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July 28, 2002 (Sunday) Summer Activity

Picnic at Forest Park - Noblesville, IN (see page 3 for details)

September 28, 2002 (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 Train & Favorite Passenger Car 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

October 19-20 GATS - Indianapolis

November 9, 2002 (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 - 2 PM

Operating Layouts, Displays and Clinics - **KIT** clinic from 9:30AM to 1:30PM - Favorite Train Contest

November is Model Railroad Month - Bring in new people - Admission is **FREE!** (pancakes aren't)

For more information call: Charles Malinowski 317-566-1748

January GATS - Indianapolis

January 26, 2003 (Sunday) - Noblesville IN

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

For more information or tables call: Larry Gilbert at 765-779-4039

March 30, 2003 (Sunday) - Danville, IN

4H Building, Hendricks County Fairgrounds

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

- Extra Board -

September 7, 2002 - Columbus Area Railroad Club Train Show & Swap Meet

The Fox Den Building, Johnson County Park (See map in Ad on page 2)

10 AM until 3 PM - Admission \$2.00, Kids 12 & Under Free

For more information or to reserve tables, contact: Bob Morrison - Ph: 812-378-4275

September 21, 2002 (Saturday) - Indianapolis Model Railroad Swap

Sponsored by Naptown and White River Model RR Club

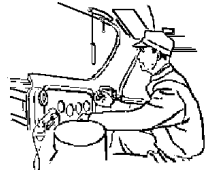
Central Catholic School, 1155 East Cameron Street, Indianapolis

10:30AM to 3PM (Set-up 7AM to 10AM)

For Information or tables, contact: Carl Tomamichel at (317) 786-1183

Super Sez

by Bill Litkenhous



Farewell as your Super

I have now handed the throttle of the Central Indiana Division to our new Superintendent, Larry Gilbert. As I reflect on the past four years several things come to mind, especially the friendship of the board of directors and of the members of the division. Without the help of all these people, the division would not run. Several new programs have been started during my term in office. I am not taking credit for any of them, just noting that they started during my term of office.

We had a very successful regional convention in Noblesville during April of 2001. There was a good selection of clinics and many outstanding layouts on tour. The layout displays and train show were excellent.

We have reinstated the annual meeting, which is held at the spring meet each year. Our bylaws require this meeting, but the most important thing about this meeting is the opportunity to inform the membership of what is happening in the division.

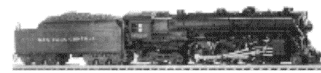
We have started KIT, a new clinic to involve youngsters in model railroading. This program, chaired by Bob Morrison has been well received and some of the other divisions have expressed an interest in this clinic.

And there is an increased activity in the NMRA Achievement Program thanks to the enthusiasm of Bill Myers, our new regional AP chairman. There have been more Golden Spike awards and AP certificates awarded in the last few months than there were in any similar period that I can remember.

Our train shows continue to be a strong attraction, starting with Bedford and the Pike Township shows in the fall, Noblesville in the winter and Danville in the spring and of course our annual summer activity. Our booth at the two GATS Shows each year continues to generate interest and new members in the NMRA.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite each and every one of you to become more involved in the CID. If you have a particular skill of interest consider preparing a clinic to give other members the benefit of your knowledge. If you are interested in the operation of the CID consider running for the Board of Directors or one of the offices. We always need members interested in helping to keep the division running.

I have enjoyed serving as superintendent and am looking forward to continuing to work with the Division. I also would like to say the Model Railroading and the friends I have acquired through model railroading have keep me going through some of the rough periods I had last year. Model Railroading is FUN!

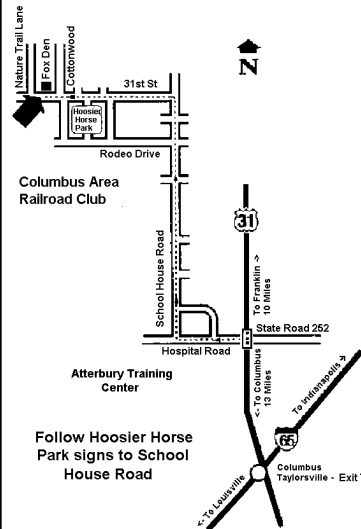


COLUMBUS AREA RAILROAD CLUB, INC.

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.

Regular monthly meeting are the first Thursday at 7 p.m.

Memberships are available.



Public Hours:

Second Saturday of the month

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Free admission

Location:

Johnson County Park
Fox Den
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Edinburgh, IN

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Central Indiana Division N.M.R.A.

