



# The Yardmaster

Southwestern Michigan Division



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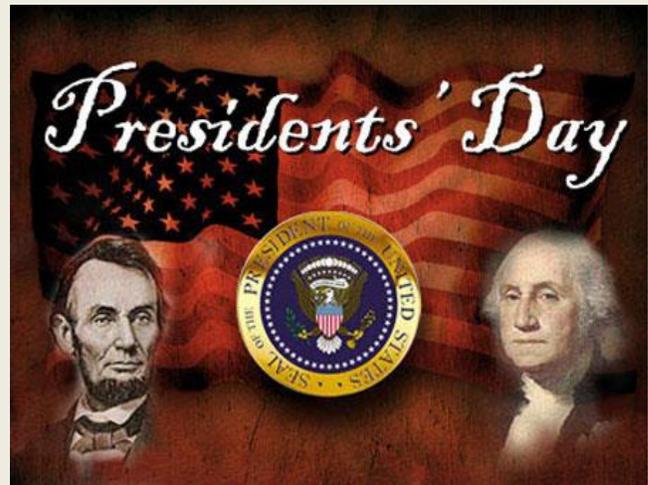
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This photo is the Pere Marquette Steam Engine # 1225, at the Steam Railroading Institute.

## Non-Train Related Holidays & Special Events – February

- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ground Hog Day**
- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Lincoln's Birthday**
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday & Start of Lent**
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day**
- Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – President's Day**



♥ happy ♥  
*Valentine's*  
♥ day ♥



## **Editor's Comments**

We are always looking for more interesting content for the newsletter. If you have anything to offer, please feel free to send me photos, articles, ideas, comments, and anything that tickles your fancy (keep it clean) that would add to our overall adventure into the world of Model Railroading.

The Kalamazoo Bridge Club has been really terrific with Division 9, and I have added an article giving some information about the club. Most likely there will be something in each newsletter going forward at least through the end of 2024.



### **Division 9 Officers**

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## **For Sale Items**

Do you have an excess inventory of cars, supplies, etc. which are just taking up space and most likely will never be used? You can list these items here and try to sell them, so you can buy more train stuff.



To list your for-sale items here, send your list of items along with a picture if one is available, a description of your item(s) along with your asking price and contact information. If you wish your item(s) to be listed in the upcoming newsletter, you need to submit them along with needed information no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Garry Johnson has two sheets of 4'x8'x2" pink foam for sale. Make him an offer, which he has indicated he is going to donate to Division 9.**

Send your information to [alanwbau@gmail.com](mailto:alanwbau@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Division Nine Membership Meetings & Events:

<b>Meetings &amp; Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Presenter &amp; Topic</b>
Membership Meeting	Saturday February 17 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM	Kalamazoo Bridge Club	Andy Keeney - Operations
Membership Meeting & Layout Tour of Andy Keeney's layout	Saturday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Keeney's	Layout Tour followed by an Op Session
Board Meeting	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Bau's House 2441 Hunter's run Kalamazoo	
Membership Meeting & Hands-on Weathering Program	April 20 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM	Kalamazoo Bridge Club	Norm Logan

**Zoom Link will be available for the all meetings except the March Meeting.**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> – Location Kalamazoo Bridge Club** –Andy Keeney is the presenter on the topic of model railroad operations. Andy is the Owner and Operator/Builder of the "Nashville Road" model railroad layout, will be speaking to us and teaching us about railroad operations based on real railroads and his own layout. In March, on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Division 9 will join Andy's railroad crew for an operating session to practice what we have learned on his layout.

**March 16<sup>th</sup> – Layout Tour & Op Session** – 6850 Herbison Rd., De Witt Mi. The program for the day starts out with a tour of Andy's layout, followed by an Op Session on his layout. Andy's railroad layout is based in the 1950's so he can operate locomotives and early diesel engines. It is a freelance railroad that is now jointly owned by Milwaukee Road and the Louisville and Nashville railroads. Andy models the railroad lines from Bowling Green, KY to Columbia, TN. His layout is a large three level layout in his basement that hosts lots of operating sessions, while it is still under construction. The layout was started in 2001, after an electrical fire destroyed his old house, including his collection of model railroad equipment and parts of earlier layouts. Andy has been involved with model railroading since his early years as a child. There are a few pictures of Andy's layout on the next page.

