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Happy New Year!

While that was a month ago already, I hope you and your family had a great holiday season and are looking for a great 2011. The holiday's are usually when I get some good model railroading done, as I am off between Christmas and New Years. This year I managed a little modeling, no where as much as I wish I had done, but I did also host an OPS session with members of the Rail Gang and some Division 6 friends. I had reworked my ops train orders and this was the first time run with these new orders. We finished up the orders at another session in January.

Of course, I also got started on this edition of the HotBox! As our President Jack Watson has mentioned several times – that next issue deadline just seems to pop-up so fast! I would have thought that 3 months between issues would be a nice break, but it does go by quickly. Just in case you are wondering, it takes about 3 weeks to complete a HotBox issue. That's working only in the evenings, nearly every day, adding an article or pictures each time I call up this file. There are also emails sent out to gather information on each Division and other information checking and gathering. Then I send out a preliminary copy to the NCR staff and my proof readers for corrections. A few last tweaks and it's off to the printer for printing and mailing. For this issue, that was hopefully on or near January 18<sup>th</sup>. That gives them time to print and mail and if all goes right, you should receive this right about the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. I also then make a PDF version of the issue and send that to Dave Simmons for posting on the NCR website. Then, it's time for that "quick" break and back to model railroading!

Thanks for reading... Barry



## MODEL RAILROADING IS FUN!



## HOTBOX CORRECTIONS

NCR "OOPS"....

Always striving to be correct is something we will do with the HotBox. But, we are human and mistakes can/will happen. Please forgive us, these are NOT intentional! Corrections for the May 2010 edition of the HotBox are-  
\* OOPS, yes we did have several grammar and a spelling error or two last issue. Thanks to reader Mike for finding those and emailing me about them. I'll keep trying not to do that anymore!

**FRONT COVER PICTURES-** Roy Jones HO scale C&O/Pere Marquette, Glenn Joppich layout, Fred Cosgrove on the SOC club, NMRA logo, Lansing Legacies logo

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## RAILROADING "WHAT THE ????"

NCR HUMOR



Another case of not allowing for proper coupler slack.... OR a locomotive with traction tires doing a hole-shot!  
Either way – another OOPS on the railroad....

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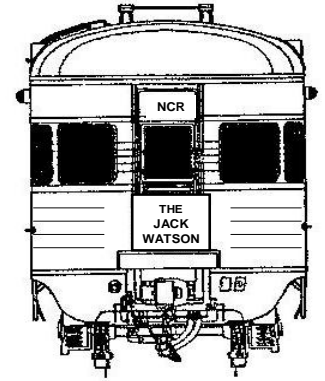
## **PRESIDENTS OBSERVATION** by Jack Watson

Another deadline, so soon, I just wrote one of these columns a month ago! I swear I did! I trust everyone had a safe and spectacular Holiday Season and everyone received exactly what they were wishing for.

There are quite a few items in the works that will need to be finalized before we can speak about them in detail. I will pass a few hints though, the new contest chairman Joel Goldberg and I have been working on some ideas to help promote the contests and the achievement program. We have a rather lethargic region when it comes to these topics!!! HotBox Editor Barry Hensel is working on upgrading the advertising program for the HotBox magazine, which could lead to increasing the number of pages available to read and digest for the membership! (see article below!) Improving the division meetings is also on the hit parade and the NMRA is trying to help affect the improvements! These are just a few of the projects that we have underway.

Speaking of achievements, congratulations are due to member **Rich Wahl**, who has earned his Chief Dispatcher certificate, good work Rich! Did you know the AP program includes certificates in the

following categories; motive power, cars, structures, civil engineering, electrical, dispatcher, scenery, prototype models, volunteer, author and/or official. There is something, at least one of these, that everyone can qualify for! If you think about it you probably already qualify for one or more of these!



It won't be long and elections will be upon us again. Most positions that are elective involve very minimal work on your part. Consider running for a position- learn the ropes, get your feet wet, become an influence in the region..... please consider it!!

As always, I am available for discussion and comments, please feel free to contact me anytime 586-598-7407 or [jwatson1212@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwatson1212@sbcglobal.net) I may be slow, but I will get back to you! So stay safe and remember to have fun with model railroading!!!

## **HOTBOX NEWS**

### **NCR INFORMATION**

While we have had a price policy for train show ads, Pike ads and business card ads, we never had the opportunity to get a full business ad price structure. Well, we have it now! Starting with the next issue of the HotBox, here is our new Advertisement Policy-Prices...

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We will be contacting ALL hobby shops in the NCR Region, to see if they will be interested in participating in this new ad price structure. If we get some ads sold, there is a good chance that we will be able to expand the HotBox to 32 pages (including covers) so that the ads purchased do not take away from the HotBox content pages. The NCR BofD will be discussing this proposal. If you have any questions on this new pricing policy, please contact the HotBox Editor, Barry Hensel.

ALSO!!! – We are always in search of articles- how-to-do, layout tours, just about ANYTHING model railroading or NCR area proto-type railroading related would be GREAT!! Please follow the submission guidelines on page 2 of this issue. THANKS!!

AND just posted on the NCR website – a HotBox Article Index from August 2008 to present!! Cool....!!





The South Oakland Club hosted an operating session for Division 8 Members on Saturday, November 22, 2008. Clockwise-

Kerry Albrecht briefs Dave Rigittko on his train assignment at the South Oakland Club open house for Division 8.

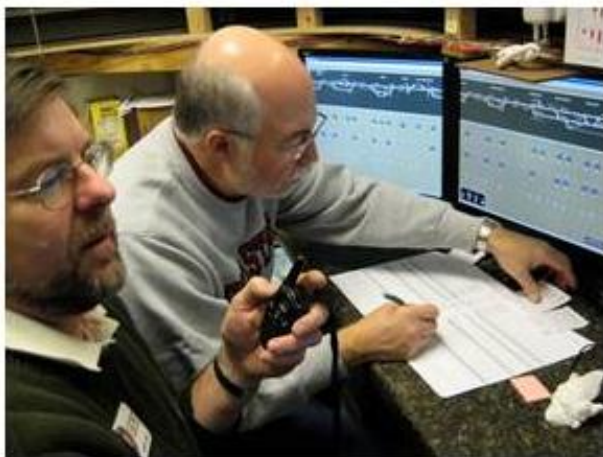
Phil Dolittle and Charlie Woodbury operate a train on the upper level of the two-deck layout.

