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- Division Schedule -

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August 1, 2004 (Sunday) - Noblesville, IN (page 3)
Picnic at Forest Park & Possible Garden RR Tour

September 25, 2004 (Saturday) - Bedford, IN

Bedford National Guard Armory,
2020 19th Street, Bedford

Dealer Show & Meet - 11 AM to 3 PM -

Layouts, Clinics and Contests: Photo, Model,

Popular Vote: Favorite Train & Favorite Locomotive

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

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

GATS - October 16 and 17, 2004 - Indianapolis

November 13, 2004 (Saturday) - Pike Twp

January 30, 2005 (Sunday) - Noblesville

Extra Board

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

Featuring the Club's Layouts in N, HO, & new S layout! - 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.

For more information or to reserve space: Bob Morrison at 812-378-4275

November 20, 2004 (Saturday) - Indianapolis S Show

All S scale Model Railroad Show and Meet

Carmel Lions Clubhouse, 141 East Main Street, Carmel IN (5 Miles north of Indianapolis / I 465)

Dealer Tables - Clinics - Contests/Popular Vote - Door Prizes - **Hours:** 10 AM to 3 PM (Show open to the Public)

Admission: \$5.00 per person (Children 15 and under FREE with paying Adult)

Dealer Tables: \$10.00 Each (8 Foot) - Set-up 7:00AM to 10:00AM

For more information: Contact: Charles Malinowski (317) 566-1748 or bmry1905@yahoo.com

!! NOTICE !!
The Board Meeting Scheduled
For Aug 15th
at the
Fall Creek Township Hall - Fishers, IN
Has been canceled

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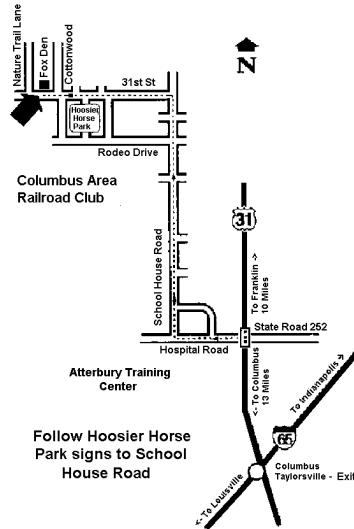
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The Columbus Area Railroad Club is dedicated to serving all those interested in the preservation of railroad history through the use of modeling, photography, artifact preservation, and railfanning.

Regular monthly meetings 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

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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)

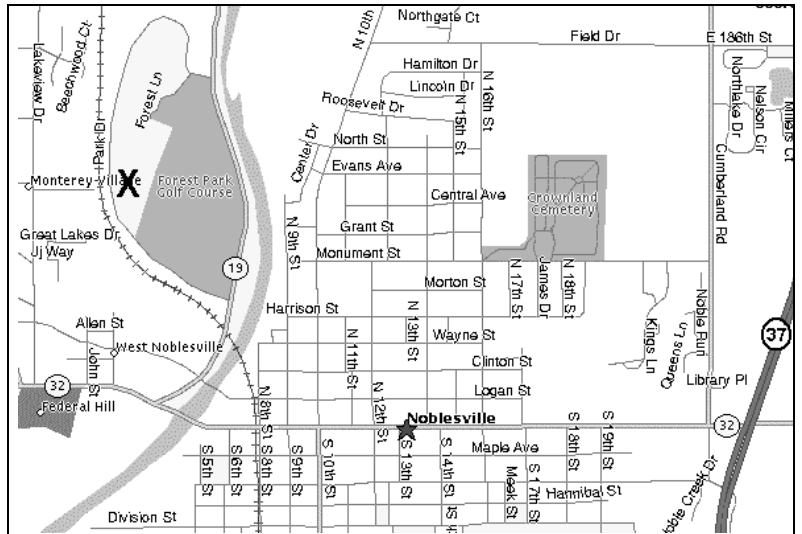
The Museum is located in Forest Park, which is less than 1 mile north of State Route 32 on State Route 19, North and West of downtown Noblesville. Enter at either the North or South entrance and follow the main road to the Museum.

When: Sunday August 1, 2004
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.

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**



(Indiana Transportation Museum admission is not included.)

