



The Dispatcher

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

North Central Region

Northeast Hoosier
Division 3



MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Wemhoff
Mel Wise
Rich Swihart

Chuck White
Drake Omstead
Jim Arens

Glenn Roon
Mark Gaeth
Rich Schwab

Don Rhodenbaugh.

CLINIC

Bill Wemhoff gave us a presentation on how to model your railroad by what he refers to as "Proto-Freelance". What you need to do first is decide an "era" that you want to model. At least be as close to the era that you want to be. Then do some research on the railroad that you would like to follow. An example would be the Virginia & Ohio by Allen McCalleen this is a fictitious road but follows the B&O and C&O proto type. Another would be the Maumee Route by Bill Darnaby this fictitious route follow the Wabash and NKP proto type. Then you need to make a trip to your local library, the County Surveyor's Office, the County Engineer's Office, or even dial up on the internet and find out were the route that you propose to copy ran it rails to and from.

Once you decide on what type of railroad you want to follow, you now need to decide on the color scheme that you want. If it is an Appalachian type road then it will tend to be a simple and usually one color. An example would be black, or a Pennsy Green. If it is a western road like the UP or the SF, then it will be bright colors. The option is up to you, but keep it as convincing as possible. In other words: don't be running the Santa Fe in an Appalachian type setting because it is not believable.

The next part is easy, it does take some time, but that is OK. You now need to decide on what you are going to transport across your railroad. If at all possible try to refer to a "shippers guide" on what is being transport and what type of industries your railroad maybe serving.

Well, that is it, simple. Make this part of the fun. I have done this and it works. Happy model Railroading.

OLD BUSINESS

John Reitz still needs volunteers to man the NMRA table at the GATS Show this fall. See John if you can help.

NEW BUSINESS

We now have confirmed that the NMRA Summer Picnic will be on Sunday, September 7th from 1PM to 5:30 PM +. This will be at the home of Alan Toy in rural Ossian IN. Please refer to your map that was provided from the convention several years ago on how to get there. Please bring your "Better Half" and children to what is a very relaxing and fun event. There will be barbeque of select meats and so all you will need to bring is a salad or some type of desert. Keep in mind the temperature will most likely be very warm so dishes that set out in the warm air may not hold up to the conditions.

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Alan will have his layout up and running and I 'm sure Alan will have something up his sleeve for the ladies enjoyment. Bring you swim suits and/or fishing poles as well. You will also need to bring a chair to park your bottoms unless you wish to sit on the ground under the willow tree.

Alan needs a head count before the end of next week so that the proper provisions can be secured. Please forward your headcount to me so we have one central location to record the number of attendees.

With this announcement, you are hereby notified that there WILL NOT be a regular monthly meeting at North American Van Lines for the Month of September. We will hold the meeting at Alan's and it will be a short business meeting only as the "Fun Stuff" will be the picnic and the running of trains.

Please contact anyone you know that does not have an e-mail so that they are informed of this exciting event. Thanks everyone and most notably Glenn Roon, for obtaining the final confirmation. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

SHOW AND TELL Bring in your favorite model boxcar. You just need to give a little bit of history behind it.

Chuck White - brought in his South Dakota Valley boxcar.

Glenn Roon - brought in favorite B&O car, Marx produced it.

Drake Omstead - brought in a resin cast 1890-bottom drop gondola and an easy DCC throttle.

Don Rhodenbaugh - brought in a Branch Line 1945 NYC car called a "Repaint car".

TREASURY REPORT

Contact Gene Cowan for more information.

Next Show and Tell: Open

Next Clinic: Open



Here is the Layout Tour Schedule.

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

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

SPECIAL NOTICE:

October 4, 2003, Saturday 1:00PM
Host, John Reitz, 1401 Kenwood Avenue, Ft. Wayne
Gary Sturm will give a Railroad slide show.
Muchies & train running afterwards.

