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There were large crowds of all ages enjoying the show this year at the Boone County 4H fairgrounds.

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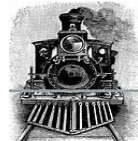
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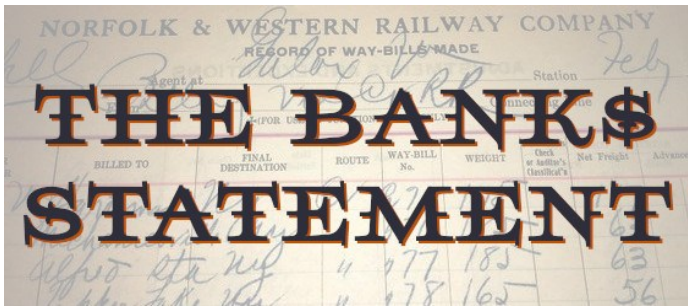
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Hello CID!

Spring is in the air, by fits and bits, but it is coming. I look back on CID happenings this winter as the heavy months of model railroading begin to draw down a bit. It's 51 degrees at 10pm on Mardi Gras as I write this. I model year round and I LOVE the snow but I tell you, I am really looking forward to getting my hands in some gardening dirt! Layout plans give way to garden plans and the cycle of time continues. The CID did a lot this winter.

We had the Lebanon show which is always a hit. Dave Nance was solo as the show manager this year and did a fantastic job! We had a display show at the Avon Library where CID members introduced library patrons to model railroading through modular layouts. We had a fantastic modeler's meet in January (another modeler's meet is quickly approaching on April 5th). We also had a booth at the Greatest Hobby train show. I love that show because we aren't responsible for anything other than manning our booth. That means instead of running a show, we just get to interact with people.

We had multiple small layouts in our booth and so many people that we had plenty of time to get out of the booth and walk around. We talked to a LOT of people about the hobby. We assisted some in getting started. We blew away the excuse for several that they might not have room with Ellen's Z and T scale layouts. We interacted with area clubs, including a newly re-formed model railroad

club at Rose Hulman.

We had a chance to talk to them about coming and visiting this next year. They are in early setup mode but we look forward to seeing more of them. We also got to hang out with the Purdue club at Lebanon. The club was in some financial need as I have previously written about, we made a \$5000 donation to the club. We'll be doing some events with them in the future as well. We have had CID members visit the club and increase that interaction. Eric Peterson is also working with them to see if there is interest in starting a Purdue chapter of American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association (AREMA). The NMRA provides so many opportunities to promote the hobby, meet some amazing people, and have a lot of fun.

While there have been a lot of positive things over the winter, I learned today of one that isn't happy. I learned of the passing of CID member Roger Hensley. Roger and I have lived in the same town for decades. I met Roger a couple of decades ago outside the NMRA. He was a tireless ambassador for the hobby, historian, and always in possession of a smile to greet you with. There is a tribute to Roger in this issue of the Rusty Spike

I hope all of you have a great spring and I look forward to seeing you at the modeler's meet, a couple of in person Track Talk events. Get out and enjoy the spring air, get your hands in the dirt if you like to garden, dust off the mower, and enjoy the beauty of spring!

Daniel Banks
CID Superintendent



Upcoming Events

– Division Schedule –



MODELER'S MEET at the CARMEL CLAY HISTORY MUSEUM

Hold on to your hats Monon lovers! Our next CID modeler's Meet will be held at the CARMEL CLAY HISTORICAL MUSEUM located at 211 1st Street SW, Carmel, IN. This event runs from 10 A.M. To 3 P.M. On Saturday April 5th, 2025. Come and see all the historical material! An original railroad depot is located immediately—connected--to the museum. One of our Members, Charles Malinowski, has an S scale diorama on display there.

We will be having a “How to make realistic water” presentation from David Mashino. Other Members will be bringing items of interest to share with our group. This UNIQUE and historical location to hold a Modeler's Meet may very well result in a record number of attendees. There are several places to eat lunch within walking distance.

Don't miss this one, because it may never happen again. The Carmel Clay Historical Society has been gracious in allowing us the use of its second floor space—including deluxe conference room.

See you there!

