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Our mission is to promote education and fellowship through the sharing of information and the promotion of the world's greatest hobby. — **Model Railroading.**



Railroad Item of the Month

Your photo can be here if you just send us one.



WOW, three E unit's with a Cigar Band! What else can an NYC fan ask for, and for the frosting on the cake, it's at the Toledo Union Depot to boot. As you can see, some of the track is already gone (left of the loco) which means, time is running out. Thanks to member Gary Chudzinski for still another great photo of the NYC in action.



View from the Cab Jan 2018

New Year greetings to my fellow Ferroequinologists! (Look it up if that's not a term you throw around in everyday conversation.) I hope whatever Winter blahs that may beset you are being overcome by vigorous modeling activity. Did you ever notice how different Winter looks and feels after the holidays? I know it's psychological because the weather channel data is the same but the "magic" has evaporated.

I've been hitting my layout room and workshop with an organizational flurry. After years (make that *decades*) of accumulating models, materials, and tools that got stuffed into whatever nook, cranny, shelf, or box is handy, I finally got fed up with not being able to find stuff! Or worse yet, finding it AFTER I had needed it and bought another! The tipping point came when I placed an order with Scenic Express that darn near required taking out a mortgage, then faced what the heck I was gonna do with the 25 lb. carton of stuff when it arrived! So I rolled up my sleeves and took a fresh look at all the shelves and storage I had, then rearranged everything in a manner that was logical and accessible. Wow. How refreshing. I went down this weekend to make some rocks. In a flash all the materials were right there, along with the necessary tools. A simple tray-load trip to the kitchen counter got me right down to business and then guess what: I actually put stuff back where it belonged! Now forgive me for belaboring all this, but it's just a simple reminder that I think we all need. My train stuff is no different from what I've seen time and again visiting other layouts, and in fact, I've seen worse. But now I appreciate the guys I've seen who keep things orderly and visible. It saves time, it saves money, and it saves bad words. I get it now!

January 26 will kick off our 2018 meeting season with a very cool clinic. Rich Mahaney will present his program on shipping perishables by rail. I think this topic will cross many of our interests regardless of prototype or era. Our Show-n-Tell this month will feature Tools-n-Techniques. Bring in whatever devices and/or modeling methods you've picked up recently. Remember that no detail is unimportant: that little idea or gadget you have may be just what someone else needs! Again, this is an activity that serves all our modeling interests, and the more of you who share, the better we all are. We are also going to be treated by John Young's preview presentation on this Fall's upcoming NCR convention in Lansing. If you have not been to one of these annual gigs, you gotta go! If you are an annual regular like me, here's your chance to get a head start on planning.

Don't forget that doors open at 6, meeting starts at 7 sharp. Come early, help set up, and enjoy some social time.

See ya on down the line, Dave McMullian Superintendent

From the Editor's Desk

Ray Huber

Welcome all to 2018!

I will spare you all with the clichés about time, but here we are in a new year. What's in store for us and the hobby is anybody's guess. Sounds like I'm getting a little melancholy and I



guess you're right. Many of us have watched the Hobby evolve over the years and what a revelation that has been. Looking back at some of the earlier models and then looking at what you can buy in a box today is short of amazing! No, it is amazing and so are the prices. However, that is a relative issue in itself. For some of us, a box car kit at \$1.98 was a big deal years ago. Now, spending \$25.00 or more on an RTR car is nothing.

Having said all of that, those of us who fall into the "White Hair Club" have witnessed a fantastic change for the better. Whoever thought of running trains around the track with nothing between the throttle and the locomotive but, air! And for the <u>Knit Pickers</u>, what can I say. The detail that is built into locomotives, rolling stock, building and scenery today is short of phenomenal.

Where am I going with all of this you say, well to be honest, I'm not sure! I guess it all boils down to a little looking back and at the same time looking forward. Given what we have today, I really don't see the hobby dying as some will say. As far as looking back, many of us have built miles of track, acres of scenery and hundreds of pieces of rolling stock and locomotives. What a treat it has been to be part of that evolution.

As a final note for this month, I would again thank Chuck Williams for hosting us at Swan Creek. From what I observed, everyone had a great time as well as a good dinner. The Chinese Auction went well with it's share of good humor and gift sharing.

