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4H Building, Hendricks County Fairgrounds

**Dealer Show & Meet - 10 AM to 3 PM -**

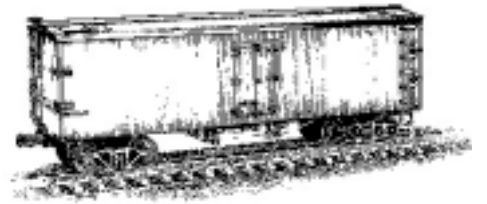
**CID Annual Meeting - 10:30 AM**

Layouts, Clinics and Contests: Photo and Model,

**Popular Vote: Favorite Train & Favorite Refrigerator Car**

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

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



**April 25, 2004**

**'Highway 46' Layout Tour - Columbus-Bloomington** (see page 5 for details)

**Summer Activity - TBA**

**September 25, 2004 (Saturday) - Bedford IN**

**November 13, 2004 (Saturday) - Pike Twp**

**Extra Board**

**March 6, 2004 - Naptown & White River Model RR Club and St. Joe Show combined show**

10:00AM to 3:00PM - Central Catholic School, 1155 East Cameron, Indianapolis

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**April 23, 24, 25, 2004 - New York Central System Historical Society Annual Meeting & Train Show**

Clarion Hotel Waterfront Plaza, Indianapolis

**For more Information:** <http://cid.railfan.net/> Schedule page or <http://www.nycshs.org/newsindymeet.html>

**May 1-2, 2004 - Allegheny & Western Club Open House**

May 1 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM and May 2 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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**For more Information:** Bill Moore 317-293-2402

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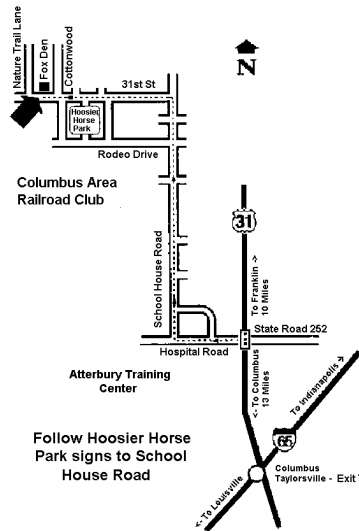
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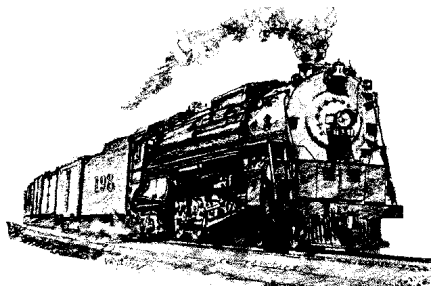
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# Central Indiana Division N.M.R.A.

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## Model Railroad Show and Meet Sunday - March 28, 2004

**Location:** 4-H Building - Hendricks County Fairgrounds  
Old U.S. 36 Danville, IN

**Time:** 10 AM to 3 PM

**Admission:** \$3.00 per person.  
Children 12 and under FREE with paying Adult

**Dealer Tables - Operating Layouts - Contests - Door Prizes**

**Dealer Tables \$12 ea [8 foot] & \$10.00 ea [6 foot]- Set Up 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM  
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**Activity Schedule:**

10:30 - CID Annual Meeting & State of the Division Report

**Scheduled Clinics:**

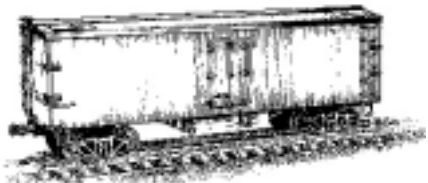
KIT (Kids In Trains) plus 2 basic layout modeling Clinics