In Person Track Talk - Saturday May 3rd

Thomas Farrel Layout Visit — Look for an email with further information on location and time for a look at this highly detailed layout in the Bloomington area.

2025 NMRA National Convention & Train Show

July 14-19, 2025. Novi, Michigan

The 2025 national convention will be held in the Detroit, Michigan area (this includes the annual convention and the National Train Show). Novi, Michigan is a relatively short drive for modelers in the Midwest. Plan to participate in the annual conference activities!

For 2025 NMRA Convention info: [CLICK HERE](#)

For National Train Show info: [CLICK HERE](#)

– Extra Board –

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The item will be placed here free of charge space permitting.

Are you wondering about upcoming train shows and events in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan? Go to the CID home page under [Train Shows / Master Listing](#) to find a listing of many events that might be of interest. It has new, regular and cancelled events to help you make plans. This list also includes NMRA events. Updated lists will be posted as received or you can go to www.TrainShowList.com

The CID's Lebanon Show

By Dan Banks

Photos by Dave Nance and Rich Seymour

This year's Lebanon Train Show was a great event! Some quick numbers for the show: we had around 560 people attend the train show and we sold 164 tables. We had several operating layouts. Trevor Jones brought his new Transylvania layout that he has been showing off at the last couple of modeler's meets. If you haven't attended one to see it, it is worth seeing him unload and load it up as it folds onto itself. CinTrak brought both their larger module as well as the T-Track layout. One of the modules is of the Bates Motel, with the scene modeled in black and white. It was very interesting to see!

And of course we had several of the most awesome people at the train show our volunteers. David Nance handled this show completely on his own this year after learning the ropes from Jim Shellhaus last year. A HUGE thank you to Jim for leading this show for multiple years and making the hand off easy to Dave. The CID recently purchased new table cloths which provide a much more professional look to the booth, along with the new signs we purchased last year. The CID settings have received some much needed and noticed spit and polish.



The show nicely filled both buildings with ample room for people to move around. Those larger aisles also provided a unique opportunity for the Purdue Model Railroad Club. I mentioned in the Banks' Statement that we donated to the club, but what I didn't mention was the size of the group! There were 11 current and past members.



The Purdue Railroad Club showed up in force!

Coming back for a visit was Alex, the previous club president. Alex went on to graduate and not only keep modeling, but go to work for the South Shore railroad. Back to that opportunity, you will notice the 1/8 scale locomotive in the group photo. Normally you would find that on a 7 1/4 inch gauge railroad. Spencer, the club president, built it and there isn't a lot of track around the Purdue campus so he improvised. Spencer wanted an ATV style locomotive so he attached 6 skateboard trucks into groups of 3, motorized them, and powered the whole thing via battery. What you get is a locomotive that you can ride on, but requires you to lean to the side when you want to turn. We had a great time with the club at this show!

We also handed out plaques for the contest season this past fall and we kicked off this season with a MOW theme. We had great entries but one modeler really brought his game by bringing in 9 entries, a whole MOW train! Eric Peterson's O scale models created a lot of conversation show attendees.

We had families. A LOT of families! We had a father, son, and grandkids make the trip up from Evansville. It was a long drive for them but the kids (of all ages) really enjoyed the show. We had a lot of local families show up as well. While we market to an email list and send info for all shows, it is much of our local advertising that brings in families to the local for them show. We get to meet hundreds of families each year. It's always a great way to promote the hobby while picking up some good deals. We give out some great advice to beginner model railroaders as well as answer the questions of more experienced modelers.

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Eric Peterson's excellent O scale Maintenance of Way display was a real attention grabber!

The main CID booth is always busy and serves as the nervous system of the show. Door prizes are given away there. This year's winners were Tim Hedge, Bill Baetz, David Buffington, and Dona Heater. While the primary booth is certainly busy, the CID maintains a secondary booth area on the opposite side of the building entrance. This is where you can find the contest table, the Inglenook Layout, and the test track. The Inglenook continues to be a huge hit with kids and adults alike. The test track is often a surprising area to work. You get to see some incredible stuff come to you for testing but it goes beyond just putting the loco on the track to see if it runs. You get a chance to talk to the people and show them how the loco runs over a range of speed, including the counter-intuitive fact of how well it runs at slow speed. Any model that runs will do well at high speed but does it run smoothly at a crawl. It's a chance to educate buyers and help them find some real gems and some possible troubleshooting when the testing doesn't quite go as well as it hoped.



