

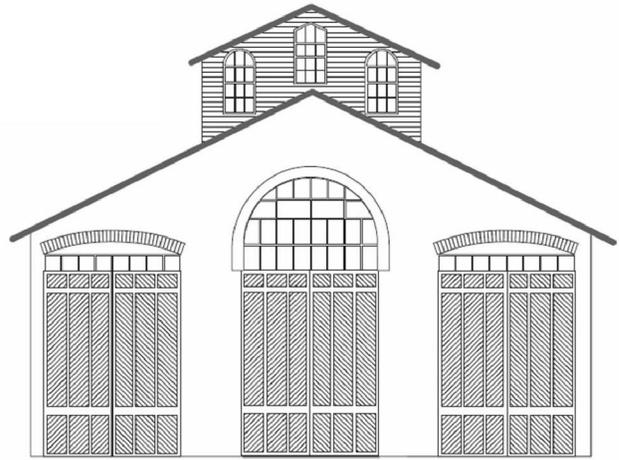
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The News

September 15, 2016

Welcome to The Car House

Some of you reading this may not have seen this publication before, or if you have, it's been a while ago. Let me invite you to read on a bit and find out more.

You are receiving this because you are a member of the NMRA and reside within the area designated as the North Central Region Division 8, now also known as the "Clinton River Division." Since you are a member of NMRA, you are welcome to attend the monthly gathering of fellow members that occurs on the third Thursday evening of every month at Troy Christian Chapel, 400 E. Long Lake Road, Troy, half way between Livernois and Rochester Roads. More on that in a minute.

I was surprised to learn that there are approximately 200 NMRA members in the Clinton River Division's geographic area! That is the largest division in the North Central Region. Of those, perhaps 60 are at least somewhat regular participants in the meetings. However, since it costs nothing to email The Car House, we are going to experiment with sending it to all the email addresses in the division, as supplied by NMRA. Please check it out. If it goes well, we will continue providing it to you. If you would rather not receive this communication in your in-basket, send an email to that effect to our

Secretary and Car House Editor, Bill Gawthrop, and he will remove you from the distribution list.

So what goes on at a Clinton River Division meeting? Typically modelers bring a model for a "show and tell," which often has a theme related to the evening's program. Your latest project is always a viable subject instead of the theme. (We have a tradition of contributing \$.25 if we don't bring a model, but that is never expected of guests and newcomers.) A short meeting follows the show and tell. There is never much "business" but useful announcements, hints and tips are shared. Then there is a featured program. These can be how-to clinics, railroad history, videos, lots of different subjects related to railroading, real or model.

Clinton River Division organizes special events in addition to the meetings, such as layout tours. We arranged an operating trip to two fine model railroads in southern Ohio, held a weekend weathering clinic, and will soon begin planning to host the 2019 NCR Convention. There will be lots more. The Car House is how to find out about it all, so enjoy!

Phil Doolittle, Superintendent

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From the Super - September 2016

The Pittsburgh skyline is outside my window, resplendent in the hot August sun. Between it and me is the Monongahela River, with its tourist riverboats, commercial barges, and speedboats. Between the river and my sixth floor room is the double-track mainline of the CSX, not 200 feet away. I've got lots of time to enjoy the view and the frequent trains while my wife fulfills her duties at the United States Power Squadrons national meeting. (That's a boating education service organization, for those of you who haven't heard of it.) I've heard of people talk of good and better places to rail-fan, but how can you beat this Sheraton. I've got a comfortable chair, air-conditioning on this 94°F day, music, a mini-fridge, and trains – LOTS of trains. At one point three trains went by within 15 minutes. Much of the day there were three or so each hour.

This room is high enough to see the roofs of the cars as they go by. Here's an interesting tidbit for weathering: very few of the large autoracks have rust on their roofs. Those that do, have very little rust.

And the variety of trains is fascinating. Those of you who are old hands at "railfanning" will find this as no surprise, but I've not done that much of it, so it was eye-opening. Here are a few of the trains I recall:

General mixed freight trains, well over 150 cars long, including large numbers of tank cars and covered hoppers, some boxcars, center-beam flats, gondolas, and even coil steel cars.

Unit trains – coal hoppers, autoracks, tanks, and even a long unit train of short 2-bay covered hoppers carrying something heavy.

Intermodal container trains (of course). Interesting to note that most of these were conventional "double stack" trains, but a couple had all the container cars loaded only one high, clearly trains to or from a location with tunnels or other impediments without enough clearance for a double stack. Wonder where that is.

