

# The Pie Card

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Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Ron Ellison

We are fortunate to have a bunch of new members. And quite a few members that have previously dropped out of the NMRA have returned. So WELCOME new and returning members. We are glad you are with us. Existing members, please

make these folks feel welcome.

When members don't renew their NMRA membership, the most common reason given by departing members is they were not made to feel welcome. We don't want that here. And let's also be sensitive to jargon. Railroad jargon has the benefit of making it easy to communicate complex subject matter quickly. But please be sensitive to our new and returning members and look for their understanding. A quizzical look means you've used jargon they may not understand. Let's not do that. It can be perceived as unfriendly.

Stan White, our Member Relations Chair, writes a column here in *The Pie Card* every month letting you know our member count, the names of new members, the names of members who have renewed, and the names of members who have fallen behind on dues. As of February 1st, we are 148 strong. And for the 1st time I can remember, there were no members PAST DUE.

The NMRA sends you a reminder about 3 months before your membership expires. And another reminder in the month your membership expires. If you're not receiving these reminders, NMRA Headquarters may not have your current home address or your current email address. If you are not receiving these reminders, it's very easy to check your information. Go to the NMRA homepage here → <https://www.nmra.org/> and on the top right you will see **Member Login | Registration**. Just log in or register if you haven't logged in before. Then in that same top right area, you will see **Member Info | Log Out**. When you click **Member Info**, it will display your current membership information. If you need to change anything, fill out the **Request for Membership Info Changes** form under **Membership** or go here → [Request Membership Info Changes](#) If you need any assistance with any of this, email Division 8 → [Email Division 8](#) If you have a calendar of some kind, it would be good to make a note of when your membership expires – because ultimately, it is your responsibility to renew your membership.

It's time to quote Bob Johnson who has been an NMRA member continuously for 54 years – *If you are going to be a member, participate*. And with the **Train Show & Sale on March 15th**, what a perfect time to do so. If you are able bodied, we need help unloading our dealers at 7 AM or with some clean up after the Show at 3 PM. [Email Division 8](#) to volunteer. If you are not able to help, attend the Show. Buy a ticket online while you're thinking about it here → [BUY NOW](#). And here's an idea – buy a ticket for a friend who may be interested in finding out more about scale model railroading. There's always something NEW at the Train Show & Sale.

We hope to see you at the **Train Show & Sale on March 15th**.



## TIME TABLE

**Mar 8**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.\*

**Mar 15**, Sat 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show and Sale, Safin Center, Holy Family Parish.

**Mar 29**, NMRAX, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

**Apr 12**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.\*

**Apr 26**, NMRAX, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

**May 10**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.\*

**May 15-18**, Buckeye Express, MCR Regional Convention, Columbus, OH.

\*March, April and May meetings are on the second Saturdays of the month.

## MARCH 2025 CHARLIE KEELING HYBRID MODEL CONTEST

By Barry Christensen, Contest Chairman

March	Structures
April	Passenger cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open loads
July	NO CONTEST
August	MOW equipment
September	Photos (model) and photos (prototype)
October	Steam locomotives
November	Displays (no size limit)
December	Highway vehicles
January	Freight cars
February	Non-steam motive power

For February, Division 8's Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest topic was non-steam motive power. There were five entries with honorable mention going to Bob Frankrone for "Southern Fantasy" and to Al Goodman for "Amusement Park Monorail."

Third place goes to Randall Griggs for "S Scale Scratch-built from 3-D Print EMD SW 1001." Second place goes to Bob Kuchler MMR® for "Doodlebug." First place goes to Ed Brennan MMR® for "US Air Force S-1 switcher (HO)." Congratulations to our modelers with these great efforts!

The revised point totals are now: Bob Frankrone and Bob Kuchler with 14 each, Ed Brennan with 12, Randall Griggs, Steve Lasher, and Russ Weis with 8 each, Rick Maloney and Eric Waggoner with 5 each, Bruce DeMaeyer with 4, Paul Downs and Al Goodman with 3 each, John Helton and Fred Soward with 2 each, and George Ronn and Barbara Soward with 1 each.

Please note that the Division 8 monthly meetings will be on the second Saturday in March, April, and May. So, the first day to enter the contest in those months will be early: February 22, March 29, and April 26 respectively.

Also, please note the contest rule stating that you may "...submit up to the maximum number of photos specified for a particular month's contest." That maximum is specified in the contest entry form as "...one to three photos of your contest entry attached to the email in JPG format only." The only exception is for the September contest when you may enter only one prototype photo, and only one model photo, to the two separate photo contests.