Hope to see you all at the January 26th Division meeting.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

GRAND RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD CLUB - WYOMING, MI

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LISTING OF TRAIN SHOWS & NMRA EVENTS 2017 - 2018

MI, OH, & IN **LOCATION**

10/27/2017 **SHOW SPONSOR**

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1/21/2018	Dayton All Trains Flea Market	Lebanon, OH - Warren County Fair grounds	Larry Zeller 937-773-7186
1/27/2018	Annual of Charles Co.	Parma, OH - UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.	Ed Mularz 440-665-0882
1/28/2018	Ole Toy & Train Show	Redford, MI - St Robert Bellarmine School Gym	Brian Klotzer, 313-255-0466 6:00PM-10:00 PM
1/28/2018	Winter Railroad Swap Meet & Monon RR Movie Program	Griffith, IN - American Legion Post 66	Blackhawk Railway Hist. Society 815-834-0835
1/28/2017		Noblesville, IN - Hamilton Co. 4-H Fairgrounds	NMRA MWR Central IN Div. (812) 876-6799
2/3/2018	Model Train Show and Sale	Auburn, IN - Kruse WWII Museum	RxRmania.com (260) 627-2176
2/3/2018		Indianapolis, IN - Indiana State Fairgrounds	greattrainshow.com
2/4/2018		Westland, MI - SS Simon & Jude Church Hall	SS Simon & Jude Ushers' Club 734-728-1247
2/4/2018		Medina, OH - Medina Fairgrounds	Conrad & Dowdell Productions 330-948-4400
2/10/2018	St Andrew's Model Train Show	Milford, OH - St Andrew Parish Center	St Andrew's Holy Name Society (513) 732-2793
2/11/2018	Mansfield Train Show	Mansfield, OH - Richland Co. Fairgrounds	Dennis Breese 419-606-7934
2/11/2018	Great Midwest Train Show	Wheaton, IL - DuPage County Fair Grounds	greatmidwesttrainshow.com
2/11/2018	Wolverine Railroad Holiday Toy & Train Show	Madison Heights, MI - UF & C Workers Hall	Wolverine Model RR Club (586) 662-0225
2/17/2018	Das Dutchman Essenhaus Train Show	Middlebury, IN - Das Dutchman Essenhaus	Das Dutchman Essenhaus (800) 455-9471 x443
2/17/2018	48th Annual Train Show & Sale (2 days)	Saline, MI - Saline Middle School	a2trainshow.com 734-426-0829
2/24/2018	The Great Train Show (2 days)	Novi, MI - Suburban Collection Show place	greattrainshow.com
2/25/2018	Lapeer Model RR Swap Meet	Lapeer, MI - American Legion Post # 16	Vern Sollman 810-441-0091
2/25/2018	Michigan City Swap Meet	Michigan City, IN - NECA/IBEW Community Center	Duneland Model Railroad Club (219)778-1186
3/3/2018	Independence Train & Toy Show	Independence, OH - Independence High School Fieldhouse	Dennis Peffer 216-642-0692
3/4/2018	Darke Co. Model RR Swap Meet	Greenville, OH - Darke Co. Fair Grounds	Darke Co. Model RR 937-621-1569
3/10/2018	Cincinnati Div. 7 NMRA Spring Flea Market	West Chester, OH - Lakota West Freshman Campus	NMRA MCR Cincinnati Div. 7 513-662-7245
3/11/2018	Wolverine Railroad Toy & Train Show	Madison Heights, MI - UF & C Workers Hall	Wolverine Model RR Club (586) 662-0225
3/11/2018	Great Midwest Train Show	Wheaton, IL - DuPage County Fair Grounds	greatmidwesttrainshow.com
