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**July 29, 2001 (Sunday) – French Lick, IN - (Details on Page 3)**

**Summer Activity**

Let's pay a visit to the Indiana Railway Museum and ride the French Lick, West Baden and Southern!  
Meet at 12:30 at the station. Train departs at 1 p.m. Wear some form of ID!

**September 29, 2001 (Saturday) - Bedford, IN –**

Bedford National Guard Armory, 2020 19th Street, Bedford

**Dealer Show & Meet - 11 AM to 3 PM**

Dealers - Layouts - Clinics - Photo, Model and Favorite Locomotive (operable) Contests

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

**For more information or tables call:** Bill Litkenhous at 812-275-3634

**Oct 6-7, 2001 GATS - Indianapolis**

**November 10, 2001 (Saturday) – Indianapolis (Pike Township)**

Pike Township High School - 6701 North Zionsville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Sponsored by the **Pike Township Lions' Club** and the **Central Indiana Division**

**Pancake Breakfast – Serving starts at 7:30 – CID Meet from 9 AM - 3 PM**

Operating Layouts, Clinics and Displays. Bring in new people who want to learn more about the hobby.

**November is Model Railroad Month.** Meet Admission is **FREE !** (pancakes and lunch aren't)

**For more information call:** Larry Gilbert (765) 779-4039 or Charles Malinowski (317) 566-1748

**January ??/?? GATS - Indianapolis**

**January 27, 2002 (Sunday) – Noblesville IN**

Hamilton County 4H Expo Center - 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville IN

**For more information or tables call:** Larry Gilbert (765) 779-4039

**April 7, 2002 (Sunday) - Danville, IN**

4H Building, Hendricks County Fairgrounds

**For more information or tables call:** Frank Hermanek at (317) 487-6517

- Extra Board –

**July 28, 2001 (Saturday) – Monon RR HTS Headquarters Open House – Linden IN – (See Page 6)**

**Sept 22, 2001 (Saturday) – Indianapolis, IN**

**The Indianapolis Model Railroad Swap Meet – 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Sponsored by: Naptown and White River Model Railroad Club**

Central Catholic School – 1155 East Cameron Street, Indianapolis, IN 46203 (near Garfield Park)

**For more information or Dealer Tables, contact:**

**Carl Tomamichel, 222 South 11th St., Beech Grove, IN 46107, Ph. 317-786-1183**

**Sept. 22, 2001 (Saturday) - Salem Depot Museum Dedication - (See Page 5)**

**Oct 26-28, 2001 – NCR/MWR/MCR regional convention - (See Page 5)**

**Oct 26-28, 2001 – Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society 2001 Convention - (See Page 9)**

## Hoosier Connection/Twenty-oh-one Layout Tours By Tom Cain

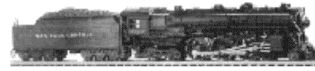
How many of you model railroaders would be willing to say to your wives, "Honey, I just agreed to have 25 to 50 people come over to the house on the last weekend in April." I was pleasantly surprised, I really had no trouble finding more than 20 individuals who were willing to do just that. The result of that generosity and willingness to share their model railroad empire meant that *Hoosier Connection*, *twenty-oh-one* registrants had plenty of opportunities to pick up ideas on how to build their model railroad empire or home layout. It meant they had opportunities to view some of the finest model railroad projects in this area. I was very pleased that we had such a broad variety of model railroad subjects. It was also a pleasant surprise to organize and view some really sharp Garden Layouts in the area. This is a growth area for model railroading with several different ways to manage their operation.

We always benefit from learning from others when it comes to layout planning, construction, and operation. Everyone spends some time looking at nice layouts in model railroad magazines. But this layout tour provided opportunities to see real live layouts, some of which have been in the magazines! And some of which might yet make it into future magazines! Seeing layouts in all stages of construction is always inspirational and motivates me to return home and work more diligently on my layout. I hope if you attended the Regional Convention that you had an opportunity to visit some layouts, and if you were one of those who displayed your home layout, I'm sure this, "Thank You," comes not from just me but from everyone who walked through your homes as well!