**April 20<sup>th</sup> – Location Kalamazoo Bridge Club** – **Program is a hands-on rolling stock weathering session presented by Norm Logan.** Bring a couple of cars to weather. The expectations are that Division 9 will furnish weathering materials for the group. Norm makes a repeat performance as he gave a clinic on backdrops a while back. To make certain we have a sufficient amount of weathering supplies, please send Alan Bau an email no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> indicating if you plan to attend this session. Alan's email is alanwba@gmail.com.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – We will be visiting the Sturgis Model Railroad Club located at 101 Jefferson St. in Sturgis, Mi. It has been a while since we visited the Sturgis club, and it will be interesting to see the progress they have made to their layout. For those that have never been to the club, they have a really nice facility which is located in the Freight House behind the Sturgis Historical Museum.

### **Andy Keeney Layout Pictures**



## Upcoming Train Shows

# Train Show List

The full list of shows is available here on the brand new website, which allows you to subscribe and submit your events directly. More features will be coming soon!

<https://www.trainshowlist.com>

Given that we are reaching almost 1000 subscribers every other week, please consider making a donation as part of your event's marketing budget. Please visit the Train Show List site and donate via PayPal. Thank you for your support!

For a complete list of upcoming Trail Shows, click on the above link. Details for train shows in the greater Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek areas are displayed below.

### **Kalamazoo Spring Train Show**

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Kalamazoo County Expo Center

2900 Lake St.

Kalamazoo, MI

Directions: [Use Google Maps](#)

### **Event Details**

15th Annual Spring Train Show held the first Saturday of April.

### **Contact Information**

David Hayes-Moats

[kaltrainshow@kalnet.net](mailto:kaltrainshow@kalnet.net)

269-267-9620

Website: <http://www.kmrhs.org/>

### **Grand Rapids Spring Train Show**

Saturday, May 4, 2024  
Home School Building  
5625 Burlingame Ave SW  
Wyoming, MI  
Directions: [Use Google Maps](#)

#### **Event Details**

OVER 200 VENDOR TABLES \* 70+ VENDORS ? THOMAS THE TRAIN PLAY AREA ? HUGE LEGO DISPLAY & PLAY AREA Drawing for Lionel "Thomas – The - Train" Set Free Parking \*Door Prizes\* Food Concessions Vendors with Model Trains in all Scales Books \* RR Photos \* RR Collectibles Family Fun for "Children" of All Ages

#### **Contact Information**

Thomas Klonowski  
trainshow@grvrrc.org  
8476911163  
Website: <https://grvrrc.org/>

### **Battle Creek Model Railroad Club Train Show & Swap Meet**

Saturday, September 14, 2024  
Calhoun County Fairgrounds  
720 Fair St.  
Marshall, MI  
Directions: [Use Google Maps](#)

#### **Event Details**

Several operating layouts, "hands-on" displays, door prizes. Children 12 & under free admission.

#### **Contact Information**

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Information Flyers on the NCR March 23rd and the May Midwest Regional Conventions are displayed on the next two pages.



**North Central Region –  
Spring Modelers Meet  
March 23, 2024 – Sylvania Oh.**



**Sylvania Senior Center  
7140 W. Sylvania Avenue  
Sylvania, Oh. 43560**

Doors Open at 8:00AM, Clinics start at 9:00AM, Layout Tours begin at 3:00 PM

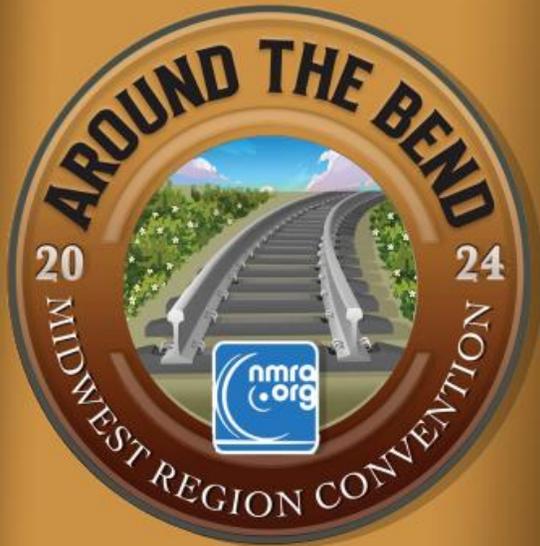
Admission is \$20 at the door. For more information on this one-day convention, click on this or any of the other links displayed here. [2024 North Central Region – Spring Modelers Meet – Hosted by the Black Swamp Division \(Div 1\) NCR NMRA](#)