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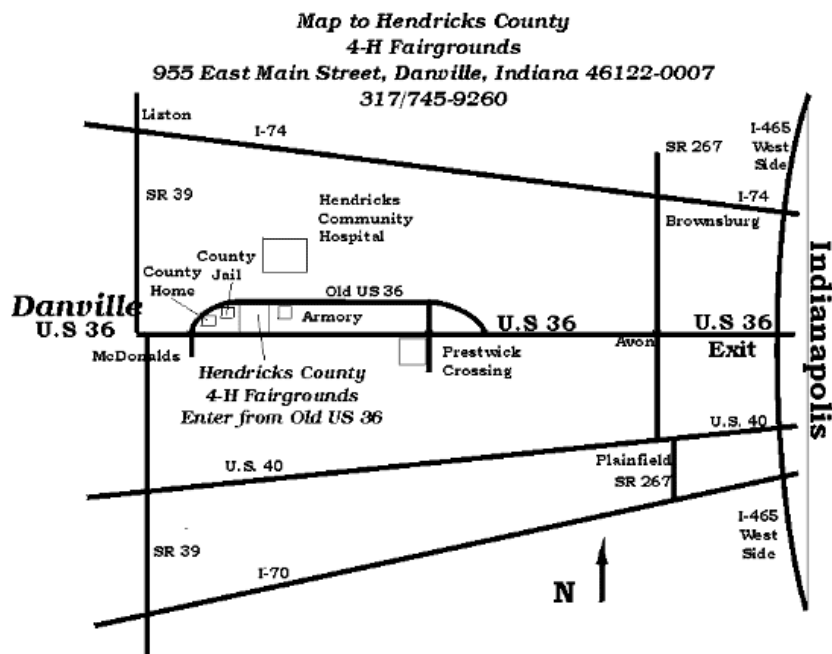
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Favorite Train**

**Favorite Refrigerator Car**



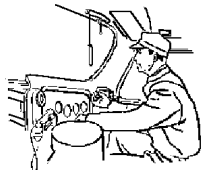
**Door Prizes  
good at any dealer present  
on this day only.**

**Next CID Meet:  
September 25, 2004 at Bedford IN**



## Super Sez

by Larry Gilbert



### N.M.R.A. Long Range Plan

I hope everyone had a safe holiday season. We just had our January meet in Noblesville. It was one of the best ever. The Auction was fantastic and if you missed it you missed some of the finest items we have ever had. There were many collectibles donated to us this year which really helped make the Auction the great success that it was.

In the near future you will be receiving or should have by now received the ballot for the LRP (long range plan) for the NMRA. This plan has been worked on for the past ten years by the BOT of the NMRA. It is not a perfect document but with 17 different Trustees it would be impossible to please everybody. I would hope that each and every one of you will vote for the LRP. A no vote will not shut down the NMRA but it will make it very hard to continue to operate in the manner that we have in the past. The present system is working but barely. So help this Organization step into the twenty-first century and vote yes to the proposed changes. **Our organization needs it.**

*Your CID Super  
Larry*



### Noblesville Model Judging Report

By Tom Cain

#### Favorite Train Contest (Popular Vote)

The winner of the Favorite Train popular vote contest was **Bryan Lemonds'** Denver and Rio Grande Western Coal Train. Bryan's train was a treat as it was specially equipped with an auxiliary water tank care to give it extra range. Bryan had pictures of the original setup to verify its prototypical accuracy. **Richard McPherson** brought a favorite train, which used a set of A-B-B-A EMD F-unit demonstrators pulling some tank cars from his tank car collection. It was very colorful.

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**Bill Litkenhous** provided a favorite train of one of the unique Denver and Rio Grande Galloping Goose vehicles. I was glad that Bill was nearby to answer questions about what it was for some who were not familiar with Colorado railroads. **Ron Rendfeld** provided a old time O scale train and if you looked close you would have noticed that it had link and pin couplers. Larry Gilbert provided a modern N scale train including one car with prototypical graffiti on its sides.

#### Favorite Passenger Car Contest

The winner of the Favorite Passenger car was **Richard McPherson** who provided a set of two passenger cars. Their older era and loads of detail really caught everyone's eye. **Bill Litkenhous** provided an observation car with lighted marker lights and lighted drumhead. **Tom Cain** provided a dome car with passengers visible in the dome area.

#### Model Judging results

Two models were submitted for judging. **David Clendenin** provided an S scale Budwiser reefer. It was an interesting and difficult model to build and was very well executed. David kitbashed the kit converting it from a 50' car to a 40' car.

**Frank Hermanek** provided an HO scale Rock Island caboose. This was a scratchbuilt model which he used plans he researched from Internet sites. Frank got 19 of 20 points in the "Finish and Lettering" section. Frank's model scored 107 points, which made him eligible for a merit award.

*Thomas Cain*

#### Scheduled Board Meeting Dates are:

*May 16th - Aug 15th - Nov 21st*

*CID Board Meetings will be held at the  
Fall Creek Township Hall – Fishers, IN  
116th Street and Brook School Road*

*Look for the old schoolhouse on the corner  
Meetings start at 1:00 PM*

*CID members are welcome.*

**Board members can confirm location and date.**

## Highway 46 Model Railroad Layout Tour

By Bill Litkenhous

The date of the tour is **April 25, 2004**.

