

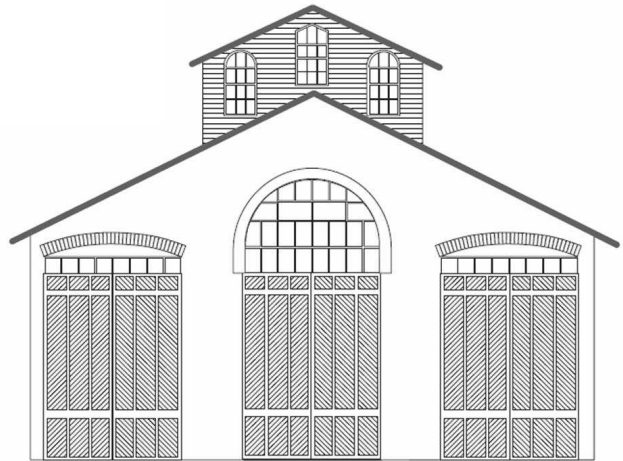
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The News

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From the Super

Troy, MI:

I hang on to too much stuff. Physical stuff. I've got old HO "toy-train" Revel cars from the 1950's. I might need them for weathering practice. I've got boxes that got moved from my previous house 28 years ago that are still kicking around, several of which hold Model Railroaders that I thought I might need to consult for project ideas, etc. but haven't opened since we moved. I've got other stuff I might need someday. I've (or I should say "We've" because my wife is a contributor as well) got stuff we inherited but haven't wanted to get rid of. Mostly I've got stuff that is taking up the space where my home layout is supposed to be.

But I'm learning, and taking steps to clear out some stuff. I had my first experience as a vendor at a train show at the recent "A-train" show at Avondale High School. I took my unfinished portable N-scale Brampton layout, buildings and rolling stock to try to sell. My goal was to sell it as a unit so someone else could have the advantage of all my research, planning, and construction, and could carry on from there. I hauled it and some other miscellaneous junk all into the school and spread it out on a table and a half, then spent all day on my feet trying to drum up interest. I enjoyed talking to the many model railroaders and wannabes who came by and showed at least

enough curiosity to stop and talk. I sold exactly one item for one dollar. Didn't make a very big dent in my "clearing out".

Not only do I hang onto stuff, I hang onto goals. I've got goals related to my Free-mo modules, goals related to my boat, my house, travel plans...loads of goals. One of my goals is to build my home layout. I've even got sub-goals for that. But you must learn to let go of some goals like you should let go of stuff. I learned at the A-train show that I will have to let go of the goal of having someone else carry on the modelling of Brampton in the 1950's with my portable N-scale layout. Looks like I'll have to dismantle it and try selling the good parts, engines, buildings, and so forth. I'll enjoy another shot had having a train show table, and maybe I'll make more than one dollar, but it will still be tough to see that goal drift away.

But I will tenaciously hang on to the goal to build my home layout. I'm even setting a goal to get enough "stuff" cleared out this year so that I can actually start. We'll see if that happens. My goals to get my Free-mo signals working right, build more structures, weather more cars, learn a track design program and design the layout, earn some Achievement Program certificates, and many more will surely get in the way.

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I am learning that it's not a good idea to have a lot more "stuff" than you will ever need or use. Is it right to have more goals than we can achieve? How many goals will I have to let go in order to get the most important few of them done? How about you? Do you have more model railroad goals than you can really achieve? Prioritize! That's what we need to do! Let the least important be the last on the list. That's it. Wish me luck!

Phil

Membership Committee

Troy, MI: Ken Scherer reports that the membership committee had a table at the A-Train Show in Auburn Hills on January 15 with lots of traffic.

The committee will man tables at the Ann Arbor Show on February 18 and shows in Madison Heights on February 25, and Port Huron on April 23.

Show & Tell

This Month's Theme was Your Favorite Holiday Gift

Steve Weber brought in a triple grip third hand grip.



Terry Bossick offered a GP40-3(W) in HO lettered for the Central Michigan. The model is by Atlas.



Jim Zinser displayed a Lionel Hudson, "Madison" passenger coach all lettered for "Lionel Lines." These are Hallmark tree ornaments.



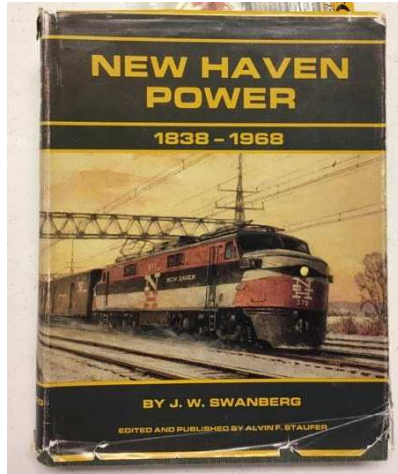
Larry Wolohon offered a Great Northern Class H-4 4-6-2 in O scale.