Advanced registration is encouraged. Click on this link to pre-register. [Registration – 2024 North Central Region – Spring Modelers Meet \(ncrnmra.org\)](#)

9 clinics are split between three rooms allowing a selection of course structures. For details click on this link. [Clinics – 2024 North Central Region – Spring Modelers Meet \(ncrnmra.org\)](#) The following are confirmed at this time. Dan Lewis MMR, Fritz Milhaupt, Doug Tagsold & Brook Qualman MMR.

Layout Tours – There are nine layouts on the tour. For more information click on this link. [Layout Tours – 2024 North Central Region – Spring Modelers Meet \(ncrnmra.org\)](#)

For the entire event schedule click on this link. [Schedule – 2024 North Central Region – Spring Modelers Meet \(ncrnmra.org\)](#)



- Regional Train Event
- Clinics
- SIG Activities
- Layout Tours
- Operating Sessions
- Display Room
- NMRA AP Program Evaluation
- Railroad & General Interest Tours

The Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)

# AROUND THE BEND

MIDWEST REGIONAL CONVENTION

• MAY 2ND-4TH, 2024 •

## The Century Center

120 Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. South Bend, IN

The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), Midwest Region (MWR) 2024 Convention hosted by the Michiana Division. We sincerely welcome you to the convention. We have a great event planned for both veterans and beginners in the hobby of model railroading.

Additionally, the Steel Mill Special Interest Group will participate in this event with featured Steel Mill (SIG) clinics and vendors.



### Admission Prices

This event is open to NMRA members and the general public

#### Early Bird Registration (ends April 1, 2024)

Full Convention Registration **\$70** Public **\$60** NMRA **\$48** Volunteers

One-day Registration **\$40** Public **\$30** NMRA **\$24** Volunteers

#### Gate Registration (on or after April 2, 2024)

Full Convention Registration **\$75** Public **\$65** NMRA **\$52** Volunteers

One-day Registration **\$45** Public **\$35** NMRA **\$28** Volunteers

Members of the public may pay for a Rail Pass Membership and receive NMRA admission prices. Children 12 and under accompanied by an adult (paid) are admitted free.



VISIT  
**SOUTH BEND**  
MISHAWAKA

For more info visit  
[2024AROUNDTHEBEND.COM](http://2024AROUNDTHEBEND.COM)

## **NMRA – NCR Division 9**

### **Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Colonial Kitchen**

**December 16, 2023**

**Attendees:** Joel Pyard, Bill Lauritzen, Roger Fenske, Rick Garthe, Greg Stonerock, Jim Fankhauser, Bob Lawrence, Greg Marvin, Dale Kilarney, Deb Kilarney, Garry Johnson

- Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Superintendent Garry Johnson
- Superintendent's Report – Garry welcomed everyone and discussed cork cleanup process.
- Paymaster – Bob Lawrence reported that our treasury balance remains at \$1,355.49.
- There were no other officer reports.
- At this point the business meeting was closed.
- Joel Pyard then presented part 2 ½ on the GR&I railroad



## **NMRA – NCR Division 9**

### **Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Kalamazoo Bridge Club**

**January 20, 2024**

Attendees In-Person: Alan Bau, Joel Pyard, Greg Marvin, Jim Fankhauser, Tony Vacha (Guest), Dale Kilarney, Garry Johnson, Jim Glenn, Rick Garthe, Rich Mahaney