Pedro Spicer took first in the modeling contest

Clean up is something far less people see happen. This facility is really nice in that we don't have to do much in the way of cleaning up. We enjoy some great fellowship as we take care of the to-do list and then chat about our finds of the day and share funny events of the day. We close up as the last vendors pack out and we stand in the parking lot for a few more minutes before finally heading home.

Like all great shows, the day starts with a huge buzz of activity, rolls through the day WAY too fast, and the vendors load out with less than they came in with. The camaraderie is awesome and it's sad when the show is over. This year was no different.

Thanks again to the show manager David Nance and all of our awesome volunteers. It is always a great show but we couldn't do it without you!



2024 Fall Modeler's Contest Results

If you ask me, these two mugs are getting *way* too familiar!

Well, if you are also tired of seeing them, then you need to step up and get active in the contest. We need some serious modelers to step up and dethrone these characters! We have many excellent modelers in the Central Indiana Division (including 6 MMRs). Surely we can get a little more participation and make this more of a contest!

The CID's modeling contest is broken up into two sessions, the Spring and Fall. The spring session is already under way. Each session consists of six different monthly contests, each with a different theme. See the monthly contest email sent out to the CID mailing list for more details.



Pedro Spicer takes second



Dan Banks takes top honors in the 2024 Fall Contest

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JOHN'S JUNCTION

by John Robert Coy, MMR #730

This is the 10th installment in a series of articles involving the Achievement Program (AP). (AP Master Builder-Motive Power)



We, your CID Board, are following a NMRA directive: "Whenever possible, Division events should include a short reminder about the AP..."

This 1st area of the AP is considered by most to be the most intimidating. That is due to the requirement of scratch-building either a rail car or motive power. Thus far we have had two (2) people in the last few years earn this motive power certificate: Dan Hinel and Phillip Burnside.

To qualify for the Master Builder - Motive Power certificate:

1) Build three scale models of railroad motive power, one of which must be scratch built. Motive Power is defined as a locomotive or a self-propelled vehicle.

To qualify as scratch built, the motive power must contain the following scratch built items as applicable:

- **Steam Locomotives: frame, boiler, cab, tender frame and body, either valve gear or main and side driving rods.**
- **Other Motive Power: body, frame, cab, power truck side frame, pantograph or trolley poles where appropriate.**

All models must be capable of self-propulsion on track of the same gauge as the model. Power trains for all models may be commercial motors and gears.

All models must be [super detailed](#) either with scratch built parts or with commercial parts as defined in the [Definitions Section](#).

Please read these online www.nmra.org/motive-power

The following parts are specifically excluded from the scratch built requirement.

- **Motor**
- **Gears**
- **Drivers and wheels**
- **Couplers**
- **Light bulbs and electronics**
- **Trucks**
- **Paint, decals, etc.**
- **Bell**
- **Marker and classification lights**
- **Brake fittings**
- **Basic shapes of wood, plastic, metal, etc.**

("Basic shapes are things that builders of the prototype would have used as raw materials. For example an "I" beam would be a basic shape; a commercial door or window casting would not.)

The term "scratch built" implies that the modeler has done all of the necessary layout and fabrication that produces the final dimensions, appearance, and operating qualities of the model.

This is a good statement of the intent and spirit of the "scratch built" requirement. Notice that it does not say that the use of a few commercial detail parts will disqualify the model as being "scratch built". In general, the same standard applies that is used in contest judging: "Completely Scratch built" means that 90% or more of the model by parts count was scratch built. (But you do need to scratch build the items listed in requirement above.)

Taking an existing model and modifying it to be a powered model is not considered "scratch building." Examples of this would be taking a passenger car and converting it into a trolley, or a box car and converting it into a box-cab locomotive. These do not meet the definition or the spirit of the term "scratch built" given above.

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2) Earn a Merit Award of at least 87.5 points with each of the three scale models of motive power either via an NMRA sponsored contest or AP Merit Award Evaluation.