Mike McCreight, Pontiac yardmaster, gives Dave Rigittko the paperwork for his train.

Jeff Branch switches a long cut in Ferndale yard.

Marv Linke and Dave Thornton dispatch the system.

Photos by Tim Fisher



The mainline is empty, but only for a moment. Looks like the factory is busy with several box cars for products in/out.



The HotBox crew is trackside at the C&O and Pere Marquette Railroad layout of Roy Jones, longtime Division 6 member. Roy's layout is a U shaped, stand-alone, away from the basement walls HO scale railroad. He hosts operating sessions for a round-robin group once a month.



Here's the action we've been waiting for! A steam powered local freight making it's way through town and past some lakeside rental cottages while a switcher is doing it's job in the background.

We catch our freight again as it's crosses the stone arch bridge leaving town.





# RAILFANNING the C&O/Pere Marquette

NCR GOES TRACKSIDE



Later in the day we catch the C&O passenger express passing over the stone arch bridge.



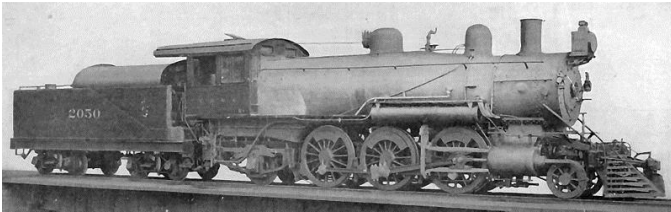
Next we camp out at the large bascule bridge to see what action we can catch. We are not disappointed as a Berkshire powered coal drag soon approached from the west.



Not 30 minutes later, we catch the passenger express again, heading east to the coast. The freight cars on the smaller bridges are actually on the old mainline, turned into a siding for the factory in the fore ground.

## **THE PRAIRIE LOCOMOTIVE and LOCOMOTIVE CLASSIFICATION**

At last month's meeting a member asked the question, "How did a 2-6-2 steam locomotive come to be called the Prairie?" 1900 was an important year in railroad history. An engineer by the name of Frederic M. Whyte came up with a method of classification for steam engines. The first number represented the number of pilot wheels, the second number was for the driving wheels and the last number represented the number of trailing wheels. All these numbers represented the total number of wheels, not just the number of wheels visible. Other countries used the English system which represented only the wheels visible on one side of the locomotive. In the Whyte system the Prairie is a (2-6-2) in the English system it would be a 1-3-1.



When the U.S. railroads got started in 1830, it was a whole new ball game. There were no rules or previous experience to draw from. The person that built the locomotive. (there were no locomotive factories) made up his own plans using his own ideas, and if he didn't give it a name himself, somebody else suggested a name for the locomotive. Some of the early locomotives had vertical boilers, some horizontal, some halfway between. Some early locomotive names, Old Ironsides, The Best Friend of Charleston, The DeWitt Clinton, The Pioneer were just names and had nothing to do with the wheel arrangement of the locomotive.

As the railroads grew and prospered, companies that specialized in building locomotives developed. By 1850, there were eight companies building the same type of locomotive, called the American, all with the same wheel arrangement, 4-4-0. It had 4 pilot wheels, 4 drive wheels and no trailing wheels. This type of locomotive was so successful that as late as 1900, there were still more American locomotives running on US rails than any other type.

In spite of the fact that the (4-4-0) or American type locomotive was still the most popular locomotive in 1900, other larger engines had made their appearance on the railroad scene in former years. As boilers became longer, a bigger firebox was needed which was wider and deeper than earlier fireboxes. There was no room for a drive wheel under the new firebox so a trailing truck was added to the wheel arrangement.

The United States soon became the largest manufacturer of steam locomotives. The first engine manufactured in this country with a 4-4-2 wheel arrangement was sold to a railroad that ran along the Atlantic Ocean and became known as the Atlantic. The first order for a locomotive with a 4-6-2 wheel arrangement was shipped across the Pacific Ocean to New Zealand and became known as the Pacific. The first engine with a 2-8-2 wheel arrangement was shipped to Japan in the days when Japan was ruled by the emperor, so was nicknamed the Mikado.

The biggest user of the 2-6-2 locomotive type (first produced in 1896) and some 1000 of these were built, was the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R.R. In 1896 the Burlington mainline ran through the wheat fields of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. It was said at that time that a Burlington locomotive was never out of sight of a grain elevator. Since the Burlington operated through the prairies of the four states mentioned, the nickname Prairie stuck.

The Prairie locomotive was born in the wrong year, 1896, and although it was an ideal engine for both passenger and freight trains in states where there were only prairies, when it was born, some radical changes were soon to take place, which would make the Prairie locomotive obsolete.

The Railway Safety Act was passed by Congress in 1893 and required that all rolling stock manufactured after that date be equipped with automatic couplers and air brakes. Since the railroads had thousands of pieces of rolling stock on hand from the link and pin and manual brake days, the mixture of old and new equipment soon became an operating nightmare. To eliminate this nightmare, the railroads found themselves forced into upgrading the old equipment by adding new couplers and air brakes.



Before the year 1893, 100 car freight trains and 20 car passenger trains were unheard of, because such trains were too heavy for the small locomotives of the times and too much weight to be handled by manual brakes. The Prairie locomotive was designed for the small wooden car trains in use prior to 1893. By 1900, complete trains equipped with air brakes and automatic couplers were becoming the rule rather than the exception. Since a train equipped with all the new devices can stop much faster than a train equipped with the old manual brakes, the push by railroad management for longer trains had already begun.

In 1900 another important development took place in Gary, Indiana. A series of new steel plants were constructed and now steel could be produced in large quantities at a lower price than ever before possible. Patents and designs for all metal railroad cars had appeared in the 1860's but the prices were so high and the designs so unorthodox that no railroad was interested. If you think that statement is out of line let me remind you that the Chrysler Corporation came out in 1934 with an airflow automobile that was so far ahead of its time that the company had trouble selling that car, so by 1936 Chrysler reverted back to the old style car and people started buying from Chrysler again. Immediately, the railroads were interested in all steel freight cars, because the bigger, stronger cars could handle bigger pay loads, but the railroads were much less interested in all steel passenger cars since there wasn't that much profit in hauling passengers.

