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Membership: It's Automatic or It's Not NMRA membership/insurance prompts TCD introspection

Our parent organization, the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), has been taking steps to make certain that its regions and divisions are in compliance with the **NMRA regulations** regarding membership. **NMRA President Mike Brestel and the Board of Directors have raised concerns that some regions and divisions are not in compliance and need to take corrective action.** This is not so much a change in policy but rather a recognition that NMRA regulations need to be uniformly observed. Specifically, the concern arises from the regulation that asserts the idea that any person who belongs to the NMRA automatically is entitled to belong to NMRA subdivisions. The converse also becomes valid, and that is that no one can be a member of an NMRA subdivision without being a member of the NMRA. **In other words, for an NMRA subdivision to be in compliance, the subdivision must grant membership to any NMRA member who desires to be a part of that subdivision, and the subdivision may not grant member status to anyone who is not an NMRA member.**

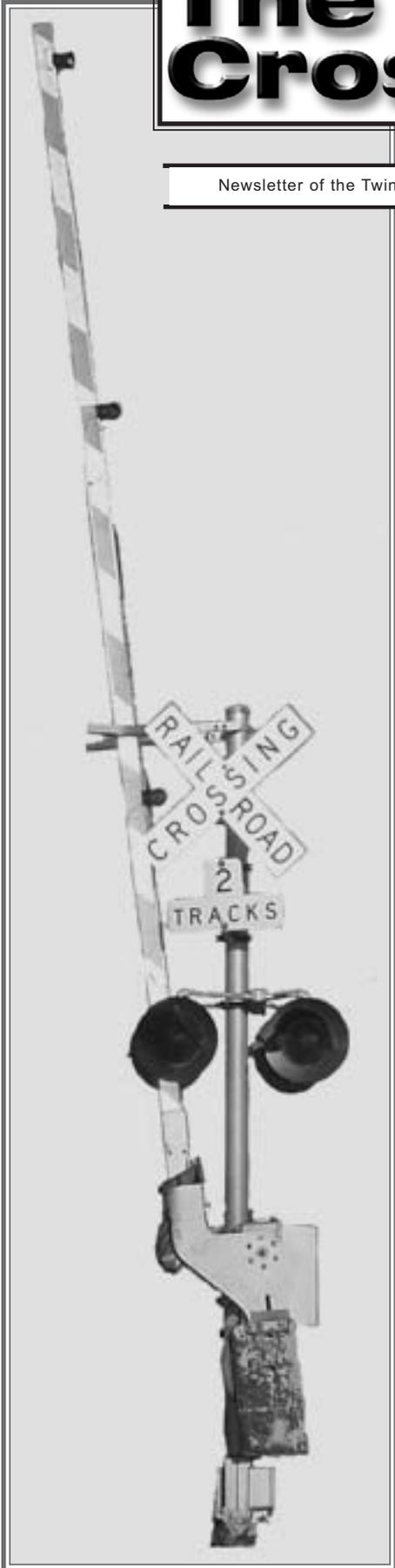
This action impacts the Twin Cities Division in **two ways.** **Our bylaws** may not be in compliance with the **NMRA basic regulations, and our past practice has allowed non-members to receive many of the benefits of membership for virtually unlimited lengths of time. We have encouraged non-members to become members, but we have done little more.**

In 2004, bylaws changes were adopted to delineate a difference between TCD participants who were NMRA members and those who were not NMRA members.

Article I of the **TCD bylaws is the section** which deals with the area of membership. Currently, Article I states that the TCD allows "...two classes of **membership**..." which are members and subscribers; a "member" being defined as a person who is a member-in-good-standing of the **NMRA**, and a "subscriber" being defined as a person who participates in the TCD but is not a member of the NMRA. Members have privileges that are not afforded to subscribers, for instance members have voting rights and may hold office. But past practice has allowed equal access to certain other benefits. Both members and subscribers have had the ability to receive the Crossing Gate by simply paying the subscription price, and both members and subscribers have been allowed to attend clinics and layout tours.