You may stack your image for added depth of field, but composite images and photo montages do not count as just one photo. Please check with the contest chair or the IT committee for clarification as needed.

The March Contest is **STRUCTURES**

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## MARCH MEETING INFORMATION

The March Division 8 meeting is 2 PM **Saturday, March 8, 2025 (a week earlier than normal)** at the Jeffersontown Library, 10635 Watterson Trail, Louisville, KY 40299. To maintain the security of the meeting, the Zoom connection information will be sent directly to members by email about a week prior to the meeting and will not be published online. Robert Hoffman is presenting the program, "Hand Laying Track, Foam to Finish." Stan White's layout will be open following the meeting. (See page 6 of this issue for details.)

## CONTEST (continued from column 1)

We will send out a reminder but below are some of the Contest timeline dates for March:

- February 22nd - First day to submit entries
- March 1st - Last day to submit entries
- March 6th - Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- March 6th & 7th - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 7th
- March 8th - Winners announced at the meeting - 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- March 29th - First day to submit April contest entries PASSENGER CARS

If you need more information, go here - <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/site/html/contest.html> .

To enter the March Contest, use the Contest Entry Form on the Division 8 website here → Contest and just follow the simple instructions included in the form.

Contest dates will also be listed in the Groups.io Calendar. And as always if you have questions, comments, or need help, email [division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com)

We will publish the Contest timeline dates each month in The Pie Card.



**FEBRUARY CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST**

*Photos by the Modelers*



**FIRST PLACE**

Ed Brennan's "HO U.S. Air Force S-I Switcher."

Ed had the opportunity to "drive" the prototype of this locomotive while he was the commander of an Air Force Logistics Group. This is an Atlas model that was released with the same number as the engine that Ed operated. Ed made a few changes to the stock model, to include the LEDs for lighting and replacing the stock couplers with Kadee #5 units. He added a TCS decoder to give him the DCC capability he really wanted.

**SECOND PLACE**

Right: Bob Kuchler's MMR® N Scale "Doodlebug."

This is an N scale Bachmann Doodlebug. Bob disassembled it and converted it to DCC by installing a Digitrax decoder which involved hardwiring it. While the body was off, he painted it in Milwaukee Road colors, added decals, and then weathered it with paint and chalks. Knuckle couplers were added as this model was old enough to have had the Rapido style originally.



**THIRD PLACE**

Randy Griggs' "S Scale EMD SW 1001 Switcher."

Randy scratch built this model with 3-D Printing using scaled up N Scale Plans. He installed American Flyer compatible couplers. Trucks, side frames, and wheel sets were 3-D printed. He added 3-D printed interior cab details. Paint scheme is based on a CSX prototype. The model is currently unpowered, but he plans to power it in the near future.

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**FEBRUARY CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST** *(continued from page 3)*

**HONORABLE MENTION**



Left: Bob Frankrone's HO "Southern Fantasy."

Bob began with an Athearn undecorated F45 locomotive Athearn blue box kit. He painted and decaled the model to represent what a Southern Railway F45 could have looked like had they purchased any.

Right: Al Goodman's HO\* "Amusement Park Monorail."

Al modified it from a Disneyland battery powered kit. Al plans to incorporate this into an amusement park setting that is "under development."

\*Monorail and train cars are "near HO" with scale actually 1:89, however Disney characters are 1:87 scale.



**FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT**

*By Rick Maloney MMR®, Division 8 Clerk*

The February Membership Meeting was held at 2:00 PM at the Jeffersontown Library on February 15, 2025. Attendance was 30 with 22 attending in person and 8 on Zoom. Ron announced that the Southern Indiana Railroad Club is now 100% NMRA Members, giving us a total of 148 members. He also welcomed Tim Gahlinger, a new member to the meeting. After accepting the minutes, and the Treasurer's report, we learned that Tom Guenther and Mark Norman had been hospitalized but were now home and recovering. Berry Christensen announced the winners of the February Contest, "Non-Steam Motive Power" contest (see page 2 of this issue). Fred Soward MMR® presented the Back to Basics Segment on prototype use of Derailers and how they can be used on a model railroad.

After a short break, Bill Brown MMR® gave a presentation on Modeling Innovations using LARC Graphics. After the meeting there was an open house tour of Rick Maloney's N- Scale Layout. The March Meeting will be at the Jeffersontown Library with Robert Hoffman's presentation on hand laying track. After the meeting, Stan White will host an open house tour of his HO Scale layout.

