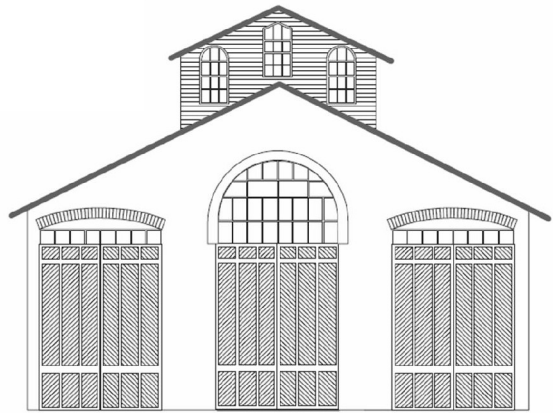


# THE CAR HOUSE

Monthly Newsletter of  
**Division 8** North Central Region  
National Model Railroad Association



Website:  
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January 20, 2011

## The News

### 10,000 Photos Available

Dave Thornton reports (via Gene Kome) that 10,000 photographs will be available from NMRA's website beginning March 1. These are the first of the many thousands of photographs and documents scanned from the archives as a result of the Diamond Club.

### Richard Wahl is Awarded AP-Chief Dispatcher Certificate

Richard Wahl [right] was awarded AP-Chief Dispatcher Certificate by Larry Wolohon. Congrats Richard!



### Help Wanted

Dave Katona relayed a request from Robert Miller for a person or persons with model railroading experience assist with staff and vets at the Detroit VA Hospital to re-instate the Hospital's HO scale model railroad. Interested persons please contact Dave.

### Elections for New Division 8 Officers

Troy, MI: Nominations for Division 8 offices were taken for the two-year terms of Superintendent, Paymaster/Treasurer, Dispatcher/Secretary, and one Director. As a result the following people have been nominated:

1. Superintendent:
  - a. John Jackson
  - b. R. B. Trombley
2. Paymaster/Treasurer
  - a. Gene Kome
3. Dispatcher/Secretary
  - a. Bill Gawthrop
4. Director
  - a. Saul Kalbfeld

Per the by-laws, Jerry Shanek will become a director upon the end of his term as current superintendent.

Elections will be held at the February meeting with the new officers taking office at the March, 2011 meeting.

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**Model of the Quarter for 1Q2011**

Troy, MI: As advertised, the model for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011 will be a caboose.



Photo by Bill Gawthrop

**Please note** that the rules handed out at the meeting on Jan. 20 have been updated. The updated rules are being mailed as a separate document accompanying this edition of the *Car House*.

**Railfanning**

Just because it's winter doesn't mean you can't railfan. Besides, the snow sometimes enhances your subject.

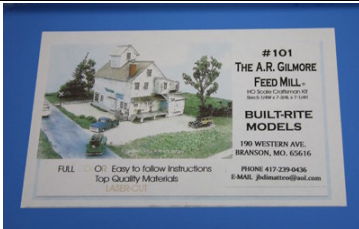


UP6024 eastbound past F Tower, Fostoria, Ohio

Photo by Bill Gawthrop

**Show & Tell**  
Christmas Presents

**Phil Doolittle** brought in an HO scale Bachman Spectrum 2-10-0 and a Built-Rite kit #101, A. R. Gilmore Feed Mill.



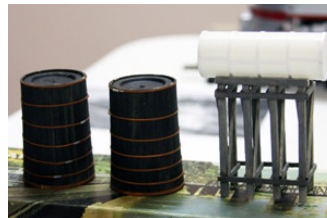
**Jim Dennis** displayed a beautiful Norman Rockwell print "Boy in Dining Car."



**Dick Dittus** offered a D&RGW 1100 series high-side gondola in On3. Detail is phenomenal!



**Ed Black** brought in a work-in-progress addition for his oil fields. These HO scale tanks represent the state-of-the-art, al. la. 1918 for storing crude.



Of course, Ed is scratch-building the tanks.

**John Jackson** brought in a GE 70-ton diesel in HO scale. The diesel will be used as an industrial switcher for John's concrete / cement plant.