We hope to have several Garden Gauge layouts to visit after the picnic, but nothing has been firmed at press time. Check the Web site for the latest information.

Next CID Meet: September 25, 2004 at Bedford IN

?? And The Year Was 19 __ ??

Did anyone figure out the year all those contest entries were made? The last article mentioned that 33 were entered at one meet alone but didn't mention the year was 1975.

For this article I thought I'd put a twist on things. My wife and I just celebrated our 25th anniversary so I looked up what was reported 25 years ago in the April 1979 Rusty Spike. Well, now you know the year but can you guess which of the following appeared in that Spike?

- Initiation of a \$1.00 fee at meets for all over age of 16
- Luana Wilhite had clinic on crocheting miniature place mats for use in model Dining Cars.
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**Kids In Trains Report
By Bob Morrison**

The 7 Participants at the Danville Meet were:
 Damon Belford Age 5 Jacob Lemmons Age 11
 Kyle Black Age 5.9 Rorik Simpson Age 13
 Jared Fox Age 11 Zach Simunic Age 7
 Goffrey Goodwin Age 11



Danville Model Judging Report

Favorite Train Contest (Popular Vote)

1st Bill Litkenhous – Bedford
 Pennsy 'South Wind Steam Train. – HO

Favorite Reefer Contest (Popular Vote)

1st Richard McPherson – Muncie
 U.P. Reefer (Westerfield Kit) - HO

Structure – Off Line

Gold Award Frank Hughes - Indianapolis
 1890's Small Town Courthouse
 HO – 115pts

Structure – Off Line

Gold Award Frank Hermanek - Indianapolis
 Small Country Roadway Concrete River
 Bridge
 HO – 100pts

Structure – On Line

Gold Award Frank Hermanek - Indianapolis
 CRI&P 3 span Deck Girder Bridge
 HO – 113pts

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**It's Judging, Not Competition.
By Tom Cain**

One of the activities usually occurring at CID meets has been model contests. Several members might bring their models and we would see which were the best. If three models were entered in a contest there would be First Place, Second Place, and Third Place awards given. In these situations one could surmise which models were better than the others in the eyes of the judges. What observers were not able to tell, though, was how much better one model might be to another. Maybe all three were relatively equal or maybe one was outstanding and the others were of a medium level of expertise. The Central Indiana Division of the NMRA board discussed this concern last year and decided to modify this activity to be considered model judging instead of being a model contest. After all, model railroading is a hobby aimed at giving us a personal level of satisfaction for our work rather than being a competitive activity.

The point system established for judging models is still based on the existing NMRA guidelines. The number of points to receive an Achievement Award is still 87.5. What the Board decided to do was to also give a "Gold Award" to anyone who reached the Achievement Award level of 87.5 points. Anyone who scored 76 points or more would receive a "Silver Award," and anyone who scored 50 points or more

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**The Next Scheduled Board Meeting Date
is: 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.*

Final Run



Denny Aleksa

Jim Wilhite: I heard today (April 1, 2004) from Wayne Maple of Train Central, that Denny Aleksa passed away over the weekend. He was 58 years old. He had suffered a stroke a few years ago from which he recovered. Denny has attended our meets as a dealer, selling scratch-built and custom buildings. He has also custom painted backdrops for several layouts in the division in people's homes.

Matt Hewitt: Denny had gone through 2 brain tumor operations. He was a very accomplished artist. He was always let down that his train paintings didn't sell well. I have two stations that he built, they will proudly be on my layout. Even though I am a scratch builder, I always enjoyed his work. Denny was also a musician, playing in a local Indy band, and built stringed instruments. I will miss Denny's company at the shows.

Mike Nicoletti: It is a great loss for the Mid-West Region with the passing of Denny Aleksa. He was a kind and friendly man. Many of us have examples of his handy work sitting on our layouts. I have three buildings that he scratch built. He always had good words to say and was always helpful in assisting us to realize our model railroad dreams. He had an eye for beauty and detail. His oil paintings were great. They captured the glory and history of the mid-west railroads. Denny will be missed by many, and there will be a gap left in our hobby for some time to come. In these troubled times, men like Denny are "Jewels" to be treasured and remembered. A prayer goes out to Denny's family and friends.