Right:

Library attendees.

*Photo by Barbara Soward*

*(more meeting photos on page 5)*





## PHOTOS FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Photos by Barbara Soward unless noted otherwise



Left:

Models displayed on the Show & Tell table at the meeting.



Left:

Ron Ellison (left) accepted Ed Brennan's first place contest certificate from Contest Chairman Barry Christensen. Ron will see that he gets it.

[www.LARCProducts.com](http://www.LARCProducts.com)



Left: Bill Brown MMR® gave a presentation on Modeling Innovations using LARC Graphics. (screen grabs from Div 8 YouTube Channel)

It was announced at the meeting that the Southern Indiana Railroad is now a 100% NRMA membership Club, the first in Indiana.



## LAYOUT OPEN HOUSE

Left: Following the meeting Rick Maloney hosted an open house at his layout.

(more Open House photos on page 13)

**MARCH LAYOUT OPEN HOUSE**

Stan White's HO scale layout, the L & N (Louisville & Norfolk), will be open following the March 8<sup>th</sup> Division meeting. The layout will be open from 4 PM or one-half hour after the meeting until 6:30 PM. Parking is available in the driveway or street side. Stan's layout is in the basement, so be aware there are stairs involved. Enter through the front door straight through to kitchen, turn right and down the stairs. Stan's address and directions will be provided at the March meeting. Stan will put out some signs to help. He hopes to see you there. *(photo of Stan's layout on page 14)*

Russ Weis invites you to open your layout to members following a Division Meeting. Your address, directions, and any parking instructions will be given at the meeting so there will only be Division 8 members attending. You can let Russ know at a meeting or you can send a message by email to: [division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com), or call or text: (502) 653-5371 with your contact information, and he will get in touch with you.

**FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

*By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent*

As promised in this column last month, you'll find photos of our trip to this year's Amherst Model Railroad show at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in West Springfield, Massachusetts elsewhere in this issue of The Pie Card. Barbara & I took two days to get there, taking the northern route and spending one night a bit south of Buffalo, NY. We found more than six inches of snow on the Odyssey the next morning, but made it to Springfield in time for dinner at the Steaming Tender restaurant that evening with twenty eight model railroad friends. After two days of NMRA meetings, we were finally able to get to the show to promote the hobby and the NMRA, to do some shopping, to see layouts, and to visit with friends. As you'll see in the photos, we met up with a LOT of friends while we were there. Also, on Saturday evening, we attended the Women In Model Railroading Special Interest Group operating session that was co-sponsored by the Dry Hill Model Railroad Club. I didn't run a single train, but Barbara had a great time helping one of the "Trainmasters," troubleshooting the layout, doing a bit of dispatching, helping in the yard, and acting as a hostler for the final Amtrak run of the evening. Because of a potential family issue in L'ville, we needed to be home earlier than expected. So, we tag-team drove home, leaving Springfield at 5:30 PM Sunday and arriving home at 8:30 AM Monday. <ooof!>

As I reported last month, we made a LOT of progress on our basement layout this past month. We have the trackwork in place for the main, arrival & departure tracks, and the trackage to the Gilroy branch laid down in Watsonville Junction Yard. While we don't yet have all the "south" staging track down, much of it is in place. The homabed in Watsonville is laid down as well as the homabed between Watsonville and Santa Cruz. No photos this month.

Barbara & I also took an overnight trip to Charleston, WV, to visit Bob Weinheimer and his Pennsylvania Southern railroad. It's always good to visit Bob and this time Barbara actually ran several trains! *(see photos on page 14)*

We had hoped to have made a lot of progress on Tom Guenther's operating scheme for his new layout, but that's been delayed because of his hospitalization and our travel this month. We are all hoping to get that moved far forward in March.

**MEMBER WELFARE**

*By Mike Berry Member Welfare Chairman*

This month we had two members with hospital stays - Tom Guenther and Mark Norman. Both are home and improving. A sympathy card was sent to Carl Hulswede's wife Donna Marie with the passing of her mother. The Member Welfare Fund remains with a \$200 donation from the Charlie Keeling family and a \$100 anonymous donation.