Thanks to: Steve Studley, Keith Clark, Dan Goins, Dave McKalip, Bryan Lemonds, Paul Surburg, Bob Talbot, Mike Nicoletti, Matt Hewitt, Dick Bourgiere, Jack Simpson, Carl Tomamichael, Frank Hughes, Dave Petty, Bob Lehnen, Jim Munns, Paul George, Jeff Carter, Joe Baker, Bud Hunter, David Graff, and the Naptown and White River Model Railroad Club

I also imagine that there are still a significant number of home layouts in Central Indiana that would be of interest to the model railroad community. If you would like to consider having your home layout on the next Layout Tour, please give me a call at 317-283-7834.

*Thomas Cain*



### COLUMBUS AREA RAILROAD CLUB, INC.

The Columbus Area Railroad Club is dedicated to serving all those interested in the preservation of railroad history through the use of modeling, photography, artifact preservation, and railfanning.

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Second Saturday of the month

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Free admission

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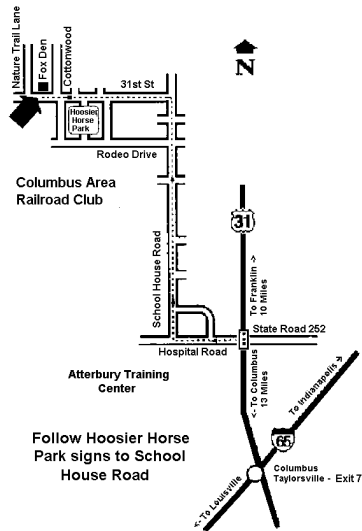
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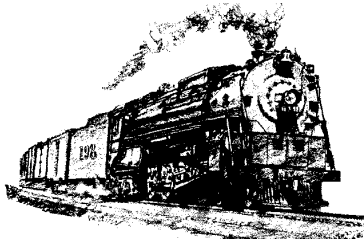
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Let's visit the . . .

# Indiana Railway Museum & French Lick Scenic Railway

<http://www.geocities.com/TheTropics/Beach/5285/>

July 29, 2001 (Sunday) - CID Division Summer Outing

**Ride the French Lick Scenic Railway with us  
through 20 miles of the Hoosier National Forest**

**What:** The depot in French Lick, where all of the passenger trains depart, is the original limestone Monon railroad station. The entire family can enjoy a ride on the **French Lick, West Baden and Southern!** The young and young-at-heart all thrill to the sights and sounds of a real train. This 1 3/4 hour train trip will take us through 20 miles of Hoosier National Forest, limestone rock-cuts and the 2200 foot Burton Tunnel, one of the longest railroad tunnels in the state. Trains depart from the resort town of French Lick to the town of Cuzco, the site of Patoka Lake.

The Indiana Railway Museum is a non-profit organization with volunteers serving as train and station crews. Fascinating railroad equipment form the museum's display, including several diesel and steam locomotives, a rare railway post office car and a 1951 dining car. Souvenirs and railroad memorabilia are available in the station's gift shop as well as refreshments and the ever-popular Snack Bar Car that runs with every train.

Also, there is the Springs Valley Electric Railway Trolley #313, built in 1930 in Portugal, that carries passengers between French Lick and West Baden where the West Baden Springs Hotel is being restored.

**Fare:** Adults \$8.00, Children (3-11) \$4.00, Under 3 years of age FREE!

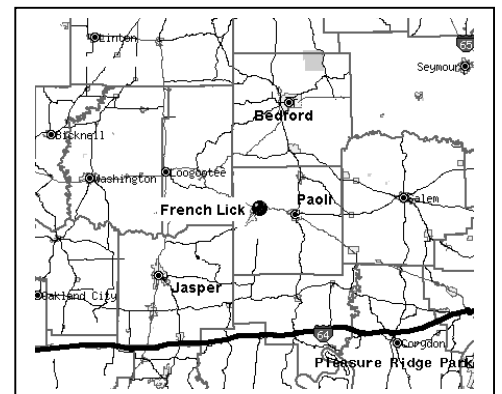
**Time:** The Train departs French Lick at 1:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time (Indiana Time) **We should meet at the station by 12:30 a.m.** in an effort to ride together for the trip. To make it easier to find each other, **wear something to identify you as an NMRA member.**

**Once again:** We hold a summer activity with a railroad theme. Make plans now to come out and enjoy the company of your friends, modelers and railfans. Last year it was Connersville and the year before, it was Noblesville. This year

we go south. We've picked the place. Now, you just need to supply yourselves, spouse, family and/or friends. The train leaves at 1 p.m. You **must** be there before then.