Zoom Attendees: Dave Vinci, Jim Donahue

- Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Garry Johnson at 9:55 Am
- Garry informed the group that he has (2) 4"x8"x2" for sale at a reasonable price, with the proceeds to be donated to the Division 9. If interested contact Garry.
- Rich Mahaney reviewed the schedule of upcoming Division 9 Events, with one significant change. In April there is a rolling stock hands-on weathering program led by Norm Logan. This is our first hands-on program where attendees can bring in a few pieces of rolling stock to weather. Watch for more details as they become available.
- Rich also listed off upcoming conventions: Links are included.
  - Sylvania (Toledo area) March 23<sup>rd</sup> [2024 North Central Region – Spring Modelers Meet – Hosted by the Black Swamp Division \(Div 1\) NCR NMRA](#)
  - NCR Midwest Division May 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> [Around the Bend MWR Convention \(mwr-nmra.org\)](#)

- NCR convention Northville, MI. October 10 – 13<sup>th</sup> – [2023-dec-hotbox.pdf \(ncrnmra.org\)](https://www.ncrnmra.org/hotbox.pdf) This link is actually to Hotbox, which has quite a bit of information on this event.
- The NMRA convention will be held in Novi, MI. in July 2025.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:50PM. Following the business meeting Rich Mahaney made two presentations. A review of the Manistee & Northeastern Railroad and the 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation was on adding “Smells” to your model railroad layout.

Respectfully Submitted

Alan Bau  
Division 9 Scribe



**NMRA-NCR-Division 9  
Board Meeting  
Sunday January 7 2:15 PM  
Zoom Meeting Only  
Meeting Minutes**

Zoom Attendees – Alan Bau, Joel Pyard, Rich Mahaney, Doug VanMeter  
Meeting was called to order by Joel Pyard - Assistant Superintendent at 2:15 PM  
Officer Reports

- There were no Officer Reports as all officers were either absent or had nothing to report. Rich Mahaney reviewed the schedule of upcoming Member Events.

Month	Location	Speaker	Topic
January	Kalamazoo Bridge Club	Rich Mahaney	Manistee & Northeastern Railroad Adding “Smells” to your Model RR.
February	Kalamazoo Bridge Club	Andy Keeney	Model Train Operations
March	Andy Keeney’s - Dewitt, Mi.	Andy Keeney	Layout tour of Andy’s Model RR. Plus an Operating Session
April	Kalamazoo Bridge Club	Norm Logan	Weathering Rolling Stock
May	Sturgis Model Railroad Club		Layout Tour
June	TBD	Group Trip to Cedar Springs?	Requires Ticket

**September Annual Meeting:** There was a brief discussion on potential programs that we should investigate for our next annual meeting. One of the topics that was suggested was a hands-on session. The topic of weathering was suggested, where all participants could bring a small item to be weathered.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Possibly at Alan Bau’s house. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Bau Division 9 Scribe



**648 Maple Hill Drive**

**269-290-3113**

**[www.kzoobridge.com](http://www.kzoobridge.com)**

The Kalamazoo Bridge Club has been very gracious in allowing Division 9 to use their facility to hold some of our monthly Membership Meetings as well as our Board Meetings.

We all recognize that these facilities are well suited for our meetings. There is plenty of room, good lighting, plenty of close-by parking, a quiet atmosphere with little or no outside interruptions making for a good meeting venue.

