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- Division Schedule -

**January 20-21, 2001 (Saturday/Sunday) – Indianapolis**

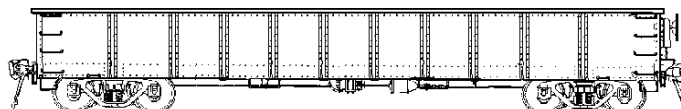
Great American Train Show (GATS) - Stop by our table and say hello.

**January 28, 2001 (Sunday) - Noblesville, IN**

Hamilton County 4H building - 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville IN

**Dealer Show & Meet - 10AM to 4 PM - - - CID Annual Auction - 2PM to 4PM**

Clinics, Layouts. Contests: Photo and Model and **Favorite Gondola** (Popular Vote)



Admission: \$3.00 per person (children 12 & under free with an adult)

**For more information or tables call:** Larry Gilbert at (765) 779-4039 or Frank Hermanek at (317) 487-6517

**March 18, 2001 (Sunday) - Danville, IN**

4H Building, Hendricks County Fairgrounds

**Dealer Show & Meet - 10 AM to 3 PM. - CID Annual Meeting**

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## Reorganization of the NMRA Departments

By – Jack Pettee, NMRA Trustee from MWR


At the Board of Trustees meeting conducted in San Jose, just before the National Convention, many motions were approved that reorganized the Departments of the NMRA. The name of this reorganization is “NMRA Horizons – The Gateway to Our Future.” The primary purposes of this reorganization were to streamline the operation of the NMRA, to put us more in line with our 501.C.3 status with the IRS and to improve service to the NMRA membership, you!

The departments of the NMRA now are the Administration Department, the Convention Department, the Development Department, the Education Department, the Howell Day Museum, the Kalmbach Memorial Library, the MAP (Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations) Department, the Membership Services Department, the Publications Department and the Technical Department. The old Finances Department was made a part of the Office of the Treasurer and the old Records Department was made a part of the Office of the Secretary. The old Membership/Promotions Department is now a part of the Membership Services Department. The AP Department was made a part of the Education Department. The heads of departments will no longer be called Department Chairs but Department Directors, as other businesses we deal with did not understand the old term as “Chairs” normally indicates the head of a committee.

Each Department Director will have Department Managers working under them for the specific areas of the department. As an example, the Technical Department now has Managers in the areas of Conformance and Inspection, DCC, and Standards and Recommended Practices along with an Assistant Department Director.

Not all departments have Directors at this writing. Nor are all the Manager positions filled to say the least, let alone finding volunteers to work in the various areas of the departments along with those Managers. Other than the Administration Department, volunteers staff all of these departments and more volunteers are needed. If you have expertise in any of these areas or purely the desire to help your Association now is the perfect time to volunteer. Check the masthead, which is normally on page 4 of “The Bulletin”, and contact the Department Director of the department you would like to work in. The names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses appear here every month. If you would be interested in becoming director of one of the departments

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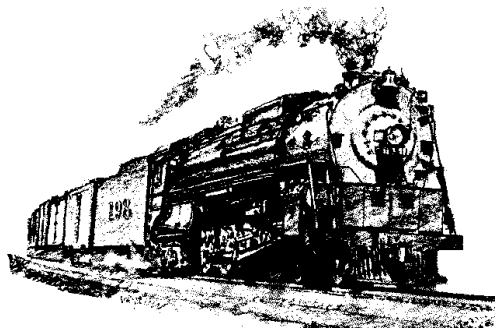
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# Model Railroad Show and Meet

## Sunday - January 28, 2000

### !! - Annual Division Auction - !!

**Location:** 4-H Exhibition Center  
Hamilton County 4-H Grounds  
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**Time:** 10 AM to 4 PM                      Auction - 2 PM to 4 PM

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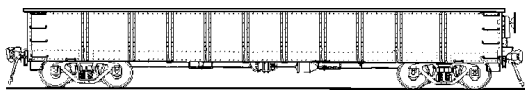
Matt Hewitt, Scratchbuilding Structures, (Materials and Techniques)

#### Contests:

Photo and Slide

Model Contests & Displays  
All categories

Popular Vote Contest  
Favorite Gondola Car



**Door Prize Drawings**  
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## What is my fascination with trains?

I guess it's been a lifelong thing. I came from a railroading family. Mother went into labor on a train. Started my first transcontinental train ride at three days old. Pullman porters warming my bottles. First train wreck before I started school. Cab rides when I had to be lifted up into the seat. Couldn't blow the whistle with my entire weight.

