



The Dispatcher

Northeast Hoosier Division 3 NCR

National Model Railroad Association

Notes from Monthly NMRA Meeting
held on April 14, 2009

Introductions / Attendance

Dan Metzger, Dan Brown, Rich Swihart, Chuck White, Dick Moessner, Gary Evans, Michael Sperry, Eddie Allen, Walter Griffin, Don Rhodenbaugh, Rick Van Laar

Bring and Brag

Railroad logo on a Placard
Eddie Allen – Nickel Plate Placard
Chuck White – Convention displays.
Don Rhodenbaugh – Alaska Railroad map.

Clinic

Dan Metzger – Static Grass

Meeting

Reports

Notes From Last Time - Dan Metzger.
Treasures Report – Dick Moessner We are solvent.

Hobby Shop Liaison – Don Rhodenbaugh
Authorized to spend up to \$50 to get as many gift certificates as possible. Phil's may match or donate gift certificates.
First Place Hobbies may be moving their location within the Bluffton area.

Walter found a hobby shop in Michigan, Michigan Model Trains, Pinckney, Michigan

Hobbytown USA in Indianapolis may be moving to another location in May.
Achievment – Rich Swihart Walter Griffin has received his Golden Spike Award!

Newsletter / Web Site – Rich Mohr

T-Trak – Dan Metzger No news. If you want to scenic a module, let Dan know.

Operations SIG/DCC/Layout Design SIG/Industrial SIG

Supers Report – Chuck White - Hotbox needs an article for the next issue. We need layout articles!

2009 Regional Convention – Next Meeting: 6:30 pm April 28, at the Marriott

Dream Plan Build DVD's – Dick Moessner – 2 New DVDs - 32 total. Bill Percy still has DVD #1.

Other Reports

Eddie Allen passed out copies of an article in Railway Age about the role of railfans in rail security. The Allen County Public Library subscribes to this magazine.

Old Business

Questions:

Dick Moessner – Do we still need to pay the \$10 subscription to the Central Region for the Hotbox?

Layout Tour Coordinator? E-mail from Indy – Chuck. No News.

Possible coordinator for assisting modelers that have technical problems.

New Business

Motion by Chuck to provide \$100 to Dan Metzger to make as many static grass applicators as possible for the fall convention. Second by Michael Sperry, motion approved. These will be used for a hands on clinic, and then possibly sold for profit after the show.

Calendar of Events

Op Sessions

Fort Wayne group – 3rd Friday. See the Yahoo group for the locations.

John Reitz – every Thursday. Broad Top Mountain Yahoo Group.

Joe Berger – Last Saturday of the month.

Continental – First Saturday of the month.

Bruce Carpenter – First Saturday of the month.

Rails on Wheels – Sunday April 19.

CE&I Layout in Indy in May

Check the Op Sig group on the NMRA web site.

Van Wert Show – July 18, 19.

Round Robins

Layout Work Sessions

Swaps & Train Shows

N Scale convention in Columbus OH, May 1, 2, 3.



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Announcements

Door Prize Drawing: Dan Brown (Gary Evans used a random number generator to pull the door prize number.)

Other events pertaining to our group: 765 is going to North Judson for Memorial Day weekend, and Fathers Day weekend.

Walthers has some major sale prices on their monthly flier. Most of their Cornerstone brand buildings are about half off.

Train Festival in Owosso Michigan July 24-26, 765 and 4449 will be there.

TV shows:

Extreme Trains – Tuesdays 10:00 PM - The History Channel

RFDTV – various railroad videos 7 PM Mondays, and repeated at other times.

PBS – Tracks Ahead 11:30 AM Fridays

Next Meeting: May 12, 2009

Show & Tell/bring & Brag: Your oldest model car or building

Clinic: Gary Evans has some DVD segments to show.

Adjourn



The Countdown Continues



5
months
remaining

NMRA North Central Region
2009 Annual Convention on
October 15 – 18, 2009.

SUPER'S REPORT

by: Chuck White
April 2009



Our plans for the North Central Regional Convention this October are moving along. Things are falling into place. We've been out promoting our convention at similar events. Rick Van Laar took brochures up the the recent Model Railroad Symposium in South Bend. I took some to the OP SIG weekend in Cincinnati. More recently, I was at the Mid Central Region's annual convention in Columbus. There I met probably 100 of the 150 attendees. I knew several of their members from having seen them at our OP SIG weekends. I had two PCs running with the Power Point Presentation Rich Mohr put together. I also burned copies of the PPP onto DVDs and passed them out to each of their division superintendents. This was during a brief presentation I gave at their Board of Directors meeting. Many expressed strong interest in attending our extravaganza.

As for clinicians, Alan Bell has lined up a stellar list of experts including, Jim Six, Lou Sassi, Mike Burgett, and Bernie Kampinski. Each is planning to give a "hands on" presentation in keeping with our theme. Other clinicians include a representative from Badger Air Brush and two weathering pros.

Alan is also working hard on obtaining door prizes for our guests. At last count, over 75 have been received.

The layout tours are beginning to be firmed up. At last count Gary Evans had 10 firm commitments. He's already prepared a working version of the tour guide. It looks very good.

For prototype tours, Brad Kinsey has stepped into to help out. We recently met with executives from Triple Crown. Our visit was very

positive. We'll be giving our attendees a first rate educational tour they will never forget. They gave us a DVD about their operations which we hope to make available on our web site. Another proto tour will take place at the Steel Dynamics facility in Whitley county. Did you know this is the only functioning rail mill east of the Mississippi? Brad is finalizing transportation arrangements to both of these facilities. We've decided to bus our conventioners rather than have these as self guided tours. We still need to work out details for tours of the NS Dispatching Center in New Haven. Our contact person has been promoted to Elkhart. However, we have several other contacts we're pursuing.

Dan Brown is handling layouts to be displayed at the hotel. We'll have the ACD rooms filled. Rich Swihart has nailed down the "Engineer at the Throttle" event with our friends at the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society. Let's hope they'll have recovered from a very busy summer with the 765. Rich has also agreed to coordinate Volunteers. More about this later.

Bill Wemhoff has just taken over coordinating Operating Sessions. He has a bunch of layouts in the works. Our convention keynote speaker will be Jim Wrinn, Editor of Trains, courtesy of E.J. Caylor's efforts.

We'll again have convention shirts, hats & mugs through the expert handling of Don Rhodenbaugh. Our program guru is Chris Lord. He's already developed a schematic of the clinic slots.

Keeping us in line with expenses has been Dick Moessner's thankless task. Dick has also been handling the keeping of our meeting notes.





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Wabash Motors

by Gary Evans

Wabash Motors is located on Margaret Avenue on the south side of Terre Haute, Indiana. Way back when (1950's), the property hosted a fuel oil terminal, complete with a siding to the adjacent New York Central railroad, vertical storage tanks, and a pumping station to load trucks. Some time later, a passenger car filling station was built. The remains of the Zephyr sign still stand on the north side of the property. The building has existed as a used-car dealership for many years – sometimes open and sometimes closed. Currently, the building is being painted and refurbished. The unpainted wooden shed requires much work to make it presentable. The name Wabash Motors is new to the property. Margaret Avenue is slated for widening sometime in the future; it is likely that the building will be demolished since its parking area will be gone.

The basic building has outside dimensions of 23 feet wide by 28 feet deep. It has cinder block construction in the rear and vertical wood siding in the front. The roof is flat across the structure and slopes to the rear. Refer to the pictures below. The measuring stick is 6 feet tall.

The model artwork is intended for mounting on cardstock. It is a basic, quick, cheap representation of the building and does not include the shed.



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