**Location:** The museum and railway are located on Highway 56 in French Lick, Indiana. To arrive at French Lick, from interstate 64 use Highway 231 from Huntingburg to Highway 56 at Hayesville. From Vincennes, use Highway 150 to Highway 56 at Prospect. Phone: 1-800-74-TRAIN or (812) 936-2405



## Danville Model Contest

### Favorite Structure – 6 entries

- 1st** Ron Lane – Columbus  
Mann’s Creek Stores – G scale
- 2nd** Don Hudson  
Applegate and Davenport Blacksmith &  
Wagons (scratchbuilt from a picture in MR)
- 3rd** Matt Hewitt – Anderson  
Station – G scale

### Hon. Mention:

- Roger Hensley – Anderson  
Church – HO scale
- Roger Hensley – Anderson  
Dale’s Auto Service – HO Scale
- Bob Trueblood – Anderson  
Flour & Grain – HO scale

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The following judged contests only had one entry meaning there was no contest, but they were judged for points.

### Structure, Off Line - 1 entry

- Ron Lane - Columbus  
Mann’s Creek Mercantile and Whistle Stop  
Café From Clifftop, WV circa 1936 – G scale  
Achievement Award quality

### Module – 1 entry

- Al Askerberg – Columbus  
Maine “2 footer” circa 1930

**Note:** Photos of many of our contest entries over the past three years may be found on the CID website at:

<http://cid.railfan.net/>

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## Danville Photo Contests

### Color Slide - Prototype

- 1st** Paul Brown  
“BNSF Unit Grain Train”  
(taken at Panhandle, TX)
- 2nd/tie** Ron Lane  
“I made it to Silverton again”  
Loco #480 ‘at rest’
- 2nd/tie** Ron Lane  
“Steam, Smoke & Snow at Silverton”
- 3rd** Ron Lane  
“Ahhh, a cool drink of water”  
#489 taking on water

(Slides continued)

- HM** Paul Brown  
“Wings”  
Union Pacific on BNSF at Sibley, MO

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## So, who won the election for Trainmaster?

In one of the closest elections in recent memory, Bob Morrison and Mike Nicoletti were elected to two-year terms as Trainmaster on the CID Board.

Bob is currently servicing as CID Clinic Chair and Mike is our Photo Contest Chair and has recently volunteered for the position of Unloading/Loading Manager at the CID Meets. Although Bill Myers will no longer be a voting member of the board, he will continue as AP Chair.

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## Museum Dedication

Indiana's newest railroad exhibit, The Depot at the John Hay Center in Salem, will be dedicated during the community's Old Settlers' Day in September. The Depot is an exhibit commemorating the role Salem residents played in the organization in 1847 of the New Albany & Salem Rail Road, which later became the Monon.

The exhibit is housed in a 5400-square foot replica of the Monon's Salem depot. The Depot was built from the original plans, but enlarged and modified to make it more suitable as a museum. Under construction in

the basement is a 15x60-foot HO scale model railroad that depicts the Monon through Washington County in the 1950s and 1960s. The Depot is expected to open to the public by July. The dedication will take place Saturday, Sept. 22, at 9 a.m., as one of the opening activities for Old Settlers' Days.

Speaker for the 30-minute dedication ceremony is Frank VanBree, president of the Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society. Entertainment will be by a quartet singing songs from the Monon's Centennial album.

*Cecil Smith*

### North East Hoosier Division 3 to Host Annual NCR/Tri-Region Convention (NCR-MWR-MCR)

The NMRA NCR Division 3 based in the Ft. Wayne, Indiana area is hosting their first NCR convention in almost 17 years on October 26-28, 2001! They are pulling out the stops with plans for 3+ days of activities. This will be a convention combining three regions, with invitations to members of the Midwest Region and the Mid Central Region.

Nationally know clinicians such as Tony Koester, David Frary and Dr. Bruce Chubb will be sharing their knowledge and experience with us. Operating sessions on several area layouts are planned for the Thursday evening before the convention begins. On Friday, at least two prototype tours are planned. Friday night's clinics are scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. followed by slides til dawn. Saturday has more clinics in the a.m. and layout tours beginning in the p.m. Our banquet is Saturday evening with an auction immediately following. On Sunday, we'll have more clinics and more layout tours, and...

