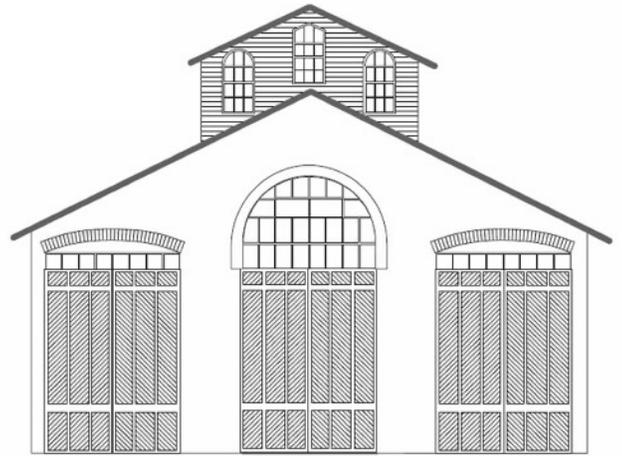


# CAR HOUSE

## JULY, 2021



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### **AUGUST MEETING LIVE AT TROY CHRISTIAN CHAPEL**

**Finally!** We will meet together on **Thursday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.** at the Troy Christian Chapel, our long-time meeting place before the last 17 months of social-distancing. One change in procedure (unrelated to Covid precautions - the church had “an uninvited visitor” during our last face-to-face meeting. Thus enhanced security measures are in effect.) The entrance to the church will remain locked at all times. A door “monitor” will provide access for everyone. After the meeting starts, a cell-phone number will be posted on the door to call for entrance. Please pardon any inconvenience. If you cannot attend in person, ZOOM will be available for the meeting. Please come and enjoy, in person or on ZOOM. For additional details, please read Curt’s column on page 2.

### **BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION CONVENTION**

**Dean Pyers** presented information about the 2021 North Central Region Convention October 21-24, in Toledo. The Convention site is the Radisson Hotel at the University of Toledo. Clinics will be offered in the mornings at the Hotel, layout tours, op sessions, prototype and non-rail tours in the afternoon, and evening clinics and social times at the Hotel to conclude the day. Modular layouts at the Hotel and at Union Terminal downtown, including Freemo layout. The banquet will at noon on Saturday and a “Yard Sale” type flea market to sell your excess rail-oriented items. The Model Showcase features a raffle for refund of registration fees. For more information and to register, visit [www.divisiononencr.com/2021](http://www.divisiononencr.com/2021)

## **FROM THE SUPER – JULY, 2021**

### **Meeting at Troy Christian Chapel - Mentorship Program - Private Facebook Page**

Greetings to all of the Clinton River Division members from the superintendent. I hope this newsletter/July meeting minutes finds you well, especially if you could not attend the Zoom meeting.

For the BIG news - **starting in August our meetings will be back in-person at the Troy Christian Chapel.** We also have a tentative plan to continue supporting a Zoom meeting option as well. This will allow those uncomfortable with attending an in-person meeting to continue to participate via Zoom as well as allowing snowbirds, vacationing members, members that are a distance from Troy to continue their participation in the division via Zoom. In the event of inclement winter weather the Zoom option may be an attractive option as well. We will likely trial the Zoom meeting for August and if all goes well and there is sufficient demand, we will likely make an investment in some equipment to support it. Some of this equipment, namely a computer, was previously discussed as needed to support our in-person meeting Audio-Visual needs as we do not have a computer to play the various media that clinicians brought to our meetings. This created disruptions at times and led to last-second clinic cancellations. The only equipment specifically desired to support a continued Zoom meeting option is a Bluetooth microphone as well as GoPro camera. Again, we will test our bandwidth limitation with some borrowed equipment in August and the BOD will discuss the results of the August Zoom experiment at our quarterly BOD meeting in September. If BOD approves, this expenditure would likely be presented to the membership for approval in September as well.

We are implementing a mentoring program within the Division that will give members the opportunity to share areas of personal knowledge as well as request help from those members with knowledge in areas where they need help.

The file is located at

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzCII04pfcGtM4Lcni-sIExBw2\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/195MkOSzCII04pfcGtM4Lcni-sIExBw2_/view?usp=sharing)

When you follow the link, you will be asked if you wish to request access to the file. Please request access and this request will be sent to me for approval. This limits access to the file to only those people within our Division and this information will not be accessible by the general public. Please populate a new line item for your information once you are granted access to the file. Members will be able to query the file in time to determine if anyone can help them in an area of need or conversely members may query the file to determine if anyone needs help in an area that they are knowledgeable as well. In either scenario the members themselves can use the file as a resource to gain or share knowledge. Over time this may lead to some additional AP awards for people, although that will be an additional benefit to the mentorship program and Achievement Program participation is not a requirement.

