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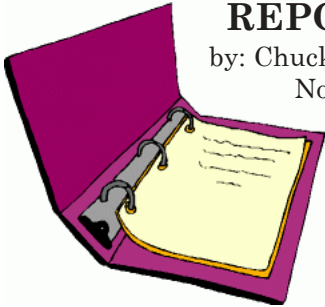
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National Model Railroad Association



SUPER'S REPORT

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Supers Report –

This month, I'd like to talk about our fellow model railroader, Tony Romero, who passed away on October 28, after battling strokes and other medical calamities. He was 69 years old.

I'm sure others can speak more eloquently than me about Tony. Given the distance between our homes, my encounters with him were few. I saw his layout in Angola only once. However, these meetings with Tony were all memorable. The earliest I can recall was at one of our early NMRA Division meetings, I think back in 1995 or '96. He told us about this fantastic model railroad over in Ohio, where they had Op Sessions that ran many, many trains. Tony told us there wasn't much scenery, but that you were so busy running your train, you didn't notice. Later, Bill Wemhoff & I ventured over there to see what Tony was so excited about. This led to our discovery of the Rigg's massive layout in Continental, and their very entertaining operating sessions. The involvement in these profoundly

changed both my life and Bill's. We (and many of you) owe it all to Tony. layout to DCC. All who knew him will miss him. Goodbye Tony.

Another event with Tony usually occurred at a swap or NMRA regional convention. One time, we saw him in Grand Rapids, MI., at a show up there, being held in conjunction with the North Central Region's annual convention. He had found several tremendous bargains. The enthusiasm he had was contagious. He was so energized, you would have thought he had that bunny inside – he could have lit up the entire city.

My last encounters with Tony were sad ones, when we went up to his new home in Butler, to help inventory his model railroad collection for sale on eBay. Still, they gave me the resolve to catalog my collection, so that it wouldn't be a burden for my family, when my time has come. We failed to complete the inventory – this is just too daunting of a task for a volunteer group to handle. Tony's wife, Ann, has decided to give his collection to a mutual friend. I know it will be in good hands.

Tony was a credit to our hobby. I know he often opened up his home layout for the local schools to have the kids over to visit. He was building a new layout when the first stroke hit. He had largely finished an excellent out building that was to house his layout. In my view, he had the right vision. Tony was also on the cutting edge of our hobby's technology, being one of the first locally to convert his

Historical event in Grabill. On Friday, November 21, the Grabill Historical Society will be hosting their annual meeting "Riding The Rails," at the Fudergong building. The program will feature a dinner with hobo stew. On the program, Doug Wiley from the N&W railroad will discuss pertinent facts related to the line, plus glimpses of how the railroad was built. Tickets and reservations are available by calling 260-627-5227. This information was derived from an article I found in the East Allen Courier.

See you at our next regular meeting next Tuesday, 11/11.

Take care.

Chuck



The
Countdown
Has Started

11
months
remaining



**Fort Wayne to host
Regional Convention**

The Fort Wayne area will be
hosting the NMRA North
Central Region 2009 Annual
Convention on
October 15 – 18, 2009.

**Get Your Hands On
Railroading**


Help Wanted:
Volunteers are needed for the following activities

Audio Visual	Hotel coordination
Banquet (awards)	Layout tours (planning)
Budget (finances)	Modular Layouts
Bus (transportation)	Operating sessions
Clinics (organizing)	Photographer
Contest room	Prototype tours
Convention follow up	Publicity (media)
Convention patch / shirt	Railfan guide
Convention store	Registration
Door Prizes (obtaining)	Slide night
DVD (producing)	Supplier liaison
FWRHS #765 liaison	T Trak
Graphic design	Timetable (Program)
Historian	Volunteer coordinator
Hobby shop liaison	



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Fort Wayne Shops 2009 Layout Sign Up Form for October 15 – 18, 2009

General Instructions: Please circle, underline, highlight, or make bold your choices for the statements on this form and fill in the text fields. Return the form to the Layout Tour Coordinator as stated below.

