

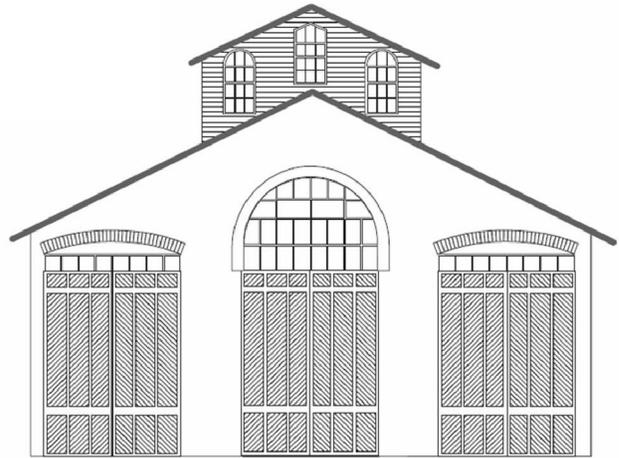
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The News

July 16, 2015

From the Super

Troy, MI:

I love going to model railroad conventions. Doesn't matter much whether it's a Regional one, an NMRA National, or the National Narrow Gauge Convention, to me they are all fun. I guess I'm lucky; my wife enjoys going along with me, especially since we usually work some touring into our convention trips. She usually attends some of the rail clinics as well. One time, though, she attended a "non-rail" clinic on beginning knitting and that turned her into a fanatic – but that's another story.

Clinics are one of the big attractions of conventions of course. Some of these are a lot like out Division 8 clinics but a bit longer. Some are much more intense than our local ones, including big, messy demonstrations, or clinic threads that run 2 or 3 sessions on related topics. There are always new things to learn, or ideas I may have heard of before but forgot about.

Of course there are prototype tours, like the Ages of Steam roundhouse at the NMRA National Convention in Cleveland last year.

Another advantage of conventions is the opportunity to meet (and occasionally become friends with) model railroaders from far distant places you would never meet staying home. I've

got a few good friends that fit that category, and some of them have given me some excellent model railroading ideas and inspiration. With some, we have shared much stimulating conversation unrelated to model railroading as well.

But for me the most fun part of conventions is touring basements (and garages, spare rooms, and out-buildings) all around the country. These are of course where the layouts are. The bus tours at big conventions are OK, but the most fun are the ones where you are on your own to try to find the houses with a sketched or "Googled" map, a process that has been made better and more fun with GPS. It's like hunting for treasure, where the treasure is the layout itself (sometimes stunning, sometimes more "normal", sometimes just in early stages of construction, but always interesting). To me, a real bonus of these tours is seeing the countryside, learning about parts of the world (even city suburbs) I've never visited before, seeing how other people live. Model railroading is TRULY the most diverse of all hobbies.

Sorry I'll miss the August Division 8 meeting. I'll be on my way to the NMRA National Convention in Portland, looking for model railroad treasure and exploring the world.

Phil

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Errata

Troy, MI: Image resolution “June” clinic should have said “July” Clinic

Layout Tour Chairman Needed

Troy, MI: We Say Again: We are STILL looking for a person to chair the Division 8 layout tours. Candidates should apply to the Division 8 Superintendent.

Show & Tell and Clinic

This Month's Theme is Something Brass

Jim Dennis brought in a brass desktop railroad ticket punch. This punch came from the Michigan Central Station in Detroit



Greg Rich offered two HO scale tank cars which he built from LaBelle kits. He added other details to the models.



Jim Zinser displayed a Baldwin 2-6-6-2, logging engine. The brass model is by United. The locomotive was originally owned by Larry Wright and lettered for his Beaver Valley & Pennsylvania. The prototype for this locomotive is the Oregon Lumber Company #105.



Richard Kubeck brought in CO₂-cartridge-based alternative to the common compressed-air based air brush system.



Ken Scherer offered a brass Alco DL600 in HO scale. The locomotive is decorated for the Chesapeake & Ohio.



Bob Scherer brought in a brass RS-1 in HO scale. The locomotive is painted for the DBC&W #78.



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Bill Gawthrop displayed a brass Jordan Spreader in HO scale. The model is by Orient Limited.



Dave Thornton offered a brass B&O class N-40 wagon-top covered hopper car in O scale.



Larry Wolohon brought in two O scale brass models including:

- PRR gondola car
- PRR "Queen Mary" flat car.



Rick Ware displayed a pair of gondolas that he built from Hartford Locomotive Works "Value Line" kits. Rick built the basic G scale plastic models, painted and weathered them. One model is a wood-side gondola car; the other model is a flat car with stakes. Rick displayed the models on a section of track with BRASS rails.



Curt Danielwicz offered a German cab car in HO scale. The prototype for the model is a DB modern regional express cab car.



Steve Weber brought in a current project, an HO scale timber 65-foot turntable for a logging railroad.



Phil Kenyon offered a conductor's hat and brass engine key.



John Jackson brought in a Digitrax Loconet Wiring Kit consisting of wire, RJ-12 connectors, crimping tool, directions, cable and decoder tester.



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Terry Bossick displayed two current projects.

1. Modified Bowser kit for the Leigh Valley trolley for conversion to a short funeral car to go with his module from D.U.R.
2. Modified AM Models "Pat Place" for a model of the Quarter off-line structure.

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Steve Akers brought in:

1. Brass HO scale Westside Climax
2. 2-story outhouse which he built from a kit
3. Sweaty Betty's Diner which he built from a kit



Bill Moore offered a Central Vermont 4-8-2. The HO scale model is of brass.



Tony Britsky displayed a single-truck Birney in HO scale.

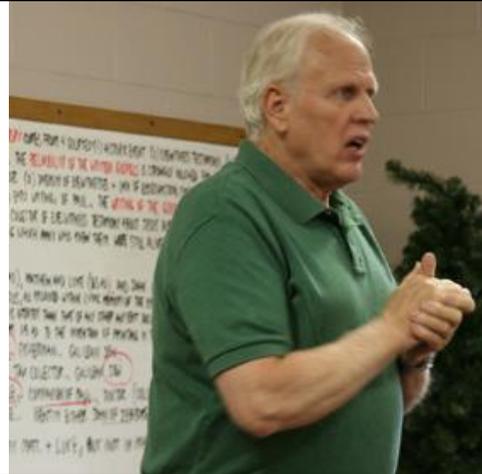


Fred Cosgrove brought in an HO scale parlor car decorated for the Columbus Delaware & Marion #501. GHB International produced this model, and Harry Durst painted it for Fred. The prototype was built in 1926 by AC&F. It operated on the CD&M until the line was abandoned in 1931. It became a private office (body only) until 1963 when the Ohio Railway Museum bought it and later restored it to operating condition.



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July Clinic	
<p>George Kohs discussed the current state of brass models production and his own projects. Check out his website to see what he is all about: www.kohs.com</p>	

Upcoming Events	August Clinic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aug 1-2: Railfans Weekend, Huckleberry Railroad, Flint, MI, http://www.geneseecountyparks.org/event/2884 ➤ Aug 8-9 & 12: Detroit Model Railroad Club open house, Holly, MI, www.dmrcc.org 	<p>“Movie Time” will be the subject of the August Clinic and Show and Tell. Bring your favorite DVD and share the entertainment with others at the meeting.</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@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Secretary: Bill Gawthrop wegawthrop@aol.com</p> <p>Director: John Gavasso John Jackson jdsmjackson@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>While the Clinic and Show and Tell feature “Movie Time” you may bring your current favorite project.</p>