But for me the magic moments were Dutch doors with swirls of cinders: autumn evenings with tall plumes of steam: the gentle bump of 6 wheel trucks on 39 foot steel lulling me to sleep past crossing bells in the night. Most of all was breakfast in the diner. Stiff white jacketed waiters perfectly pouring coffee without a drop in the saucer, even over switches. Bright clean tablecloths (always just slightly damp to keep the dishes stationary) and bright silverware. Biscuits and eggs just right, and the best country ham this side of heaven.

Conductor stops by to chat, asks about Aunt Sue (his sister-in-law) and Uncle Toby. He's telling Grandad about the fish he caught while I'm watching that long lean USRA Mountain swinging through the curves at 70+ MPH. Mr. Billy is having a bit of fun with the whistle at the crossings and somehow I sadly know we'll be getting off too soon. What I didn't know was how soon that big fire-breathing lady up front was going to become fenders on a Chevy.

All my modeling is just trying to hold onto those memories, those thrills. I don't care a bit about whether that hopper had an Ajax brake wheel or a Miner style. The right feel is the important thing to me. The crutch by the door of the crossing Watchman's shanty, the plank bench outside the yard office, the rusty wheels in the creek bed below the trestle. That apple tree at each end of the long siding. These are the signs that tell about RR people, the bad times and the good times. We model the hardware, the landscape, but to one extent or another, we're telling the story of the people that ran the trains.

For some it's the story of rushing double-stacks over the Rockies, for some it's little engines pulling logs out of Georgia swamps. For me, it's keeping a fallen flag shining in glorious days of yore. Sometimes the way it was, sometimes the way it ought to have been.

*Chuck P*

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## Layouts Under Construction

Hi Roger its me, Dan Parshley. Just wanted to drop a line and say hi.

Well, construction continues on my railroad the Highland, Hillsdale, Southern or HHS for short. From the initials can you guess what high school I went to? At the present time I have about 22 feet of track temporarily installed. I decided that, with this railroad I would fit all the pieces together first and then lay the roadbed. It takes a little longer but I am in no hurry. The results should be better this way.

While we were at the show in Terre Haute you asked if I found anything good. Well I did. I'm starting to build a Roadrailer train. I bought my first two at the show and have bought three more since from the local hobby shop. At present two of them have been built and are being tested by the mechanical department. Will let you know what they find out. Early results are good.

Well better wrap this up or I could go on all night.

*Dan*

## Terre Haute Model Contest

### Favorite Open Load – 9 entries

- 1st** John Muciarelli  
Circus/Carnival Train  
6 car train pulled by Monon Alco power. It included a cattle car, 4 flats with trucks, trailers, circus wagons, crew car and Monon caboose.
- 2nd** Bob Morrison  
Rock Island Train  
4 open loads. Gons w/scrap metal, pipeline pipes, Indiana limestone (real) and a flat with a road-grader load.
- 3rd** Matt Hewitt  
Heavy weight flat w/machine part load.  
A large shaft and gear assembly was fastened and braced to the deck. An excellent example of taking sometime not of a railroad and making it belong.

### Editor's remarks

Other entries were provided by Jim Nolan, Al Askerberg, Keith Clark, and Tom Cain. One entry was a flat with two very large pumpkins carefully braced. The turnout for the 'Open Loads' contest was outstanding and a large number of votes were cast making this one of the better 'Favorite' contests. You were all winners!

*Roger*

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Each of the following contests only had one entry meaning there was no contest. However, they were both so good that they deserve to be listed.

### Motive Power, Diesel - 1 entry

Keith Clark  
Indiana Southern GP40 #6556 - HO  
Beautiful hand-painted and decaled loco with lots of added detail parts. Details included MU hoses, cut levers, hand rail chain, lift rings, strobe, antennas and more. (Prototype photo furnished)

### Structures, On line - 1 entry

Matt Hewitt  
"Small Station at Crow" – Large Scale  
Scratch-built board by board from treated lumber stained and painted appropriate colors. The platform boards were weathered and worn. Detailed with cracked boards and operating windows, full interior, lighting and removable roof showing the detailed interior and accurate roof trusses.