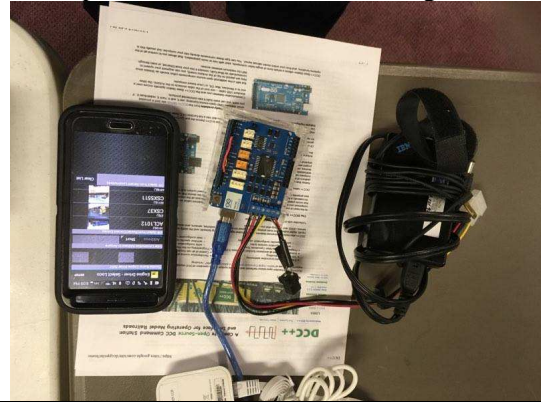
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Dave Thornton brought in a book “New Haven Power”



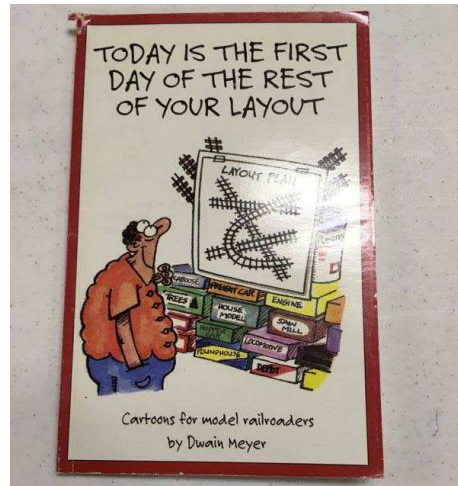
Kevin Smith offered a complete DCC System and decoder programming station for \$10. The system uses smart phones for throttles with “Engine Driver” apt.



Warren Yohe offered a “No-Ox_ID track cleaner to prevent oxidation of the rails and enhance performance. Per Warren various articles and forum entries have claimed that they do not have to clean track after using, some as long as 5 years. No-Ox is made by Sanchem Chemical Co. and distributed by Bar Mills.



Bill Moore brought in a book, Compilation of Model Railroader cartoons.



Bob Scherer offered a Woodland Scenics Track Cleaning kit.



Richard Kubeck displayed 3 Lemax fireworks module and SK4 backdrop.



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Ken Scherer displayed an HO scale wide vision caboose lettered for Grand Trunk as well as this year's Christmas ornament from Hallmark.



Phil Doolittle brought in an HO scale RDC-1 by Rapido which he received for Christmas.

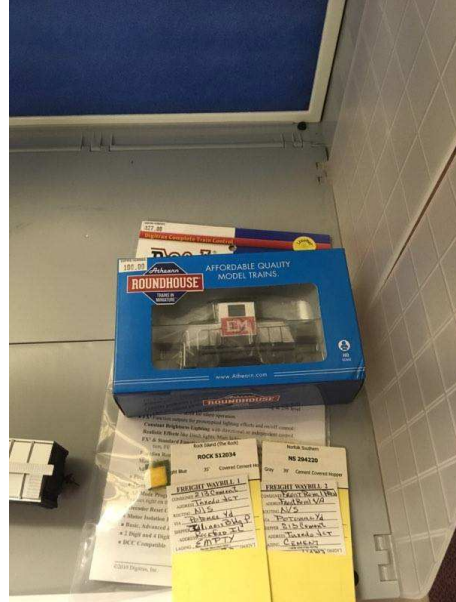


Jay Chunderlik offered an American Flyer 4-4-2, his first train and his current project, a Woodland Scenics river kit.

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John Jackson offered:

1. Current project, setting up for operations including:
 - a. Establishing industries with car needs
 - b. Creating car cards
 - c. Creating waybills for cars.
2. Two Christmas gifts:
 - a. A foldable paint booth
 - b. EMD Model 40 locomotive with DCC



Dave Cook brought in a photograph of a 1920's Michigan Bell "installer" truck.



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John Siekirk brought in a Fine Scale Model called “Chippy Hollow” and pictures of his layout.



Mark Mincek displayed an HO scale engine house which he scratch-built using board-by-board construction. The building has a fully-detailed interior.



January Clinic	
January’s clinic was a DVD shoM meet and a DVD on the 20th Century Limited.	
February Clinic	February Show & Tell
.The February Clinic is “Rusty Scowls and Rails” by Greg Rich.	The February Show & Tell is your current favorite project.
Upcoming Events	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Feb. 11-12, Mar. 11-12, 25, 26; Detroit Model Railroad Club, Holly, MI, http://www.dmrcc.org/ ➤ Feb. 4, 18; Redford Model Railroad Club, Inkster, MI, http://www.redfordmodelrailroadclub.com/ ➤ Mar. 12; Trainorama, Cossick Center, Farmington Hills, MI 	
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