3/11/2018	Mid Michigan Model Train Show	Mt Pleasant, MI - CMU Finch Fieldhouse	Saginaw River Valley RR Club 989-439-2188
3/11/2018	Greater Toledo Toy & Train Show	Perrysburg, OH - Owens Community College	Randy Ramsey (419) 215-4181
3/17/2018	Railfest 2018 (2 Days)	Kirtland, OH - Lake Community College	NMRA MCR Div. 5, 440-357-8890
3/24/2018	Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show	Mt. Hope, OH - Mt. Hope Event Ct.	Jon Ulbright, 330-262-7488
3/25/2018	Massillon Train & Toy Show	Massillon, OH - Knights of Columbus Hall	Jon Ulbright, 330-262-7488
3/25/2018	Springfield Model Train Show	Springfield, OH - Clark County Fairgrounds	Bob Chaffin, 937-399-6647
4/8/2018	Toy Train & Model RR Flea Market	Salem, OH - Salem Center Plex	Youngstown Model RR Assoc. 330-547-3614
4/8/2018	Great Midwest Train Show	Wheaton, IL - DuPage County Fair Grounds	greatmidwesttrainshow.com
4/8/2018	Medina Toy & Train Show	Medina, OH - Medina Fairgrounds	Conrad & Dowdell Productions 330-948-4400
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Bucyrus, OH - Crawford County Fairgrounds David Moore 419-462-5035 4/14/2018 32nd Annual Bucyrus Train Show 4/21/2018 63rd Buckeye Model Train Show Columbus, OH - Lausche Bldg., Ohio Expo Center Gordon Hartranft 330-755-6526 Muskegon, MI - LST 393 Muskegon RR Hist, Soc. 231-670-0751 4/29/2018 Muskegon Train Show 5/5/2018 TCA - Springtime Train Meet Cleveland (Parma), OH - UAW Hall TCA - Lake Erie Chapter 440-845-2700 Toledo, OH - Toledo Amtrak Station Bill Gill, 419-241-9155 x134 5/5/2018 11th Annual National Train Day Painesville, OH - Painesville Railroad Museum Painesville RR Museum 440-417-6746 5/5/2018 Model Train Days (2 Days) 5/6/2018 Great Midwest Train Show Wheaton, IL - DuPage County Fair Grounds greatmidwesttrainshow.com 5/6/2018 Blue Water Railroad Show & Swap Shop Port Huron, MI - Blue Water Convention Center Blue Water Convention Center 810-201-5513 5/17/2018 NMRA Mid-Central Region Convention West Chester, OH - Cincinnati Marriott North NMRA MCR Cincinnati Div. 7 5/20/2018 Durand Model Train Show Durand, MI - Durand Middle School Tim Colton 810-845-4908 Montpelier, OH - Holiday City Quality Inn Convention Center 5/20/2018 Montpelier Trackside Modelers Train Show Jim McPike, 419-298-2441 6/2/2018 Bradford Railroad Heritage Festival Bradford Railroad Museum (740) 653-2220 Bradford, OH - Bradford Railroad Museum 6/3/2018 Great Midwest Train Show Wheaton, IL - DuPage County Fair Grounds greatmidwesttrainshow.com 42nd Annual Kane County Railroadiana & Model Train Show 6/10/2018 St Charles, IL - Kane County Fairgrounds RussFierce@aol.com, 847-358-1185 7/28/2018 Railroad Heritage Wkd Show & Swap Jan Dunlap 419-238-4207 Van Wert, OH - Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds 8/12/2018 Great Midwest Train Show Wheaton, IL - DuPage County Fair Grounds greatmidwesttrainshow.com 8/18/2018 Everett's Train Show Marion, OH - Marion Union Statin 740-351-1798