I hope that everyone stopped by the contest table to see these excellent models

*Tom*

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## Terre Haute Photo Contests

### Color Photo - Prototype

- 1st** Bob Morrison  
"A New Suit"  
Indiana Railroad #2000 in new paint
- 2nd** Bob Morrison  
"Time Marches On"  
Ewing B&O Station

### Color Slide - Prototype

- 1st** Bob Morrison  
"The Engine That Could"  
L&I 222 w/special military transport train
- 2nd** Bob Morrison  
"Open Load"  
TTX flats returning military vehicles to Camp Atterbury near Columbus IN

### Color Photo – Model – 1 entry, no contest

- N/A** Matt Hewitt  
"Steam Serenade"  
1/24th scale Garden Railroad photo

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## Friction Bearings Banned

Q) When were friction bearing (solid journal) trucks banned from interchange service?

A) Friction bearing trucks were banned from interchange service on 1/1/91 for cars carrying hazardous materials. All other non-hazardous carrying cars equipped with friction bearings were banned from interchange on 1/1/94. Cars with converted friction to roller bearing side-frames were banned from interchange on 1/1/95.

There were some instances of exemptions granted for shippers in "hardship circumstances" who could not comply with these dates. So, some cars did linger a little longer in interchange after the actual deadline dates.

Q) I understand the logic behind eliminating solid journal (friction) bearings from interchange service, but what was the reason for outlawing trucks with conversion roller bearings?

A) Hot bearing detectors couldn't "see" them when they overheated.

Courtesy of Ed Kaminski, ACF Industries

## **Reorganization (continued)**

where a vacancy exists, contact the Executive Director. If you don't get "The Bulletin" contact me and I will give you the information you want or put you in contact with the appropriate person. You don't have to be a Director or Manager to volunteer, all you need is the desire and a couple of hours of time each month.

If you don't feel you can volunteer for a national level job, please consider volunteering for your region or division. Volunteers at all these levels is what makes our Association work and all need the extra help so it can work the way you want it to.

*Jack Pettee*

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### **CID discussion list**

A CID e-mail list exists for the discussion of modeling and railfanning in the Central Indiana Division area. E-mail Roger Hensley <[rhensley@anderson.cioe.com](mailto:rhensley@anderson.cioe.com)> and ask to be added.

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## Special GATS Notice

A large number of CID members stopped by to say hello at our tables at the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** at the Indiana State Fair Grounds in Indianapolis last November. This is great! However, it was pointed out that most of the members working the tables were Board Members. Now, there is nothing particularly wrong in that as you get a chance to meet us and chat, but it does tend to leave you out of the action.

Well, this then, is your invitation to come out and join us working the CID NMRA promotion tables at the next GATS show on January 20-21, 2001. That's Saturday and Sunday in

Indianapolis at the Indiana State Fair Grounds, a week before our January Meet.

What do we do? We tell people about the hobby of model railroading and the NMRA. We talk about layouts and scenery and meets and clinics and the **NMRA Bulletin** and the **Rusty Spike** and the fellowship of meeting with and being with other modelers who are willing to share themselves and their hobby with others.

We hand out information and sample **NMRA Bulletins** and **Rusty Spikes** and our upcoming Meet Schedule and info about the Hoosier Connection convention and even sign up new members or re-rail older members who have let their membership lapse. We even get to watch the kids watching Charles Malinowski's A-Dor-Able HO on a door layout in operation. And, of course, as workers/exhibitors we get in free. This gives us a chance to look over the dealer tables and layouts at the show during breaks.

What a deal!! You can promote the hobby, the NMRA and get into the GATS show free. Not bad, eh? If you think you'd like to spend two or three hours doing this, you can contact Mike Nicoletti or myself by phone or e-mail. We really would be happy to have you and you would get a chance to promote your hobby on a personal basis and make a lot of new friends in the process.

