



# The Dispatcher

March 2003 Issue

## Officers for 2002-2004

Superintendent:  
**Mark Gaeth**

Dispatcher:  
**Chuck White**

Treasurer:  
**Gene Cowan**

Board of Directors:  
**Alan Bell**  
**Bill Wemhoff**

AP Chairman:  
**Daniel Metzger**

Membership Chair:  
**Dan Brown**

Meetings:  
2nd Monday of  
each month  
7:00 pm

North Central Region

Northeast Hoosier  
Division 3



## *MEMBERS PRESENT*

Bill Wemhoff	Alleyne Metzger	Victor Baird	Rich Schwab
Carl Dirig	Max Metzger	Mark Gaeth	Drake Omstead
Alan Bell	Glenn Roon	Jim Mize	Gene Cowan
Mel Wise	Art Solomon	Don Rhodenbaugh	
Dan Metzger	Rich Swihart	Chuck White	

## *CLINIC*

Victor B. showed us how he designed his double deck layout. He used Cad Rail and laid it all out. It was a very good clinic. He described, with photos, how he bored through the 12-inch concrete walls in the basement and how he used 1 X 3 and 2 X 4 framing for his bench work. Victor then explained how he used cabinetry hinges to lock in the bridges so that you can remove them to walk through the doorway. He took a lot of time to plan things out on paper (the computer) before he actually built the wood framework. He also laid it out with a blue print on the floor to see what it actually looked like. This was a very well put together and thought out design. GOOD JOB VICTOR.

## *SHOW AND TELL*    **Bring a railroad-related item.**

Don Rhodenbaugh-brought in a model of a NKP mike #587.

Alleyne Metzger-brought in an ERIE cup holder from a passenger car.

Mark Gaeth-brought in his latest project, PVC pipe for making silo's.

Chuck White-brought in a map of South Dakota of the railroads that were out in that state.

## *TREASURY REPORT*

Our treasurer Gene Cowan says we are in black and everything is OK. If you want to see the books just, give him a call.

## *OLD BUSINESS*

Chuck White reported that he is going to have a meeting with the other clubs called the Council of Trains. He will get back with us on what was discussed.

Spring Meet is March 15, 2003 Saturday from 10 A M to 3:30 PM at the Church of the Convent. Alan Bell our meet chairman is going to have the Make & Take clinics again this year. We are also debating on the type that we will be offering. One for sure is going to be the

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Make & Take, "Weather a Freight Car". The other ideas are still being tossed about and being considered. There will be more updated at the next NMRA Division meeting

Volunteers are needed to pass out fliers at the next lantern show, which is March 8, 2003. Please let us know if you can help. This will be the last big chance before the Annual Meet to spread the word.

Bill Wemhoff and Gene Cowans are going to see about putting an advertisement in the local paper about our meet. There was a motion and a second to spend up to \$35.00 for this. It carried unanimously.

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

Get ready for the Annual Meet.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Friday February 28, 2003 there is going to be the annual hobo dinner and open house at the Michigan City Model Railroad Club. If you are interested in attending please contact Chuck White.

Troy, Michigan is having their Annual "Op Till You Drop" April 4-6, 2003 if you are interested in going contact Rich Gosselin at 248-644-3125 or his e-mail address is [rich@gossel.org](mailto:rich@gossel.org).

**Next Show and Tell:** bring your favorite engine

**Next Clinic:** Mark Gaeth and Bill Wemhoff are going to show you how to install decoders in your favorite engine. No N scale please my eyes cannot do it unless one of the "N" scale guys is willing to assist. Bring a decoder for your HO engine and we will help you install it.

## **Announcements:**

1. Here is the Layout Tour Schedule as of 5 January 2003.

"TBD" means "To Be Determined at a later time". These will be updated as soon as possible.

March 22, 2003, Saturday 3:00 PM  
Host, Mark Gaeth, 3802 N Salem Road, Decatur, IN

April 25, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM  
Host, Bill Piercy, 5026 Vance Avenue, Ft. Wayne, IN

May 4, 2003, Sunday 12:00 Noon  
Host, Carl, 1321 Furguson Avenue, Ft. Wayne, IN

June 21, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM  
Host, Alan Bell, 5822 Kruse Drive, Ft. Wayne, IN

July 18, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM  
Host, John Reitz, 1401 Kenwood Avenue, Ft. Wayne

August date and time T.B.D. 2003  
Host, Dan Metzger, 4322 Arlington Avenue, Ft. Wayne, IN

September 19, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM  
Host, Mark Wilson, 11523 Green Holly Cove, Ft. Wayne, IN

October 17, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM  
Host, Rich Swihart, 2519 East State Blvd, Ft. Wayne, IN

November date and time T.B.D. 2003  
Host, Jeff Ashby, 7608 Antebellum Blvd, Ft. Wayne, IN

December 12, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM:  
Host, Art Solomon, 1120 Lake Point Cove, Ft. Wayne

