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Division One of the  
North Central Region of the  
National Model Railroad Assoc.

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.



Now that's a sight for sore eye's! On the right a Niagara 4-8-4 with twin beam headlights and elephant ears working up steam and heading West. We're at the Toledo Union Depot but, not sure of the date. I would guess sometime in the early to mid 50's given the diesel switcher on the left. Photographer unknown but, thanks to Steve Kellogg for finding this memory on the Web.

# View from the Cab

## Feb 2018

### View from the Cab February 2018

Last month as I gazed from the cab, I talked about my recent efforts to streamline and organize my scenery materials, and how it contributed immediately to my modeling efforts. This month I'd like to share with you some thoughts about another modeling "process": *how we go about learning to do new things*. No, I don't mean techniques that haven't been done before, I mean learning to do things *YOU* haven't done before. (although in the process, you may very well develop some things that haven't been done). For example, at the February Black Swamp Division meeting, I'm going to show you what I've learned this month in my quest to model some specific trees. I saw that there were several established methods and many variations on them. There were some things I liked and some I didn't. What's right? What's the best? What should I do? Well, first I decided to be patient and do some experimenting, then narrow down what worked best. That took quite a bit of time, but once I settled on my preferred method, I could repeat much faster. Before I started, I did some online research and quickly found what trees I should focus on, based on my prototype area. For me, only five species will be needed to realistically model most of my woodland scenes. I scoured the internet looking for prototype photos and how-to videos, including YouTube and Trainmasters TV. I dug through a half dozen books, including those by Dave Frary, Lou Sassi, Woodland Scenics, and others. I made sure I had all the materials I might need on-hand at the beginning, which kept things moving. Then, and only then, I sat down at the workbench and actually used my hands. It is critical to break through that evaluation wall and get to the action! Do the homework, make some plans, and then GO! Don't let that paralysis by analysis stop you. (Trust me, I have a near-terminal case of this syndrome!) So fast forward: over a period of about 10 days, I produced four trees. Yeah, two each of two species. But most important, I REALLY LIKE THOSE TREES. That's the objective!

Now let me say this, I hope you like them too, but no offense, I don't really care. Model railroading is an art form, and this is my palette. But I do care about helping you any way possible, so I want to share anything that might work for what you want to build. That's a big reason why we have Division One meetings. It's easier (and more fun) to "get better" at this together. So this month I did not do anything radical or invent something new, but I did move forward in my quest to build the best model railroad I can. It's all about the steps: take one, then another, keep moving, and enjoy some satisfaction along the way. Our railroads should not frustrate us. If they do, we need to rethink how we approach the effort, and I can tell you I'm making progress. I hope you are too.

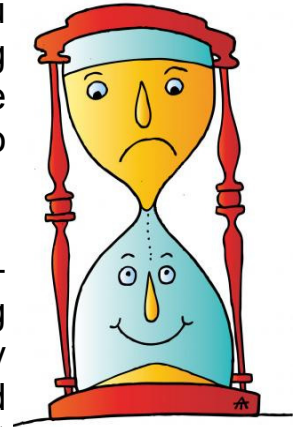
I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting on February 23. We had a record attendance at the January meeting, so call a friend to be sure he's coming and let's set a new one!

See ya on down the line,  
Dave McMullian  
Superintendent

# From the Editor's Desk

Ray Huber

There seems to be a trend out there and I guess all you can call it is TIME! What in the world are you talking about? What I'm talking about is what a number of us are facing in the next year or so and that's simply, it's time to down size the Railroad!



It all began about a year ago when I walked out of my office for the last time. There was some comfort in doing that knowing I had a hobby that could keep me very busy in my retirement years. However, one day I stopped and looked at what I had and said –GOOD GREIF - what have I done? As I stood there and looked at my Layout I realized it was more than I can handle by myself and more importantly, more than I wanted to handle - by myself.