*Roger*

## New Members in November

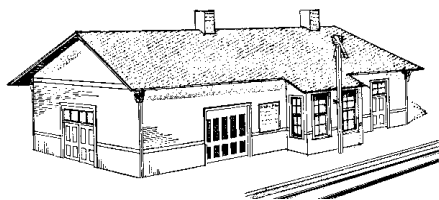
We signed up seven new (or re-railed) NMRA members at the GATS show and one current member joined the region. With the three that came aboard at the Terre Haute Meet, that makes ten more members for the NMRA in November alone! All but one of the new members at the GATS show also joined the region.

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**Pike Ads**

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## The Depot



### Things are Happening...

I only have one little page to bring you up to date and ask your input. At the Terre Haute Meet, I was asked why we never seem to have an activity around Princeton or down in Evansville as we did before. Well, it takes someone in the area to do the legwork and set things up for a Meet or Dealer Show and Meet. Note that I drew a distinction there. Most of our Meets have dealer tables and we open to the public. That's how we pay the bills and expose new people to the hobby and to the NMRA.

Well, what can we do about this? Your Board decided to try to set up a Meet like the one we did with the Columbus Club a couple of years ago. There were no dealers, just clinics, contests and displays and a tour of the club's layouts. We attracted a lot of models and modelers that we hadn't seen in a while.

That said, is there someone around Princeton or a club that would work with the Board to have a Meet over there? Dealers are not necessary and this will simplify matters a lot. We need a location with rooms for clinics and contests. We supply the insurance so that is not a problem. Do you have a layout we could see? Interested? Give one of us a call. You can find contact information in the Board Members Listing on page seven.

Ok, now how many of you noticed that we left the space for your street, city and state information off of our **Hoosier Connection** registration form? Be honest. Did you catch it? Did you catch the fact that we forgot the one-day rate of \$20.00? Well, we didn't either until they were printed, mailed and sent out to various hobby shops. (Ain't it sweet?) Ok, we blew it. Well, we can't fix that, but we can fix the forms on the CID website and we have. If you happen to download the HC Registration forms you will find them to be correct. You see, we do need your return address to be able to send you Hotel/Motel information.

A brief reminder that the January Meet is our annual auction for the benefit of your division. Bring in those items and donate them for the auction. It all helps keep the CID functioning and it allows us to consider holding meets without dealers in areas we haven't visited in awhile. We try to serve.

Item next. **Layouts!** Boy do we have layouts for the Hoosier Connection. Frankly, they are some of the best that you will see anywhere! I believe that there were 21 at last count. That's Saturday and Sunday with a couple of Operating Sessions scheduled for Friday night. This is worth the price of admission alone! A full list and description along with many photos are up on the CID website at [cid.railfan.net/connect.html](http://cid.railfan.net/connect.html).

Some of the layouts currently scheduled are: Naptown & White River (op session), Bob Lehnen's C&EI (op session & Sat., tour) Garden Railroads of Jeff Carter, Davis Graff, Bud Hunter, Joe Baker, Paul George and Matt Hewitt. Other layouts are Dick Bourgiere, Frank Hughes, Jim Munns, Mike Nicoletti, Jack Simpson, Carl Tomamichael, Keith Clark, Dan Goins, Bryan Lemonds, Dave McKalip, Steve Studley, Paul Surburg, and Bob Talbot and the possibility of a couple more.

**Dick Bourgiere's** HO freelance layout has been featured on the cover of Model Railroader Magazine.

**Jeff Carter** has a backyard control tower to observe and operate his layout.

**Dan Goins** models the Santa Fe during the late 50's and early 60's, representing New Mexico, Arizona and part of Colorado in a 35' X 15' room.

**Dave McKalip's** Monon is an HO model of the Lafayette to Bedford portion of its namesake railroad. The time period is late 50s to 1971. Construction of the 17'X20' layout started in 1992.

**Jack Simpson** has a completely finished HO B&O and Monon layout features nighttime lighting and complete operational track signaling. It was a cover layout in the NMRA Bulletin.

**Paul Surburg** models the Pennsylvania Railroad, and from time to time changes the era represented by the railroad. He can depict the 50's, 60's or even the modern era, (Conrail).

**Carl Tomamichael's** HO New York Central Railroad is set in Indiana and includes some of the downtown Indianapolis area including the Union Station area.

These are just samples. Get the full details on the website. I will have more information in the next *Rusty Spike* so stay tuned and fill out those registration forms now.

*Roger*

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