The starting point is the **Columbus Area Railroad Club** at the Johnson County Park at Camp Atterbury. Maps of the tour will be available at the club from 11:00 am until 2:00 p.m. (map to the Columbus Club is on page 2 - rph)

**Al Askerberg's** OT&W and **Ron Lane's** Mann's Creek Columbus area layouts will be open from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m. .

The Eastern Bloomington layouts of **Bryan Lemonds'** D&RGW Utah Division, **Bob Talbot's** L&N Railroad, and **Pete Petigo's** large scale layout (11/2 inch scale).will be open from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Western Bloomington layouts of **Keith Clark's** Ellettsville Northern and **Steve Studley's** Midwest Central will be open from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

*After the tour there will be a gathering (after glow) at the **Golden Corral**, 166 Franklin Road in Bloomington to allow all of the participant's to interface with each other and to have a generally good time talking about the experience*

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### Highway 46 Tour

#### - Columbus Area Railroad Club -

The club room is located in the Foxes Den at Johnson County Park, Camp Atterbury. (map in Ad on Page 2) An extensive HO layout, an N scale layout, and an Fn3 depression era layout are all under construction and well along. Work is also now underway on an S scale layout.

They have a good library with an extensive organized collection of most major model railroad periodicals, and a good collection of books on modeling techniques and general railroad interest as well as a collection of videos and a computer for online research.

#### - Al Askerberg -

Al Askerberg's OT&W, an On30 layout of a fictional line in Depression-era Maine, is inspired by the Maine two-footers. The scenery and architecture, however, are designed to evoke the spirit of the time and place. Everything except some Bachmann Porters and die cast automobiles is either scratch built or bashed. The hand laid track work is complete except for a second turntable, and the scenery is about 75% complete. The layout also provides a stage set for his model scene photography. Some samples of that photography will also be on display.



Also under construction is an S scale standard gauge layout. The hand laid track work was just begun in January. Much, if not all of the track work will be complete by the tour and some scenery will be in place. This line is inspired by late 40s short line railroading.

#### - Ron Lane's Mann's Creek -

Ron Lane's Mann's Creek Railway recreates scenes from his research and the book "*West Virginia Narrow Gauge-Mann's Creek Railway*", with a standard gauge C&O loop, and a point-to-point Mann's Creek Railway in HON3. The model railroad is small, housed in a room approximately 11 x 15 feet. An NCE DCC system is just being installed now, while sections of the C&O trackage were handlaid about 30 years ago! All structures are scratchbuilt (including mock-ups!), and the scenery is 50 percent complete, most of it roughed in with Styrofoam sections. Ron's Clifftop mine complex won first place-dioramas at the 1966 National NMRA convention. He has been awarded the Master Builder-Structures, and Master Builder-Cars achievement certificates, as well as the Model Railroad Author certificate. He is working on the prototype model, scenery, civil, and electrical requirements now. Also on display is his Sewell telegraph tower, a full-scale octagonal gazebo built from an 1892 C&O drawing.

The Eastern Bloomington layouts

#### - Bryan Lemonds' D&RGW -

Bryan Lemonds' Salt Lake Division of the Denver & Rio Grande Western is a HO model railroad in a 25'x70' basement room in Bloomington, Indiana. The railroad follows the Rio Grande from Grand Junction Colorado, to Salt Lake City, Utah in 1953. The mainline is 300 feet of handlaid trackwork with studwall benchwork. The track plan is a sincere linear design with open staging and features dual helper grades. The control system is Easy DCC with Radio Control Throttles and Soundtraxx and Digitrax decoders. The queen of the fleet is a brass 12 car California Zephyr set with 3 Life-Like sound equipped PAs on the point. Make the short drive to Utah and enjoy how mountain railroading use to be. (Continued on page 7)

**Extra Board (Continued)**

**September 11, 2004 (Saturday)**

**Fourth Annual Heartnut Festival**

**Train Show & Swap Meet**

Hosted by the Columbus Area Railroad Club

Fox Den Building at Johnson County Park

Hours 10 AM until 3 PM

**Admission:** \$2.00 Children 12 and under are free

**Dealer Tables:** six feet at \$10 per table (space is limited)

Food will be available.

The Meet will feature the Club's Layouts in N, HO, & new S layout!