3) You must submit a Statement of Qualification (SOQ, see below) which includes the following:

An attachment giving a detailed description of each model, including:

Identification of all scratch built features

All commercial components used

Materials used in building the model


Copies of the plans you used to establish conformity are NOT required, but many people do submit them, and they are reviewed by the person evaluating the model.

Verification of the Merit Awards (photocopies of the certificates).

Photos of the model are helpful, but not required.

The motive power will be challenging and educational. Here is an opportunity to build that locomotive that you have always wanted that no manufacturer produces.

In addition, you have two CID Members who have both successfully earned this certificate that you may ask for information and guidance.

Good luck on your motive power project! 

WHAT GOES BANG IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?

By Jeff Melin

One night last June I was awakened by a very loud boom. I believe I awakened at about an altitude of 1 ft above the mattress. After realizing the noise was thunder from a lightning strike I spent some time wandering about the house looking for any signs of damage and found none by sight or smell. During a tour in Viet Nam I slept in a tent about 100' from a battery of 105mm howitzers. They fired all night, every night but were quiet by comparison!

During the following morning I discovered a roof vent that had been hit and collapsed upon itself from the heat, also found 2 damaged flat screen TVs, a video/audio tuner, and DVD player. My wife Sandy and I also smelled gas in the house. I called our Insurance carrier, USAA, to find out how to proceed. We have been with them since 1963 and they have always been great to deal with when having a claim. They said to get your contractors out ASAP and send us the bills. So, we wound up with a roofer, electrician, three plumbers and a large bill from Best Buy.

Abot the gas smell, we were told that after a relatively short time most folks no longer smell the gas so do nothing about it! That was our response and it took three plumbers, the first being useless, the second and third who found 7 leaks in the gas piping around our furnace, water heater, and fireplace. Thank God that we do not smoke and rarely light a candle! That probably saved our home and lives.

This is where CID comes in, especially during the time after the lightning strike, while working on my layout principally with Bill Kennedy that I was plagued with a series of malfunctions of my Digitrax controls. I contacted six CID members searching for clues as to what my operational issues might be. While all were helpful, most including myself thought I had wiring issues. Bill and I kept searching for them with little success. It was not until recently that a fix made by Dan Hinel failed and a swap of components from another section of the layout failed also.

On many occasions Bill mentioned that he suspected damage from the lightning strike but we had no evidence to prove that. I went back to USAA with the story and they agreed to reopen my claim. They informed me that they had a firm they used to examine cases like this and that they would send a technician out to examine the layout. The tech came and concluded that the damage was consistent with electronics enduring a jolt of High Voltage consistent with a lightning strike. He reviewed the costs of replacing all of the Digitrax equipment in a report to USAA. The day after they received his report they transferred the funds to satisfy replacement to my checking account.

Yesterday, Bill and I reinstalled the components in one section and shazam! It came back to life!

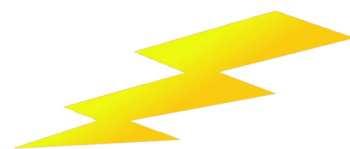




Photo by Tom Cain

The CID Marks the Passing of Roger Hensley

RIP, Roger Hensley

There are many labels that fit Roger Paul Hensley, including train enthusiast, model railroader, media specialist, association leader and servant, railroad historian, beloved family man, and “all round good guy”. Other labels apply, too, but any extended listing could fill several pages.

The CID was saddened to learn that Roger Hensley passed on February 13, 2025. He was born in Anderson, Indiana in 1939. He married the love of his life, Lynn, in 1970 and they had 9 children. A U.S. Navy veteran from the Cold War era, Roger later worked at Delco Remy and IBM, did technical consulting, worked at Ball State’s Office of Career Services, and was the owner of the Train Shop (a local hobby store). In recent years, he spent many hours volunteering at the Madison County Historical Society where he tended to the numerous train layouts in their basement.

A long-time member of the NMRA, Roger was a Division officer, Editor of *The Rusty Spike*, and an active clinician. His East Central Indiana Railway home layout was featured on multiple layout tours over the years. He was a CID Board member and served as the sole CID webmaster for 22 years. He helped organize Midwest Regional Conferences held in central Indiana and elsewhere over the years.