The general public and the newspapers wanted the all steel passenger cars to eliminate the fire that almost always caused fatalities whenever a passenger train wreck occurred. By 1903, the first all steel passenger cars were produced by certain car companies. The all steel passenger cars gradually became more popular and by 1913 no more wooden passenger cars were produced.

In the meantime, by 1910, the 2-6-2 Prairie locomotives in main line service were finding it impossible to pull the longer, heavier trains. On the mainline of the Burlington, the 2-6-2 Prairie locomotives were replaced by 2-8-0 Consolidations and 2-8-2 Mikado's. So the 2-6-2 Prairie locomotives, so numerous on the Burlington that were designed to haul short wooden car freight and passenger trains were either transferred to Burlington Branch Lines where traffic was lighter or sold to other railroads that did not have the heavy traffic of the Burlington main line. A few of the Prairie locomotives lasted long enough to be replaced by diesels!

The Pacific's and the Mikado became respectively the standard passenger and freight power for the next 20 years and more.

*Don Watson April 28, 1990*

*Division 6 member Don Watson, gave these lessons nearly every month and they always entertained and informed. After Don's passing at the age of 90, his family presented them to Div. 6 and the NCR.*

*Editor's Note- Don had two lessons that touched on the same subject. The lesson presented here, is a combination of those two.*

***YOUR article could be appearing RIGHT HERE!! Please consider writing an article for a future issue of the HotBox!! Fame, Fortune (not really) and points toward your MMR await you when you write a HotBox article!***

## **NCR DIVISION HAPPENINGS**

**NCR INFORMATION**

### ***Division Ten (Flint and Saginaw area)***

Wouldn't you know it? Division 10 moved their meeting time and place to the third Thursday of the month instead of Tuesday, and meeting at the main branch of the Flint Public Library, but now we may have to move again as the library will close an hour earlier due to budget cuts. With a start time of 6:30 and the Library closing at 8:00, that doesn't leave but a little more than an hour for model railroad sharing. But we'll see what happens and head down the track from where we are. We hope to keep model railroading alive in the Flint area despite the crappy economy! Put at least two model railroaders together and they'll talk shop and have fun! Hang in there you 'Teners', we'll keep moving forward. *(submitted by Don Harbin, Superintendent)*

Here is where your news items, rumors, and gossip of just about anything in the Model Railroading hobby can be reported. Whatever it is, send it to us and we'll let everyone else know!

**BTR#1-** Sorry that this first item is of a sad nature. Dean Freytag, steel mill modeler and MMR passed away on Christmas evening at the age of 86 at the assisted living facility in Ashland, OH, where he had resided for the past 11 months. He leaves a sister Carol, a brother-in-law Jim, and a niece and nephew. He was preceded in death by wife Ann Elizabeth (Davies) in 1999. The lights are dimmed on Dean Freytag's South Ridge Lines, and fires are out at his Davies Steel complex. Model railroading has lost an icon.

**BTR#2-** More great youtube links that have been found recently and shared by friends...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yd105L2cKnI> and

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-PyFAfA7JI&feature=related> (yes, there are THOUSANDS of video's of model railroading on youtube, just sharing a few that we found exceptional)

**BTR#3-** Dear Fellow Railroad Historian, The 11th Michigan Railroad History Conference is scheduled for November 5th, 2011, at Western Michigan University. Attached is a copy of the following announcement for the Call for Papers. If interested in speaking, please contact Mark X. Worrall, Chairperson, at [markxworrall@hotmail.com](mailto:markxworrall@hotmail.com). Please pass or post this announcement to inform others interested in presenting at the conference. Sincerely, Gregory J. Degowski Registrar and Past Chairperson

**BTR#4-** Micro Engineering in Fenton, MO had to turn their office manager over to police for embezzling about a quarter of a million dollars. This story was the lead on KSDK news in St. Louis tonight. If you are in need of track or bridges, etc. please consider helping these guys out. The quality is quite good and the products are very long lasting. Here's a short news item from the STL Post-Dispatch:

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article\\_b65570f0-0e0c-11e0-9f25-00127992bc8b.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_b65570f0-0e0c-11e0-9f25-00127992bc8b.html) YIKES, crimes against model railroaders everywhere!

**BTR#5-** more sad news to report- It is with deep sadness that Carstens Publications relates the news that Jim Boyd has passed away. Jim started with Carstens Publications working on Flying Models and later Railroad Model Craftsman. Jim served as editor of Railfan & Railroad from the magazine's inception in 1974 until 1998, and continued as editor emeritus and author of the popular Camera Bag column until his passing. We'll pass along details as they become available. *Steve Barry, Railfan & Railroad*

**DISCLAIMER!!-** While we will try to verify most stories, the HotBox, HotBox Editor, NCR Board of Directors, its agents and representatives will not/can not be held responsible for mis-information presented in this column!

## **Peter R. Magoun, MMR For NMRA Central District Director**

This is a reminder that in the up-coming NMRA elections, we suggest you vote for and support one of your own! The NMRA is divided into districts for governance purposes. The NCR is in the Central District, (central area of the USA and all of Canada). Here's another quick look at Pete's background, in his own words- Self-employed for over twenty-five years, I hold an MBA and have board level and officer experience in both for-profit and non-profit organizations. In 1998 I bought a nearly defunct hobby shop and have turned it into a thriving destination that draws visitors to my community. I have an excellent working relationship with many of the manufacturers and distributors who support the hobby. In short, I have the skills necessary to guide the NMRA into the new decade. I joined the NMRA in 1973, have been a life member for over fifteen years, am a member of the LDSIG and OPSIG, earned my Master Model Railroader (#396) designation in 2007, have been both an "outsider" and an active member of a Division, have given clinics and judged contests at the Division, Region and National levels, have had articles published in the hobby press and have been active in promoting the hobby in other ways for over thirty-five years. The pledge I made to continue to serve the NMRA when I received my MMR is important to me. I want every NMRA member to experience the benefits the NMRA has to offer. I ask for your support in this effort.





**Division One** *(Toledo and Ohio area)*

Meets at Collingwood Presbyterian Church, 2108 Collingwood Blvd. at Floyd Street, near downtown Toledo. Division One is a 100% NMRA membership organization.