While both NMRA and TCD encourage people to attend and participate in sponsored events as guests, but we have been reticent to stipulate when a "guest" is no longer a guest. We offer perspective members the opportunity to partake of TCD events so that they have a more complete sampling of membership benefits before making **the mental and** financial commitment of becoming a member. But as much as we want potential members to get

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Membership



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Be part of the Division! If you're an NMRA member, become a Regular member of the Division (you get a year's subscription to THE CROSSING GATE, plus voting privileges) for only \$10 per year. If you're not an NMRA member, become a Subscriber (you get a year's subscription to THE CROSSING GATE) for only \$10 per year.



From the Superintendent

To Members and Subscribers:

Here we go again making more changes, but we are trying to make the TCD all it can be (my apologies to the US Army).

My next apology is to those of you who had looked forward to the December auction. The Board and I just felt that we did not have enough donations to make the auction viable this year, and we thought it would be better to hold the auction every other year to attempt to gather more items on which to bid. I was sorry to cancel the auction, but I really think this is a better approach. I also want to express my gratitude to Cy Sovbodny who stepped in to fill our December clinic with some fantastic slides of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy. Love those "Shovelnooses!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

The next change is an effort to encourage more of you to participate in the Popular Vote Modeling Contests held at our monthly clinics. From now on, a cash prize will be awarded to the top vote getter. I hope this serves as an incentive for you to bring in those creations that you have worked so hard to make, and to share your modeling expertise with your fellow modelers.

Also to improve the door prize drawings, the door prizes will be on display before each monthly meeting, so you can see what is to be given away. We will award the door prizes in the same way we conduct the "Chinese Auction"...where you place your door prize tickets in cups next to the particular prize(s) you want. The more tickets you place in the cup, the more you increase your odds of being awarded that door prize.

We have had a change in the Board of Directors that deserves thanks and recognition. Bill Gisch, who served several years as our Assistant Superintendent has resigned due to scheduling pressures. Bill arranged our monthly clinics and found some excellent presenters during his term. Thank you Bill for all that you have done. And a special thanks to Cal Swenson who stepped in as our new Assistant Superintendent/Vice President. It took a big load off my mind.

I look forward to more changes to improve the Division's benefits to members and subscribers.

Again a reminder to support those local hobby stores that support the TCD.

One final note: It is with great sadness that I have to notify you of the passing of one of the founders of the Twin Cities Division. James Perske passed away on January 31, 2008. A memory page has been set up at <http://www.gwhizgang.org/memories.htm>

Your Superintendent,
Ron



From the Editor

After two years as the Crossing Gate Editor, I have decided to pass the baton. Between the actual editing of the newsletter and the responsibilities as a member of the Board of Directors, this has been an exciting post to fill.

My resignation means that we are searching for a new editor. So, if you have ever thought about giving back to the TCD in some capacity; or if you wanted to take a shot at writing and editing; or if you like playing with computers; or if you are making a run at your MMR, editing the Crossing Gate is a great way to do these things. Let me or Superintendent Ron Bodin know of your interest. Both of us would be happy to sit down with you and discuss it. I had some great mentoring from Gerry Leone when I started, and I would like to do the same for whoever becomes my replacement. Thanks, Dennis



Proposed Bylaws Change

The Board of Directors has proposed a change in the bylaws of the Twin Cities Division of the NMRA to eliminate the position of Contest Director from the makeup of the Board of Directors. This change is proposed so that the Board of Directors becomes a seven member entity (odd number) to eliminate the possibility of tied votes, and because this position has remained unfilled for nearly four years.

This notice of the proposed bylaws change is official notice occurring at least 30 days prior to a vote and sent to Members. Voting by the members will be May 8, 2008, at the Annual Business Meeting.

The proposed bylaw change is as follows:

Current Wording:

Article III. Officers

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a

President (Division Superintendent), a Vice President (Assistant Superintendent), a Secretary (Chief Clerk), a Treasurer (Paymaster), a Contest Director, a Public Relations Director, a Crossing Gate Editor, and a Director-at-Large.

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B. The Treasurer, Contest Director, Public Relations Director, and Crossing Gate Editor

shall be appointed by the President and approved by a majority of elected officers.