And, as always, let us know if you hear of a member in need.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

*By Stan White, Membership Relations Chairman*

As of the last report received from the Mid Central Region, we have 148 active members. We have five new members: Charles Trusty, Joseph Purvis, Derik Lowhorn, Mark Clark, Tim Gahlinger. Twenty two renewals: Mike Berry, Ed Brennan, Tyler Dean, David Duncan, Jeff Enloe, Don Fowler, Scott Gray, Randall Griggs, Robert Irmischer, Steve Lasher, Steven Linn, Kenneth Pettit, Jay Stottman, Luke Stottman, Eric Waggoner, Brian Weir, Stan White, Todd Whitehead, and Rick Williams. There were zero expired members.



**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

*By Mark Norman MMR®, Achievement Program Chairman*

My last column was written on 9-Jan. Little did I know my life would change 11 days later. Permit me to open with the closing sentences from last month – “The true reward is the joy of this fun hobby and sharing it with others.” So, what happened? My heart and breathing stopped! Shortly afterwards both spontaneously restarted. Halleluia! Let’s call this a turning point. The expression ‘there’s always tomorrow’ isn’t necessarily true. To quote Squire Bill Widener “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” It’s good advice for all of us. Take a few minutes every day if at all possible to spend time at your modeling desk or operating trains.

Back at home, I was working on a project trying to decide which electrical connectors to use in various situations. I remembered going to a few supplier websites and being overwhelmed. There are millions of options! How to decide? In Scouting we teach leaders to ‘Use your resources.’ An email was sent to fellow Division 8 member Bruce DeMaeyer who has spent a lifetime as an electrical engineer. He graciously invited me over one morning to show me several options. That time together was not only informative, it was joyful – two modelers enjoying one another’s company. Thank you for your support, prayers, and friendship. Time to do some modeling!

**OPERATING SESSION ON THE RAIL XPRESS (RxRR)**

*By Bob Dawson, photos by Fred Soward MMR®*

In early February a group of Division 8 members made a trip north to the Indianapolis Area to operate on Dan Hinel’s MMR®, *RailXpress Railroad*.



Left:

Division 8 members who made the trip. From left to right: Bob Dawson, Duke Green, Darcy Elliott, Brandon Vittitoe, and Fred Soward.

Right: Host Dan Hinel giving first timers; Duke, Brandon, and Darcy a briefing and tour of the railroad.



Left:

Dan explaining the dispatcher’s panel.



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**OPERATING SESSION ON THE RAIL XPRESS (RxRR) (continued from page 7)**



Left:  
Bob Dawson planning his next move or is he just totally lost?

Below left:  
Darcy studying his next move. He may not be lost!



Most of us worked with one of Dan's experienced operators.

Above:  
Duke apparently checking on his next move.

Left:  
Brandon with one of the regular operators.





**AMHERST RAILROAD HOBBY SHOW 2025 AT THE BIG E IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA**

*By Fred Soward MMR®, photos by Fred except as noted*

Be sure to check this month's Assistant Superintendent column for details about Fred & Barbara's trip. The Women In Model Railroading Special Interest Group, in conjunction with the Dry Hill Model Railroad Club, hosted an operating session for anyone who wanted to attend the Saturday evening event.



Left: It was a two day drive to Springfield. This was Barbara's view of I-90 from the passenger side of the Odyssey on the morning of the second day of driving to the event.

*Photo by Barbara Soward.*



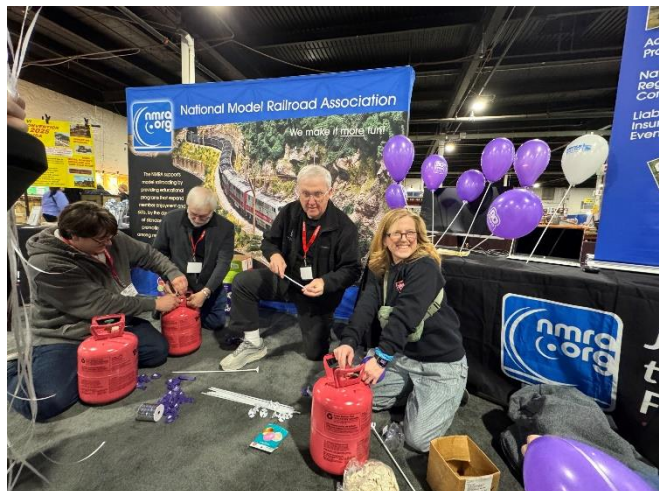
Right: Fred attended two days of meetings prior to the show (and a few meetings DURING the show as well). This was the open/public session of the NMRA Board of Directors meeting Friday afternoon.