[www.divisiononencr.com](http://www.divisiononencr.com)

**Division Three** *(Fort Wayne, Indiana and western Ohio area)*

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month year-round at the Community Christian Reformed Church 3434 Lahmeyer Road, Fort Wayne IN. (0.7 mi south of Stellhorn Road.) Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

[www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org](http://www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org)

**Division Four** *(Grand Rapids and western Michigan area)*

Meets quarterly with other special events thrown in. For additional information contact Skip Luyk, 616-363-3453 or [heluyk@yahoo.com](mailto:heluyk@yahoo.com)

**Division Five** *(Lansing and mid-lower Michigan area)*

Meets at 1pm, on the SECOND Saturday of each month in the basement of the Capital Area District Library, at the corner of South Capital and Kalamazoo Streets, Lansing.

[www.div5.ncr-nmra.org](http://www.div5.ncr-nmra.org)

**Division Six** *(Wayne County, Michigan)*

Meets at 7:30pm, on the THIRD Friday of each month at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, one mile north of the I-96 Jefferies Freeway, Livonia.

[www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

**Division Seven** *(mid-upper Michigan area)*

Division Seven is currently inactive. Any Volunteers?? Dave Comer with Whistle Stop Hobbies in Harbor Springs is interested in hearing from you if you are in upper Michigan! Phone is 231-526-9024. Whistle Stop Hobbies 275 East Main, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

**Division Eight** *(Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair Counties)*

Meets at 7:00pm, on the THIRD Thursday of each month at Troy Christian Chapel, 400 East Long Lake Road, between Rochester and Livernois Roads, Troy.

[www.div8.ncr-nmra.org](http://www.div8.ncr-nmra.org)

**Division Nine** *(Washtenaw County)*

Meets at 2:30pm, on the FIRST Sunday of each month except for July and August, at Keller/Williams Reality, 2144 South State Street, North of Briarwood Mall towards downtown, Ann Arbor. Use upper level entrance to the building, look for NMRA sign at reception desk.

[www.div9.ncr-nmra.org](http://www.div9.ncr-nmra.org)

**Division Ten** *(Flint and Saginaw area)*

Meets at 6:30pm, on the THIRD Thursday of the month at the Flint Public Library, 1026 E. Kearsley Street.

[www.ncr\\_division10.tripod.com](http://www.ncr_division10.tripod.com)

**OTHER GROUPS meeting in the NCR AREA**

There are over 60 different model and proto-type groups within the Michigan area of NCR. They can be found at [www.michiganrailroads.com](http://www.michiganrailroads.com)

**YOU should join and attend your local NMRA – NCR – Division meetings and activities! Get the most out of our hobby – participate often!!**

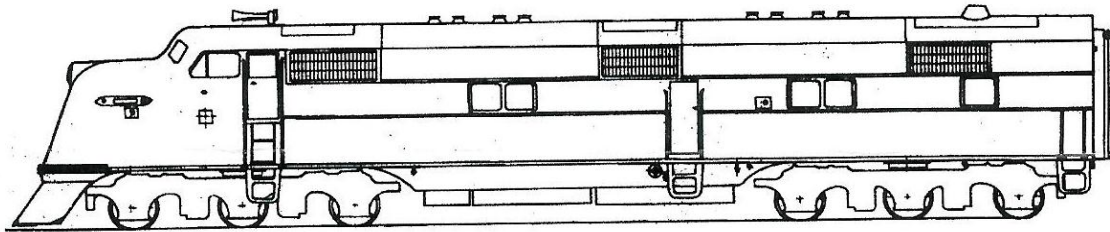
**REMEMBER!!! We need YOU as a "DIVISION INFORMER" so that everyone else knows what your Division is doing! We will need YOUR help for future issues of... the HotBox!**

# TRAINORAMA EXTRA

MARCH 20, 2011

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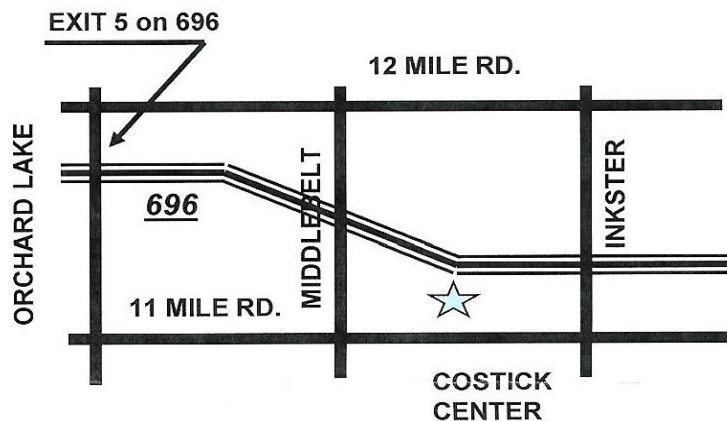
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Wheel Arrangement	Engine Side View Diagram	Nickname
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4-6-0	ooOOO	Ten-Wheeler
4-6-2	ooOOOo	Pacific
4-6-4	ooOOOoo	Hudson
4-8-0	ooOOOO	Twelve-Wheeler
4-8-2	ooOOOOo	Mountain
4-8-4	ooOOOOoo	Northern
4-10-0	ooOOOOO	Mastodon
4-10-2	ooOOOOOo	Southern Pacific
4-12-2	ooOOOOOOo	Union Pacific
2-4-2	oOOo	Columbia
2-6-0	oOOO	Mogul
2-6-2	oOOOo	Prairie
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2-8-4	oOOOOoo	Berkshire
2-10-0	oOOOOO	Decapod
2-10-2	oOOOOOo	Santa Fe
2-10-4	oOOOOOoo	Texas
0-4-0	OO	4-Wheel Switcher
0-6-0	OOO	6-Wheel Switcher
0-8-0	OOOO	8-Wheel Switcher
0-10-0	OOOOO	10-Wheel Switcher
4-8-8-2	ooOOOO OOOOo	Mallet (articulated)
2-8-8-4	oOOOO OOOOoo	Yellowstone
4-4-4-4	ooOO OOoo	Baltimore & Ohio
6-4-4-6	oooOO OOooo	Pennsylvania

In this issue of the HotBox, in the Railroad History article, there is the mention of the Whyte System of locomotive classifications and here it is.

