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# It's A Rap!



Vendors and buyers were busy most of the day. Photo: Rich Seymour

Noblesville Show Manager Tom Cain felt that the Noblesville show went relatively well. The attendance was really very good. He believed that according to Doug Rolfe, Paymaster, and the ticket count the attendance in the door was 492 people. There were more than that in the hall with all the dealers and the portable layout people. In my head, I always want to include them in the count since they buy from each other before the show opens and I can't tell you how many people have told me that they have already paid for their tables before the show opens. But "in the door" was 492 people. We made a profit this year, which is nice after losing money because of the storm last year and being free the year before that. We had as many dealer tables as we have had before. This year we rented 144 tables. In 2014 it was 146 tables and in 2013 it was 149. Even with good attendance this train show is challenged in making a profit because of the steep hall rental cost.



An Alco switches on Jim Canter's O Scale Proto 48 Layout. Photo: Rich Seymour

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# Spring Modelers Meet

Guest Clinician – Bob Frankrone

March 14, Indianapolis, IN

The 2015 CID spring Modelers Meet will be held in Indianapolis on March 14, 2015. The location will be the Allisonville Christian Church, 7701 Allisonville Road. The times will be from 10A to 3P.

We are pleased to have guest clinician, Bob Frankrone from Louisville, presenting his updated clinic on Open Loads. The clinic will be presented at 11A. Bob has given a previous Open Loads clinic at the Bedford meet – but that's been some time ago. Come to the meet to see and hear about modeling open loads.

Modelers attending should bring along some of their current work for display and discussion. Remember, the model does not need to be completed. Attendance is free but is limited to NMRA members. In order for others to learn about the pro-gram offered at a Modelers Meet, a member may bring a non-member guest to a meet. However, this is a one-time opportunity. Further attendance at Modelers Meets requires NMRA membership.

Lunch will be on-your-own. You may either bring your lunch – there are always some of us who stay at the meet during lunch – or you can drive to a local fast-food establishment. Since there will be some of us in the room during lunch, your models will be safe if you wish to venture out for food. If you have questions, please contact Steve Studley, [studley@indiana.edu](mailto:studley@indiana.edu)



Photo : Rich Seymour

Al Askerberg's small portable HO layout is well detailed and a visual treat.



Photo : Rich Seymour

A new layout at the Noblesville Show was Jim Cantor's O Scale Proto 48. Engines with sound moved back and forth as one freight moved continuously around the layout. The models size was impressive for we how model in HO scale.



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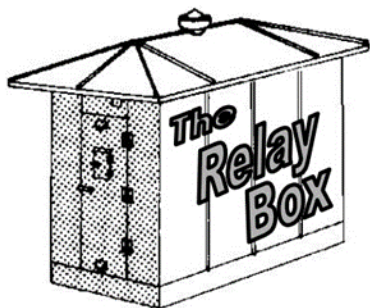
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**Keith Clark  
CID, Superintendent**

I went to the World's Greatest Hobby Show in Louisville, Kentucky on February 14th. I proposed to some of our model railroad group here in Bloomington one night that we should get together and go as a group to the show. I thought some great male bonding, a special train show, how neat that would be to go together. Now I mention the date for a reason. You will notice that that is Valentines Day and hey, I didn't schedule the show on that day, it just happened that it was that day. I will not go into a lot of detail about the responses that I got from most of the guys, but lets just say you would think I was asking them to stand in front of their wife's car while she ran them over at 70 mile per hour if they were to go once they was realized what day it was .

Don't get me wrong here. I love my wife and have been married to her for thirty seven years (2015-1978=37, yup, better not mess that up though). She knows I love her 365 days a year and she gets told that often and she loves me. And because of that "WE" don't need a special day to declare our love to each other her Valentines Day present to me was to let me to go to the train show. After all, train shows are very important happenings. Thanks again hon-ey.

I did not go alone to the show as I had the company of one member, Bill Schoonmaker, from our group accompany me and we had a great time. It made the drive go much faster and good navigator is always helpful especially as torn up as Louisville is right now. Parking was easy in the garage right across the street from the convention center. Although we got there about ten minutes before the show opened we had to park on the top level of the garage as it was already almost full.