Directly linked to Roger’s career in information technology, his association contributions involved bringing the CID / MWR / NMRA into the Digital

Era. The 1980s were a period when computers entered business settings, then home computers became more popular by the end of the decade. By the 1990s, a global network called the World Wide Web changed work, leisure, and the hobby of model railroading. Digital cameras, DCC systems, and electronic commerce also began to flourish about this time.

Roger was the initial webmaster of the Central Indiana Division. He designed and maintained the CID’s platform, one that included digital images, educational features, and news about the association and hobby. Ever the historian, Roger archived media on the website so that everyone had access to modeling resources. The Central Indiana Division was on the Internet by 1995, and it is believed to be the first such platform among the NMRA’s divisions and regions. Fellow modelers around the nation were impressed with Roger’s efforts and he quickly became involved in regional and national tasks (even serving on the initial NMRA Standards & Recommended Practices Committee starting back in the 1990s). A Google search will take you to numerous articles still found on NMRA-linked websites, such as discussions about the weight calculations for rolling stock and other policies. The CID website itself had 70,000+ page views a year in the mid-2010s.

As mentioned, Roger’s career and hobby pursuits aligned with the advent of the Web. He participated in numerous Internet chat rooms, discussion forums, and websites as they were launched and then flourished. Roger’s professional and detailed information, and positive feedback, all helped promote the hobby he loved. Numerous posts are still archived on sites such as TrainOrders.com, the once-popular RailServe.com site, and in the Bull Session forum at IndianaRailroad.org. Rarely a day ever went by without Roger adding new postings about trains, models, or NMRA activities.

Roger grew-up in a black-and-white photograph era, and he had an impressive collection of B&W prints and slides of trains in and around Indiana. Fortunately for fellow railfans, he digitized his archives and shared them as JPEG files for easy access via e-mails or Internet sites. A joy of his was describing those images during talks and clinics; he knew every detail about the steam and diesel locomotives, the businesses serviced by rail, and the national rail networks. His passion for the topics always shown through during his talks.

Always a promotor of the Big 4 railroad line and the

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local impact of the modern-day CSX line in Madison County, Roger helped found the “By Air / By Rail” festival in the mid-2000s. The event ran several years in the community of Fortville. This summer-time event was quite popular, drawing attention to trains and model railroading (plus airplanes!) at a new time of the annual calendar for modelers and transportation enthusiasts.

Roger was an important member of the New York Central Historical Society, and his work was featured in many publications. He was respected for his knowledge and was a true fountain of information. As expected, many NYC artifacts hung on the walls of his layout room; other memorabilia filled binders and shelves. Again, by collecting images and sharing them in digital form, his resources were routinely sought by interested parties from across the nation.

Perhaps the best memories of our colleague Roger Hensley involve his warm smile (refer to Roger’s photograph!) and friendly conversations at meets, clinics, conventions, and via e-mail. He was always the polite, passionate friend who shared interesting stories and useful information. He loved his family, community, our hobby, and fellow modelers. His vision for how to share resources and promote railroading (both prototype and scale operations) was greatly appreciated. Rest in peace, dear friend!

Written with love and respect by members of the CID.



The CID Presents a Check for \$5000.00 to the Purdue Railroad Club

The photo shown is from the recent Lebanon Train Show in Lebanon, Indiana on January 26th. Prior to the show opening, a check was presented to the Purdue Railroad Club from the Central Indiana Division (CID) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). The check was presented to Spencer Nunez, president of the club and president-elect Drew Beveridge.

Thanks to both for helping us move this project to completion. Forced to move recently, the grant will help the Club develop their layout in a smaller but more visible location. While much work has been accomplished, much more remains to be done.



A special thanks to the Board, Superintendent Dan Banks, and the members of the CID for making this grant possible. Plans are underway for CID members to help the Club enhance the electrical and signal system on the layout. Contact has been made through Eric Peterson of the CID to establish a Student Chapter of AREMA at Purdue. The American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association (AREMA) has several student chapters around the country in an effort to promote interest in careers in the railroad industry.