Picnic at Forest Park Noblesville, IN

(across from the entrance to the Indiana Transportation Museum)

The Museum is located in Forest Park, which is less than 1 mile north of State Route 32 on State Route 19, North and West of downtown Noblesville. Enter at either the North or South entrance and follow the main road to the Museum.

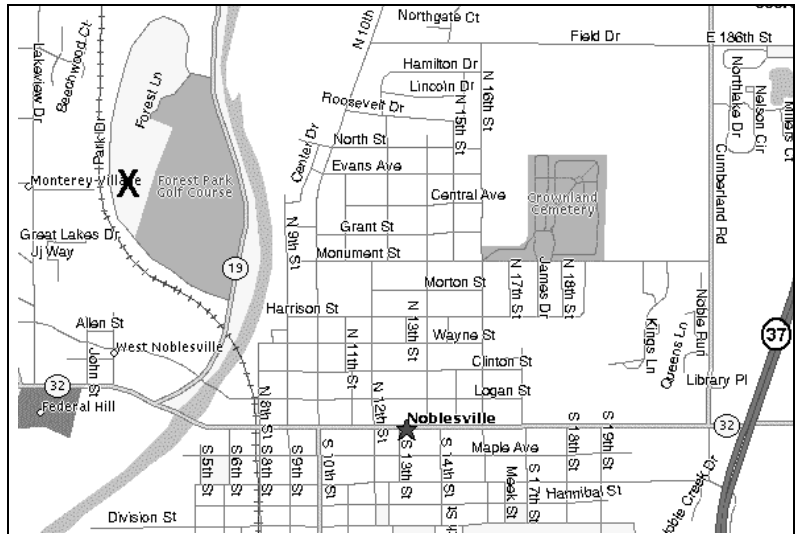
When: Sunday July 28, 2002

Location: Forest Park, Noblesville, IN

Time: 11 AM to ?? PM

Bring the family and enjoy the park and the Indiana Transportation Museum Picnic area - 10 tables reserved (first come first served). Swimming Pool, excellent playgrounds, merry-go-round, 9 hole golf course.

**Indiana Transportation Museum
- Special -
A Caboose Ride to downtown
Noblesville and back has been
scheduled at 1:45 PM for
NMRA Members and Families.
We can take about 22 people.**



- There is no cost for this activity -

This is not a pitch-in. So, bring a picnic, your family or join with someone else if you are single and join us at the park! (A Concession stand is available)

Contact: Bill Myers - Ph: 317-773-7159 - E-mail: bmyers31@aol.com

Next CID Meet: September 28, 2002 at Bedford IN

?? And The Year Was 19 __ ??

The Division Superintendent was Charles Betts who, along with his wife and Irene and Frank Hughes, co-edited the *Rusty Spike*. The Super even had an ad in the Spike:

WANTED

One Rusty Spike Editor
No experience necessary

In that same *Rusty Spike* Frank Hughes requested members to fill out a questionnaire. Here are some of the questions:

- Should we have a standard set of contest rules for National, Regional, and Division?
- Should we have a National Headquarters building (and staff) where archives and a museum could be maintained?

- What do you think we, as the NMRA, can do to improve our organization so as to attract more members and provide more benefits?

Don't know the year? Don't worry, neither did I until I wrote the column after reading back issues of the *Rusty Spike* and *Waybill* that were donated by Cecil J. Smith of Salem, In. If you have back issues of the Spike or the Waybill feel free to donate them to the Division's archives by sending them to me at 7536 Rosslyn Ave. in Indianapolis (zip 46240).

I'd like to thank Mike Nicoletti for suggesting I write this column. With luck and inspiration it will continue. Read it next issue to see if you correctly completed the statement, **And The Year Was 19 __**.

Al Kohut

Danville Model Contest Report By Tom Cain

Structures - 3 entries

1st Dennis Kirchmann – Cloverdale
Wood Coal Dock – HO

This model attracted a lot of attention. This coal facility is over four feet in length and the trestle leading to the top is made up of many, many parts. The weathering really adds to its authenticity. It received a Merit Award.

2nd Dennis Kirchmann – Cloverdale
Lumber Company – O Scale

This O scale building had lots of interest. Dennis provided the Model Railroader construction article that he used to build this model. It also received a Merit Award.

3rd Dennis Kirchmann – Cloverdale
Rotsching Electric Motor Repair – O Scale

This model, like Dennis' other entries, was scratchbuilt.

Favorite Off-Line Structure (Popular Vote) – 4 entries

1st Matt Hewitt – Anderson
County Line Sawmill – HO

Excellent detail. The truck and sawmill workers pulling logs with a chain added interest to this structure.