We already had our tickets to avoid having to stand in line for them although that turned out not to be an issue. We went right in and immediately ran into two CID board members Al Askerberg and Matt Ahlbrand, talked to them for a minute and then proceeded to get down to the business of shopping. After all that's what we came for.

If you are not familiar with The World's Great Hobby Show's there's uniqueness in that they have manufacturers such as Athearn, Walthers, Lionel, MTH, etc., at the shows displaying their products with representatives there to answer question and take suggestions. So you get to see their latest product announcements which may not even be released yet but are on display in their booths. These booths are all up front as you come in so you are greeted by some really first class displays. Unfortunately, at least for me, the show went down hill from there.

I felt that the size of the overall show was smaller than our Great Train Show in Indianapolis on January 3 and 4 of 2015. If you remove the manufacturers from the show, our Indy show would out do the WGH show easily. Many of the vendors at the Louisville show were the same as our Indy show so not a lot of new stuff to pick from. But for me the disappointing part were the layouts. I was hoping to see new and exciting things. I saw nothing that I would even rate as well done. In fact I only took about six pictures and two of those were to show how bad something was done. The others were of open loads that I might possibly use for our upcoming Modelers Meet in March.

I was glad that I went to the show despite its lack-luster presentation. I did walk away with a sack containing more autoracks for the GTW. I did get the pile of business cards for our NMRA Convention in 2016 I was given placed at the Division 8 Booth of the NMRA to hand out and we did run into Carl Krull and his "wife" who is another member of our Bloomington group. Thanks again to Bill for going along and making the day enjoyable.



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# **Martinsville Train Show**

**Saturday - April 11, 2015**

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



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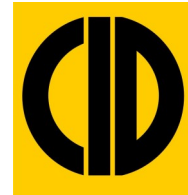


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The next CID event is Danville, IN on November 21, 2015**

# Upcoming Events

## – Division Schedule –



### Spring Modeler's Meet – March 14, 2015 – Indianapolis, IN

Allisonville Christian Church, 7701 Arlington Rd., Indianapolis, IN

10am to 3pm. The subject for the meet will be Open Loads.

Special Guest Clinician: Bob Frankrone

Attendance is free but is limited to NMRA members. (May bring one guest)

**For more information:** Steve Studley at [studley@indiana.edu](mailto:studley@indiana.edu)

### Martinsville Meet & CID Annual Business Meeting – April 11, 2015 – Noblesville, IN

National Guard Armory, 1900 Hospital Drive

Dealer Show & Meet – 10am to 3pm / Admission: \$3:00 per Adult / \$5.00 per Family

CID Annual Meeting at 10:30am / Dealer Tables - \$16.00 for 8' table

**For more information or tables:** Trevor Jones at [trevjn@comcast.net](mailto:trevjn@comcast.net)

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### Spring layout Tour – April 25, 2015 – North Side of Indianapolis, IN

See page 7 for tour information and layouts to be open

Maps will be available online the day before and day of the tour (<http://cid.railfan.net>)

**For more information:** Jon Silverberg at 317-769-4269

## – Extra Board –



### 2015 NMRA Midwest Region Spring Convention – April 17-19, 2015 – Manitowoc, Wisconsin

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Holiday Inn, 4601 Calumet Ave, Manitowoc, WI 54220; (920) 682-6000

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#### Upcoming CID Board Meetings

Date: April 12, 2015

Location: Indianapolis Marion County Library  
Wayne Branch Library  
198 S. Girls School Road  
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Time: 1:30 PM

Date: June 7, 2015

Location: Indianapolis Marion County Library  
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Time: 1:30 PM

CID members are welcome and encouraged to attend.  
Board members can confirm location and date.

#### Rusty Spike Closing Dates

Volume 45 Issue #3 - April 12, 2015

Volume 45 Issue #4 - June 14, 2015

Volume 45 Issue #5 - September 6, 2015

Volume 46 Issue #1 - December 6, 2015

Dates are tentative and subject to change.