While most of the nicknames were recognized by most railroads, there were some variations. Of special note is the 4-8-4 Northern! This was named for the Northern Pacific RR, first railroad to use this wheel arrangement.

Some railroads, particularly the southern ones, rejected the "Northern" name and used names with a more regional connection. The C&O called them "Greenbriers"; the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western used the name "Poconos"; the Lehigh Valley came up with "Wyoming"; the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis named them "Dixies"; the New York Central chose "Niagaras"; the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac named each of its 27, 4-8-4s after southern generals, governors and statesmen; the Southern Pacific used the name "Golden State"; the Western Maryland dubbed them "Potomacs" and in Canada, the CNR named them "Confederations".




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Hosted by Division 5 of the North Central Region

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### Registration Form

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Registration	Price	Total
Early Bird NMRA Member (before October 1, 2011)	\$45	_____
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<b>Registration Subtotal</b>		_____

Extra Fare Activities (prices per person)	Quantity	Price	Total
1. Friday Night Dinner at Clara's (see details on back)	_____	\$ TBD	_____
2. Saturday Night Banquet – Guest Speaker Miles Hale	_____	\$ TBD	_____
3. MA Tower Kit (see details on back) – N, HO and O kits planned	_____	\$ TBD	_____
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5. Sweat Shirt – CIRCLE (S M L XL \$22) (2XL 3XL \$24)	_____	←	_____
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<b>Total (Registration + Extra Fare)</b>			_____

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### Visit the best model railroads in Lansing:

More than 25 layouts will be open for self-guided tours. These will be open from Friday through Sunday afternoon. All scales will be represented from Z to G and every scale in between. A detailed map book will be provided upon check-in.

### Clinics:

Three full days of clinics covering all facets of model railroading. Presenters will be well-known modelers including Miles and Fran Hale, MMRs. Also, a marathon scenery clinic led by Division Five modeler John Bussard. Clinics will run from Friday morning through Sunday noon.

### Convention Kit:

The convention kit is the Michigan Central/New York Central/Conrail/Pere Marquette/Chesapeake & Ohio crossing gate tower that stood on Michigan Ave. It's a JL Innovative Design wood kit and can be assembled at a make and take clinic at the convention, or can be assembled later at home.

### Contests:

NMRA sanctioned Model and Photo contest. Awards to be presented at the Saturday evening banquet. There will also be a non-contest room open for all to share their best models and photos.

### Railroad Tours:

There will be self-guided tours to see Lansing Legacies.



### Special Events:

Friday evening dinner at Clara's Restaurant (formerly Michigan Central Union Station) in the refurbished dining car. Dining car seats 56 attendees. Overflow will be seated in the main dining area.

### Saturday evening banquet:

Awards presentation. Guest speaker Miles Hale MMR.

### Operating Sessions:

Starting Thursday evening and running throughout the weekend.

### Convention site activities:

Modular layouts in several different scales.  
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### Convention contacts:

Web: [lansinglegacies2011.org](http://lansinglegacies2011.org)

Email: [lansinglegacies2011@yahoo.com](mailto:lansinglegacies2011@yahoo.com)

Registrar: Ron St.Laurent, 4168 Mariner Lane, Okemos, Michigan 48864 - Phone 517-347-1831

### Hotel Location:

Ramada  
7501 West Saginaw Highway  
Lansing, Michigan 48917 Phone: 517-627-3211



Rate: \$79.00 per night, up to 4 per room, includes morning breakfast buffet. Be sure to mention **Lansing Legacies 2011** when making reservations in order to get this preferred rate and have your room counted for the convention contract.

On behalf of the Convention Committee and Division 5 officers and members, we'd like to introduce you to the North Central Region's 2011 Convention that we're calling **Lansing's Legacies**. The convention will start on Thursday November 3 and run through Sunday Nov. 6 and will take place at the Lansing Ramada Inn West.

A good Region Convention generally consists of many parts. These include layout visits, clinics, prototype tours, contests, a banquet and, perhaps most importantly, the opportunity to connect with old friends and to meet and get to know new ones.

Why is it called **Lansings Legacies**? Because Lansing still has much railroad history to go with the 3 class one railroads, plus Amtrak, which serve the city. Lansing still has a coaling tower, 3 historic passenger stations, plus an Amtrak station, a relocated crossing tower, and a repurposed freight station that appears to come right out of a Walther's catalog. While many of the old, rail served, automotive factories are gone, new, rail served automotive facilities have been built. Remnants of other rail served industries can also be found, providing grist for the scratch builder and modeler. Lansing still has 2 active diamonds. CN's former Grand Trunk Western line and CSX's former C&O, (ex-Pere Marquette) lines provide the most traffic. NS's former NYC (ex-Michigan Central) line adds a train or two. Amtrak runs its Chicago Port Huron train on the ex-GTW line with a station in East Lansing. There are even the remnants of an old Lake Shore and Michigan Southern line. Two local industries and MSU have their own locomotives to service their facilities. Traction fans can also find a few sections of the old R-O-W and a couple of structures in the area.



**Layouts:** Attendees will have the chance to visit at least 20 home layouts ranging from Z to G, including narrow gauge and traction layouts.

**Clinics:** The Convention will have over 40 clinicians presenting more than 80 clinics. Almost all of the clinics will be presented at least twice, so that if two that you want to see are side by side, you will still have a chance to see all of the clinics you want. Clinic topics include scenery, scratch building, layout design, operations, history and rail fanning. Featured clinician and Dinner speaker will be Miles Hale Master Model Railroader. He and his wife Fran, also a Master Model Railroader, will be presenting numerous clinics on scenery, weathering and adding details to your layout.



**Ops Sessions:** Several layouts will be available for operating sessions, starting Thursday evening and running throughout the convention. These include Andy Keeney's huge Nashville Road layout designed and built to feature operations. Club layouts will also be featured. LaNtrak's N scale layout will be at the show, as will several other layouts in a variety of scales. The Lansing Model Railroad Club will have their layout open in an 1890's vintage, Grand Trunk Western depot.

**Prototype:** Plans are being made to provide tours to several local industries and rail sites. More information to come as the plans develop and are confirmed.

**Contests:** Several different contests, of the type usually found at an NMRA convention will be available both for participants to enter models, and for the rest of the attendees to see. Saturday evening, will have an extra fare dinner, followed by awards and well known guest speaker Miles Hale MMR.

