRAL CROSSING a great success. Please consider your involvement. The July Car House listed all the volunteers we need to host a memorable convention. Check out the article or the website <http://div8.ncr-nmra.org> Then volunteer for the position that interests you most. Contact any of the officers or talk to one of us at the November meeting. Yes, there is some work involved, but it is rewarding to help others enjoy our hobby. And the volunteers hours count toward an Achievement Certificate.

CORRECTIONS

Last month we announced with sadness the death of the owner of Age of Steam, **Jerry Joe Jacobsen**. His name was listed incorrectly. (Editor's mistake.)

Richard Wahl reports his scratch-built bridge shown in last month's Show & Tell is really *only* 61" long, not 7 foot long.

As always we welcome the NMRA Master Model Railroaders (MMR) of Clinton River Division. This month's attendee - Larry Wolohon.

OCTOBER SHOW & TELL

Theme: Favorite Railroad DVD or a Current Project

Phil Doolittle displayed his Merchants Wholesale Grocery, a laser kit by "Carolina Craftsman Kits." Phil relates the instructions were not at all helpful!



Dan Mitzel brought samples of Superior Scenics ballast - made from real crushed rocks



John Gavasso modified a Bachmann 2-6-0 Mogul in Canadian National decor, it is the "Gavasso steam loco of the month."



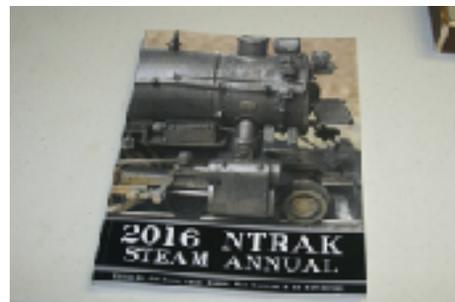
George Van Duyne exhibited a car float apron based on a prototype in the Detroit River. George built it from styrene sheet and strip wood planking for the decks



Saul Kalbfeld demonstrated his Central Valley Ties and Mianne Benchwork system



Richard Wahl brought "N-Scale Steam Engines" (N-Trak annual magazine) that describes how to detail/upgrade/modify to make them run and look better



OUR FAVORITE VIDEOS

George Anderson - Artist Troels Kirk "Realistic Coloring for Model Railroads" - excellent how-to about building realistically colored model scenes.

Kent Aughe - "Up & Down The Monon" - history of the Hoosier Line with hokey songs; "Wabash Memories" by Emery Gulash; "Tracks Through Time" - history of Michigan railroading by Delta College public TV station.

Fred Cosgrove - "Lakeshore Electric Railway, 1931-1938" - the last years of its operation; "Reflections of the L & N, Vol 2" with footage of the Frankfort & Cincinnati RR 1940-1960.

Tim Fisher - "New York Central: An Insider's View" - see October Clinic for description.

John Jackson - 2 "Dream, Plan, Build" videos - The D&RGW and various layouts

Phil Kenyon - "White Pass & Yukon Route - scenic railroad and history

Richard Kubeck - "Turbines" & "DD-40X" - Union Pacific's big locomotives

Dan Mitzel - 3 Milwaukee Road videos

Larry Wolohon - "Selling Sunshine" - passengers trains of Florida

Warren Yohe - "4449 Michigan Odyssey" - the 2009 excursion from Portland to Owosso for Trainfest 2009; the movie "Unstoppable" with Denzel Washington, about a runaway train in Pennsylvania

Thanks to all who explained their favorite railroad videos.

DO YOU HAVE A MODELING TIP OR TECHNIQUE THAT WORKS FOR YOU?

Then write it up and submit it! Or develop it into a clinic for a meeting. Speak with any officer or Larry Wolohon. It will be fun for you and all of us!

The October NMRA TURNTABLE lists many online clinics you can access, including the 2017 Orlando Convention clinics. If you do not receive the monthly TURNTABLE, go the NMRA website and register. All you need is your current NMRA member number. A wealth of information is available, especially discounts with 20 "partners" of NMRA, such as Micro-Mark, MRC, Green Frog and others. Membership benefits from NMRA website.

CABOOSE DISPLAY

Rich Mahaney, guest clinician at our August meeting, presented a clinic about cabooses at the Grand Rapids convention. The unique aspect was that none of 100+ photos of cabooses in Michigan were in railroad service. Used as offices, museums, diners, and various retail establishment, these cabooses have new "life after railroads." Rich challenged all all divisions to hold contests or displays by next summer and then bring them to the Lansing convention next fall. So, gang, let's all think about and start building displays for a meeting next spring. Suggested size is a 12" x 12" diorama depicting a caboose in non-railroad service. We will talk about it at the November meeting.

The 2018 North Central Region Convention will be October 11-14, **2018** in Lansing. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. If you have not attended a Regional convention, you are missing great layouts, clinics, tours, and camaraderie. And gain a better working knowledge for hosting our own convention in 2019.

OCTOBER CLINIC

“The New York Central - An Insider’s View,” brought by Tim Fisher. This video from Show & Tell won the vote and was shown for our Video Night Clinic. Fred Beach, PR man for NYC from 1940 - 1954 had a great collection of steam and early diesel promo shots condensed into 50 minutes, mostly along the water level route and some other action system-wide.

The second place videos (a tie) “Realistic Coloring for Model Railroads” and “Tracks Through Time” will be shown at later Video Night Clinics.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER CLINIC

TRUSS BRIDGES
by Richard Wahl

NOVEMBER SHOW & TELL

Bring a bridge, structure or a current project.

- ★ November 5 - Gratiot Valley Railroad Club Show - Mt. Clemens High School
- ★ November 5 - Lansing Model Railroad Club Show - MSU Pavilion
- ★ November 11 - South Oakland Model Railroad Club Open House - Hazel Park
 - ★ see last page of this issue
- ★ November 16 - Clinton River Division 8 Monthly Meeting Troy Christian Chapel
- ★ November 26 - Division 6 Model Railroad Show & Workshop
Livonia Senior Building, Farmington & Five Mile

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THE NOVEMBER MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:00 p.m.

TROY CHRISTIAN CHAPEL,
Second Floor Meeting Room (use parking lot door and stairway just inside the door. There is also an elevator in the lobby if you prefer)

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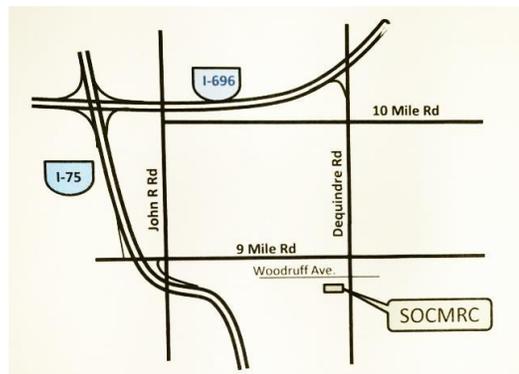
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