**For more information or to reserve space:**

Contact Bob Morrison at 812-378-4275

**CID CD Flyer**

The first ever CID CD has been created. This is available **free** to any CID member by simply showing your NMRA membership card at a MEET. Anyone living outside of the drive time to the Meet areas can request one by mail or e-mail from the Chief Clerk or *Rusty Spike* Editor (see page 2 for addresses). Be sure to include your name and address and NMRA membership number. Non NMRA members may purchase one at Meets for \$5.00. It is also available to anyone joining the NMRA at one of our Meets or at our booth at GATS shows.

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# Final Run



## Morton Levy of N Gauge Train Shop

I visited the N Scale shop on Sunday December 20, 2003 and Mort's Sons had a notice from the IndyStar laid out.

From INDYSTAR.COM  
December 6, 2003

Morton Lawrence David Levy 67, Indianapolis, passed away December 3, 2003. He was the owner of the "N" Gauge Train Shop. Morton retired from the United States Air Force in 1983 as a Master Sergeant after 28 years of service. Survivors include his Wife Reiko K Levy, Sons David K., Bruce T., Arthur N. Levy, and six Grandchildren.

Mort died on his Wife's birthday. Dave told me they think he choked on something. Mort had been in the nursing home for almost 4 years. Dave also told me they are looking for a buyer for the train store and would like for it to stay in the same location. He did not say that was a condition of the sale but hinted that is what the family wanted. Anybody have some spare change they would like to invest in a ongoing business.

*Larry E. Gilbert*

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## Highway 46 Tour (continued)

### Bob Talbot's L&N Railroad

Bob Talbot's Laurel River division of the L&N railroad is set in the hills of Eastern Kentucky, extending northward to the Cincinnati area. The southern terminus is at the Clinchfield-Dante W. Va. area. This "freelanced" prototype railroad is a point to point layout, with each terminus continuing via a central helix to a lower staging yard and balloon track. Operations allow trains to come "on line" at each terminus, proceed through the layout from either north or south, and return to the helix after each run through. Thus far, after six years of construction, all benchwork, and trackwork has been completed. Operations have begun, and scenery is now in the initial stages. The layout is housed in a basement room 18 X 38, with the track level set at 51 inches off the floor.

### Pete Petigo's large scale layout

Pete Pedigo's New Unionville & Western RR is a 1/8th-scale model railroad currently under construction on 45 acres between New Unionville and Bloomington, Indiana. This scale operates on a track gauge of 7 1/2". Persons in this hobby are called Live Steamers because of

the steam engines so many own and operate along with electric and diesel models. The topography for this railroad consists of 15 acres of hilly pasture with a lake and 30 acres of heavily forested rough topography. A 175', poured in place, concrete tunnel was built to get from one side of the ridge to the other. While excavating for the tunnel a solid layer of limestone was encountered. It was necessary to remove 2 feet of limestone from the floor of the tunnel to keep the grades under the 3% maximum desired for the railroad. The railroad is NOT yet operational. The right of way has been graded. A shelterhouse and diesel shop have recently been completed.

## The Ellettsville (Western Bloomington) layouts

### Keith Clark's Ellettsville Northern

Keith Clark's Ellettsville Northern is a freelanced HO railroad occupying a 15'x27' room. The track plan is a folded over dog bone with 180' of mainline consisting of hand laid code 83 rail and turnouts laid on homasote. Mainline radius is a minimum 28" with #6 turnouts or greater and a 2 percent maximum grade. The layout was originally designed for continuous running but was converted to a point to point railroad for operations. Operating sessions on the layout incorporate the use of car cards and a dispatcher controls trains. The layout has been recently converted to DCC from Cab control. The layout height is 48" to 54" and uses L-girder construction. There is a large stub ended yard, an intermediate smaller yard and a staging areas at each end of the layout, one of which is reached by way of a helix. Scenery on the railroad is approximately 50 percent complete and uses plaster over paper bag to depict hilly terrain with rock cuts and out cropping.

### Steve Studley's Midwest Central

The MC is an HO free-lance railroad operating as a bridge route from Vincennes to Indianapolis with branchlines to the coalfields around Linton and to the Ohio River at Alton. Interchange traffic is provided by (Keith Clark's) the Ellettsville Northern at Clark Junction, the Indiana Southern Railroad at Plainville, and the CP/SOO at Bedford.