**Registration & Lodging:** Registration is \$50, with an early-bird rate of \$45 if you register before Sept. 1, 2011. Your spouse may join you in visiting the home layouts at no extra cost. Rooms at the hotel are reasonably priced at \$79 per night with a full buffet breakfast. The area around the hotel has numerous restaurants, as well as the option of dining at Clara's in the former Lansing Union Station, or in its adjoining passenger car. The hotel is convenient to area freeways and arrangements can be made to pick up those arriving by train. Check our website, [lansinglegacies2011.org](http://lansinglegacies2011.org). We hope to see you at **Lansings Legacies**, the 2011 North Central Region Convention November 3 - 6, 2011.



## ***Division Nine (Ann Arbor area)***

Division 9 has had some problems with meetings this past Fall. The September meeting was canceled because none of the officers were available to run the meeting. Because of technology issues, the October meeting notice was not sent out so only 3 people showed up at meeting time. The November meeting was an Operating Session on Div. 6 Norm Logan's layout which 6 members attended. Div. 6 Rich Mahaney gave a clinic on Perishable Operations in December. The January meeting was again lightly attended because the newsletter did not get out. John Wissinger gave a PowerPoint clinic on scenery.

*(submitted by: John Wissinger, Div. 9 Clerk)*

## ***Division Eight (Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair Counties)***

Participation at Division 8 meetings continues on a high note with an average of 45+ members per meeting. The meetings feature include Show and Tell, mini-clinics, and a monthly clinic. The model of the quarter continues as an incentive for members to build models, some qualifying for AP credit. Clinics in previous quarter included "The Fabulous Cab-Forwards" by R.B. Trombley, and "My Favorite Photos" by Division 8 members. Model of the Quarter winner for the fourth quarter for 2010 was won by Bill Gawthrop for his scratch-built HO scale St. Marys, West Virginia Bridge. *(submitted by Bill Gawthrop, Secretary)*

***Division Seven (mid-upper Michigan area)*** Division 7 is currently inactive. Any Volunteers??

## ***Division Six (Wayne County, Detroit area)***

Our Division meets every month, year round! Our annual Fall Show & Workshop was another success and we will remain a dues-free Division. We continue our monthly meetings with clinics, information and fun. For December, the Div 6 Board hosted a year end dinner just before our meeting, as a Thank-you for a great convention and Fall Show! We continue with layout tours each month, trying to get to the convention layouts that most of us have not seen in awhile, or during the convention because we were busy with our own layouts and convention business. *(submitted by Barry Hensel, Newsletter Editor)*

## ***Division Five (Lansing and mid-lower Michigan area)***

Division 5 continues with occasional focused meetings, where one topic or technique is explored in some depth. December's meeting focused on weathering techniques, with each member bringing some equipment or structures to work on. Then various members took turns describing their weather techniques and all in attendance had an opportunity to try out these new techniques. February's meeting will, as is traditional, take place at Olivet College instead of the Lansing Public Library. Each year, member Terry Davis provides us with an opportunity to expand our skills scratch building in wood. Terry provides the plans and materials, shows us his methods and guides us through the rewarding process of building in wood.

*(submitted by- Mark Cowles, Div. 5 Clerk)*

## ***Division Four (Grand Rapids and west Michigan area)***

Division 4 has nothing new to report for this HotBox issue. The Grand Rapids Model Railroad Historical Society is working on the 2012 NMRA National convention. *(submitted by-Skip Luyk, Superintendent)*

## ***Division Three (Fort Wayne, Indiana and western Ohio area)***

To recognize our added Ohio counties, what was formerly known as Northeast Hoosier Division 3, is now simply NCR Division 3, with the tagline "Northeast Hoosier/Northwest Buckeye". Division 3 meets monthly at the Community Christian Reformed Church, 3434 Lahmeyer Road in Ft Wayne. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7pm. Our meetings are held regularly but are informal. We like to talk trains. Recent clinics have included using graphics arts programs in modeling, novel weathering methods and electrostatic grass & foliage. We've had a few new faces this fall but there's always room for one more. Join us!" *(submitted by- Dick Moessner, Superintendent NMRA NCR Div 3)*

## ***Division One (Toledo, Ohio area)***

Division One has nothing new to report! *(submitted by- John Roth, Division One Informer)*



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This train will take 6 hours to make the trip. Every train that has to pass it must stop and then proceed by it at walking speed which is about 2 to 4 mph. The product was made in Oakville, Ontario. It has a dedicated locomotive followed by 5 buffer flat cars, then the Schnabel car, another flat car and then a caboose. This car barely fit in Port Huron yard where these pictures were taken this morning.

Enjoy, Eric. August 25, 2010

*Editors Note: we receive MANY pictures via email from all kinds of sources. Most of these do not have a name associated with them, so giving credit is hard to do. With these pictures, we can thank Eric and jmpamtrak for posting these on RailPhotos which is a Yahoo Group and Jack Watson/Ken Borg for emailing them around.*



Hello friends and welcome to the final installment of the series of articles on getting Fairway Division of the Manistee and Northeastern Railroad up and running for the 2010 NCX convention. As is usually the case with anyone's preparation for an open house at a convention there was a mad dash for the end. I finished the electrical in Southend and it all works great. Now that I could run trains I needed to make a few tweaks in the hand laid turnouts so they worked properly. A few of the clearances were a touch out of gauge and needed to be adjusted. I have gotten better at building the turnouts and suspect that as the layout progresses, and I build more turnouts, these kinds of problems will be almost completely eliminated.



A lot of the issues have been resolved by me learning how to use the NMRA track gauge. Boy, I bet that would make a great clinic. I'm sure it has been done many times before by other people but to be honest, in some 20 years of experience in the NMRA I have never seen one. I did some research online to see if there was some kind of tutorial on using it but found none. The instruction sheet provided reads like an engineering manual. It has all the information you need but just isn't in a format that the new user can easily understand. The problem is, like so many instructions, it is written by someone who is so familiar with the product and its uses that some of the directions are implied and the novice user, or even intermediate user, really doesn't have the experience to understand and use the instruction correctly. This problem is not exclusive to this item; I see it all the time in many products I use. I think that when people write instructions they should take their draft and sit next to someone who has no experience with the product and watch them use/build it. The questions that arise can then be answered and incorporated into the final instructions.

