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Recent CID MMRs®



Five current CID MMRs® Left to right: Dan Hinel #700, John Coy, #730, Phillip Burnside #754, Thomas Cain #755, and Connie Coy #763.

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Dates are tentative and subject to change.

AP Certificate Recipients

The CID congratulates the following members of the division for being awarded AP Certificates.

Association Volunteer

Newman Atkinson
Connie Coy

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Dave Mashino



Congratulations Becoming An MMR®

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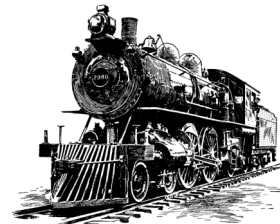
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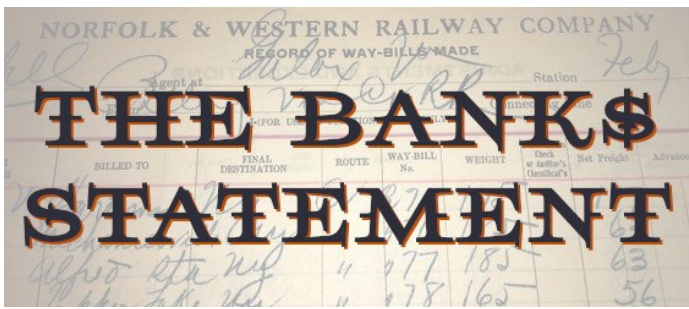
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This year's Franklin Train Show is in the books and I wanted to share some information from that show with you. I love getting to write fun Superintendent messages for the Rusty Spike. This one is more of a mixed bag and some of it isn't fun at all to write but transparency is important. I want to start by thanking Mike Roderick and his staff for a fantastic show! Thank you all for the hard work you put into making the show a success! Here's the good stuff. On Saturday our show attendance was roughly 280 people more than the entire 2023 attendance. Sunday's attendance was softer as is always the case but we had a strong attendance! Large air coolers were in the non air conditioned buildings and it really made a difference. We had additional help this year as the Boy Scouts helped us out with tear down and keeping our vendors hydrated by passing out water.

We also added a new building this year. That was a real adventure. The space added 20,000 square feet to the size of the show, effectively doubling it. That is the upside. The downside is that the floor in that building is dirt. Very compact dirt but dirt. Michael and Randy Bowman worked to get co-sponsors for the show to help fix that issue. 84 Lumber and Carter Lumber donated over enough cement board and OSB to put down a wooden floor. That's the great news. Unfortunately the condition of the floor when we got the building was too poor to use the materials as they would have caused a lot of uneven joints and significant tripping hazards. When Michael and Randy plan out this show each year they swing for the fences. I applaud their effort. If you are a fan of baseball you can attest that sometimes when you are swinging for the fences and looking for that home run you can end up striking out. That is what happened with the new building. We tried, we swung mightily, but at the end of the day, it was a strike out.

With increasing advertising costs and increased facilities fees for the extra space, the show brought in less profit than last year but was still very profitable.

Now for the bad news. With that poor floor came unhappy dealers. We missed on the signage, it was a new building we had not used before and attendees were not familiar, and the floor was terrible. Overall the CID took a bit of a black eye on using that build-

ing. At the August board meeting I suggested we refund all vendor table fees to the vendors who were in the that building. That is not a minor amount of refunds. We sold a bit over 100 tables and charged \$22 per table. The board agreed that the right thing to do was return the fees to the vendors. The division is well off financially and it makes sense to try to repair some of those vendor relationships that were a bit banged up. As I write this we are in the process of returning fees along with an apology letter written by myself and Michael. The show remains in the black but with a much thinner profit at the end of the refunds. There was one other aspect the CID was able to turn to a positive on this. Remember the 20,00 square feet of cement board and OSB? We donated the OSB to Habitat for Humanity to use in new housing. We are still working on donating the cement board. Either to Habitat for Humanity or to a new location.

What does that mean for the future of the show? Well, that depends greatly on the next few months. We we love to move. So much so that the name of the show is changing to unlock it from Franklin. We are looking at a couple of different facilities closer to Franklin and also at a new facility, Nexus Center, in Columbus. Any of these could be the new home to the show. A significant issue with Columbus is that the largest building is a multi user sports complex with you guessed it, a dirt floor. We are talking with them about donating the cement board to get them on their way towards having a solution of a wood floor, increasing their opportunities to rent the facility. We may not be able to use any of them and that means we will be at Franklin again, but NOT using the dirt floor building. We learned our lesson there! We are continuing to look for more partnership and cosponsor ideas for this show.