Proposed Wording:

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Current Wording:

Article IV. Duties of Directors and Officers

E. **Contest Director.** The Contest Director shall have charge of all Division contests so declared by the officers.

Proposed Wording:

Article IV. Duties of Directors and Officers

E. [eliminate and renumber/letter subsequent duties of directors and officers]

Call for Missing Issues of Crossing Gate

As the editor of the Crossing Gate, I received the archived issues of the newsletter. These back issues provide a written record of who, what, where, and how the Twin Cities Division came to be and has changed over the years. Unfortunately, there are holes in the record as a result of some missing issues. It is my hope that at least one of you out there is enough of a packrat that you couldn't bare to part with even a single issue, and that you would be willing to donate your Crossing Gate (or a copy of it) to the TCD for the archives.

Here is the list of missing Crossing Gates (as best I can reconstruct it):

- Summer 1983-84 Volume 1, Number 1**
- Spring 1984-85 Volume 2, Number 1**
- Winter 1984-85 Volume 2, Number 4**
- Spring 1985-86 Volume 3, Number 1**
- Summer 1985-86 Volume 3, Number 2**
- Fall 1985-86 Volume 3, Number 3**
- Winter 1985-86 Volume 3, Number 4**
- Spring 1989-90 Volume 8, Number 1**
- Summer 1989-90 Volume 8, Number 2**
- Fall 1989-90 Volume 8, Number 3**

Please contact Dennis Rogers if you come across any of these back issues.

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a good idea of what the TCD is about, there comes a time when it is reasonable to say that a guest will have become like Monty Woolley's character Sheridan Whiteside in the movie The Man Who Came to Dinner...they have just overstayed their welcome. Some people have been attending clinics, layout tours, and other TCD sponsored events for so long that other people have assumed them to be TCD members, in fact a few of these guests, may themselves, believe that they are members of the TCD. **Indeed, up until the 2004 Bylaws change, TCD offered membership to applicants regardless of whether they were NMRA members. That practice was clearly in violation of NMRA regulations, but the subsequent Bylaws changes served to further confusion. As expressed in an editorial written by John E. Roberts, Insurance Coordinator and Past NMRA President in *Scale Rails*[®], "...[guests] must understand that attendance does not mean automatic membership."**

The TCD is not unique in this conundrum. Evidently, there are several divisions and regions that have had similar membership criteria. In some cases, non-members have served as officers. As current NMRA President Brestel queried, "...why on earth would someone want to lead an organization he or she wasn't even willing to join?"

The NMRA Board of Directors is unequivocal in this matter and are insisting that

the regulations be followed. Enforcement of the rule comes by way of the liability insurance coverage that NMRA carries. The policy provides coverage only to subdivisions that comply with the membership rule. The implication of which is that those subdivisions that are not in compliance are not insured.

The membership issue was discussed at the **Twin Cities Division** Board of Directors meeting on December 10, 2007 and again at the January 29, 2008 meeting. Currently, the TCD and its officers **are** in a precarious situation. As a corporation established under the laws of the State of Minnesota, the TCD is a legal entity and therefore is subject to potential liability claims. The TCD must be in compliance with NMRA in order to obtain insurance coverage, and the TCD must have insurance to operate.

The TCD Board has begun to take steps to make certain that we are in compliance. Bylaws changes (in addition to the one concerning the Contest Director contained in this issue) are being written. In addition, the TCD will more closely monitor layout tour admission. As has been our past policy, layout tour admission will be limited to NMRA members and one adult guest. We will continue to allow unrestricted admission to minor children accompanied by an NMRA member. Admission to clinics and other TCD functions will be addressed during the Annual Business Meeting on May 8, 2008. **In the meantime**, the Board encourages input from members, subscribers, and other stakeholders.



Modeling Tips & Tricks

VEHICLES FOR MODEL RAILROADS

By Bruce Engebretson

Five years ago I did a TCD clinic on the use of vehicles on our model railroads. I've had requests to write it up for publication in the Crossing Gate. There are now more scale model vehicles produced than before. They can add so much interest to our layouts by helping set the time period, identify industry, and create interesting scenes such as a group of cars at drive-in hamburger stand. Modifications can add additional detail for realism.