2nd Frank Marshall
Abandoned House – HO

The Campbell kit house showed lots of detail and work. Broken and missing boards added interest.

3rd tie Bob Morrison – Columbus
Elwood Fire Department – HO

Lots of interest came from this largely hand made/scratchbuilt fire station.

3rd tie Dennis Kirchmann – Cloverdale
Rotsching Electric Motor Repair – O Scale

This model was almost all scratchbuilt. Several people were happy to see O scale entries.

Motive Power, Diesel – 2 entries

1st Bart Tate - Monticello, IL
Conrail C40-8W #6229 (Rail Power) - HO
92 AP points – Received AP Merit Award

2nd Bart Tate - Monticello, IL
Conrail SD50 #6795 (Proto 2000) - HO
80 points AP

Note: Bart's brother Brett displayed a custom painted FURX, EMD SD40-2. Brett is not an NMRA member. Eight models were submitted for judging today. Only five of the models were provided by NMRA members, so they

were the only ones eligible for AP Awards. I appreciate any models brought in because it provides everyone with the opportunity to see the modeling ideas and techniques of others.

Tom Cain

Danville Photo Contests

Color Photo - Prototype

1st Robert Bird - Vincennes
"Morning Steam"

2nd Robert Bird - Vincennes
"BN Flag Waving Before 9-11"

3rd Robert Bird - Vincennes
"Help, I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up"

Good Danville Meet By Jim Wilhite

The Sunday meet at Danville was a good success, more so than some other recent meets. Attendance was right at 175 adults, not counting kids. This is better than many meets in these times. All available dealer tables were sold, plus a few extra found at the last minute. The clinics were well attended by groups of interested folks.

One new item that is getting excellent response is the "Kids In Trains" (**KIT**) program, to allow grade school age kids to build a car kit under the instruction of our division staff and then take the finished car with them. No charge is made for this, it's a "freebie". Future plans include sessions on tree making, basic scenery, etc. A few people were asking about the program when they came in, so the word is getting out.

The program was suggested and administered by Bob Morrison and instruction help is provided by Al Kohut among others. Bob and Al had about 15 kids take part at Danville, which is about typical of each session offered. One or two kids were repeats, who had done a simple kit before and wanted to try a harder one. They even had one full grown adult want to take part and assist. If it helps them get interested and started, it's well worth while. We're doing some educating and attracting new interest and younger people to the hobby.

Good meet, folks, if you didn't get there you missed a goodie!

Jim Wilhite

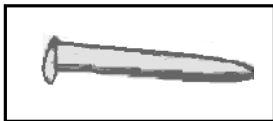


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Here are the names of the 12 KIT participants at the Danville Meet. They are:

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Hunter Bobeck - 5 1/2 | Kenda Hintz - 7 |
| Taylor Born - 10 | Brent Huhn - 15 |
| Joseph Cooper - 9 | Colter Huhn - 12 |
| Dan Guyton - 11 | Kaitlyn Kalman - 12 |
| Kyle Hathaway - 6 | Robert Newman - 11 |
| Scott Hathaway - 9 | Trevor Willis - 6 |



**Achievement Program
Golden Spike Award
(conclusion)**

5. All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (Double-track main, single-track main with sidings, block or command control, etc.).

This requirement can also be easier than it sounds. Notice the option for a single track main with sidings. This means that as long as you can cut power to the sidings individually, you can run one train, park it on a siding while you run another, then park it and run the first again. This meets the requirement.

6. Provide one additional electrical feature such as powered turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

Don't read more into this than is there. A powered turnout can be something as simple as an Atlas turnout with a switch machine. Think in terms of anything that runs off the 'Accessories' terminals of a power pack and you're half way there. etc.

Visit the NMRA AP pages at
<http://www.nmra.org/achievement>
 CID Web site - <http://cid.railfan.net/>

Achievement Program News

CID Achievement Program Chair, Bill Myers, has announced the following AP Awards:

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

**MODEL RAILROAD ENGINEER, CIVIL
Matt Hewitt**

**MODEL RAILROAD ENGINEER, ELECTRICAL
Matt Hewitt**

**MASTER BUILDER, SCENERY
Trevor Jones**

Bill said...

Also, I just received a Master Model Railroader Certificate for John Tews of Sussex, Wisconsin, which I believe is in the WISE Division. This is the first MMR for the Region in over two years.

All of these people have been notified, but formal presentation has not yet been made.