P.S. - private Clinton River Division Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288929175921717/>

Best regards,

**Curt Danielewicz**

## **Business and Announcements:**

- **MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS** in attendance at the JULY ZOOM meeting: **Ken Chick, Dan Lewis, and Greg Rich.**
- **EVERYONE:** if you displayed a model or prototype item or otherwise participated in our ZOOM meeting, please send me photos at [chappie81@wowway.com](mailto:chappie81@wowway.com) to include your contribution in the monthly issue of the Car House. Thanks.
- **CALL FOR ARTICLES:** Do you have a tip to share, photos of constructing a model, a neat electronics project, an interesting model or prototype story? Sure you do! Write it up and share it in the Car House - your fellow modelers will appreciate it and you get points toward Model Railroad Author AP certificate. Just send me your material and it will find its way into print! [chappie81@wowway.com](mailto:chappie81@wowway.com)
- **GUESTS:** We welcome guests from other Divisions who attended our Zoom meeting. Thanks for attending.. You are always welcome.
- **June Car House** approved with one correction - Clinic (page 1) was for June, not May
- **Dan Shilt**, Paymaster (Treasurer), reported \$5,736 on hand. He received \$14 in user fees from two members.
- **Indy Junction 2022, May 18-22, 2022** at the Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel and Convention Center is sponsored by the Midwest, North Central, Mid Central Regions of the NMRA, and the Railroad Prototype Modelers Conference. The combined convention will be four days of clinics, layout tours, operating sessions, and more! If you are interested in presenting a clinic, contact Andy Keeney (Division 5) at [hunter48820@yahoo.com](mailto:hunter48820@yahoo.com). Registration is \$85, includes a large Train Show, with lots of new items for sale. For more information, [www.indyjunction2022.org](http://www.indyjunction2022.org)
- **Old Business** - AV equipment and Mentorships - See Curt's column on Page 2
- **New Business** -
  - "Door Monitors" volunteers (See Page 1) for August - **Phil Doolittle**, for September - **Tony Britski**. Volunteers for November and December needed! There will be **no Division meeting in October** - Plan to attend the Black Swamp Junction Convention in Toledo, October 21-24.
- Announcements
  - **Steel Mill Modelers Special Interest Group Convention**, August 18-21, 2021 at the Hampton Inn, Southgate, MI. Contact **Rich Mahaney** at 269-214-4221 ([hazmatrich@aol.com](mailto:hazmatrich@aol.com)) or [smmsig.org/2021-annual-meet/](http://smmsig.org/2021-annual-meet/)
  - **Gratiot Valley Model Railroad Club** Annual Show will be in April 2022 at Shelby Elite Soccer Complex. Watch for more information.

The following photographs are by the builders of the models unless noted.

**JULY 2021 SHOW & TELL**  
**Theme: “Why I Picked My Railroad to Model” Or Current Project**

**Steve Weber** - His totally free-lanced shoreline represents B&O, C&O, NYC with interchanges in the Mid-west rolling hills. The photo is the town Charlotte.



**Dan Shilt** - models the Huntsville & Lake of Bays Railway in Northern Ontario. It was a narrow-gauge 1 1/8 mile line (1905-1959) serving the world’s largest tannery. It is now a tourist line. His layout is in storage since he moved to Michigan from Atlanta. Photo is the prototype.



**Dave Katona** - models the Detroit and Mackinac at East Tawas. As a child, he was given a grand tour of the yard by a D&M VP. There is a dearth of photos of structures, so he must work from rolling stock photos with buildings in the background. He is now modeling the engine facility at Tawas. Photo is Dave’s mock-up of the shops at Tawas.



**Ken Chick, MMR** - His interest in the Rio Grande, Northern Pacific, Great Northern led to his Hadley, Danforth & Northern, a large N scale empire. Photo is a small scratch-built NP station



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**John Jackson** - lived in Virginia and watched the N&W, Southern, and RF&P. When he moved back to Michigan, he built the Detroit, Woodbridge and Birmingham. (Woodbridge is a town in Virginia.)

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**Kent Aughe** - models the Monon ("She's a Hoosier Line") in the late 1960s. The "what if" is that the Monon remained independent and purchased the PennCentral line to Kokomo, Kent's hometown.) His town of Monon includes the small park with a Monon caboose.

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**Bob Scherer** - models the Detroit, Bay City & Western, a "Thumb" railroad that ceased operation in 1925. He models it as it might have operated in 1950.

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**Dave Thornton** - grew up in Columbus, Ohio and enjoyed the B&O. He models the B&O in the transition era. "That's his story and he's sticking to it."

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**Mark Mincek** - His first train was a B&O GP-9. The B&O ran near his grandparents' farm. He models the B&O in October 1956.