AT OUR NEXT DIVISION MEETING

Hi Ray,

Here is my article for the January train order:

January Clinics

Our January clinics will be presented by Rich Mahaney who gives excellent clinics for NMRA National and Regional Conventions. Rich's main clinic will be on Perishable Traffic in the 1950's. Rich will talk about many aspects of moving perishable food by railcar and all that it involves. Rich will also have a short presentation on the caboose challenge for the upcoming NCR Regional convention. These should be clinics that everyone should find interesting and Rich does an excellent job in his presentations. I have attended some of his clinics at past conventions.

Norm Cattell

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NOTICE

TO ALL!

Here's a request from Division member/s looking for a special item you might have stashed away on a shelf in your supply closet or just sitting around gathering dust. We mentioned this service at Division a couple of times and this is our first request. If you can help, the contact info is included with the notice.

The Editor

Item #1

Help Wanted!

I'm looking for a couple of Atlas house kits that are out of production. They are:

#711 Kate's Colonial Home

#712 Barb's Bungalow

Do you have one or both of these kits and are you interested in selling them? If so, please email me at davemcmullian@earthlink.net or call me at 419-508-2206. I know they are also available as pre-built structures, but I need them in kit form.

Thanks!!

Dave McMullian

Item #2

Steve Kellogg is looking for the item shown in the picture to the right. It's an Atlas product and was used as a switch controller. I have never seen one. Maybe you have and, better yet, have one or know where there is one or more. If so, please contact Steve Kellogg at atsfmktrock@yahoo.com

The Editor



NOTICE

Item 3

On the Web

Looking for some screen time? Try this link. Gary Chudzinski sent this link to me to share with you. Boy, was I surprised at the content. It seems that when you are done with one site, <u>You Tube</u> takes you on to something else. After 3 hours, I gave up! Lot's of railroad stuff! Not sure how it will work on your system, but I was impressed with what I saw.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ka7LC1jia64



<u>ATTENTION:</u> Here's another link from Gary Chudzinski and some great NYC watching. How about 1928/29 and the Commodore Vanderbilt-great stuff.



https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=QTpEIb-SuoM

Item 4

From: Marshall Stull" <mstull@marshallstull.com>

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Subject: Recommendation for next Train Order

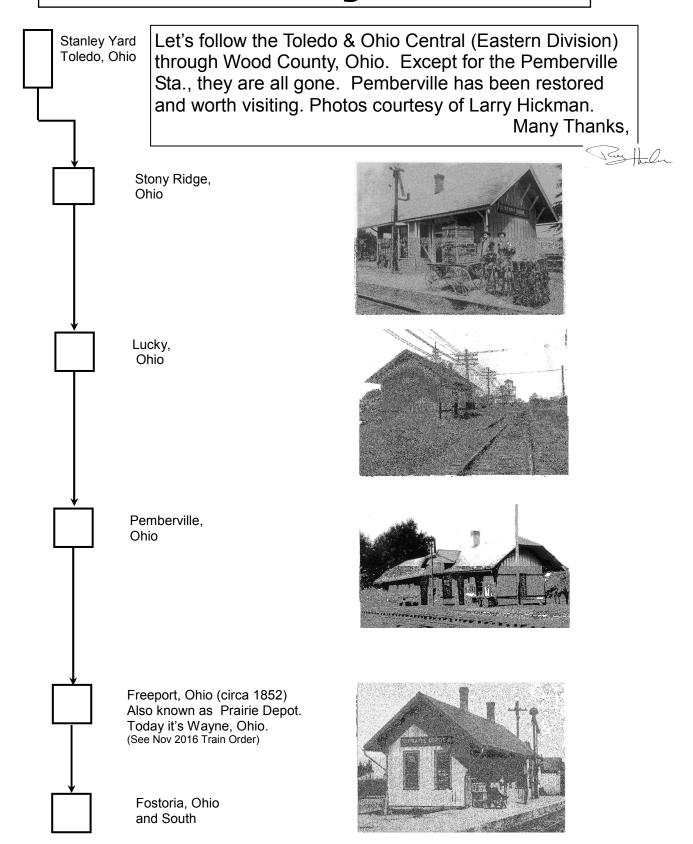
So I recently found out that our NMRA membership can be used to get discounts from manufacturers. According to the NMRA website (you have to log-in to find it) the new "NMRA Partnership Program" (https://www.nmra.org/members/partnership-program) works with model railroad manufacturers to provide a discount as a member benefit.

I do not think most members know about this. It was announced at the 2017 convention but unless you were in attendance or watch the NMRA website close you would not know about it.

I think it might be a good idea to mention it in the next Train Order and maybe even at the next meeting.

Marshall Stull

The History Corner



Member Layout



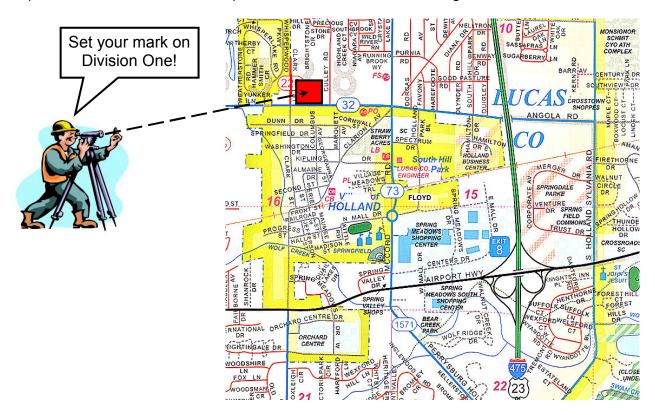






Won't you come and join us—all are welcome.

We meet at the Proclaim FM Radio station (WPOS) located at 7112 Angola Rd. (north side) and Clark St. in Holland, Ohio, about 1 mile West of McCord Rd. See the location map shown below. The doors open at **6:00 PM** and the meeting starts at **7:00 PM**.



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