If you come here and get tired of watching the CSX parade, go across the street, up on the parking deck and look south. A third of the way up the high ridge on the other side of the street is the also very busy double track NS main line.

Fun!

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Division Logo

Troy, MI: We are still looking for a member or members to offer ideas for a new logo design for the Clinton River Division. Don't be bashful!

Open Houses

Troy, MI: Doug Kass reports that he is lining up volunteers to host an open house. Doug has 3 candidates lined up for later in 2016 and more for 2017. Contact Doug directly to place your name on the list.

Puzzle

Troy, MI: Terry Bossick thought members might be interested in working a crossword puzzle with a railroad theme. So, he developed such a puzzle which appears at the end of this month's Car House.

Agreement with Troy Christian Chapel

Troy, MI: Phil Doolittle reports that agreement is near on a written agreement between the Division and the Chapel. This agreement puts in writing the terms of the Division's use of the Chapel.

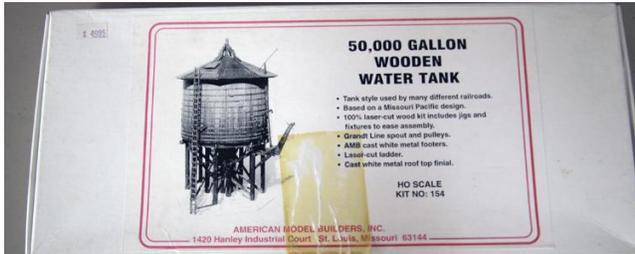
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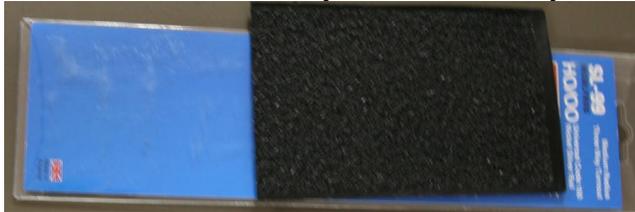
Show & Tell

This Month's Theme was Anything from the NMRA National Convention in Indianapolis

Mark Mincek was lucky enough to submit a winning bid for American Model Builders Water Tank kit at the silent auction at the Convention.



Ken Scherer brought in HO scale coal material by Chooch and a box which had contained a 3-way switch which he had already installed on his layout.



Steve Akers offered HO scale models which he had recently built including:

1. Scratch-built hand car shed
2. Scratch-built coal tippie
3. Trailer built from a Progress kit with scratch-built tires on top.



Tom Weiss displayed an HO scale Convention car. The Tangent model is lettered for the Monon RR.



Phil Doolittle displayed four of his Convention acquisitions including:

1. A Convention shirt (which he was wearing)
2. Tangent Models HO scale mini-Hi-Cube box car
3. JL Innovative Design structure kit "Beetoni's Billiards"
4. A FRED



John Kline recently purchased two AHM/Rivarossi steam locomotives in HO scale at a recent train show.



George Van Duyne brought in an HO scale Bowser 2-8-2 which he built from a kit. He re-engineered the electrical pickups and added DCC. Finally he lettered and weathered the locomotive.



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Richard Kubeck offered a number of items that could be beginnings for detailed parts. Items are cast-offs from a business that he worked for.



Bill Gawthrop offered an industrial building which he built from a Walthers kit. This HO scale model will be one of eight buildings for his industrial module for the Stoney Creek Model RR Club modular layout.



Bob Scherer brought in 2 Funaro & Camberlengo box car kits, a fishing boat kit by Osbourne Models and City Classics company houses. All models are in HO scale.



John Jackson displayed Pan Pastels weathering materials and tools which he got at the Convention.