One of the highlights of this convention will be an opportunity for attendees to be the engineer operating the 25 ton switcher at the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society, home of the 765 NKP Berkshire. For a mere \$25, our convention guests will be given the opportunity to pilot the switcher. Plans are to take groups of three at a time with each operator at the throttle for 15 minutes. The one hour session also includes an overview of engine maintenance, safety procedures and instructions on the operation of the switcher. These sessions will take place throughout the convention, beginning on Saturday and lasting through Sunday.

More information about the convention, the Ft. Wayne area and hotel reservations may be found on the web at: <http://nmradiv3.railarchives.com> or write or email the convention co-chair Chuck White at 6418 Midchannel Way, Ft. Wayne, IN 46845-9412 (219) 482-7930 e-mail: [cwhite8357@aol.com](mailto:cwhite8357@aol.com).



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### NMRA North Central Region 2001 Tri-Regional Convention Registration Form

NMRA No. \_\_\_\_\_ Region Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Region:	
NCR	<input type="checkbox"/>
MWR	<input type="checkbox"/>
MCR	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Make checks payable to: Div. 3 NCR, NMRA  
Mail this form and check to:  
Bill Wernhoff, Region Treasurer  
4350 E. 550 N.  
Decatur IN 46733

NCR/MWR/MCR Member: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$33.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-Member: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Awards Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Early registrants will receive an information packet by mail prior to the convention.

## **MONON RR HTS to hold Open House**



The Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society, Inc. will hold an Open House on Saturday July 28, 2001 at it's new

headquarters in Linden Indiana on US 231 immediately south of the Linden Railroad Museum. A sign marks the spot. (Don't blink your eyes or you'll miss the whole town of Linden.) The Open House is open to anyone interested in railroading and not just Monon Society members. The Linden Railroad Museum will also be open to the public on that day at no charge.

In addition to the new HQ, you can see the society archives and the newly restored Monon rolling stock. The Linden Railroad museum also has many Monon artifacts. The Open House begins at 10 a.m. and will run through the afternoon. You've seen the Monon layouts in the magazines and during the MWR Hoosier Connection, now stop by the Monon HQ, learn more about the Monon and the society and meet some of the volunteers that help make it go.

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## Model Railroad Memories

### Chet Carter's Kilbuck Valley & Western

By Dan Parshley

Hi Roger,

Seems to me a couple of months ago or maybe even a year now you asked if anybody had any stories about layouts in the Anderson area that don't exist anymore. Did you have any results? I was wondering. Any way I have some stories about Chet Carter's Killbuck Valley & Western that I will share.

I began going down to Chet's about a year and a half to two years before the KV&W ceased to exist. I started going there because I wanted to model railroad as much as possible. I mean if you're going to have a hobby or activity, you might as well go all out and my mom and dad didn't mind as long as the school work was done. I was already a member of the club at the public library in Anderson and I think to this day, I am still the youngest person to be accepted to their club at age 14 when the minimum age was 18. Two days of railroading just wasn't enough so one Tuesday night I was asked if I wanted to go down to Chet's house and see his layout. So that Tuesday night I got to go to Chet's and meet the club that met in his basement every Tuesday.

After meeting everyone, Chet took me over to the layout and showed me everything. I was very impressed. This layout included two big yards, both with complete engine servicing facilities, a double track main with a two percent grade that ran between the yards, a flat single track main with passing sidings, and a mountain branchline. It didn't take me long to figure out that this layout was built to do just about what ever the operators wanted to do. Two guys could be kept busy switching the yards, three guys could run on the mains, and one or two guys could operate the mountain branch line and switch the ore mine at the top of it.

The first couple of times I went there, I operated trains on the double track mainline. That was fun because you couldn't just set the throttle and forget it unless you wanted to creep up one side of the grade like a turtle and race down the other side like a hare. And if you stopped on the uphill side of the grade it took some skill to get rolling again. I saw more than one guy almost derail an entire train because the grade was so steep and it started on a curve. After the double track mainline, I switched over to the single track for a while.

Even though the single track was flat, things still could be made interesting when two trains run on single track. But the best, and my favorite part to operate, was still to come.

My favorite part of the KV&W operation was the branchline going up to the ore mine. What made the branchline so much fun was the limited space in which you had to do the switching. The branchline also had a much steeper grade than the main. The KV&W assigned two special locomotives to this branch. One was a Roundhouse Climax steam locomotive the other was an Athearn switcher frame with a Cary metal SW1000 shell with Ernst gearing.