I think this would eliminate a lot of frustration on the customer's part. Moving along, once everything I had complete was running well I started doing some scenery. Trouble is, that was two days before the convention started. Hey, I told you it would be wet if you came to the open house. I use the technique called "oatmeal scenery" by some, but I call it "goop". There have been plenty of articles written about oatmeal scenery so I won't go into the details other than to say it uses Sculptamold, Vermiculite, white glue and a coloring agent. The nice thing is it goes down fairly quickly. As mentioned before, I model the area around Traverse City in the late 20's and it is a time when most of the hardwood forests had been logged out. A lot of pictures from that era show a pretty barren terrain. In addition, this section of the railroad is a small yard and engine facility so not much vegetation would be growing there.



I really could have used one or two more good days of doing scenery in this area, but I am very happy with the appearance of what I did get done. One of the great things about this scenery technique is that it's so easy. My 12 year old son Max came downstairs after school to see what I was up to and was quite impressed. In fact he was so impressed he asked if he could do some. Once I picked myself up off the floor, I said sure and he and I worked together on the area where King's Engine Repair is installed. I'm glad he decided to be involved in the building of the layout even if it is in this small way. I have to admit, he has been to a number of layouts and from time to time runs trains. He's a good operator and seems to enjoy the hobby as a casual participant. As Div 6 members know, he even comes to our meetings occasionally. Who knows if he will ever get more involved but at least he understands and enjoys it on his own terms.



# MY NEW LAYOUT DESIGN

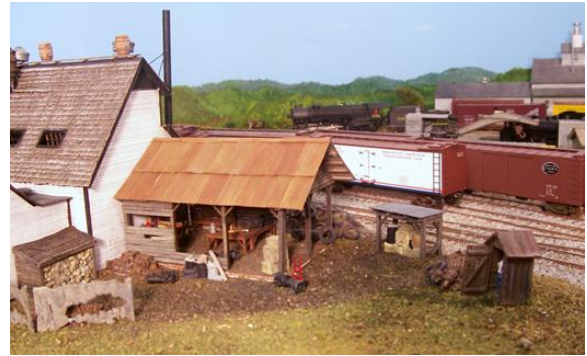
by Glenn Joppich

NCR LAYOUT DESIGN

And then the big day was upon me. I had about 25 visitors for the open house. Those who came saw a work in progress. Everything from benchwork to sections with completed scenery. I feel pretty good about what I had done. I wish I had been able to do more but am satisfied. My goals were pretty ambitious but if they had not been I may not have gotten as far as I did. Thank you to all the folks who visited.



One of the goals that is still pretty well on track is my pursuit of AP Certificates. I did receive the one for Association Official. As of this writing I have all the items complete for electrical and am completing the paperwork. Civil and Scenery are well along their way and I will be contacting Larry Wolohon, the region AP Chairman, to have a judging session soon. I need to review the articles I have written and clinics I have done to see where I am on the Author Certificate. Now that this series of articles is complete and the editor has not requested any future articles, I will be starting a blog to share what is happening on the layout. It will also include structure modeling and any other topic that I might find of interest. With that I should be able to wrap up Author. The other certificate I have been working towards is Chief Dispatcher. I now have the layout operating experience I need for that certificate. One of the hang-ups here is that at this point my layout is not very well suited to doing some of the paperwork required for completion of the certificate. I have asked one of my friends and fellow Midnight Pocatello Yardmasters, Larry Wright if I could use his layout for the operation planning portion of the certificate and he graciously agreed. Be looking for blogs about doing that.



So that is about it for me. I have truly enjoyed sharing my experiences here with you over the last eighteen months or so. To those of you who have read my articles I hope you have enjoyed them and found value in them. I thank you and want you to know that your comments helped inspire me and kept these articles fun for me to write. So as the caboose fades into the misty dusk I will say good day and have fun.

*Editor note- I want to Thank Glenn for writing a great series of articles! I hope it kept your attention and wishing for that next issue of the HotBox to see what his progress would be. Next issue we'll start another series on an operating scheme by Bob Hanna from Div 3 and the Defiance, Ohio area.*

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**Schedule of Participant Milestones**

2010		
	August 01	Three Rivers OPSIG Yahoo group opens for 2011 - <i>Done</i>
	October 01	Layout list is finalized - <i>Done</i>
	November 15	Weekend session schedule is posted - <i>Done</i>
2011		
	January 15	Web site <b>Registration opens</b>
	March 15	Web site <b>Registration closes</b>
	March 25	<b>Payment cutoff date</b>
	April 15 – 17	Three Rivers OPSIG 2011 weekend

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	Fri PM	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM
<b>Warsaw, IN</b>				
Great Northern	15		15	
NYO&W		15		15
<b>Fort Wayne, IN</b>				
NYC Mohawk Division	8		8	8
The NoWhere Line	5		5	5
C&O Logan Subdivision			5	
<b>Decatur, IN</b>				
Nickel Plate - Indiana Northern	7	7		7
<b>Montpelier, OH</b>				
Montpelier Trackage Modelers	8		8	
<b>Defiance, OH</b>				
B&O Lost Division		6	6	
<b>Continental, OH</b>				
Montana Rail Link		14		14
<b>Lima, OH</b>				
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3. Upon confirmation from registrar, mail \$12.00 registration fee by cutoff date.

Monitor status on Three Rivers OPSIG  
 Yahoo group.

There is NO central hotel.