**Attention** – All notices of club open houses, or other shows & meets will be included in the **Extra Board** only if the official request form is used. This form may be printed off the CID website at:

[http://cid.railfan.net/Extra\\_Board\\_Request\\_Sheet.pdf](http://cid.railfan.net/Extra_Board_Request_Sheet.pdf)

Fill out the form and send to the address listed on the form. Upcoming deadlines for each Rusty Spike are listed in the Spike or may be obtained from Keith Clark (see pg. 2). Events not sent on the request form cannot be included.



The 2015 CID Spring Layout Tour or “The Irvington to Boone County Special” will be held April 25, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This area covers most of the northern part of Indianapolis and as always maps will be available on line at the CID website starting the day before the tour up until 4:00PM the afternoon of the event (<http://cid.railfan.net>). The tour is open to CID members only but members are allowed to bring one guest with them on the tour. The following layouts will be open for the tour on April 25th.

Jack Simpson

HO: Monon Railroad with other Indiana railroads

Jack loves Indiana railroads. After having his railroad completely built, he took it all apart and built the layout all over again. Don't know how he does it, but he does it well! This layout fills the basement of his home. He uses the Lenz DCC control system and has working signals on the layout. The layout has long runs of a two-track main line with plenty of industrial switching and has night time lighting. The layout and its highly detailed scenery are complete. It was the cover feature article in the December 1999 NMRA bulletin. Jack's layout is 24'x38' with the locale of Lafayette, IN to Bloomington, IN set in the 1950's and 1960's. The backdrop is painted on aluminum sheeting. It is to be featured in Model Railroader in the near future.

Tom Cain

HO: Eastern Illinois Santa Fe

This HO scale Model Railroad depicts the trans-continental Atchison Topeka Santa Fe Railroad in Eastern Illinois from Joliet to Streator. The era is set in 1995 just before the merger that brought an end to the Santa Fe. Trains that run on the layout include intermodal trains with container well cars, general manifest trains, local switching trains, and more. The layout has more than 200 linear feet of double mainline track and a number of sidings that serve local businesses. Scenery is complete on

nearly half of the layout. Most trains run with sound equipped locomotives. A staging yard for 14 trains is located underneath the layout. The layout uses the NCE-DCC control system, and all controllers are wireless. A JMRI Panel Pro Dispatcher Panel controls mainline turnouts and helps the dispatcher keep track of trains on the railroad.

Tom Fitzsimmons

HOn3: Red Mountain Northern

The Red Mountain Northern is an HOn3 layout depicting a fictitious northern extension of the Silverton Railroad, north from Red Mountain Mining district in Colorado. The time frame is the year 1893. The layout is 10 feet by 13 feet with full scenery. The layout features floor to ceiling scenery depicting the dramatic mountains and gulches of the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado. It features Styrofoam structural and scenery base construction with scenery surfaces of plaster rock castings and lots of Colorado “dirt”. It is point to point incorporating a hidden “sneak back” track to facilitate continuous running of trains. The track follows the route of the old wagon toll road from Silverspoon to the mining camp of Karabou Flats with many small towns and mining sidings along the way. Track is hand laid code 55 and 40 rail in visible areas with most turnouts being hand laid stub switches. Hidden trackage is code 55 and code 70 flex track. The DCC control system is Digitrax based with extensive JMRI Logix used for control panels, home grown servo turnout controls, and electromagnetic uncouplers. Locos utilize Soundtraxx and LokSound sound decoders. Structures are both scratch built and kit built. Rolling stock is mostly scratch built with some kit built passenger cars and cabooses. Engines are mostly brass which have been regeared and remotored to improve running characteristics.

Jeff Lang

O scale: 2 Track

Jeff and Darcie's layout began in 2001 in their new home's basement. At 56x40 they have tried to represent a short section of the PRR and an interchange with a branch line from a Midwestern city. The PRR part is depicted with a four-track main and access to 8 hidden storage sidings. They have used 96 inch minimum radius everywhere and 7 ½ turnouts. Atlas track is used except in the storage sidings. This large layout turns into a

small one considering the number of square squares as per John Armstrong! The center of the room is now under construction as branch line. 36 inch radius and #4, 5, and 6 turnouts give this a sharp contrast to the PRR. The junction is represented on the industrialized side of the Midwestern City. The future is scenery on the PRR and continuation of the branch line into the open area left in the basement.