Now the wheels where beginning to turn. Get rid of all of it? Or, just make it smaller so I can have fun when and if I choose. The short answer is, just make it smaller. After all and just like you, I still like to play with trains!

All that's left now is to dismantle what's there, reduce the amount of bench work, salvage what I can, sell what I can and start all over with what's left. Starting all over, now that sounds like fun!

However, there is still one major component we have not discussed and the is, a new track plan. Well, if all goes like I hope it will, that will be a clinic next month. I've been experimenting with some software that's free and find it to be just what I was looking for. Not to complicated but, just enough to allow me to draw a comparison between space and reality. Reality bringing, the physical space track actually takes up verses what your mind thinks it does.

Hopefully, more to follow.

# COMING ATTRACTIONS

GRAND RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD CLUB - WYOMING, MI WWW.GRANDRIVERVALLEYRRC.ORG

LISTING OF TRAIN SHOWS & NMRA EVENTS 2017 - 2018 MI, OH, & IN

10/27/2017

DATE	SHOW	LOCATION	SHOW SPONSOR
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
4/8/2018	Wolverine Railroad Toy & Train Show	Madison Heights, MI - UF & C Workers Hall	Wolverine Model RR Club (586) 662-0225

## 4/14/2018 Grand River Valley Spring Train Show Wyoming, MI - HSB (Home School Bldg Grand River Valley RR Club

4/14/2018	32nd Annual Bucyrus Train Show	Bucyrus, OH - Crawford County Fairgrounds	David Moore 419-462-5035
4/21/2018	63rd Buckeye Model Train Show	Columbus, OH - Lausche Bldg., Ohio Expo Center	Gordon Hartranft 330-755-6526
4/29/2018	Muskegon Train Show	Muskegon, MI - LST 393	Muskegon RR Hist. Soc. 231-670-0751
5/5/2018	TCA - Springtime Train Meet	Cleveland (Parma), OH - UAW Hall	TCA - Lake Erie Chapter 440-845-2700
5/5/2018	11th Annual National Train Day	Toledo, OH - Toledo Amtrak Station	Bill Gill, 419-241-9155 x134
5/5/2018	Model Train Days (2 Days)	Painesville, OH - Painesville Railroad Museum	Painesville RR Museum 440-417-6746
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
5/20/2018	Montpelier Tracksider Modelers Train Show	Montpelier, OH - Holiday City Quality Inn Convention Center	Jim McPike, 419-298-2441
6/2/2018	Bradford Railroad Heritage Festival	Bradford, OH - Bradford Railroad Museum	Bradford Railroad Museum (740) 653-2220
6/3/2018	Great Midwest Train Show	Wheaton, IL - DuPage County Fair Grounds	greatmidwesttrainshow.com
6/10/2018	42 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Kane County Railroadiana & Model Train Show	St Charles, IL - Kane County Fairgrounds	RussFierce@aol.com, 847-358-1185
7/28/2018	Railroad Heritage Wkd Show & Swap	Van Wert, OH - Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds	Jan Dunlap 419-238-4207
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 Station	740-351-1798