**Bill Gawthrop** brought in a C&O wide-vision caboose which he will use for Free-Mo. Bill added a bit of grime and grit to this HO scale Atlas model.

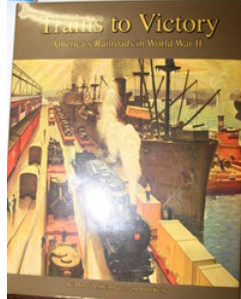


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**Ken Scherer** displayed a Hallmark UP M10001 & Steamer ornaments.



**Rad Jones** offered a book “Trains to Victory.” This book is written about how trains supported the war. Various companies and locations are covered with excellent photographs and written material.



**Gene Kome** offered a picture of the NYO&W FT's and a caboose poster. The FT's are parked after shut-down. The poster contains cabooses of various Class I railroads.



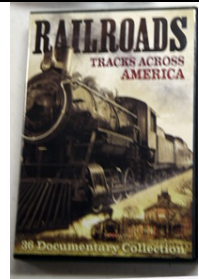
**Joel Goldberg** displayed a Great Northern rotary snow plow in HO scale. The rotary is motorized as demonstrated by Joel.



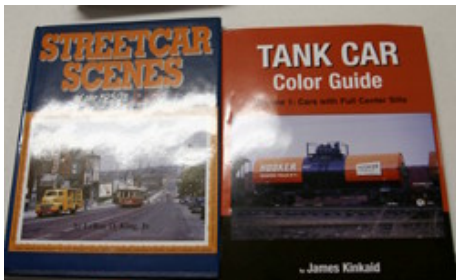
**R. B. Trombley** offered an N scale SP center-cupola caboose #1163. The caboose appeared in R. B.'s stocking!



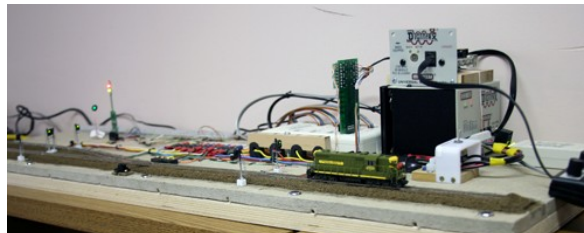
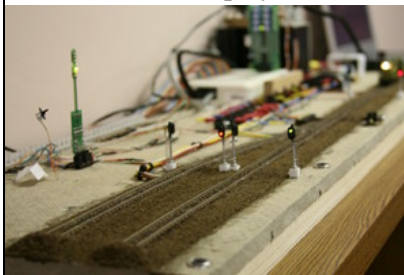
**John Kline** offered a book “C&O in West Virginia” as well as a DVD, “Railroads, and Tracks across America.”



**Larry Wolohon** offered two books; “Tank Cars”, and “Street Cars in the 1950's.” Larry also brought in an HO scale Westerfield GN auto box car.



**Marv Linke** displayed an N scale signaling module controlled by Digitrax DCC equipment. The module was built to show and allow the set up and testing of a Digitrax System with a computer controlling the ABS signaling through an interface. The module features all components needed for Marv's layout including block indication.



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**Dan Lewis** offered an N scale Ten-Wheeler.



4-6-0's in N scale are not a common sight.

**Paul Runyon** brought in a Hallmark ornament, the Union Pacific's famous M10001 streamliner. It is #15 in the Hallmark train ornament collection. Paul has all 15.



**Mark Mincek** displayed a FOS Scale Models HO scale garment district kit. This kit actually contains 4 kits in one with 3 factories and a diner.



**Jerry Shanek** made everyone drool with his G scale California Zephyr. The train is 27 cars long occupying a 1,300 scale feet of track (1/4 mile!). The train set is pulled by 2 E8's with all axles powered.



The CB&Q switcher, by the way, was used in Denver to ferry the train set between the CB&Q and D&RGW.



Wouldn't you love to get to know Jerry's connection with Santa Claus!