I wanted to personally let each CID member know how the show went, how we decided to take much less of a profit in order to do the right thing. We hope that the membership is happy with what we have done with the CID's funds and resources to make the best of the unfortunate circumstances we found ourselves in. If you want to provide some feedback on how we did please email me at cidnmra@gmail.com. If you want to be completely anonymous in your feedback you can go here and fill out the google form. All fields are optional so you can skip the field about you as the submitter. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerprY5ZK6zCajD8l45J9eQiLretFkPoma9AOat8Ymy2678gQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Daniel Banks
Central Indiana Division Superintendent

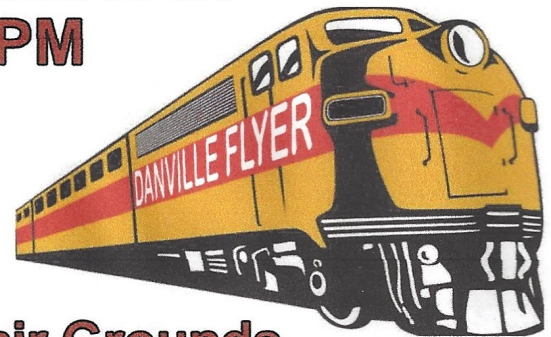


Central Indiana Division
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Presents the 2024



Danville Train Show
Saturday - November 23
10 AM to 3PM

Admission
\$3.00 per Person
Under 16 free with parent



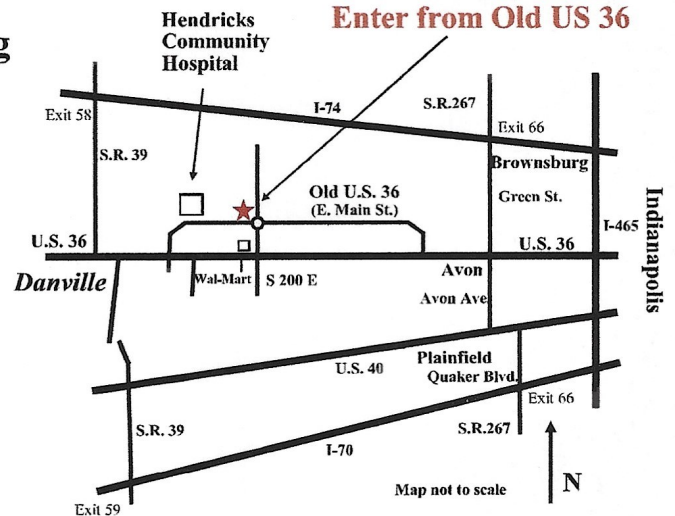
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The Next CID Train Show Will Be at Lebanon, IN on January 26, 2025
See the CID NMRA website for more information: <http://www.cidnmra.org>

Upcoming Events

– Division Schedule –



Fall Modeler's Meet – October 12, 2024 – Indianapolis, IN

Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave, Indianapolis, IN
10am to 3pm. Bring something that you would like to show or tell about.
Attendance is free but is limited to NMRA members. (May bring one guest)

Danville Meet - November 23, 2024 - Danville, IN

Hendricks County Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main St., Danville, IN
Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 3pm
Admission: \$3:00 per Adult / \$5.00 per Family / Under 16 Free w/Adult
Operating layouts, vendors, door prizes, contests, food and free parking
Dealer Tables - \$16.00 for 8' table - table request form available at www.cidnmra.org
For more information or tables: Dave Mashino at (765) 860-1560 or danvilletrainshow@gmail.com

Lebanon Train Show - January 25, 2025, Lebanon, IN

Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon, IN
Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 3pm Admission: \$3:00 per Adult / \$5.00 per Family
Operating layouts, vendors, door prizes, contests, food and free parking
Dealer Tables - \$16.00 for 8' table - request form available at cidnmra.org
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If you can help with the show please contact David

– Extra Board –



Trainfest - November 23-24, 2024, Milwaukee, WI

[Baird Center](#), 400 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
Ticket cost vary—See website for information.
Trainfest features: Dozens of major model railroad manufacturers, Train dealers from across the country with amazing show specials, over 50 operating model train displays in many different sizes and scales, over 200 booths the industry's leading manufacturers and retailers, FREE riding train for kids

For more information: www.train-fest.com

If you are 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 also go to [The Train Show List - Hobby and Train Event Clearinghouse](#)

CID Celebrates the NMRA

Ladies and Gentlemen: Happy 89th Birthday to the NMRA!