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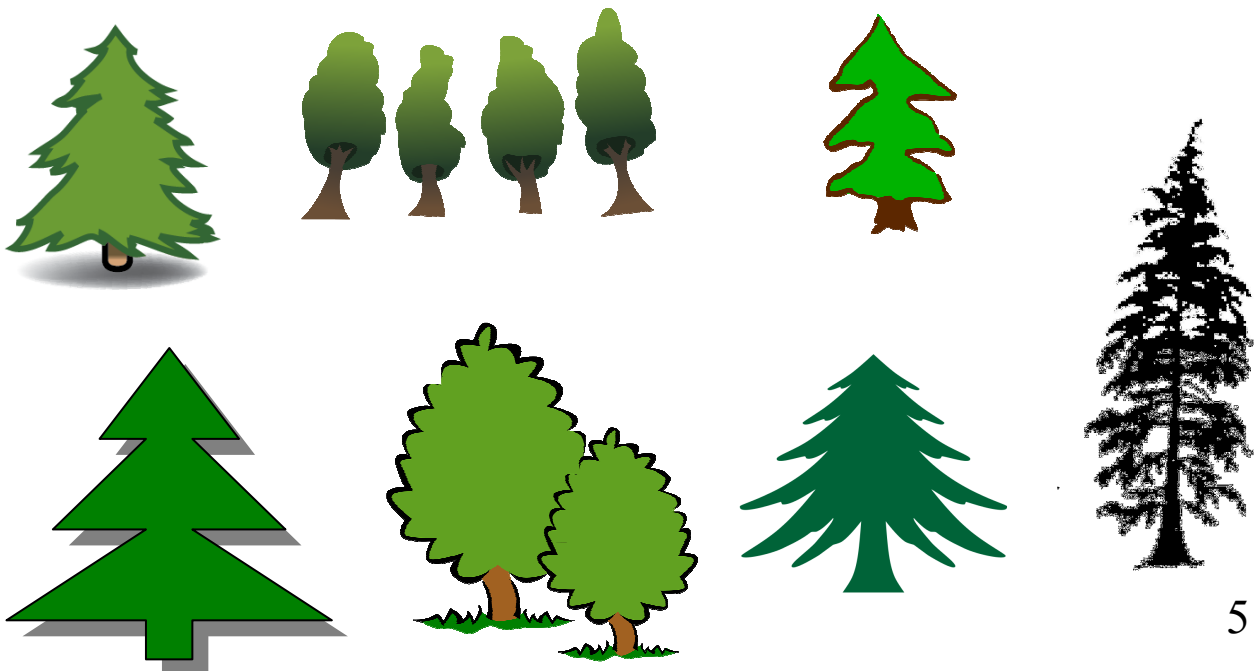
## AT OUR NEXT DIVISION MEETING

### Black Swamp Clinic Corner

If you missed the January meeting you missed Rich Mahaney's clinic on 1950's Perishables, The caboose challenge, and presentation on the Lansing Regional Convention this year.

The February Division 1 meeting will be so packed with information you won't be able to see the forest through the trees. Speaking of trees... we will have a clinic on Pine Trees including the variations of pine trees and the latest techniques for building them. Our 2 clinicians will share the very first pine tree they each built this month using the latest techniques (each one used a slightly different technique)! We will also have an additional mystery clinic on scenery.

Moving forward Show and Tell will be a little different. Each meeting we want everyone to bring a Show and Tell item whether it is something you built, something you are working on, a new kit, or a tip you discovered. Remember that kindergarten motto – "Sharing is caring". We can all learn something from each other so let's share!



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:atsfmktrock@yahoo.com)



The Editor

# On the Web

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

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

From a friend of mine. If you like narrow gauge, you'll like this.

I found this interesting. There's one in Golden, CO.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mofvHQNmKWM&sns=em>

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**NEW**

From Gary Chudzinski

Subject: Twentieth Century Limited

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJ\\_JLznUJ3I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJ_JLznUJ3I)

**NEW**

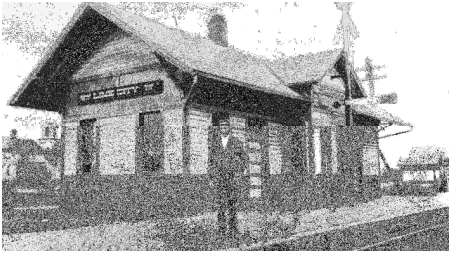
# The History Corner

Stanley Yard  
Toledo, Ohio

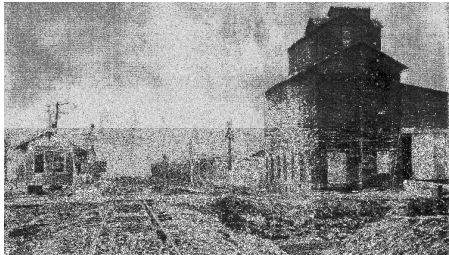
Let's follow the Toledo & Ohio Central (Western Division) through Wood County, Ohio. Don't have all the station stops shown but, here are the ones Larry Hickman and I found on the internet. Bowling Green must have been a jewel. However, it meet the same fate that all other stations meet and was demolished in 1962.