More information and layout pictures are available on  
**Northeast Hoosier Division 3 website – [www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org](http://www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org)**  
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**NCR INFORMATION**

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**Sunday, February 6** - S.S. Simon & Jude Usher's Club Toy Train Show  
S.S. Simon & Jude Church Hall 32500 Palmer Road Westland, MI 48186  
Noon to 4pm \$2.00 per person, \$4.00 per family, early bird after 11am \$15.00  
Food and refreshments available  
Contact Information- Norm Swope 734-595-8327

**Sunday, February 13** - Lansing Model Railroad Club Winter Open House  
Lansing Model Railroad Club 5309 Old Lansing Rd Lansing, MI 48917  
1pm to 5pm Free (donations are appreciated)  
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Contact Information- e-mail: [lmrc1953@hotmail.com](mailto:lmrc1953@hotmail.com) Website- <http://www.lmrc.org>

**Sunday, February 13, March 13 and April 10** - TTOS Wolverine Division Toy Train Show  
United Food & Commercial Workers Hall 876 Horace Brown Drive Madison Heights, MI 48071  
10am to 2pm \$3.00 per person  
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Contact Information- Bob Burgee 586/662-0225

**Sunday, Feb 20** - Ann Arbor 41st Annual Train Show and Sale  
The Saline Middle School 7190 N. Maple Rd. Saline, MI 48176  
10am-4pm Admission \$6.00 Scouts in uniform admitted free Children under 10 free (with paid adult)  
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**Saturday, Feb 26** - Train Show & Sale Sponsored by NMRA-NCR-Division 3  
Coliseum Bingo/Freedom Hall 911 W Washington Center Rd Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
9am-2pm Adults \$4, Families \$6, Children 12 and under free  
model railroad, toy train/collectible, railroadiana bargains, several operating layouts. Hands-On trains display (for kids of all ages). Good food and plenty of free parking available. Handicap accessible.  
This is the same day/weekend as the Tri State Railroad Celebration at Baker Street Station, from 10am-5pm  
Contact Info- Chuck White 903 W Main St. #9 Van Wert, OH 45891 260-760-1666  
[railcarman@frontier.net](mailto:railcarman@frontier.net)

**Sunday, February 27** - Lapeer Model Railroaders 26th Annual Swap meet  
American Legion Post #16 1701 W. Genesee St. Lapeer, MI 48446  
10am to 3pm \$3.00 per person, children under 4 free No early entry  
Train show and swap meet, hobby supplies, books, railroadiana, new and used trains; Wheelchair Accessible  
Contact Information- Table rental and info: Jim Wilson 962 Timothy Lane Lapeer, MI 48446 810-664-7881  
Other Info: Vern Sollman 810-441-0091 email: [vsollman@yahoo.com](mailto:vsollman@yahoo.com)

**Event listings are FREE!! email us your event information 60 days before our publication dates!**

## **NCR TIMETABLE EVENTS!**

**NCR INFORMATION**

**Sunday, March 6** - Gratiot Valley Train Show & Sale Presented by Macomb Gratiot Valley Model Engineers, Inc. Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center 14500 E 12 Mile Rd Warren, MI 48088  
10am – 4pm Admission \$6 - Children 12 & under FREE~ Discount Coupon at [www.gvrr.org](http://www.gvrr.org)  
MACOMB COUNTY'S LARGEST ONE DAY TRAIN SHOW & SALE Over 400 Dealer Tables; Door Prizes; Lots of Operating Layouts; Free Kids Raffle; Food & Refreshments Available; Free "How-To" Modeling Clinics; Free Parking; Wheelchair Accessible  
Contact Information- Show Flyer, Dealer Information Package and Table Application available on our website, or call 586-468-4877. Website: <http://www.gvrr.org>

**Sunday, March 20** - Trainorama Extra 2011 Presented by the Redford Model Railroad Club  
Costick Community Center 28600 11 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI  
10am-4pm \$5 per person, children under 12 free with paid adult  
Operating layouts, railfan films, model railroad and rail memorabilia show and sale. Contact Info- Pierre Willermet c/o Redford Model RR Club PO Box 40225 Redford, MI 48240  
email- [Pierre@hbc-benefitsandeducation.com](mailto:Pierre@hbc-benefitsandeducation.com) or call 734-953-2546

**Saturday, April 9** - Bucyrus Model Railroad Assoc. Train Show & Swap Meet  
Crawford County Fairgrounds Whetstone St. Bucyrus, OH 44820  
10am to 4pm Adults \$4.00, Children 12 and Under Free  
Swap Meet and Flea Market for all Gauges, Videos, Memorabilia, Model Train Parts, Club Layout Open  
Wheelchair Accessible  
Contact Information- Bucyrus Model Railroad Assoc. David E. Moore, Pres.  
1010 Bucyrus Rd. Galion, Ohio 44833 419-462-5035

**Starting April 2 – November 5, 2011**- Saginaw Railway Museum - Saginaw Valley Railroad Historical Society  
900 Maple St. PO Box 20454 Saginaw, MI 48602 989-790-7994  
Open the First and Third Saturday of each month from 1pm-4pm. Closed holidays.  
Website- [www.saginawrailwaymuseum.org](http://www.saginawrailwaymuseum.org)

**Friday-Sunday - April 15 to 17**- 3<sup>rd</sup> annual THREE RIVERS OPSIG  
Northeast Indiana (Fort Wayne) and Northwest Ohio. Division 3 of the North Central Region NMRA is hosting, in association with the NMRA OPSIG  
Various times \$12 (includes a nice ceramic mug)  
our third 'Op till you drop' weekend featuring eleven (11) layouts. Layouts cover a wide range of operations interests. Each participant selects which layouts they desire to operate on Friday evening, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning. Registration is through webpage, visit [www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org](http://www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org) and go to the Three Rivers OPSIG page.  
Questions, please contact [ThreeRiversOpSig-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ThreeRiversOpSig-owner@yahoogroups.com).

## **RAILROADING WHAT THE ???**

**NCR HUMOR**

Early intermodal experiment: After several tests, the railroad decided to load trailers on trains, instead of trains on trailers....!

*Editor note- this picture was emailed to us by several people, who found it on the MODEL RAILROAD HOBBYIST Nov/Dec 2010 online magazine*





# DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

NCR-DIV EVENT

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Division 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP took place on Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and was another success! The show is held the Sunday after Thanksgiving every year and is geared to demonstrate how-to-do model railroading! Division 6 member do demo's and displays, then answer questions from those attending. Attendees also vote for models in the model contest and can win prizes at the raffle. The proceeds from this event keep Division 6 a dues free organization, but the main purpose is to promote model railroading!



Left to right/top to bottom- John Grundstrom displays different scales, the Solano by Div 6 VP Bill Rubarth, Jim Tilley works on a kit, Norm Logan helps a future model railroader with the switching layout, model contest entries, Div 6 Superintendent Glenn Joppich displaying kit building, Mark Ellis demo-ing tree building, Div 6 Secretary Howard Andrews and the Detroit United Railways club with their traction layout



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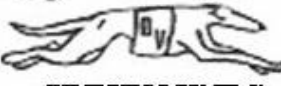
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