Bill Myers

For more information on the NMRA Achievement Program, contact Bill at:

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Upcoming Popular Vote Contests

- BedfordFavorite Passenger Car
- Pike TwpFavorite Train including Tinplate

New CID Layout Tour Chairman

**James Treep
10491 Lakeshore Pl.
Carmel, IN 46033
317-844-6514**

Jean Elliott

The CID recently lost another loyal member's wife in Bob Elliott's wife, Jean. Bob Elliott brought and sold railroad books at all our meets for many years, and Jean brought her crafts and dolls to sell also.

Recently the Elliots sold their book dealership to Wayne Maple of Northside Hobbies and began helping dispose of modeler's estate merchandise at sale tables at our meets. Both Bob and Jean would come early and stay late, and would willingly help the division however they could.

Their family and friends will miss Jean's smiling face. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Bob and their family.

Jim Wilhite

Weathering Boxcar Roofs

Q) Regarding 1950s-era box steel roof box cars. Many roofs were made from galvanized steel. To which many paints did not adhere well. Any ideas on how his can be replicated in HO scale? - *Jim*

A) Paint the roof silver or a light gray. Let it dry. Then paint a sporadic coating of rubber cement where you want the next coat of paint to come off, apply it with a brush to get streaks in it. Dabbing would work, but brushing would be better. Now, paint the roof color and let it dry thoroughly.

Next, take an eraser and 'gently' erase over the parts where the rubber cement is until it comes off exposing the silver. Weather to suit and you will have a weathered roof with the 'galvanized' roof panels showing through.

This method works well for aging buildings and there is no reason to believe that it shouldn't work on railcars as well. - *Roger*

Q) Tried it this past weekend. Worked great! Thanks. – *Jim*

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Pike Ads

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See the Pike Ad

Web Page

For the Ads

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Information

Layouts? Have we got Layouts!

This just in by e-mail 5/23/02...

Roger,

Been a while since I visited the CID website. I checked out some of the other pages as well. Lots of good info, I'll have to put that in our newsletter for folks to check out.

Some mighty nice layout photos. Dave McKalip's layout - Wow! That should be in MR someday. Keith Clark, Mike Duncan, Matt Hewitt, others, never heard of these names before, but they should also get some magazine coverage!

Mike

I exchange newsletters with several NMRA editors. Mike is one. - R

A number of CID members are building layouts and last October a layout construction discussion took place on the CIDlist.

PB) I have my benchwork started It has only taken me 10 years to get to the starting point. Was enjoying the rest of the hobby too much...

AK) I use Tortises, er ah Tertoises, er ah those turtle machines. I like 'em just fine but they are slow (and reliable). Guess the slow is what gave em their name. All track is laid including 112 turnouts (18 with turtles - rest are ground throws). Still have 10 of dem turtles to wire. Bought a turntable. Looks like it'll be a lot of work putting it together. Have positioned buildings on layout to see if planned scenery will fit. Hope to start scenery by mid November. Maybe even ready for an operating session before end of year.

JW) That's the good thing about the hobby, you can always concentrate on what you enjoy the most. I suppose when the benchwork is done, you're going to hand-lay all of your track like the Columbus-ites where it's the law.

PB) If it took me 10 years to start the benchwork, I would die before I ever got the track done if I handlaid it. (hand-
lied it?) Nope, that's why I didn't move to Bloomington/Columbus. I knew the rules!

SS) You have mixed your south-central Indiana cities when you stated that the Columbus-ites are the hand-layers. I'd like to point out that it is in the Bloomington area where "It's the law!"

BL) If they broke the law, what should be the penalty?? Building a yard ladder from scratch? If that is the case I will volunteer my layout for the "Jail".

TC) What code track are you fellows using in Bloomington?

SS) Clark, Talbot, and Studley are using Micro-Engineering code 83 weathered rail, with some code 70 sidings thrown in for good measure. I don't remember if Bryan Lemonds is using 83 or 70.

RL) Wellllllllllll, Al Askerberg is laying his own ON30 track, and I've got a bunch of HO code 70 handlaid track on my home layout--most of it having been down for over 20 years, so don't sell us Columbusites too short.

SS) Nope, don't mean to sell anyone short or to imply that "Ours is better". I just don't believe that you Columbus modelers have enacted handlaying into the Burns' statutes as we seem to have done here in Bloomington.

One of the reasons we have so many of the railroads that are handlaid in the area is because we have so many people together in the club who can handlay track. And we work on each other's layouts. That really helps. If this itinerant help isn't available, then flex starts to look like a lifesaver. But since we have that capability, we put it to good use. It started out about 25 years ago when the Hoosier Lines Model Railroad Club used to meet monthly in the public library...

