



The Dispatcher

June 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

Rich Swihart	Mel Wise	Jim Baker	Rusty Grose
Rick Schwab	Alan Bell	Jeff Ashby	Charlie White
Don Rhodenbaugh	John Cartwright	Bill Wemhoff	Doug Lightcap
John Reitz	Carl Dirig	Lou Bailey	Craig Berndt
Art Solomon	Victor Baird	Joe Berger	

Chuck White was in charge because our superintendent was out of town on company business.

CLINIC

Mr. Craig Berndt gave a 2-hour presentation of the rail line that ran from Butler, Indiana down to Logansport Indiana. This was a 93-mile main line that ran through the towns/cities of Logansport, Adamsboro, Hoover, Mexico, Denver, Chili, Roann, Newton, North Manchester, Liberty Mills, South Whitely, Columbia City, Collins, Churubusco, LaOtto, Auburn, Moore and Butler. The railroad had 15 interchanges with other railroads and two interurban lines. The Wabash R.R. controlled this line for a while with up to 8 Wabash passenger train in both directions each day. Most of the line was finally tore out by 1977. If you like history and especially Railroad history, you would have loved this presentation. Craig gives this presentation throughout the year. If you want a hand out, e-mail Chuck White and he will e-mail you the hand out. Great Job Craig.

OLD BUSINESS

Council of Trains- Chuck White reported that the meeting went well on April 30, 2003 and that we will be working together as an "Army of One" at Science Central and other programs that come up that we all are involved in.

Database- Chuck has the database up dated again.

NEW BUSINESS

GATS- John Reitz reported that he has not heard anything yet from them.

SHOW AND TELL **Bring in Railroad related artwork.**

Chuck White - brought in a picture of an SD-60 BN

Mel Wise - brought in a picture of the Silverton 20-century pictures.

Glenn Roon - brought in a picture of a C&O steam engine.

Contact Gene Cowan for more information.

Next Show and Tell: Railroad promotional items.

Next Clinic: Nothing planned at this time.



Round Robin Schedule:

Here is the Layout Tour Schedule.

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

June 21, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM

Host, Alan Bell, 5822 Kruse Drive, Ft. Wayne, IN

July 25, 2003, Friday 7:00 PM (Notice date change)

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

So, you want to have a Round Robin...

What the heck is it?

By Bill Wemhoff

When you come to our monthly NMRA meeting, we always have an update on where the next Round Robin is going to be. Our very own Master Model Railroader, John Reitz, is the person you have to see. He has ALL the answers. Well that is what he wants you to think. Well, the day comes and you decide to have one of these so called Round Robins, you tell John that you want to have one and you feel that this is all you have to do, NOO!!! Now John starts to ask you questions like, When? Were? What Time? And most important of all, What is there going to be there to eat. OK, all kidding aside, if you have not had a Round Robin (this is were a bunch of guys get together and talk, or work on, or operate on one of the member's layout) you should really consider it. The guys will help you out on whatever you want to do.



This is the PROUD owner Mark Gaeth.

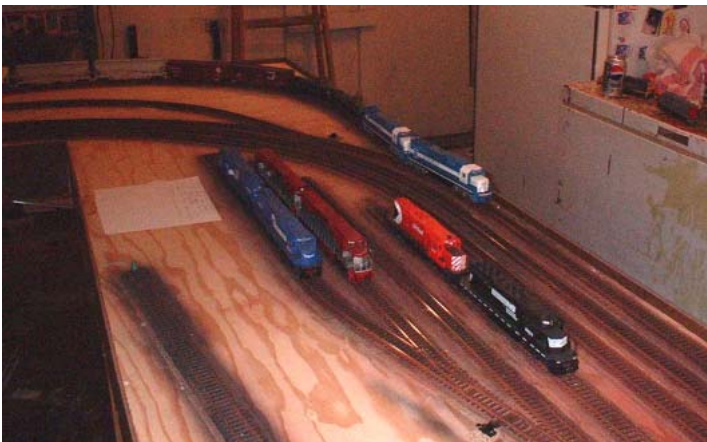
Well back in April, Mark Gaeth had a Round Robin. What Mark wanted us to do is have a Dry Run on how he thought he would be operating his layout. He wanted to see if there would be enough work for everyone to do. On that Saturday afternoon, Mark had Bill Wemhoff, John Reitz, Dan Brown, Ron Highland, Gary Evans, and Rich Swihart come over and operate on Marks layout. We operated Marks layout for approximately 3 to 4 hours. Marks layout is a double deck layout, with a helix that connects the two levels together, it is an around the wall type and is very user friendly. Mark has a staging yard that comes out in the middle of the layout. The layout is located in a 2-car garage that has a finished ceiling and sidewalls. Enclosed are some pictures that I took with a digital camera. This is the first time that I used one of these cameras, so let me know how the pictures came out. I hope that you enjoy looking at the pictures and if you have any questions about them or if you would like to host a Round Robin, all you have to do is give John Reitz a call and he will be more than happy to help set one up for you.



This is Mark's engine facility. This is were it all starts.



This is the Steel Dynamic Plant.



Here you see the Central Soya local coming out of the visible stage.



This is the helix with the power plant and the inter model facility shown.



The Central Soya local has made it up the helix to Decatur, Indiana.



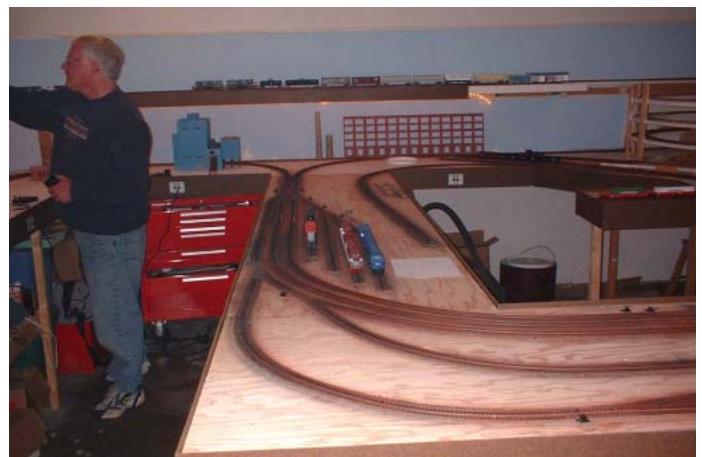
This is the visible staging yard.



Here is a meet with the switch engines that are stationed at Decatur.



The top is Decatur Indiana, Central Soya; the bottom is the Steel Dynamic Plant.



This is another shot of the engine facility.