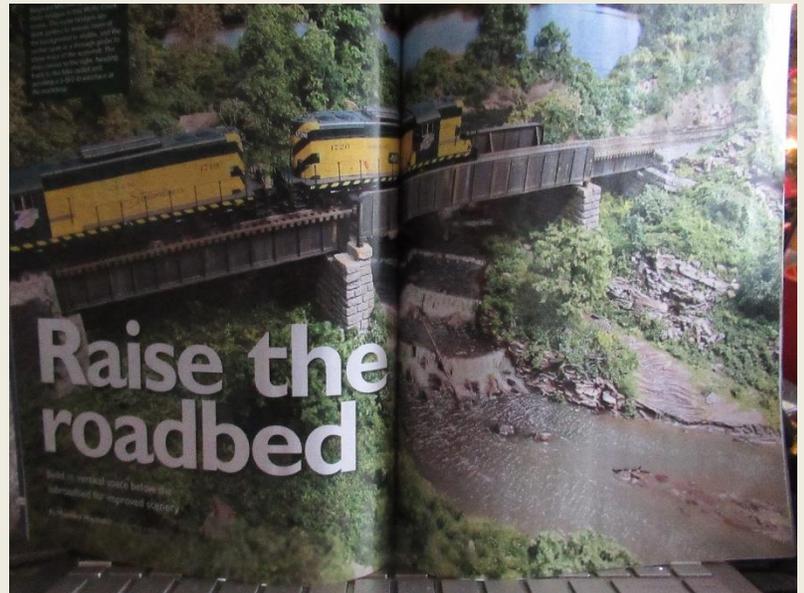
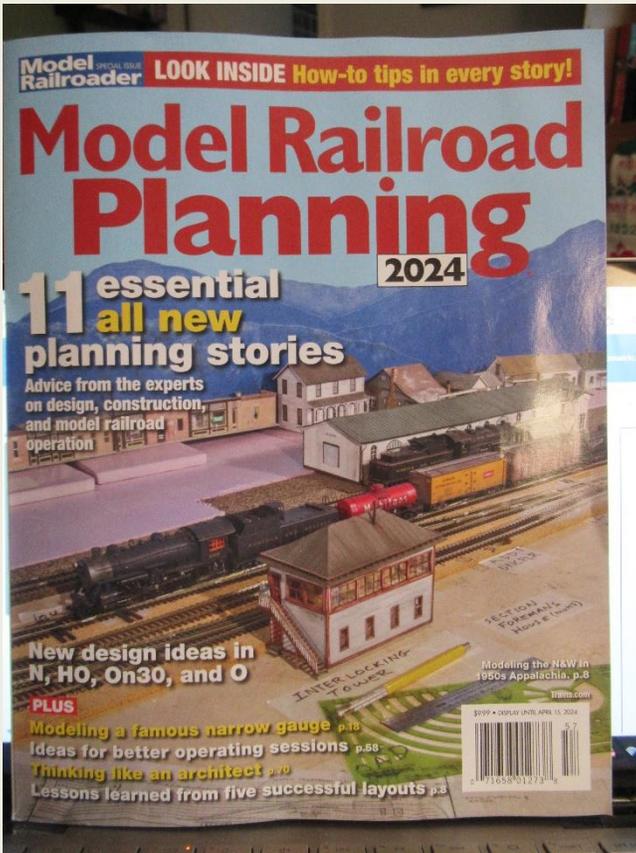
To show our appreciation I thought a little free advertising in the Yardmaster would be appropriate. The game of bridge is running into the same kinds of issues that we are experiencing in model railroading and increasing the overall awareness of the game is a positive thing. You never know where the new player or modeler is coming from, so spreading the word can be helpful.

The Bridge Club has weekly games for experienced and less-experienced players. Their normal weekly schedule is displayed below.

Game	Type of Game	Start Time
Monday	Open to all players	Noon
Tuesday	Open to all players	Noon
Tuesday	Limited to players having fewer than 50 master points	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Limited to players having fewer than 1,000 master points	Noon
Friday	Open to all players	Noon

**Congratulations to Maynard Mitchell from Battle Creek, MI.**

Maynard Mitchell has an article in the 2024 Model Railroad Planning Magazine.



## Rich's Travels

# Hamilton Northwestern Railroad



About 5pm December 30th, Jill and I were leaving Holland, MI to head home to Gobles. We could hear "train horns" but they did not sound like the traditional horns on Amtrak or CSX engines passing through Holland. We turned on to 8th Street to head to Chase Bank and McDonalds at 8th and 31 and then to home, and suddenly the crossing lights came on in front of us, we stopped, I got the camera out and started looking both ways. Head lights suddenly appeared, and they were appearing from the south, finally two engines of the Hamilton Northwestern Railroad, which

is a part of the West Michigan Railroad came into view. They were heading to the CSX Waverly Yard to pick up railroad cars to take back to Hamilton, MI, to the agricultural facility that they transport covered hopper cars for. I shot a few photos as they passed us by. As they say: "timing is everything"!

The photos Rich took are displayed below:



# Manistee's Big Four Railroads

The following pages are from Rich Mahaney's presentation at the January Membership Meeting.

by [Mark Fedder](#) | Jan 27, 2016 | [Local History](#) | [7 comments](#)



To take a glance into the past is to delve into the world of yesterday where how people lived, worked, dressed, and traveled can all at once be foreign and similar to the way in which we live today. With Manistee's place in history as a towering lumber industry, the town itself needed to use railroads in order to conveniently transport logs out of the forest as well as in and out of the various sawmills that surrounded Manistee Lake.