## Question & Answer (Show / Tell Me)

Questions answered by member of the meeting audience

A question from a meeting participant..... Was "Mars" an acronym?

The answer comes from Doug Kass after the meeting..... "Mars Lights are signal-safety lights used in the [United States](#) and built by [Mars Signal Light Company](#) for [railroad locomotives](#) and fire apparatus. Mars Lights used a variety of means to cause the light to oscillate vertically, horizontally, or both, to catch the attention of motorists and pedestrians.

*Mars lights were developed by Jerry Kennelly, a Chicago firefighter who realized that oscillating lamps would benefit fire departments and railroads. He performed an operational test with the [C&NW](#) railroad in 1936, and Mars Lights began appearing on locomotives in the 1940s.*

The name "MARS" Light originated when the Mars Candy Company took over design and production. The majority of funding was provided by Mars, and they insisted that it carry the MARS name. It has nothing to do with "the light from Mars".

Please forward any and all errata 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.....

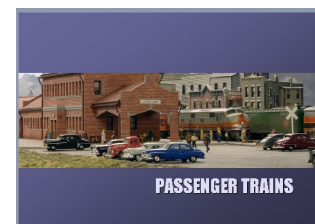
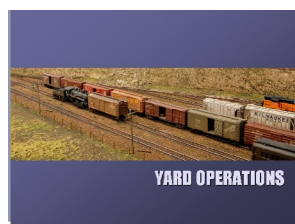
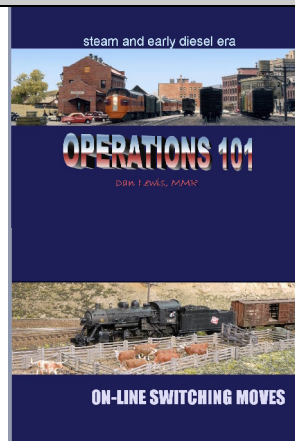
## Interesting Stuff Department

Here are a couple of interesting articles from the internet submitted by members:

- Did you know that:
  - Union Pacific's M10000 streamliner actually had another name. It was the *City of Salina* (Kansas). It had a couple of nicknames as well, "TinWorm" and "Little Zip."
  - Union Pacific's M10001 streamliner also had another name, the *City of Portland*.
- Pictures of a wooden model train:  
<http://www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/Heijmans.htm>

## This Month's Clinic

This month's clinic was entitled "Operations 101" by Dan Lewis. Dan covered the basics and drew the attention of novices and seasoned operators alike. Dan's clinic included the details of both freight and passenger train operations. He included common nomenclature, "how-to's", and experiences.



Upcoming Events	January Clinic
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Feb. 5,6 and 19, 20:</b> Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House. Holly, MI <a href="http://www.dmrrc.org">http://www.dmrrc.org</a></li> <li>2. <b>Feb. 20:</b> Ann Arbor Train Show, Saline, MI <a href="http://www.a2trainshow.com">www.a2trainshow.com</a></li> <li>3. Mar. 6: Gratiot Valley Show, Warren, MI <a href="http://www.gvrr.org/3-11f.pdf">http://www.gvrr.org/3-11f.pdf</a></li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;">“How a Steam Locomotive Operates” by Bill Gawthrop &amp; R. B. Trombley</p>
Division 8 Board of Directors	Next Meeting’s Show and Tell
<p>Superintendent: Jerry Shanek <a href="mailto:Jerry_shanek@yahoo.com">Jerry_shanek@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>Secretary: Bill Gawthrop <a href="mailto:wegawthrop@aol.com">wegawthrop@aol.com</a></p> <p>Treasurer: John Jackson <a href="mailto:jdsmjackson@sbcglobal.net">jdsmjackson@sbcglobal.net</a></p> <p>Director: Saul Kalbfeld <a href="mailto:fjgbus@comcast.net">fjgbus@comcast.net</a></p> <p>Director: Curt Danielewicz <a href="mailto:CDanielewicz@ameritech.net">CDanielewicz@ameritech.net</a></p>	<p>Anything Steam</p> <p>Of course, you may bring in your prized current project as well.</p>