Judging, Not Competition. (Continued from Page 4)

would receive a "Bronze Award." One of the nice results of this is that if all three models entered were of suburb quality, all would receive the "Gold Award."

I'm going to add a little postscript to the Judging subject. I have recently purchased some ready to run models that approach the level of detail and finish that are normally only seen in model contests. Does that mean that model judging is going to be a thing of the past? Well, I hope not as there will always be some models of rolling stock, or structures that you just can't buy off the shelf. I don't think anyone has done a good model of helium tank cars recently. (Want to start a good debate? Ask one of your train email lists if a loaded helium car is heavier or lighter when loaded. Answer: It's heavier because it is



compressed and there's lots of it.) I'm getting ready to build a model of the Union Station in Joliet, Illinois and no one makes a model of that building. So these kinds of projects are ideal subjects for model judging.

Tom Cain

An Editorial

Hobby Notes

A number of things have happened in our hobby lately. Many of you will know about them, but others will not, so here are some of them.

Horizon Hobbies, the RC Airplanes, Helicopters, Boats, Cars, RC Radios and Slot Cars people have bought out both **Athearn** and **MDC/Roundhouse**. If you begin to see less **Athearn** Blue Box and **MDC/Roundhouse** kits on your local dealer's shelves, perhaps it is because Horizon will not sell to other distributors and requires a minimum buy of \$500 a month wholesale to be one of their dealers. Having once owned a hobby shop, I can say that I would not have been able to meet this requirement.

In other news, **Union Pacific** has sued both **Athearn** and **Lionel** for Trademark violations. U.P. claims that a model manufacturer cannot use any of the logos of the Railroads that U.P. has taken over without paying them a royalty. **CSX** has followed suit by claiming the NYC logo even though **American Premier Underwriters**, the PC successor, apparently still owns it. Neither U.P. nor **CSX** seem to be able to move trains, but they can demand payments from every model manufacturer of locomotives, rolling stock and decals.

Lastly, **MTH** has sued **Lionel** in Federal court over 'stolen' plans and won a 40+ million dollar judgment. **MTH** has also patented **DCC** theory beyond the basics and demands royalties from anyone using the advanced **DCC** enhancements even though they did not develop them, but they are an outgrowth of **Lenz** development and **NMRA Standards and RPs** as developed by the **NMRA DCC Working Group**. **MTH** may have destroyed **Lionel** and has single-handedly halted further free development of **DCC**.

Our hobby has changed. You decide whether it is for the better or not.

Roger

2004 Election Results

80 ballots were cast.

The following were reelected (all were unopposed).

Superintendent: Larry Gilbert

Asst. Superintendent: Tom Cain

Chief Clerk: Al Kohut

Paymaster: Frank Hermanek

2 year Trainmaster

Roger Hensley

Trevor Jones

Charles Malinowski

1 year Trainmaster

Jim Wilhite

Mike Nicoletti and Wayne Maple finished just off of the pace.

Pike ads are not included on the pdf version.

See the Pike Ads page on the CID web site for the current ads.

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Rail Quiz



How well do you know the history of your hobby?

By Matt Hewitt

- 1) What famous Model Railroad has its own historical society?
- 2) What was the cover shot on *Railroad Model Craftsman's* 25th Anniversary magazine? (clue: it was built by Bill McCanahan)
- 3) In what year did George Sellios, owner of "Fine Scale Miniatures" place his first ad in *Model Railroader* magazine?
- 4) In what basement does the NEB&W model railroad reside?
- 5) In what town did Gordon Varney grow up, and what university did he attend?
- 6) In what year did Paul E. Larson, Editor of *Model Railroader* and John Allen, builder of the **Gorre & Daphetid** pass away?
- 7) Which model railroader is probably credited with bringing the computer into our hobby? (He's also known for his wiring and has written a book on operation.)
- 8) Can you name the model railroader who helped found the **Nickel Plate Road Historical Society**?
- 9) What did Allen McClelland have a jeweler make for his V&O Railroad on November 25, 1962? (You may need a jeweler's services some day yourself.)
- 10) In just one word, what is it that the **N.M.R.A.** has done to keep our rolling stock in tow and our engines on the tracks?