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**Phil Doolittle** - is modeling a short-line in Ontario, that delivers traffic to the CN and a Great Lakes port. He chronicled the concept of his railroad in his clinic, "Introduction to the 'Doo Line'" during the December 2020 Clinton River Division Zoom meeting. He is currently developing a timetable for operations, to complete his "Chief Dispatcher" AP certificate.

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**Fred Cosgrove** - visited Frankfort, Ky in 1960s and saw the L&N run through a tunnel, then street running to a bridge over the Ky River. Being a trolley guy, Fred electrified his version of it.

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**Ken Scherer** - in the 1960s began modeling the Grand Trunk. His layout dates from 1974. He has ripped it up and is building a new layout with two helixes and no duck-unders, using portions saved from the old layout.

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**Paul Runyan** - As a small child, rode the Pennsy "Northern Arrow" with his father from Cincinnati to Petoskey for fishing trips. He now free-lances the Pennsy. PRR also is his initials!

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**Marv Linke** - current project is installing a decoder in an N scale UP #844. It has a fake "Mars" light that he is installing a working light.

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**Tony Britsky** - bought a Fleischman scale set in Vietnam in 1972. It was stolen before he got home. In business travel to Europe, he purchased European models and models such railroads. He also has a number of US brass models.

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**Dan Lewis, MMR** - is a native of Montana. Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Milwaukee all ran through Montana. He chose the Milwaukee, a well-documented N scale MILW North Montana Line.

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**George VanDuyne** - a basic free-lancer, evolved into an Eastern mountain railroad. He bought equipment he likes, city railroading, car hauling - the railroad was recently "purchased" by the C&O and B&O. Now he can run pre-painted locomotives without modifications.

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**Dean Pyers** - an "arm chair" modeler with 30 years of experience. He is planning the Hudson River Valley with an New York Central theme.

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**Rad Jones** - His "Move It On" layout is free-lanced, based on the NYC. As a second grader, his family moved to Michigan on the train, Cincinnati Northern (NYC). The towns are loosely based on Hillsdale County, MI. He found a book in Waldron library, that has all the track plans for all the towns along Cincinnati Northern line. He wishes he had that book when he built his layout.

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**Rich Wahl** - he freelances his layout, but based on the Michiagn Center and Pere Marquette in Macomb and St. Clair Counties, with some Northwest US scenery.

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**Tim Fisher** - started modeling in the 1970s. He wanted Great Northern equipment, but only Santa Fe power was available. He new layout (after moving) is based on the Santa Fe from Belen, NM to Kansas City. The modeled portion centers on Pampa, TX, an oil production area. The refinery is not modeled, only the railroad oil-loading facility.

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**Greg Rich, MMR** - his first train was a Marx 027 gauge, metal stamped B&O locomotive. His interest in scale modeling was nurtured by Irv Schulz and Larry Wright - to build a layout like a "real" railroad. His early 20th Century New Baltimore and Fair Haven is based on "how I would build a railroad through the countryside."

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**Warren Yohe** - had Lionel trains as a child. He has combined his interest in minerals, mines, and railroading into the "Mineral Range Railroad," the first railroad in Hancock, MI area. The mines, the Calumet area, and trestles from the mines to smelters and other factories depict turn of the 20th century Upper Peninsula.

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**Curt Danielewicz** - is modeling the GTW Detroit Division. He started with an AHM train set and 4'x8' layout, then went for years without a layout. Hie is now building a large three level Grand Trunk layout from Detroit to Pontiac, with all the Pontiac auto plants on the line.

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**Rich Mahaney, NCR Director-at-Large** - Interesting equipment at Iowa Northern's Bryant Yard in Waterloo, IA, 5/29/2021.



**AUGUST 2021 MEETING**  
**Live at Troy Christian Chapel and on ZOOM**  
**Thursday, August 19, 2021, 7:00 pm**

**Show and Tell Topic:**  
**PASSENGER EQUIPMENT or Current Projects**

**Clinic:**  
**DVD Presentation: THE PULLMAN STORY**

*We will send you notice of the meeting and the ZOOM code a few days before the meeting. Please look in your SPAM folder if you don't receive it timely. Don't ask, I have no idea why some providers think I am SPAM!*

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**AUGUST 19, 2021 Meeting - Thursday at 7:00 pm**  
**TROY CHRISTIAN CHAPEL**

**Second Floor Meeting Room (use parking lot door and stairway just inside the door. There is also an elevator in the lobby if you prefer)**  
**400 E. LONG LAKE ROAD, TROY, MI**

**See you there! Same Time, Same Place, Third Thursday, .Every Month**

**Thanks for your membership, support and participation in person  
at Troy Christian Chapel or in the Zoom meetings.**

**HAPPY MODELING and STAY HEALTHY and SAFE!**