Lime City



Dunbrige



Bowling Green



Cygnet



Galata and South



# Member Layout

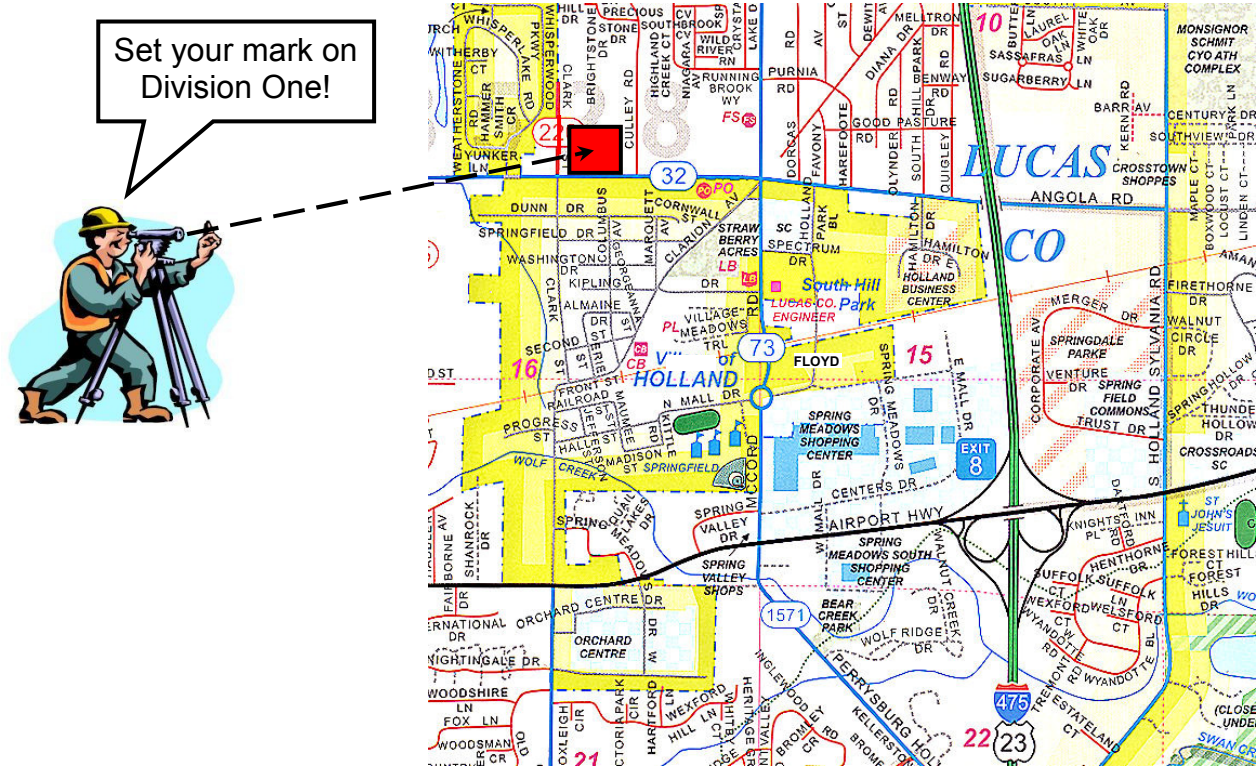
Way back in the mid 60's I got the bug to have a passenger train. One thing lead to the next and before long I had the T&MV Flyer. All AHM cars were painted and decaled with costume decals from Champion. To my surprise and delight, they had the three words (TOLEDO, MAUMEE, & VALLEY) that I needed. Everything is still sitting in a box somewhere. Sure wish I knew what I was going to do with it?



On Larry Hickman's 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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