The branchline also taught me the importance of coupler height. On one of my trips up the branch with empties going back to the mine, I tacked one of Santa Fe cabooses on the rear and started up the hill. I noticed before I left the yard that the coupler on the caboose sat a little higher than the one on the last ore car, but I figured it would be all right. I couldn't have been more wrong! At the crest of the grade, the caboose separated from the rest of the train and quickly gathered speed. By the time it reached the bottom of the grade and was approaching the yard it was doing Mach 1 plus! When it reached the yard it derailed on the ladder track and ground to a halt. Thankfully nothing or no one was hurt. The caboose was bad ordered and subsequently repaired and the coupler height properly adjusted.

I recall the last time I went to Chet's house to operate. It was a cold winter night and not too many of the regulars made it. I spent most of the night just studying the layout...

**(To Be Concluded next Issue)**

### Pettee Resigns as MWR Trustee

Jack Pettee, Midwest Region Trustee has resigned his position due to health considerations. Jack is one of the good guys who has worked very hard for the NMRA and its members. His articles have appeared in the *Spike* several times as he passed along information that he felt we should know.

Speaking now as a friend, I would much rather see Jack step down now and return to family and his modeling than to continue and ruin his health. Many thanks for all that you have done for us. It has been appreciated

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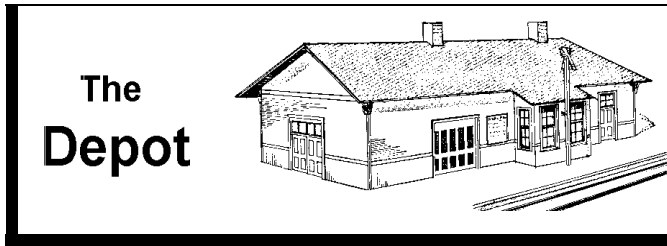
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## Rusty Spike to Continue

At the June 3rd Board Meeting it was suggested that we cut the printing of the *Spike* down to the 20 or 30 people who must get a hard copy such as HQ, certain region officials and the paid subscribers and put the *Spike* on the web for everyone else. This would save most of the printing and mailing costs of the *Spike*, as it is the largest single expense of the division. After all, 100% of our members now have access to the web by going to most libraries.

It was pointed out that having access to the web is not the same thing as actually going on-line and getting the web version of the *Spike*. This would require that the individual do something specific to keep in touch with the division. Many of our members are still very uncomfortable with computers and delivery to the door places the *Rusty Spike* into their hands. Yes, they can toss it if they wish, but this shows that we care enough to communicate with our members to keep them informed and perhaps pass along some modeling tips along the way.

A good example of this is the results of mailing the CID ballot separately instead of including it with the *Spike*. The return of ballots is much greater when more importance is placed on the ballot with a separate mailing. The same is true with the *Spike*. If it is important, mail it.

As a cost savings, several other divisions that I know of in the U.S. have dropped the mailing of their newsletter in favor of placing it on the web **'for those who want to read it.'** In my opinion, this is self-defeating, as many people will not remember where it is or when it is supposed to be there. This also means that it is likely that all but a few people will not know or remember when or where the division meetings are to be held, what contests and clinics will be held, etc.

The placing of newsletters on the web does have the advantage that new people are able to find and read them. Back issues of the *Spike* from Vol. 30 #1, Jan/Feb of 2000, are already on our web site in *Acrobat* format and

have been for nearly a year as that is just another way to share information with division members and others.

Your *Rusty Spike* will continue as is.

Roger

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## Central Indiana Division Website

<http://cid.railfan.net/>

If you haven't explored it yet, take a look. There is more and more to see!

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## Monon RR Historical-Technical Society 2001 Convention to be held

Lebanon Indiana will be the site for the Society's 2001 convention to be held on October 26th, 27th, and 28th at the Lebanon Holiday Inn.

Registration will be Friday with the Hospitality room with an informal get-together on Friday night.

Saturday's activities will include a bus tour from Frankfort to Indianapolis with a stop at the **Indiana Transportation Museum** for a look at the Monon's first diesel, Annual Dinner and a Monon "show and Tell" slide show

Sunday will see a Dealer's Swap Session (Dealer tables are still available) and Photo and Model Contests. The Swap session will be open to the public for an Admission Fee of \$3.00 per person (Children under 12 free). The Annual Business Meeting will also be held Sunday.

The Monon Society is open to new members and you may join or renew your existing membership at the convention.

For more information about the convention or about the Society, contact:

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