Jim Shellhaas  
HO: Union Pacific

The Greeley subdivision of the Union Pacific railroad is a HO scale model railroad set loosely in the time period of 1996-2006. The railroad is housed in a 60 x 42 "L" shaped room "carved" from an outbuilding. Upon completion, the layout will be a 2 and one-half deck model railroad. The modeled portion of subdivision begins at Brighton, CO on the south and runs north to Nunn, CO. From LaSalle, CO, a helix will take a branch line to Fort Collins, CO will run under the first deck. While there is virtually no scenery and only approximately one-third of the track is layed, the layout depicts several different layout construction techniques (foam, spline, and standard open grid) in a manner that is easily observable. This line sees, and I will model, bridge traffic consisting of intermodal, coal, fracking sand, and mixed freight. With LaSalle, CO as a "hub", locals of mixed freights travel north and south to various grainger towns up and down the line. Train control is by

Digitrax DCC. Ultimately the railroad will be signaled and controlled via JMRI.

Jon Silverberg  
On30: DRG&W/RGS


This 22' by 27' layout is set in the late summer of 1942. The trackage runs from Durango and, eventually, will run to Ridgeway, CO. The track plan is double deck around the walls with two peninsulas. There is a helix and staging tracks in a separate room. The layout is being built for future operating sessions and will feature transport of coal and yellow cake for the Manhattan Project. The layout uses Micro Engineering code 83 track and a combination of Micro Engineering and Fast Tracks turnouts. It is powered by Digitrax DCC and uses wireless throttles. All locomotives have Soundtraxx Txunami sound decoders. At the present time all the lower level trackage is in, and scenery has been started.

\*\*\*Special Added Invitation  
Hoosier On30 Meet

The tour has also been invited to stop in and see the small layouts and dioramas that will be set up at the Hoosier On30 meet that Saturday from 10:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Note they will be wrapping things up one hour before the end of our tour). They will be located at the Noblesville Community Center, 372 South 8th St. in Noblesville. You do not need to be registered to stop in and see the layouts and dioramas, just tell them that you are on the CID layout tour and they will gladly let you in to see what's on display. Thanks to Al Askerberg who invited us see their stuff as an addition to the tour.


So **WOW!** Make your plans now to see some great layouts, enjoy some conversation with fellow modelers and perhaps get some ideas from others that you can apply to your own modeling. Thanks to Jon Silverberg for putting this tour together.

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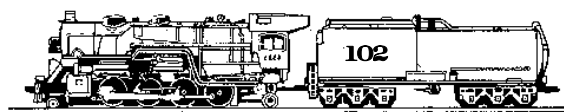
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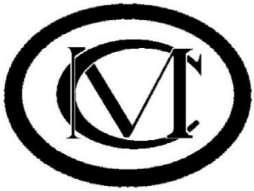
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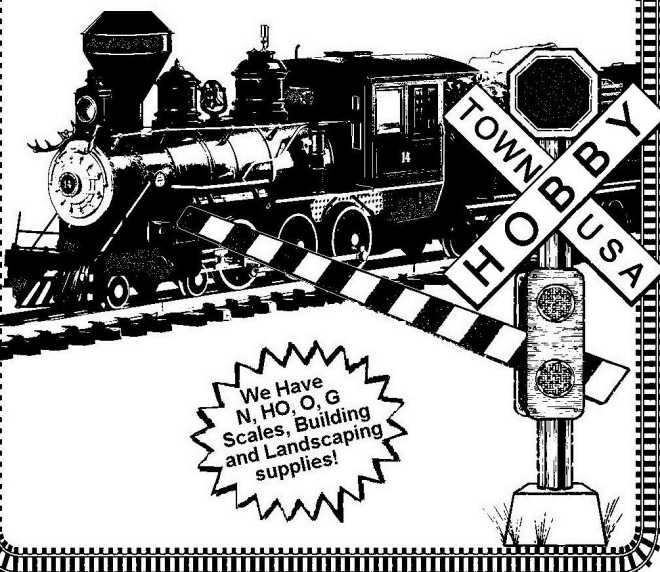
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