*Photo by Barbara Soward.*



Left: Fred & Barbara met up with YouTube personality Hyce just before the show opened Saturday morning. Fred's Monday Train Video emails have featured several of Hyce's YouTube videos. *Photo by Barbara Soward.*

Right: Barbara & Fred helped fill NMRA 90th Anniversary balloons before the show opened Saturday morning. Joining in the fun (Left to Right) is Jordan Kramer from Division 7, MCR, in Cincinnati, OH, NMRA Canada Director John Bate, Fred, and NMRA Social Media Manager Lucy Dormont. *Photo by Barbara Soward.*



Left: Someone had to hold all those balloons once they were filled with helium. NMRA Treasurer and Division 7, MCR, member Frank Koch HLM, found out that it was a hair-raising exercise for him.

*Photo by Barbara Soward.*

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**AMHERST RAILROAD HOBBY SHOW 2025** (continued from page 9)



Left: Let them eat cake! Not only is this year the NMRA's 90th Anniversary, it's also Lionel's 125th Anniversary, so both were celebrated with a cake in the NMRA booth.



Right: Greg McComas, who visited Division 8 in September 2024, had his son Grayson were busy both days of the show with all the offerings from MacRail.  
*Photo by Barbara Soward.*



Left: It's not the Amherst Railroad Hobby Show unless it includes at least one dinner meal at the Steaming Tender. Barbara and Fred were there with a group of 28 other model railroad friends!

Right: The only rail fan opportunity was a quick nite shoot of an idling locomotive near the Steaming Tender.



Left: NMRA World Wide Director Martyn Jenkins from Australia made sure Barbara received her annual Koala from Down Under while at the show.

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**AMHERST RAILROAD HOBBY SHOW 2025** (continued from page 10)



Left: It was great visiting with NMRA Atlantic Director Mike Arnold, but also somewhat sad. Mike has handed over the NMRA BoD Lead Director role to Fred as this year's trip to Amherst is his last trip as a member of the NMRA BoD.



Right: Barbara and Fred reconnected with their friend Mark Culler, a former Louisville area resident who moved to Connecticut several years ago. Mark models in On30.



Left: It's simply amazing all the places Fred & Barbara find New Zealander Paul Hobbs! After visiting over Saturday breakfast, they linked up with him at the show Sunday afternoon. They have bumped into him during several national and region conventions (MCR and PCR) during the past few years.

Below left: Bill Brown MMR® of LARC Graphics (our February 2025 Division 8 meeting presenter) visited with Fred & Barbara for a few minutes between him speaking with customers.



Above: Darcy Elliott led a contingent of fellow Division 8 members consisting of himself, Brandon Vitoe, and Todd Whitehead to the show. In addition to meeting up with Fred & Barbara at the NMRA booth, they shopped the show and attended the Saturday evening Women In Model Railroading operating session.

Photo by Lucy Dormont.

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Left: NMRA Social Media Manager Lucy Dormont was really focused running her train during the Women In Model Railroading Special Interest Group operating session. This may be the ONLY photo ever taken of a non-smiling Lucy Dormont.

Right: This year, Barbara didn't run a train across the layout during the Women In Model Railroading Special Interest Group operating session. Instead, she worked with one of the Dry Hill Model Railroad Club "Trainmasters" to troubleshoot issues that arose during the session, she did a bit of dispatching, helped in the yard, and acted as a hostler for the Amtrak train at the very end of the evening.



Left: Division 8 member Brandon Vittoe jumped right into the Women In Model Railroading Special Interest Group operating session to run a couple trains over the layout.

Left: Division 7, MCR Superintendent Chuck Endreola attended the show along with several other Division 7 members. He stopped by the booth to visit with all of us, including NMRA Treasurer Frank Koch.

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**AMHERST RAILROAD HOBBY SHOW 2025** (continued from page 12)



Left: The show isn't over until all the displays and all the merchandise is packed away. This is Fred's favorite photo from the 4 days he & Barbara spent in Springfield, MA, this year. It's Scale Trains President Shane Wilson sitting on the floor, helping pack boxes at the end of the show. Fred says, "This photo speaks volumes about the type of leader Shane is. I would've been more surprised to NOT see him in the thick of it, helping the Scale Trains team during tear down."

**LAYOUT OPEN HOUSE** (continued from page 5)

*Photos by Bob Dawson*



Left:

Two MMR's®:

Bob Kuchler (left) and host Rick Maloney (right).