On Sunday, September 1st, 2024, Members of the Central Indiana Division gathered at the MCL Cafeteria in Carmel, Indiana to celebrate the 89th birthday of the NMRA.



At the beginning of the event, Superintendent Dan Banks presented Dave Mashino with an AP Award for Structures. Member Newman Atkinson brought a 50 year anniversary train and Member Pedro Spicer brought a commemorative boxcar.

Assistant Superintendent John Coy gave those present a paper which had the photo of the very first NMRA meeting / creation at the YMCA in Milwaukee, WI, and the other side had the image of the list of our 71 Charter Members. John also gave the following speech:

Today, we are assembled to commemorate yet another remarkable milestone in our history! 89 years. It is with immense gratitude and thanks that I stand before you to congratulate those first 71 NMRA Members and all of you who have contributed to the NMRA's incredible journey of growth and success.

From our exceptionally humble beginnings in a Milwaukee, WI, YMCA, we have grown into a thriving, resilient and successful organization, thanks to the unwavering dedication, hard work, and innovative spirit of our Members. Each one of you has

played an important role in shaping our success story.

Over the years, we have faced numerous challenges. We faced some exceptionally difficult times in the early 1940s. We were literally pushed to the brink of extinction. However, our resilience and commitment got us through those challenging times.

We, from day 1, began developing and then setting standards in the model railroad industry. We have also developed and facilitated fellowship among our Members. Those were our two primary focuses and goals in our creation on Sept 1st, 1935.

OUR success is a testament to our collective efforts and the firm foundation established 89 long years ago. As we look forward toward our milestone 90th year in 2025, let us continue to strive even harder for the betterment of the hobby. We will embrace innovation, uplift our energy and effort, and continue to create many more successes.

Congratulations and THANK YOU to each and every one of you for your dedication and hard work. FOR WITHOUT YOU, THERE IS NO NMRA. I look forward to many more years of success and growth! Thank you.

Lastly, Member Eric Peterson and his wife, Pat, were gracious enough to invite everyone to their home to tour Eric's wonderful 2-rail O scale layout.

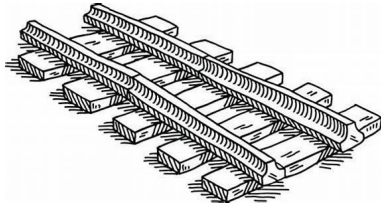
A good time was had by all!



CID Member Receives Prestigious NMRA President's Award

by Connie Coy MMR® MWR Secretary

On August 17, 2024, at the CID Board's Annual Picnic and Meeting, Superintendent Dan Banks presented the prestigious President's award to John Coy, MMR®, for his work on the history of all Master Model Railroaders from the beginning of the AP program to the present. NMRA President Gordy Robinson provided Dan with the award and Gordy's own words of congratulation which honored John's tireless work. This work included researching every MMR® and included connecting biographical information and photographs of each MMR® that can now be found online.



1st Lady MMR® in the MWR and CID!

There have been many Master Model Railroaders in the history of the Midwest Region, which is an original Region of the NMRA. Today, Saturday, August 3, 2024, marked a historic moment in the history of the Midwest Region and its Central Indiana Division as a lady, Connie Coy, became the FIRST lady in MWR / CID history to earn an MMR®!



Left: Connie Coy (12th overall lady MMR NMRA) of Avon was formally presented her MMR plaque by MWR President Bob McGeever at the Franklin, Indiana, train show which was held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Right: Dan Banks, CID Supt. (right), joins with Bob McGeeve to congratulate Connie Coy with her achievement.



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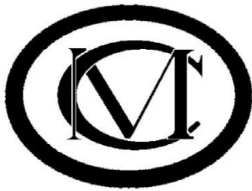
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