...All kidding aside, - well most of it anyway - whether the decision is to handlay or to use flex track or even sectional track, the goal that several of us in this area are moving toward is to have an OPERATING railroad. To get to that point involves a lot of work. Even more than just getting the track down and hooking up the wires to get things moving. I'm probably spending more time now studying operations than I am on the actual construction of the layout. Hopefully, this time spent will soon pay off when I can get the car cards/waybills printed and in use.

So, at least for the meantime, I'll continue to hand lay track, continue to learn about operations, and continue to build the Midwest Central. I'll stay on the good side of the Monroe County Sheriff of Trackwork by remembering: "Hand laying, it's the law!"

And with that, we make an end of it. Of course you realized that you have been reading excerpts, just snippets of a very interesting thread on the discussion list. Whether it be Columbus, Bloomington, Evansville, Lafayette, Kokomo, Indianapolis, Anderson or any of the cities and towns in between, we have some of the finest modelers and layouts that you will find anywhere.

The *Hoosier Connection 2001* was an opportunity for a number of layouts to be seen by a large number of visitors. I personally am very much looking forward to another tour in Lafayette. They have been working hard on their layouts there. We have a new Layout Tour Chair (see page 5) and he is looking forward to locating and visiting layouts and organizing them into tours. Don't wait for James to call you. Give him a call and let him know that your layout could be available for a tour or to get more information about what is involved.

Roger

See photos and read descriptions of many of the CID layouts on the CID web site:

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

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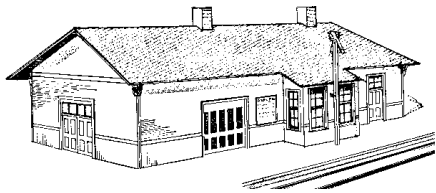
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The Depot



Another Full Plate

Stolen Brass +

Ron Buser of Anderson has lost a large amount of HO brass steam and diesel locomotives and cabooses as well as modern plastic Proto 2000 locos and Athearn Genesis cars. Some of the brass locos are painted as Central Indiana Ry and a large number are done in NKP. The thief is known, was caught and is being prosecuted. The missing items were apparently sold to some local Indy dealers/hobby shops under the guise of "My dad is changing scales and he told me to get rid of this stuff." Anyone buying any of these items, has purchased stolen equipment. A complete list of the stolen items is too long to reproduce here, but can be found on the CID web site at: <http://cid.railfan.net/buser.html> Should you have reason to believe that you have one or more of the items, contact Detective McCormick of the Anderson Police Department.

New Column beginning

With this issue, Chief Clerk Al Kohut starts a new column with information gleaned from past *Rusty Spike* issues. It is interesting to track our history through the eyes of the people who wrote about it when it was current.

Calendar Layout Photos Needed

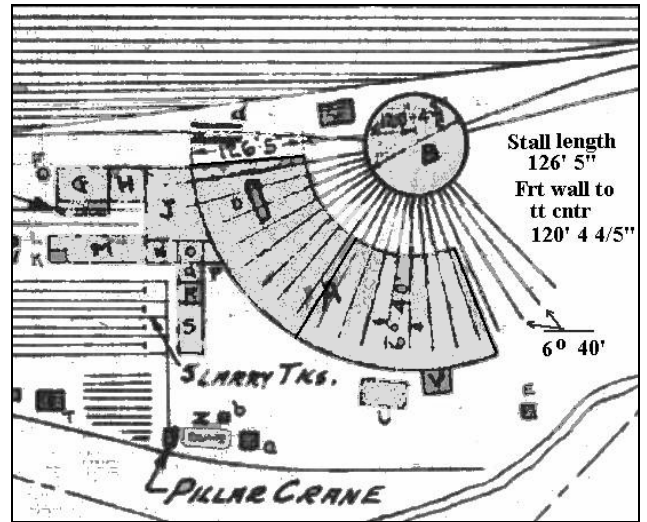
For those of you who believe that we have layouts that would look good on the NMRA Calendar, now is your chance. The call has been made for calendar photos. The deadline is July 14th, so send those slides or 8x10's in NOW.

Calendar Project
Attn: Gorden Belt
4121 Cromwell Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

RR Historical Societies

Remember that I said that they are a great place to pick up information? On my *Railroads of Madison County* web site (<http://madisonrails.railfan.net>) on the South Anderson Yard photo page, I have a picture of the NYC roundhouse that used to be there. I received mechanical drawings from the NYCSHS that contained a location drawing of the roundhouse when it had 16 stalls. It contained enough dimensional info that the photo and drawing could be used to build a reasonable model of it as either the 8 stall that it was in the 50s or the older 16 stall original version. Yes, photos, drawings and descriptions from these societies can be a real aid in our modeling..

Roger



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