A special note about the club. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the club at Purdue, which coincides with the 90th anniversary of the NMRA. The Club welcomes visitors during their operating hours on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7-9. If any members want to offer technical assistance to the Club, you can contact them at prrc@purdue.edu.

Roger Scroggins

Editors Note: The Purdue Club members are regular attendees at the CID’s train shows. The monies provided will be used for badly needed updates to the club’s layout in West Lafayette. The club will be holding an open house on April 12th starting at 9:00AM for anyone interested.





CID Trainmaster Election Candidate Bios



According to our bylaws, each year three trainmasters are elected to serve on the board of directors of the CID. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to:

- A. Ratify the appointment of alternate officers and/or Directors / Trainmasters of the CID.
- B. Plan all meetings and assemblages of the CID as defined in ARTICLE V, Section 1.
- C. To hold legal title to all properties and moneys of the CID.
- D. Prior to the Annual Meeting, or the Paymaster's Annual Report, appoint two (2) CID-BoD members and one (1) non board member to audit the Division's financial records.

Steve Johnson

My name is Steve Johnson and I am running for reelection as a Trainmaster for the CID. I have been an NMRA member for over 20 years now, and am grateful for what the organization has done for the hobby. I am currently building a layout in my basement that is inspired by the Illinois Central Gulf from Chicago to Gilman, Illinois in the late 70's / early 80's. I now have all of my track down and have held a few op sessions. Prototype operations is my favorite aspect of the hobby. As a Trainmaster I plan to continue to work with the board to find ways to promote the hobby, including continuing and expanding our outreach efforts.

Regards,
Steve Johnson

Roger Scroggins

To all CID members:

My name is Roger Scroggins and I am asking for your vote for Trainmaster. My fascination with trains began as a little kid watching the GM&O mail car snatching the mail at speed in Brighton, Illinois. I was hooked. I've been involved in our hobby since 1967 when my brother and I received our first figure 8 trainset for Christmas. After moving to Indiana in 1986, plans began immediately to build my dream layout in the basement of our new house. I designed and built a freelanced 16 x 24 HO layout that worked pretty well. During that time my wife Beth and I raised two girls and lived to tell about it. We

moved to Westfield almost 7 years ago and that provided an opportunity for a new layout in a bigger space. A few hundred hours later I'm the proud operator of the Indiana Division of the Union Pacific Railroad in a 17 x 40 layout room in my basement. I have met a lot of new train friends since joining the NMRA about three years ago and have become active in volunteering at our shows, hosting operating sessions, participating in CIRROPS and helping us provide a grant to the Purdue Railroad Club. Looking forward, I want to become more active in planning layout tours, providing grants to other deserving organizations, and getting our module program moving forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Len Pasket

My name is Len Pasket and I'm running for Trainmaster. Went to grade school adjacent to the Grand Trunk in South Bend and watched South Shore interurbans run down the middle of the street. Resident of central Indiana since 1987 and NMRA member since 2005. Retired in 2021 after decades in IT as programmer, systems analyst, and project manager on mainframe systems. Still have my first Lionel train. I'm primarily a 3-railer in O and Standard Gauge and also have small layouts in On30, HO and N on door slabs, and Z inside a coffee table that I built. Started attending operating sessions a few years ago and really enjoy it. CID has made great strides in recent years to increase member engagement, and I'm interested in being a Trainmaster to give back to NMRA and help CID keep moving forward.

Carmel Clay Historical Society - Diorama

By Charles Malinowski
Photos by the author

Cows in Downtown Carmel? It is hard to imagine today with the coffee shops, restaurants and pedestrian greenway that cattle did go off to market from the Heart of Carmel.



Visitors to the Carmel Clay Historical Society's (CCHS) new museum and restored 1883 Monon Railroad Depot will be able to glimpse what Carmel looked like nearly 100 years ago. In a combined effort between the CCHS and the Central Indiana Division of the NMRA a new diorama is now on public display in the Depot.

This project came to life in March 2021 when I proposed the idea of constructing a museum quality diorama to CCHS Executive Director Deb Gangstad. Deb was excited about the idea and successfully procured grant funding for the project. The design was focused on the CCHS commissioned artwork by Frank Vietor based on the early 1930's. Vietor's painting depicts a mostly accurate scene of a Monon Railroad steam locomotive northbound at the Depot.