George Anderson offered a bag of goodies that he received at the National Narrow Gauge Convention



Larry Wolohon displayed a few items that he brought home from the NMRA Convention including:

1. O scale Labelle flat car kit that we won at the silent auction
2. "Wolverine Express" 1978 Convention Box Car
3. High Ball to Indy convention book
4. Convention shirt (he wore)



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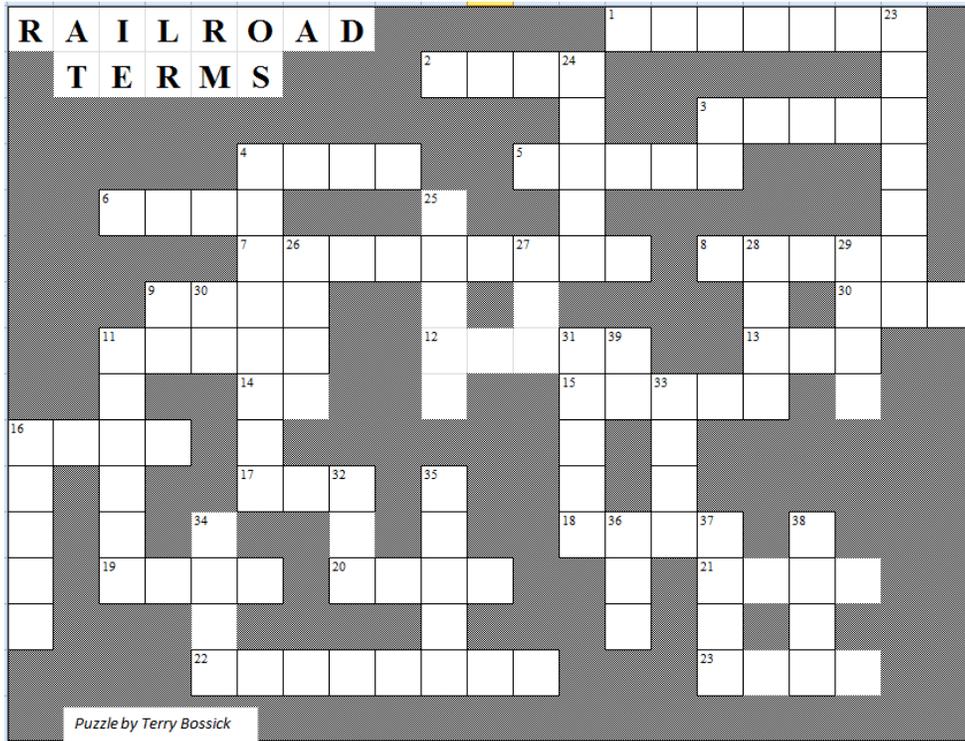
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September Clinic	
<p>Larry Wolohon gave a recap of the 2016 NMRA National Convention in Indianapolis. He highlighted his experiences and observations on two layout tours, his model judging and his tour of Amtrak's Beech Grove repair facility. Larry showed photos he had taken and some of those taken by Dean Pyers.</p>	
Upcoming Events	October Clinic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sept. 30 – Oct. 1: NMRA Michiana Div. Education & Technical Conference., South Bend, IN ➤ Oct. 6 - 9: NMRA-North Central Region Convention, Livonia, MI ➤ Oct. 7 -8: Halloween Spook Train, Bridgeport, MI (33rd and Final) ➤ October – December: Steam Railroad Institute, Owosso, MI, Fall Schedule of events; http://michigansteamtrain.com/schedule ➤ October – December: Redford Model RR Club, Inkster, MI, Open House Schedule: http://www.redfordmodelrailroadclub.com/ ➤ November – December: Detroit Model RR Club, Holly, MI, Open House Schedule: http://www.dmrcc.org/ ➤ Nov. 25 – 26 & Weekends in December: Stoney Creek Model RR Club will be operating the Club's modular layout at the Rochester Hills Van Hoosen Museum. Rochester, MI 	<p>Marv Linke will give a clinic on soldering.</p>
Division 8 Board of Directors	October'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 & Tell is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anything [model railroad] soldered <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Your recent favorite project.

Car House Editor: Bill Gawthrop

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1. Somethings to watch for
2. _____ Yard
3. On the map
4. Repair _____
5. Control _____
6. Stop
7. PRR, NYC, CN. GT
8. Accident _____
9. A fuel
10. Commodity
11. Ordinary
12. Chance meeting
13. Total trip
14. Start
15. For communication
16. EDT or PMT
17. Pullman
18. _____ end
19. Rotate
20. Measure or storage
21. Fill
22. Compress
23. Join

3. Crossing warning
4. No curves
9. Adhesive
11. The end
16. Blasts
23. Old Power
24. Early Erie gauge
25. What to follow
26. Builder
27. Type of standard
28. Carriers
29. Less than one
30. How 18 do it, abbr,
- 31, Forward progress
- 32, _____ freight
33. Engine
34. Restriction
35. Not good
36. Side _____
37. To remove
38. Schedule
39. 1:87