At first utilizing four main railroads for the transportation of lumber, all but one of these railroads eventually became used for passenger service shortly by the turn of the 20th Century and along with it Manistee's growth as the premier lumbering town in Northern Michigan.

## Manistee and Northeastern Railroad

Originally conceived as a logging railroad, construction of the M. & N.E. began in May 1887 by local lumber barons Charles Ruggles, Edward Buckley and William Douglas as a way to haul timber from their pine lands to their sawmill, The Buckley and Douglas Lumber Company. However, realizing that more money could be made by making the train route a standard gauge railroad, the organizers decided to add passenger service to the line and by January 1889, the first official passenger run of the Manistee and Northeastern commenced with a trip to Bear



Creek. Over the next four years, more track was laid and by 1892, the train eventually wound its way to Traverse

City opening up various branches whilst passing through smaller communities such as: Newland, Douglas, Onekama, Norwalk, Chief Lake, Bear Creek, Kaleva, Lemon Lake, Copemish, Nessen City, Karlin, Interlochen, Lake Ann, Solon, Fouch, Greilickville, and Traverse City. With the railroad passing through these small communities, foot traffic increased and some of the areas prospered and began to grow.

As the years passed, the M. & N.E. covered approximately 120 miles of track with the amount of passengers increasing to a height of almost 200,000 by the late 1890s and early 1900s.

With many good years behind it the railroad began to experience a tumultuous period as portions of the available virgin timber in the area began to decrease leading to the closure of many of the area's sawmills. However, in 1910, the line had reached Grayling and with it, access to more timber which went a long way in helping to maintain the railroad line for a few more years.

Even though passenger service kept on, the M. & N.E. had ceased to become profitable and in 1924, a new corporation was formed to help the unstable financial situation of the railroad. With more people traveling in automobiles and numerous branches closing (all leading to an eventual decrease in passengers) the line was turned over to the Pere Marquette Railroad in 1932. A small trickle of travelers continued until the last passenger train, running from Manistee to Kaleva, was discontinued in November 1949. However, in January 1955, the Chesapeake and Ohio line began to reuse the M. & N.E. tracks as a passenger service and for the next eleven years continued to do so until ceasing service in October 1966. The line continued to be used for freight until February 1982.

### **Manistee and Luther Railroad**

The Manistee and Luther Railroad was the longest and longest lived of R. G. Peters' many railroads. Peters had spent over a decade working on railroads before entering the logging business. With this knowledge, he was one of the first in Manistee and in Michigan to use rails to transport logs.

Construction of the narrow gauge commenced in 1885 at the Peters mill in Eastlake and extended east across Manistee County and into Wexford, Lake and Mason Counties. Tracks were frequently laid hastily which led to numerous accidents and fatalities. The eastern terminus of the tracks changed continuously to reach current logging operations. The Manistee and Luther continued operation almost until the last log was sawed in the Peters mill in 1913. Although numerous smaller railroad lines passed in and out of Manistee County over the years, the Manistee and Northeastern, Manistee and Grand Rapids, Flint and Pere Marquette, and Manistee and Luther helped solidify Manistee's place as a towering lumber industry.

### **Manistee and Grand Rapids**

Shortly after the Manistee and Northeastern Railroad began service, another branch line into the city was put into place. This new railroad, called The Manistee & Grand Rapids was incorporated by a group of local stockholders, who all had interests in the lumber industry: John Canfield, E.G. Filer, James Dempsey, R.R. Blacker, Louis Sands, E.N. Salling, T.J. Ramsdell,

A.E. Cartier, Charles Canfield, Frank Canfield, and Henry W. Marsh.



Construction of the line began in Manistee and eventually found its way winding south through Filer City where it crossed into Mason

County and later Lake County. Much like the Manistee & Northeastern Railroad, the Manistee and Grand Rapids was initially used to haul logs and freight but later switched to a passenger service.

After the corporation failed, an outside organization bought all the assets and formed a new line, called The Michigan East and West Railroad in 1913. A short time later the East and West constructed an extravagant depot located on Water Street. However soon after World War I, the company failed and all of their assets were taken over by the Pere Marquette Railroad which liquidated the operation.

