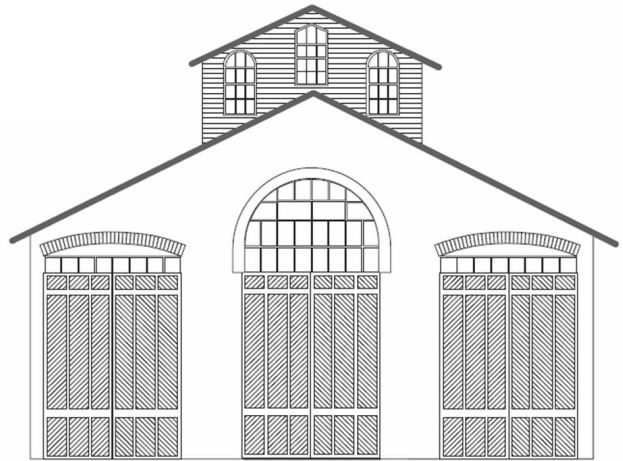


The

Monthly Newsletter of **Division 8** North Central Region of the NMRA

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## The News

April 19, 2012

### Linke Achieves AP Award for Scenery

Troy, MI: Marv Linke (right) receives his NMRA Achievement Program award for Master Builder, Scenery from Larry Wolohon. Congratulations Marv!



### 2013 North Central Region Convention

Troy, MI: The Troy Community Center will be the venue for the 2013 North Central Region Convention. The four-day convention will take place, October 31 through November 3, 2013.

### Goldberg Appears in NMRA Magazine

Troy, MI: Joel Goldberg achieved and was awarded his Master Model Railroader Award some time ago. Finally, an article describing Joel's model railroading career and his achievement of MMR # 458 is finally appearing for all to read. See this article in the May 2012 issue of *NMRA Magazine*.

### Facts by Zinser

Troy, MI: Jim Zinser receives numerous NMRA newsletters as a result of his position and column in *NMRA Magazine*. Per Jim there is a wealth of content in the newsletters and he wanted to share an article from the Southeast Region's newsletter. In a recent article the Southeasterners described the Norfolk Southern's program to paint several locomotives in the road's heritage paint schemes. The article included anecdotes about the heritage railroads.

Photos showing these heritage paint schemes can be found on the web: *[continued on next page]*

### NMRA National News

Troy, MI: Dave Thornton reports:

- Elections for National officers closed as of April 15.
- 2012 Grand Rails committee needs volunteers! Please help! Contact 2012 GR committee via their website or mail in form (obtainable from Jim Zinser or Bill Gawthrop)

### Division 8 Dues

Troy, MI: For those who may still owe, membership dues of \$7 should be paid to the Division 8 paymaster / treasurer by May 1. Mail check payable to Division 8 NCR-NMRA to Paul Runyan, 21494 Chestnut Lane, Farmington, MI 48336.

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### Car House Errata

Troy, MI: My sincere apology to Bill Moore for misspelling the name of the software that Bill is using for his operating sessions. The error occurred in the March, 2012 issue. The name of the software should have been called "Ship It."

### Distribution of the Division 8 Membership Roster

Troy, MI: Division 8 has developed a policy for the distribution of the membership roster. The roster will contain the name, phone number and email address of each member who DOES NOT option-out their name. Each member may choose to not have their name and info appear in the roster by emailing or mailing a request to the PAYMASTER (Paul Runyan) to not include their name. The default is the member name, phone number and email address (if they have one) will appear in the roster.

The deadline for submitting the option-out request is June 1, 2012.

The roster will be emailed or mailed to each active member.

### Division 8 Membership Roster Options

Troy, MI: Folks – After much deliberation and discussion we think that we have a workable solution to the expressed need for a Divisional Roster. The Roster would contain your Name, Phone number and your e-mail address (if you have one on file with the division). For those that wish to maintain their privacy and not participate we have decided that an OPT OUT policy works best for us. So if you want to be listed then you need do NOTHING. If you do not wish to be listed then you need only contact John Jackson, Bill Gawthrop or Paul Ryan in writing, snail or email is fine to tell us you wish to opt out. The Roster would look something like this:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
John Jackson	248-642-4825	<a href="mailto:dwbrr1949@gmail.com">dwbrr1949@gmail.com</a>

The above listing is how it would look for those with an email address on file.

This is how it would look for those without an email address on file

Tony Koester	313-123-4567	not available
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**No name would appear at all for those that OPT OUT.**

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### Model of the Second Quarter 2012.

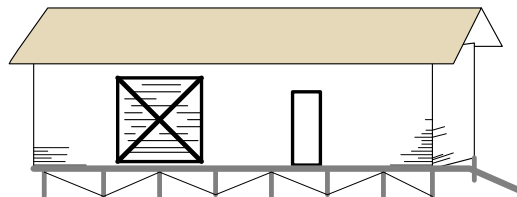
Troy, MI: The Model of the Second Quarter Contest will feature another structure. This time it will be a tool shed. Like the trestle (First Quarter), the modeler will be up to his own “devices” to plan and build his model.