Construction of the linear design, double-deck, open-grid, plywood benchwork started in 1997 with 2/3rds of the main in place. Visible trackwork is handlaid code 83 on Homasote supported by spline subroadbed. Code 100 flex is used for hidden trackage including the double-track helix. The railroad was designed from the start with operations in mind. Car forwarding will be controlled with car cards and waybills. Track occupancy is managed with Direct Traffic Control (DTC). Train control is with DCC.

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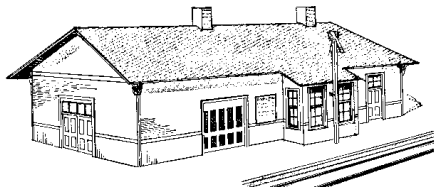
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## The Depot



### First, An Apology

Firs, I need to make an apology to Chuck Macklin of Railroad Books for dropping his advertisement out of the last issue of the Rusty Spike. I was so wrapped up in getting the Auction List in that I didn't notice that his ad had slipped out. I am truly very sorry about that. I had given him a spot on page four and that is where you should find him. Chuck handles a large variety of historical and technology books in addition to the railroad books that you would expect. You can visit his web site at:

[www.railroadbooks.biz](http://www.railroadbooks.biz)

### And the Long Range Plan...

I recommend a vote YES for the changes to the NMRA as described in the LRP. Why? The NMRA needs to streamline the Board of Trustees. The Board members do not represent the Regions TO the National, but act for the good of the NMRA as a whole. Our current system is cumbersome and widely misunderstood. Decisions at the Board level can seem to pit the interests of Regions against National, and this is not good.

I have watched the cussing and discussing of the LRP by members of the General@ discussion list and it seems to me that some of those against the plan may be concerned about losing a perceived 'political' or 'financial' power in their region. Speaking for myself, I joined the NMRA and not a region. I will also say that these changes will ultimately make everyone a member of their region and division when they join the NMRA, and that is a good thing. As here in the CID, members of the NMRA are automatically members of the division and it works well. I can only see good for everyone coming out of this change as I firmly believe that regions and divisions should be open to and service ALL NMRA members in their area.

The other changes are dotting the 'I's and crossing the 'T's. to bring us into compliance with Ohio's laws and cleaning up the Board to help it function better. When the Board works better, the NMRA will work better.

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### And The Year Was 19 \_\_

The year for last issue's Rusty Spike article on Indianapolis winning out over other locations for the site of N.M.R.A. National Headquarters was January 1976. Too bad it ultimately didn't happen. If you didn't remember, or just made an educated guess, try this month's "Year Was" article.

I noticed at our Noblesville meet there were more models to be judged than at our last meet. Could this be a trend? Ah, but then I started looking in the archives and found a Spike that reported 33 entries in the model contest at one of our meets. Care to guess which year it was? Before you try let me give some more hints in the form of mentioning the first, second and third place winners in the various categories.

### Novice Category

Motive Power - Thomas Carroll, James Mackey, David Brown Structures; Steve Brewer, Marvin Crim, Pat Held Scenic Display; Bob Nagel, Richard Wolf, Bob Nagel (not a misprint - Bob won first & second)

### Advanced Category

Motive Power; Jim Wilhite Rolling Stock; D W Rittenour, D W Rittenour, Bob Nagel Structures; David Petty, David Petty, Luana Wilhite Scenic Display; Ed Sites Traction; H. R. Blackburn

You probably noticed some categories only had a first, or a first and second place awarded. That was because each model had to meet or exceed the minimum requirements for a first place award. The judges were Ted Luce, Martin Curtis, and Jerry Blake.

Now, some of you may be thinking, "I could never do anything like that as I'm not that good of a modeler". Well, let me try and dissuade you from that type of thinking. Do you know you can enter your models into a Favorite Train contest at our meets? And, do you know we also have another favorite at each meet and it varies from meet to meet? So, in Danville we will have Favorite Train and Favorite Refer Contests. These contests are won by votes cast by attendees at our meets - meaning you and I, and anyone able to fill out a blank and deposit it in the Favorite Ballot Box can vote for our favorite!

Now, let me tell you about current CID model contests and model judging. No longer are modelers pitted against one another. Rather each model is judged solely on its own merits! I know you have it in you. Bring on your models. You may be awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate for your efforts. And the rest of us get to see some marvelous models.

I know we can exceed the 33 models as reported in the Rusty Spike of June 19 -- oops you tell me. The year was?

*Al Kohut*

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