## The Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad

The Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad was one of many post-Civil War railroads built at a time when public and private (economic development) grants were readily available for railroad construction. When the firm first approached Manistee in 1872 for funds to assist it in reaching Manistee the local community refused to provide funding since the community had 3,000 freighters each year which could take passengers to Chicago and Milwaukee. (D. L. Filer moved to Ludington in disgust after the refusal.)

A decade later a compromise was reached when the railroad agreed to reach Manistee if the community would provide a depot site. Despite promises and numerous beautiful illustrations an elegant depot was never built.

Through multiple consolidations and reorganizations, the Flint & Pere Marquette provided local passenger service for 80 years and freight service for over 125 years. The Manistee Branch built in 1881 from Wallhalla to Filer City continues to provide service to Manistee in an era when few railroads are left in northern Michigan.

## Photos of the Southern Michigan Railroad Society Equipment - taken by Rich Mahaney

Southern Michigan Railroad Society in Clinton, MI on US 12, southwest of Ann Arbor, MI. You can find information on the internet about their train rides between the cities of Clinton and Tecumseh.





## Blissfield Dinner Train

The Blissfield dinner train has operated for a number of years on the Adrian and Blissfield Railroad tracks. The train ride is 2.5-to-3-hour event over a 12-mile round trip train track ride. The food and service has always been great, and now they have a new catering company. The train is pulled by an Adrian and Blissfield Railroad diesel locomotive and staffed by their crews and people for operations.

The entertainment over the years included many things, but for years it was a "murder mystery play" by a local entertainment company. There is talk in the works to get them back together with new ideas and old successful ideas. Fun stuff!

There are other things to see and do in Blissfield. They have a number of downtown shops, a cool old railroad bridge on the west side of downtown, a railroad station museum and cool history. It is a great day trip!

The "Blissfield Dinner Train" is coming back! March 16th is the plan for the first ride and dinner. Check out their online page and website for more information as it is updated for the future.

I have been told that the "Charlotte Diner Train" equipment in Charlotte, MI has been sold to the Coopersville and Marne Railroad and will be moving there in the future.

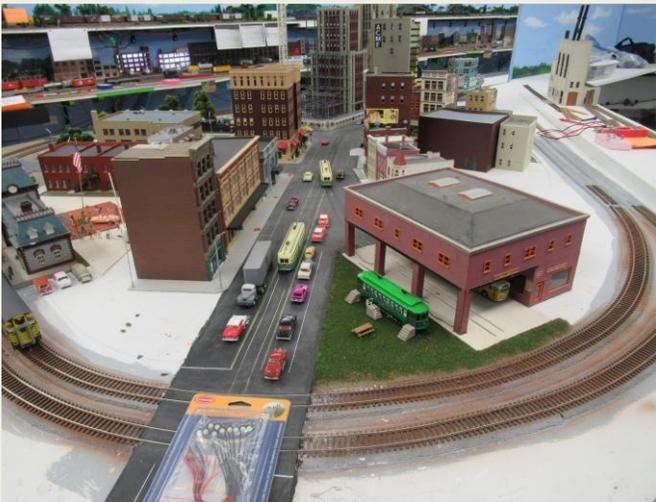
Rich Mahaney



# Kazoo RR Club Layout tour photos from Jan 20th

From Rich Mahaney







## Wrap Up

Division 9 has lots of fun and educational opportunities coming up in the next few months. Clinic on Model Railroad Operations in February, a Layout tour and Op Session in March, A clinic on Weathering Rolling Stock in April and a tour of the Sturgis Model Railroad Club in May. Our June schedule is still not finalized, and we don't meet in July & August.

In September we start up again with our Annual Membership Meeting. Now is the time to start thinking about running for one of the open Officer positions up for election. This is an opportunity to get involved and support Division 9. The three positions are up for election are (Current Officer is in ()). Assistant Superintendent (Joel Pyard), Paymaster (Bob Lawrence) and the Trustee Position currently held by Casey Bartman.

Unfortunately, I will miss the February meeting as my wife Brenda and I along with our son Mike & daughter-in-law Andrea will be vacationing in Hawaii as Brenda and I celebrate our 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*Alan Bau*

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