Utilizing track diagrams from the Monon Railroad Historical and Technical Society a track and structure plan was developed. Photos from CCHS's collection helped fill in details. Every business and structure presented in the diorama serviced the agricultural community of Carmel. Due to space limitations the size of the buildings were compressed to fit into the two by six foot Depot Business District. The grain elevator and bulk fuel dealer locations were swapped to create a view-block of trains entering the scene.

In addition to the funding to this project by the CID Board CID members provided assistance to the success of the project.

-Mick Hinkle: Depot

-Dan Hinel, MMR: Benchwork

-Eric Peterson: Train Order Signal

-Rick Ralston: Wilkinson Lumber

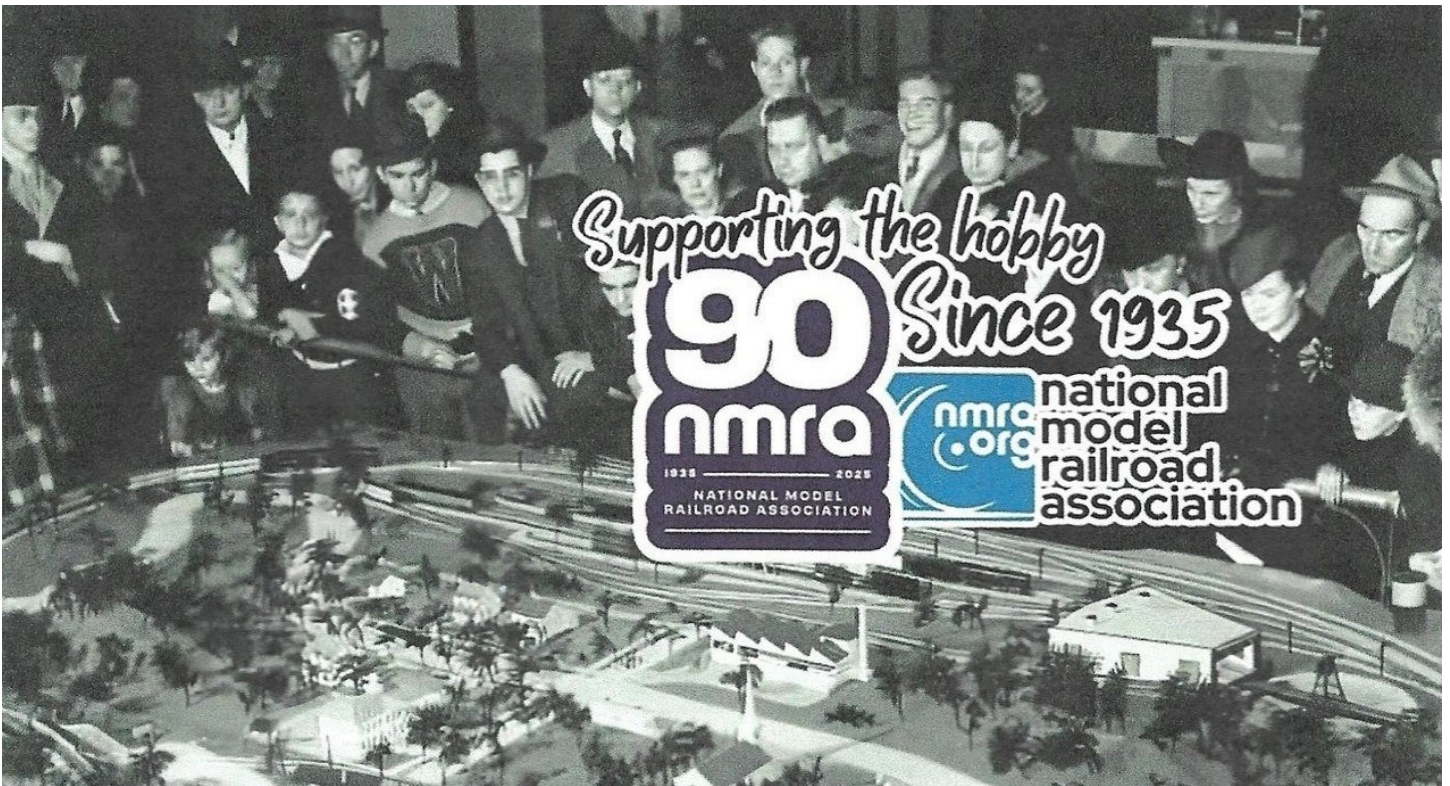


Very soon the CCHS will have a grand reopening of the Monon Depot and its collection of railroad memorabilia and operating model railroads. That date hasn't been set as of writing this article. But you can plan on attending the CID Modeler's Meet, Saturday, April 5th (Ed. Look for details on page 5 of The Rusty Spike). The Museum and Depot are open to the public for free through 2025. Check their website for details: <https://carmelclayhistory.org>

Layout Notes:

- Scale: S, High-Rail (1:64)
- Era: Early 1930's
- Locale: Carmel, Indiana
- Size: 5 x 10 ft.
- Track: American Models, Code 148
- Continuous Run, Oval
- Control: Lionel AC / "Wall" Timer





NMRA 90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Monday September 1, 2025 - Save the Date

The Midwest Region along with the Central Indiana Division will be hosting a 90th anniversary celebration of the NMRA on the actual day of the NMRA's creation! MONDAY, September 1st, 2025 - Labor Day - NMRA Members are invited to gather at the MCL Restaurant, 1390 Keystone Way in Carmel, Indiana. Beginning at 11:00 AM.

Keynote Speakers

Fred Soward, National Board Central District Director
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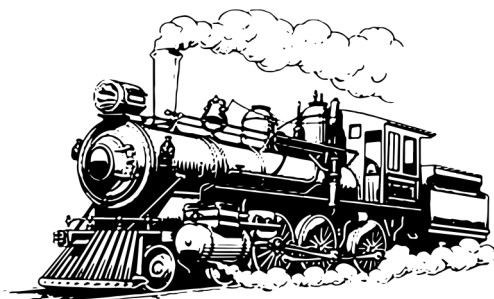
After the conclusion of remarks and lunch, you are all invited to visit MMR #700 Dan Hinel's world class "Rail Xpress" model railroad. (the address will be available at the event - 15 minute drive)

Don't miss this one chance, one-time only event!





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Back Pressure