#### Rules:

1. Shed model
  - a. Can be built in any scale
  - b. Can be built using any materials
  - c. Must represent a real prototype (made from steel, iron, or wood)
2. Shed model may be:
  - d. Scratchbuilt **OR**
  - e. Built from a “craftsman” kit **OR**
  - f. Kitbashed

3. Minimum details required:
  - g. Model must be painted
  - h. Contain track appropriate to the scale modeled

Incidentally, I was inspired by an article by Jack Work, “Lineside Supply Shed” in the September 1958 edition of *Model Railroader*. You might want to build the model that Jack described.



Judging the candidates will be held at the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

## Show & Tell

### Figures or your favorite current project

**Rad Jones** brought in a newsletter on the MIO System Railroad titled “The Straight Track” story on Lewis Brewery and Background. This brewery was owned by Rev. Dan Lewis. Dan inherited it from a long-lost relative.



**Terry Britsky** displayed an HO scale Vienna Trolley. This trolley was retrofitted with Hollywood Foundries “Bull Ant” motor and DCC decoder by Lenz with a capacitor used as a test car for overhead wiring.



**John Gavasso** displayed a lone HO scale figure in blue work clothes.



**John Kline** brought in a vintage 1950's set of HO scale autohaulers by Athearn.



**Jim Zinser** displayed HO scale Woodland Scenics “City Workers.”



Dave Thornton offered an O scale mill gondola. Dave is developing an auto frame load and frame racks to accept frames from Lionel 50 ft. double door box cars.



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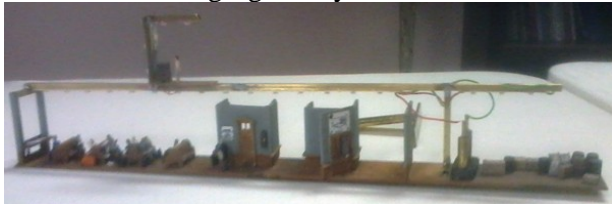
**Ed Black** displayed a “critical dimensions and balance” car which he built from a kit by Joel Goldberg.



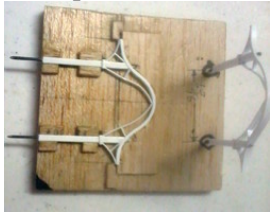
**Gene Kome** offered a Santa Fe vista dome car filled with figures.



**Ron King** brought in figures positioned on his station platform (station was previously shown in Show & Tell). This HO scale model is being built from scratch using figures by Preiser.



Example, scratch-built canopy-roof support.

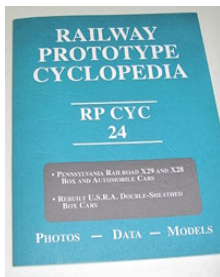


**Bill Gawthrop** displayed “Lucky Lane” using figures from Preiser and Woodland Scenics. The scene is in HO scale.



Let your imagination run wild.

**Larry Wolohon** offered O scale figures and a copy of the Railway Prototype Cyclopedia, Volume 24. The main feature of this volume is Pennsy’s X-29 box cars. Larry also brought in a PRR X-29 box car in O scale.



**Rick Ware** displayed a father and son in G scale. He also displayed a motorcycle policeman eating a donut in G scale. The police is in 1/24<sup>th</sup> scale and is a model by Jada Toys.



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**Terry Bossick** offered an HO scale Alco RSD-5 by Custom Brass. Terry got the model for a “good price” he says. Now he must clean it up, paint it, and tune it up for operation.



**Gale Saxon** offered a camera mount that permits putting the camera down on the layout for more realistic shots of trains and environs.



Please forward any and all erratta to Bill Gawthrop, Car House editor at [wegawthrop@aol.com](mailto:wegawthrop@aol.com). Virtual tomatoes are also welcome..... it’s part of our quality improvement.....

## This Month’s Clinic

This month’s clinic was “Model Railroaders Demographic” by Bill Moore.

Bill collected data via in-person survey at three model train shows (Gratiot Valley, Troy Train Show, and Springfield, Ohio) and presented his findings on such topics as average ages, retirement ages, occupations, annual income, education, political persuasion, and funds spent on model railroading.

While his sample size was relatively small (158), his findings were close in many categories to surveys taken, for example by the NMRA.

All in all, the clinic proved to be most interesting with many questions fielded at the end of the clinic.

### Upcoming Events

- **Apr. 29:** Monroe Model Train Show, MBT Expo Center, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI
- **Apr. 29:** Division 8 Layout Tour, South Oakland Model Railroad Club, Hazel Park, MI.

### May Clinic

The clinic for May is a DVD on how they built the replicas for the Union Pacific and Central Pacific locomotives that appeared at the driving of the golden spike at Pomotory Point in 1869.

### Division 8 Board of Directors

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### Next Meeting’s Show and Tell

May’s Show and Tell is anything Union Pacific, Southern Pacific or steam locomotive.