*(see a photo of next month's layout on page 14)*





**MARCH LAYOUT OPEN HOUSE**

*Photo by Bob Dawson*



Left: Stan White's HO scale layout, the L & N (Louisville & Norfolk), will be open following the March 8<sup>th</sup> Division meeting.

*(see page 6 for information)*

**OPERATING ON THE PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHERN**

*By Fred Soward MMR®, photos by Fred*

Barbara & I also took an overnight trip to Charleston, WV, to visit Bob Weinheimer MMR® and his Pennsylvania Southern railroad. It's always good to visit Bob and this time Barbara actually ran several trains!

Right: Barbara classifying cars in Pittsburgh Yard.



Left: With Bob Weinheimer MMR®, working at Washington Yard.



Right:

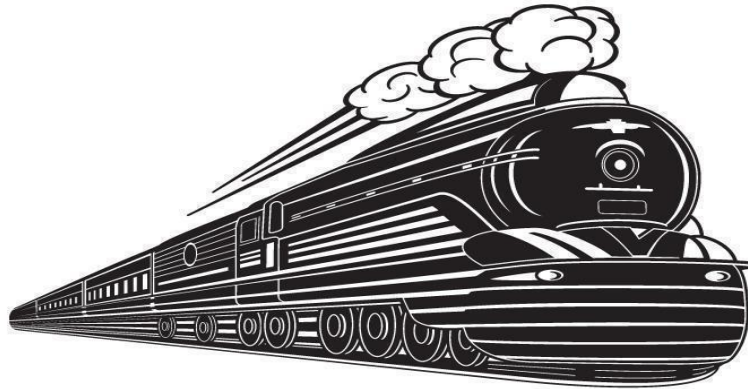
At Bridgeville.

Barbara accumulated several Achievement Program hours for engineer (6.0 hours) and yard master (4.5 hours).





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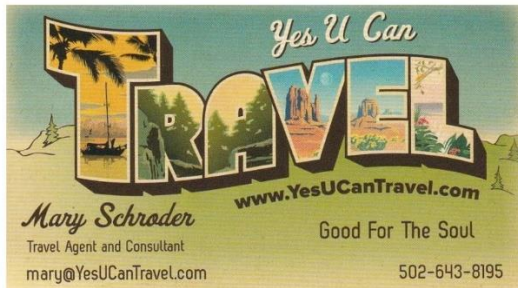
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RPM-East prototype modeler event in metro-Pittsburgh, PA

The 2025 RPM-East returns to the Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood, PA, March 21 & 22! The location of our long-running railroad prototype modeler meet is just 40 miles southeast of downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Make plans to rekindle your modeling efforts!

RPM-East is sponsored by Division 2, MCR-NMRA. Registration forms, presentation details, op session layouts, and participating vendors can be reviewed at the RPM-East website:

[http://hansmanns.org/rpm\\_east/index.htm](http://hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm)

**July 14 - 19, 2025**

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## NMRA National Convention



NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION  
2025 National Convention

## STATION No. VI

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**July 14-19, 2025**

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### CONVENTION GOALS and HIGHLIGHTS -

Our main objectives are to provide events of value, items attendees will see as worth their money, all at the lowest possible cost. \*\* We will honor the traditions of past conventions but at lower cost and with greater flexibility. \*\* This convention will be shorter, starting at 1 PM on Monday and continuing through Saturday afternoon with a banquet Saturday evening. \*\* Note that registration includes all layout visits and operating sessions, and all activities at the hotel except Modeling with the Masters, and admittance to the National Train Show. \*\* We will support all the traditional activities of the SIG's. \*\* The National Contest will be fully supported. The contest will be in a prominent room and will be run by the National Contest team. There will be space for model displays, modular layouts and other functions. Those putting their models on display will have the option of entering the People's Choice Contest. \*\* We will have several prototype tours which may include a Ford plant tour and a cruise on the Detroit River with an emphasis on the industrial aspects of the waterfront. \*\* We expect to have at least 90 clinics. The clinics will be varied, and each will be given twice. \*\* We expect to have at least 60 layouts open for visit. Most layouts will be at least 900 sq. ft. in size running to over 3,000 sq. ft. in one or more cases. All layout visits and op sessions will be self-guided so you may take your time.

<https://nmra2025.com/>

## Mid-Central Region Annual Convention

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May 15- 18, 2025



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