From the Editor

Well we made it through the winter season. As you read this edition of the Spike, spring should have sprung. There were several CID events held this winter: a Modeler's meet at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, the Lebanon Train Show, and the Avon Library Train Display. We also participated at the Great Train Show at the Indy Fair Grounds. We owe a big thanks to the many members of the CID that volunteered for these events.

I can't help but notice as I attend many of these functions that there are many familiar faces that show up, but there are many members of the CID that I have not yet met. Please take some time out of your busy life to help out or just show up, I'd like to meet you. As the manager of our Danville show in November, I could sure use your help. Let me know if you would be interested at: danvilletrainshow@gmail.com.

The CID board is considering a summer gathering for all our members this year. If this occurs, please

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!



plan to attend! Also the [National convention](#) is in Detroit this year. There are many reasons to attend: clinics, layout tours, operating sessions, and non-rail activities, not to mention the opportunity to meet and socialize with a large number of fellow model railroaders.

You may have noticed that we have started adding links to the Rusty Spike PDF file to both internal and external content. Since the Rusty Spike is online, you can now click on titles in the contents page and be directed to the article. Several of the articles and ads, including pike ads on the last page, contain links to outside content. So click away! We will continue and expand this feature moving forward.

Lastly, once again I will ask you to please consider writing an article for the Rusty Spike. Take a few pictures of your favorite project and help others by sharing your knowledge or write about a visit to a layout that impressed you. Give a little time to your fellow modelers and be a *part* of the CID. Most of all, have fun doing it!



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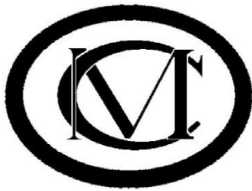
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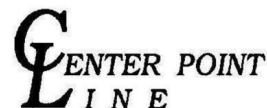


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