*The convention website is at **hoosierdiv3nmra.org**; click the convention logo.*

Yes	No	I wish to register my layout for the Fort Wayne Shops 2009 Home/Club Layout Tour.
Yes	No	I wish to register my layout for the Fort Wayne Shops 2009 Operating Session Tour.
Yes	No	This is a club layout.

My Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

E-mail (optional) _____

NMRA Member #: _____
 Expiration Date: _____
 If not an NMRA member, see
Liability Discussion below

 100 % NMRA club: Yes / No

E-mail will help reduce postage costs. Thank you.

Layout Tour Section:

The advertised hours are shown in the cells. You, the host, have the final say to allow for other activities.

I wish to host my layout tour during these hours:

		9 AM	10	11	12 PM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Friday	Oct. 16										6	7	8	9
Saturday	Oct. 17				12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday	Oct. 18				12	1	2	3	4					

Operating Session Section:

The advertised blocks are shown in the cells. The advertising can be changed for hours other than these.

I wish to host my operating session during these hours:

		9 AM	10	11	12 PM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Thursday	Oct. 15										6 -	7 -	8 -	9
Friday	Oct. 16	9 -	10 -	11 -	12						4 -	5 -	6 -	7
Saturday	Oct. 17													
Sunday	Oct. 18													

My layout can host (*how many?*) _____ operators? My minimum number is _____.

Website Information:

Please review the Tours page of the convention website to see other layouts in the area.

Yes	No	I wish to have pictures of my layout shown on the convention website.
Yes	No	I will supply JPG pictures and text for placement on the website.
Yes	No	I wish to have the Layout Tour Committee take pictures of my layout.

Guidebook Information:

The Tour Committee will be using Google maps to produce guidebooks for the registered convention attendees.

Please attach the correct directions if your Google information is incorrect.

Yes	No	The Google map information for my layout location is correct.
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Layout Information Section:

Please review the Tours page of the convention website for example information for other layouts.

Layout Address (if different from above): _____

Layout Name: _____

Layout Description (prototype, geographic region, types of trains operated, etc):

Scale: _____ Gauge: _____ Theme: _____

Room Size: _____ Layout Shape: _____ Type of Trackplan: _____

% Track completed: _____ % Scenery completed: _____ % Electrical completed: _____

Additional Notes / Comments on my layout:

(Accessibility: down / upstairs, narrow aisles, parking?)

(Best or unusual feature)

Liability Discussion:

You need not be an NMRA member to display your layout. However, the NMRA liability policy will not cover a non-member's home; the homeowner's policy will apply in such a situation. Non-members will be required to complete and sign a liability waiver form. For full information, go to <http://www.nmra.org/national/insurance/insurance.html>. Another option for non-members is to sign up for the NMRA Rail Pass, which is a one-time, six-month membership for \$9.95. To be valid for the layout tour, the membership term must include October 2009. The NMRA liability policy covers only those clubs with 100% NMRA membership.

Yes	No	I am not an NMRA member; I am attaching a liability waiver form.
Yes	No	I am not an NMRA member; I will be purchasing the Rail Pass for October 2009.
Yes	No	We are not a 100% NMRA club; we are attaching a liability waiver form.

Form Submission:

Electronic – Send this form to Gary Evans at garytrain@peoplepc.com.

Physical – Contact Gary Evans at 260-413-4898 (cell) to obtain his mailing address.

OR Mail to Northeast Hoosier Division 3, NCR
 c/o Dick Moessner
 13820 Messenger Way
 Fort Wayne, IN 46845

Deadline – As soon as practical so that planning, scheduling, advertising, etc. can be set up.

Thank you for your participation. We appreciate your offer to host our convention attendees.

Gary W. Evans, Layout Tour Coordinator
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