

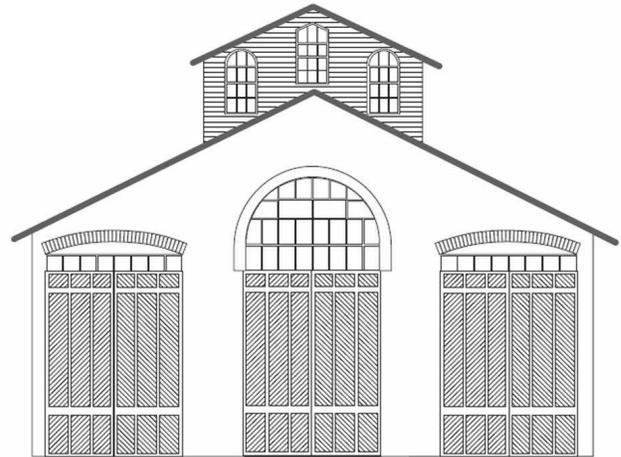
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The News

April 21, 2016

From the Super
Troy, MI:

I'm going to tell you something you already know: the hobby of model railroading is filled with some pretty awesome people! I'm sure you can name several right here in our home and neighboring divisions. I'm not going to embarrass them by singling them out. (Or myself by leaving some out!) I'm going to tell you about some I have met that live "south of the border", some you may not have had an opportunity to meet yet.

Alan Bell and Jeff Youst are two who I just met last fall. These two stepped in on fairly short notice to lead the weathering workshop at the NCR convention in Ft. Wayne last November, when the original leader had to cancel. The workshop was scheduled to run throughout the convention, with attendees able to come and go as they pleased whenever clinics were scheduled. Of course, this meant that Alan and Jeff had to be available, effectively requiring them to forgo any clinics or tours they may have wished to attend. As the workshop wound down, I asked them if they would be interested in coming to our area to hold a similar clinic. They said "yes" and will be here May 21 for the Clinton River Division Weathering Workshop. Oh, by the way, Alan also hosted an operating session on his home

layout during the convention last fall.

I first met John Bowling on the layout tour during the MCR Convention held in Lexington, Kentucky, a year ago. He held his very fine layout in neighboring Danville open for tours, and was a gracious and generous host, so generous in fact that he told me, "Come back anytime!" Well, I did. As my wife and I were planning our return drive from Florida this February, I called John and asked if we could stop by. Sure, he said, so we did. We spent an hour or two with John, chatting and taking photographs. When we left, John said, "You've got a friend in Danville"... and I'm glad I do.

Gerry Albers and Bob Bartizek have built two of the finest large fully scenicked operating layouts I've had the privilege of operating. Both of them have been featured in the model railroad press in recent years. Rad Jones and I first operated them during the MCR Convention in May of 2013. When I ran into Gerry Albers at the National Convention in Cleveland, he suggested I come back to operate again and bring a dozen or so operators from our local area with me. I agreed, and he then arranged with Bob for us to operate his layout on the Sunday after we operated Gerry's Saturday. About 10 of us made the very enjoyable trip to southern Ohio the following fall, and enjoyed the visits immensely. Then, Gerry invited us BACK, so we are making another trip this

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month, as I have been announcing in the division meetings. Once again Gerry arranged to have us operate Bob’s layout on Sunday.

I wanted to fill in the Saturday evening of this trip with some additional model railroad activity, so I contacted 5 Cincinnati area layout owners to see if one would be willing to have a passel of Michiganders visit their layout on a Saturday evening. Guess what. All 5 invited us! More awesome guys! We don’t have time to accept all five invitations, so where they are located played a big role in settling where we visit, but our hosts Jerry Strangarity and John Burchnall have been very accommodating of our schedule and we appreciate their generosity.

So all of these model railroaders get my nomination as awesome people. Thanks to you Alan, Jeff, 2 Johns, Gerry, Bob, and Jerry.

Enjoy the awesome people you meet in this hobby!

Phil

Phil Doolittle

RIP Jim Szarzynski

Troy, MI: Please note that long-time Division member, Jim Szarzynski recently passed away. You can see videos of Jim’s layout “Union Central Railroad on YouTube.

Cimarron & Santa Fe [Model] Railroad Layout Tour & Op Sessions

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI: Tim Fisher is dismantling his HO scale Cimarron & Santa Fe Railroad. He is holding a layout tour on May 22 (noon – 4 p.m.) and operating sessions on June 25 [10a.m.-4 p.m.] & June 26 [noon – 4 p.m.]. Tim plans to move to a new condo in the near future.

