

THE 10 Wheeler

NMRA North Central Region Division 10

January, 2018

Welcome to 2018

January Meeting

Nine 10 Wheelers attended the first meeting of 2018 at Rick and Marie Ware's residence on Wednesday January 10. Wayne Wilder will advise NCR of the new officers for Division 10, and Don Westcott agreed to handle the tasks of Resident Agent as needed. Don Westcott will follow up on our meeting at Kettering, and it was decided to move our next meeting to Thursday, February 15. The possible North Central – Mid-Central – Midwest Region joint regional convention for 2022 was discussed. The NMRA National Convention is in the UK, and it was suggested that the neighboring Canadian region could be included. Other events

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A trio of EMD E units haul one of Union Pacific's luxury passenger trains over a trestle on Bruce Chubb's Sunset Valley Lines. This is one of the train layouts that was open for tours during the last NCR regional convention in Grand Rapids.

2018 is now upon us, and so is the time for model railroading. The 10 Wheelers are starting the year with a new crew at the throttle. I have begun working on an older Alexander Models Little Hook dock crane that I acquired over 40 years ago. It is a challenge to assemble one of these vintage kits, but so far it has been a good experience with an opportunity to use the materials and adhesives we have available to us today. Come share your modeling experiences with us. *Wayne*

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 15, 2018, 7:00 pm at Alex Welch's, 611 Perry Creek Drive, Grand Blanc, MI. Bring your latest project or modeling item to share.



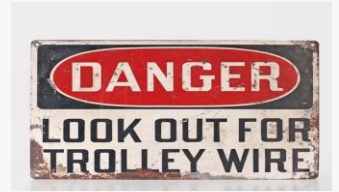
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discussed were the MCC Friday Applewood Senior Lecture Series March 13 lecture on Durand Train Wrecks, and the MCR DIV 7 Cincinnati Express convention May 17-20. The website and Facebook page are still under development, and some ideas for a new DIV 10 logo were tossed around. Alex Welch reported no change in the finances for the Division. Show and Tell included: Alex Welch showed his 3 upgraded O scale box cars; Wayne Wilder an older CB&Q wood boxcar and gondola; Dan Mitchell, his detailed Great Northern Stewart F3 units and modified Varney hopper cars; Don Westcott his Bar Mills O'Douls Flop House kit; Bob Corneya a Monster Model Works Pumping Station kit; Rick Ware, pictures of the West Virginia Centennial Train he plans to model, and the New River Train brochure from his trip this past summer; Larry DeMaar, an assortment of old can motors for repowering locomotives.

MR 101

Recommended Practices



RP-5 Electric Traction

It is the purpose of RP-5 to recommend practices in traction modeling which will produce improved operation and/or interchangeability.

A. Trolley Overhead Frog: modeled after prototype, see RP-5.1.

B. Trolley Wire Offset: see Standard S-5.

C. Trolley Pole Length: trolley pole should operate at 30 to 45 degrees.

D. Trolley Contact Wheel: rotating contact wheels facilitate backup moves and exert a scraping action.

E. Turning Radius of Cars: equipment should operate on radius shown in RP-11 F,G,H. Radius could be as small as 35 feet.

F. Couplers: Permit coupled cars to operate radii above, mounted on radial drawbars, extend beyond endsill for entire swing, see RP-5.2.

G. Electrical:

Interchange Tracks Part 3 by Rich Mahaney

I could include the various colors of different motive power, freight cars, and passenger cars that I enjoyed side by side. Finally, a solution came to my problem, so I could enjoy the many cool colors of different railroads together, and I could enjoy modeling of several or more of my favorite railroads on the same layout, plus it would increase railroad operations and railroad traffic.

The "interchange" is where railroads exchange freight cars between railroads. To do this you need a connecting track between the railroads and at least two or more storage track(s) or sidings to store the railroad cars that are being interchanged. (Continued next month)



Trains Shows Swap Meets

Ann Arbor Model RR Train Show and Sale

Saturday, February 17
10:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, February 18
10:00am – 3:00pm
Saline Middle School
Saline, MI
www.a2trainshow.com

Lapeer Model RR Swap Meet

Sunday, February 25
American Legion Post #16
Lapeer, MI

Mid Michigan Model Train Show

Sunday, March 11
CMU Finch Fieldhouse
Mt. Pleasant, MI

Local Area Events

Detroit Model Railroad Club

Open House Show Dates
February 10 - 11
February 24 - 25
March 10 - 11
March 24 - 25
Noon – 5:00pm
104 N. Saginaw
Holly, MI
www.dmrrc.org

The Great Train Show

February 24 - 25
Suburban Collection
Showplace
Novi, MI
greattrainshow.com

Regional Events And Conventions

NCR 2018 Convention Lansing Lashup 2018

October 11-14, 2018
Ramada Conv. Center
7501 W. Saginaw Hwy.
Lansing, MI
www.nmranrcdiv5.com

Lansing Model Railroad Club

Open House
Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018
Noon – 5:00pm
5309 Old Lansing Rd.
Corner of Millett Hwy.
Lansing, MI
www.lmrc.org

National Events And Conventions

NMRA National Convention 2018

August 5 – 12, 2018
Westin Kansas City at
Crown Center
www.kc2018.org/

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