



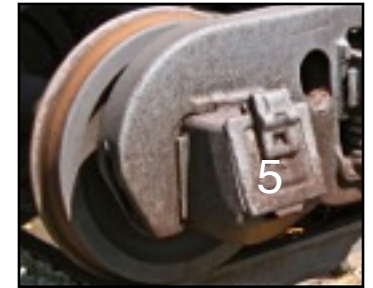
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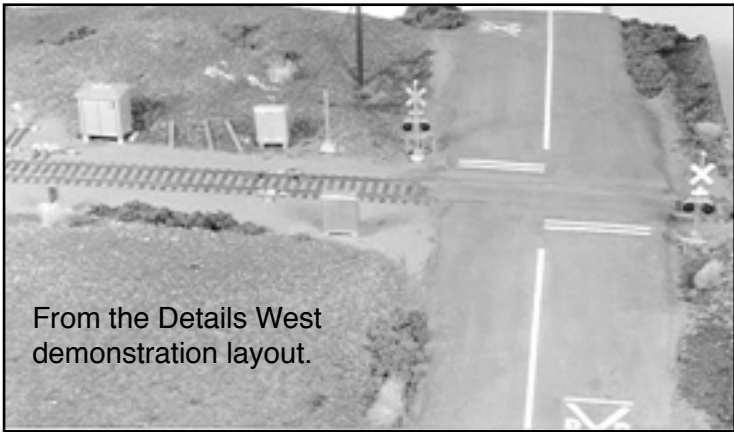
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The Next Event is this Saturday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m., in the newly refurbished meeting rooms in the basement level of the Lansing Public Library.

CLINIC
John Bussard will show us how to assemble a Details West Crossing signal.

Our Layout visit is to Mark Frecette's large, freelanced Fox River Valley HO layout featuring 1st generation power. This layout is located in its own building.



From the Details West demonstration layout.



SHOW & TELL
Current Projects, especially those that you are just getting started or are in the middle of.

Division 5 Visits Our Layout visit is to Rod Venzke's large, HO layout representing the Duluth-Superior area







AMTRAK'S NEW DEARBORN STATION



On display inside the station is this 2' gauge tank engine that was used by the Wayne County Road Commission, on loan from the Henry Ford Museum.



Above: 1922 Davenport Locomotive Works of Davenport, IA. Used by the Wayne County Road Commission from 1922 until 1927.

Across from the platform can be seen some of Greenfield Village's railroad.

Left: Naval Ammunition Depot No.1 from Charleston, SC.

Right: UTLX 3 compartment tank car used for transporting white oil.



From the Yard Office

Hi All, I have a busy month coming up with the NCR Regional Convention the same weekend as our October meeting and a trip to the weekend (Canadian version of what I hold each Spring on the Nashville Road). Hope you will be having a great time!!



With our Capital Division meeting this month, some of our members will be absent but that doesn't mean a lot of enjoyable time for those that attend. As usual, there will be an excellent clinic along with a great layout that is very enjoyable.

John will be presenting a clinic on assembling a Details West grade crossing signal. John always presents excellent clinics that cover many different aspects of building fine detail models and structures.

Then, you will all be off to Mark Frechette's home to visit his very large layout located in its own building. Mark has been making a lot of upgrades and design changes and it has been a few years since our last visit.

For those that missed the first meeting last month, you will be pleasantly surprised at the great upgrades that the library has done to our room. It really improves the capabilities that we have for our meetings in a very comfortable environment. The library management was very appreciative of the \$1500 donation that the Capital Division presented them earlier this year which helped make the upgrades a reality.

I have received little feedback from members that are interested in either learning more about railroad operations as it relates to model railroading or the MMR (Master Model Railroader) program which is presented by the NMRA. We do have some model railroaders in our Division working on different Awards in the Achievement Program towards their MMR. I am still very interested in getting more active and completing some of the AP Awards that I have been working on.

I would like to remind everyone that the layout owners that offer to open their layouts for the Division tour each month spend quite a bit of time preparing their layout and layout room for the occasion. I understand that there are times when some of our members cannot attend the layout open house after the meeting but I just want to remind you that if at all possible, please attend the open house.

Best, Andy

NEWS ITEMS

Left: This C&O/PRR crossing tower in Grand Rapids is being restored. The cabin has been removed to have bad wood replaced and to be repainted. Trains Magazine.

Right: It is reported that MA tower has now been moved to the Lansing Model Railroad Club site.

Below. This ex Coe Rail cab unit appears to have been moved out of Ensil yard. It has been purchased by an eastern short line.



THE CABOOSE PAGE



Another O Scale Pennsy cabin car on Darcy & Jeff Lang's layout seen during an Indianapolis NMRA Convention tour .

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Donations of Figures and Vehicles Wanted for Dobie Rd. Medical Facility Layout

The detailed scenery stage has begun on the 4' x 8' HO model railroad at the Ingham County Medical Rehabilitation Center that Roland Bunting, Norm Jolin, Fran Schafer, Ed Welch, and David Wentworth are helping to build. The cobblestone (Chooch) main city street is in place. Some of you have seen the Walther's Merchant Row store kit that Bob Truax so beautifully built. It is now glued down on the layout. Roland and Bob have nearly completed, using donated DPM kits, all the other Main St. stores (with interiors), and the whole town block, with interior lighting will be soon permanently attached. Roland has built one of his older Fine Scale Miniature kits, a coal supply dealer, and installed it on the layout. David has screwed in place one trackside business and has two other industries nearly ready for permanent installation. A pond with boats is finished. What we could still use are tons and tons of figures (people, dogs, cats, varmints) and vehicles (cars and trucks from the late 1940s to early 1960s) Anybody have a spare drunk, a woman with a broom, a warehouse worker, a fisherman, a smiling dog, gentle bear, a crate or barrel, fancy Ford, or Chevy, or rusty pickup truck? Consider donating even one item. It would be much needed and appreciated.

Lansing area modelers have been extremely generous in their support of the project. The Train Club at the rehabilitation center has received donations of over 50 pieces of rolling stock, 6 engines (including 4 with sound), an NCE Power Cab, and enough great structure kits to build out the layout. Thank you for thinking about us if you have any detail parts you can spare.

A couple of other things. An unpainted Proto 2000 GP20 has been donated. Center residents in the Train Club have voted to have it painted in a green and white scheme (MSU influence!) and lettered for that infamous Dobie & Okemos RR. Anyone out there with diesel painting experience want to take on a gratifying project? Since most of the residents are in wheelchairs we want to make the layout a stimulating visual and audio experience built to the highest standards. Anybody have an extra Miller Engineering flashing building/advertising sign. Or, a sound chip of factory sounds or thunder storm. Also, we could use 4-6 Walther's 1950s era street lights. We have 2 sets of Tomar crossing flashers and a LogicPro flasher/detector. Anyone with electrical expertise interested in helping to install them? Thanks again for any help you can give this layout project. Thanks for thinking of us, and talk us up to your modeling friends....

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