It’s Railfanning Season

U.S.A:

As I missed this meeting I was traveling in the eastern U.S. and captured a few [hundred] photos of railroads in action. Here are a couple of shots.



N&W 611 4-8-4 “The J” southbound in Hurt, VA on April 24.



Former GTW GP9R 4602 and W&LE GP35 103 working the yard in the rain in Brewster, OH on April 28.

Both photos by Bill Gawthrop

Help Your Webmaster

Troy, MI: The Division webmaster needs more content for our web page. Please help him make our website more interesting and inviting.

Weathering Clinic

Rochester, MI: The date for the weather clinic is nearing [May 21 & 22]. If you have signed up, remember to bring:

1. “New” looking rolling stock
2. Prototype photos
3. Brushes
4. Weathering supplies and techniques that you would like to try.
5. \$25 *cash* for the workshop and Rochester Hills Museum fee.

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Show & Tell

This Month's Theme was anything Electronic

Phil Kenyon brought in an On30 Shay by Bachmann. The locomotive has DCC and sound.



Fred Cosgrove offered a 50-ton Whitcomb side-rod diesel switcher with DCC and ready for sound. The model is in On30 scale.



Dave Thornton brought in an EZ DCC radio throttle.



Curt Danielewicz offered a WiFi Bluetooth throttle on a phone

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Larry Wolohon brought in an O scale Great Northern GP5 and a 4 amp Soundtraxx economy decoder.



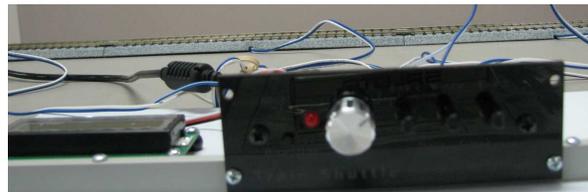
Marv Linke displayed an assortment of common installation tools



Ken Scherer brought in an N scale Dragon fly "Metal Earth" laser-cut stainless steel steam engine.

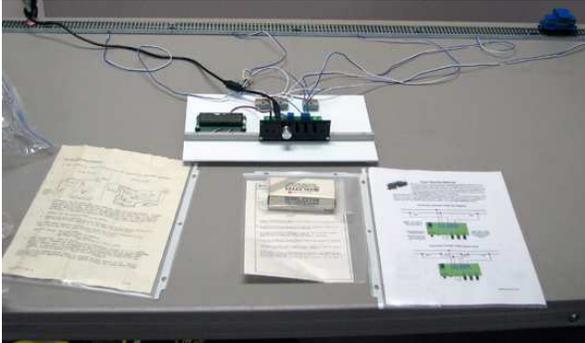


Richard Kubeck displayed an Astrac plus Salota first generation train control systems. He also offered a DCC throttle.



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<p>John Gavasso offered an MRC “N” sale powerpack modified to transistor control with optional pulse control.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Sorry No Image Available</p> </div>	<p>Tony Britsky brought in a Loy’s Toys transformer: Model Fuel Tank which he uses to run accessories.</p> 
<p>Paul Runyan brought in an IR-DOT infra-red detector. Paul says that this device is good for detecting trains in locations where they cannot be seen.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Sorry No Image Available</p> </div>	<p>Thierry Lach brought in 2 Digitrax BD-1 block occupancy detectors.</p> 

April Clinic	
<p>The April clinic was an open forum focused on hints and tips and a general discussion of electronics and DCC in model railroading.</p>	
Upcoming Events	May Clinic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jun.11 & 12: Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House, www.dmrcc.org ➤ July 3 – 10: NMRA Convention, Indianapolis, IN, http://www.nmra.org/conventions/highball-indy 	<p>Steve Akers will present a clinic on scratchbuilding.</p>
Division 8 Board of Directors	Next Meeting’s Show and Tell
<p>Superintendent: Phil Doolittle doolittlep@comcast.net</p> <p>Treasurer: Paul Runyan prrdi61@gmail.com</p> <p>Secretary: Bill Gawthrop wegawthrop@aol.com</p> <p>Director: John Gavasso John Jackson jdsmjackson@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>The topic for Show and Tell is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anything scratchbuilt <p>Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Your current favorite project