[Answers on Page 9]

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Newest Feature on the NMRA Web Site
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From AP Judged models to that special
model needed on a layout, they are all
scratchbuilt and on display for you.

Railfanning Today

By Tom Cain

I know that there are many of you model railroaders who are railfans as well. I'm one. It is all very different now. I think that it probably started changing in the 1960's with a greater concern for safety in regards to liability and litigation. Long gone are the days when a kid could hang around the railroad yard and get invited up into the locomotive cab while the yard switcher was doing its work. And now today with concerns about terrorism it has been ratcheted up several more levels. So what can you do to safely and appropriately observe the subject of our hobby?

There are many public places where train movements can be observed, such as at grade crossings or station platforms. Bridges over tracks are also good, but it would be smart to put yourself to one side of the tracks instead of directly over the tracks. That's what you want to do anyway for that good sideview picture. One of the smartest strategies is to also be obvious about your presence. Wear bright clothes that can be easily seen. Stay out in the open so that it doesn't look like you are hiding. Wave to the engineers in a friendly manner. Don't wave so enthusiastically that it looks like you are signaling danger or trouble. My experience (and that of my friends) has been that if you are waving and being obvious about yourself, you will get a wave back and a friendly signal of the horn. We've had engineers give us the traditional grade crossing signal even when on a bridge, which is a nice touch if you are making a videotape of the event. We've even had engineers give us "Shave and a haircut, two bits."

If you are approached by railroad security, reply in a friendly manner and follow any directions that they give you. My friends and I encountered a railroad security officer once in Emporia, Kansas, and after he established who he was we had a nice chat and then he gave us some additional suggestions of places that would be good locations to take pictures of trains. It is my opinion that we should never challenge or question the directions of the railroad police as they are just doing their job and the last thing that we want to do is to make the jobs of railroad employees more difficult. Remember, we are their fans.

Thomas Cain

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Pike Ads

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See the Pike Ad

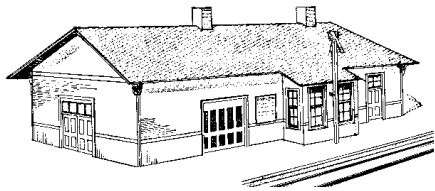
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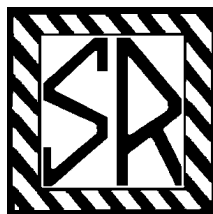


On-Board Sound

Sunday night May 2nd, I got to see one of the new **Broadway Limited Imports** HO Mikados up close and personal. Yes, I operated it. The sound is quite good for something in HO (the bell sounds like a bell, etc.) and adds a lot to the operation. I had seen the Hudson before, but not operated it. Using DCC, I started the Bell ringing and then whistled up to leave. As I cracked the throttle open, I listened to the steam sounds coordinate with the increase in speed as our consist began to roll back toward the tunnel on Matt Hewitt's layout. When you throttle back to a stop, the sounds of a waiting steam loco take over. Sounds that I recall from younger years, sounds that made the steam loco a living, breathing thing. After a few minutes of operation, I backed the empty coal hoppers to a stop under the tipple and listened to the loco sounds again before I shut down completely. Matt looked at me and asked, "It'll be about a year, but can I pencil you in for an operating session?" Maybe, Matt, maybe. Gee, it's almost enough to make me want to get one... almost.

Years ago, I put city and train background sounds on my layout using three cassette tape players because I felt that it added tons to the feeling of reality in the operation, but I had never operated on-board sound. Beautiful. Fortunately, I operate predominately with diesels and even tho sound would be nice, it isn't the same.

Oh, for Monon fans, it was a BLI Monon Mikado. Of course, the Monon markings will have to go to be replaced by Matt's Shadowton Ridge North markings. Sorry, guys.



Roger

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Answers to the History Quiz

- 1) V & O
- 2) Texas and Rio Grande Western. Built by Bill McCanahan
- 3) 1967
- 4) Davison Hall of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy NY
- 5) Indianapolis and Purdue University
- 6) 1973
- 7) Bruce Chubb
- 8) Tony Koester
- 9) A Golden Spike
- 10) Standardization (or Standards)

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