Vehicles - more than cars and trucks. Consider using construction equipment, emergency vehicles, farm implements, campers, RV's, boats, and trailers. I have a military convoy on a stretch of road on my layout.

Location - use vehicles on roads, farm fields, construction sites, parking lots, loading docks, campgrounds, junk yards, gas stations and flat car loads.

Application - use correct scale vehicles, use appropriate era (no modern cars on a '50's layout), put better models up front, lesser ones in back.

Variety - you can buy ready-to-run vehicles, plastic kits, metal kits, solid body molded kits, some require paint and/or assembly. Vehicles for any time period and scale are available at hobby shops and flea markets. Toy departments at drug or discount stores are good for inexpensive trucks. Most of their autos (like Hot Wheels) are too large for HO scale.

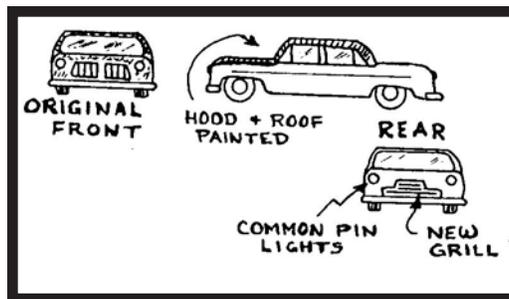
Scratch build - You can also scratch-build or kit-bash items. I made HO scale models of a tent camper trailer, rowboat, and mobile home using wood, cardstock, and styrene. Other ideas are a slide-in camper shell for pickup, motor home body for truck or van, utility and farm trailers. A construction site trailer, boxy with few windows, can easily be made using a

block of wood covered by scribed sheet styrene, a door, steps, windows, and wheels.

Finishing windows - clear plastic - be careful not to smudge with glue or paint. Solid body vehicles - paint windows with gloss black or dark blue (do not use silver or white). If unit should have a split windshield add a center strip of wire, styrene, or paint a stripe.

Finishing grills - blacken the background with paint, thin wash, fine tip drawing pen, or powdered chalk. Remove unwanted black with eraser. If not silver colored, paint grill bars. Trucks have grill painted silver or body color.

Finishing bumpers and trim - If not silver or chrome colored, paint bumpers and other trim silver. Cheap toy department trucks may look less toy-like if chrome bumpers, wheels, or other parts are painted gray or the body color. Remove or redo any grossly oversize trailer hitch that vehicles may have. Add black "push bars" to front bumper of police or deputy sheriff cars.



Finishing head and taillights - clear headlights leave as is, others paint white or a pearly color fingernail polish. Taillights or headlights - paint silver first, then add red or other color for the lens - appears to have chrome trim outline. Marker or parking lights - paint silver, white, or yellow as appropriate.

Trucks and trailers - add yellow and red

marker lights with tiny dots of paint. These can be applied with a toothpick or very small brush.

Paint and weathering - change vehicle by painting roof or other parts with another color for a two-tone scheme (really popular in the 50's). Use flat or gloss paints for desired finish. All cars are not squeaky clean - weather with dry-brush paint, dullcoat, or powdered chalks. Paint tires with a flat black or dark rubber color or paint white sidewall tires. Double-back tape holds vehicle or tire to a stick while painting. Paint trucks to match their industry/company color.

Military vehicles - Use as a display in a park, by armory building, on flat cars, or in a convoy. Civilian vehicles are easily converted with olive drab paint, with or without tan and green camouflage. Leave no chrome, add stars or USA lettering, and add a thin wire "whip" antenna to some vehicles.

Double ended car - this is a neat effect when a vehicle is placed near a mirror on the backdrop showing the road going on. Select a car with a similar hood and trunk shape, make or paint a new grill and headlights at the back end. Common pins work well for headlights. Paint the hood and roof a different color. Looks like another following car. For a parking lot with a backdrop mirror, paint one side of the vehicles a different color - looks like a bunch of different cars.

Exhaust tailpipes - Use small wire or sprue to make single or dual tailpipes. Paperclip wire is "chrome" and works well. In HO, 1/32" is about scale 3" diameter. Glue to bottom of vehicle, extending just past the rear bumper. Paint the end black. Trucks, fancy pickups may use "18 wheeler" stacks behind cab.

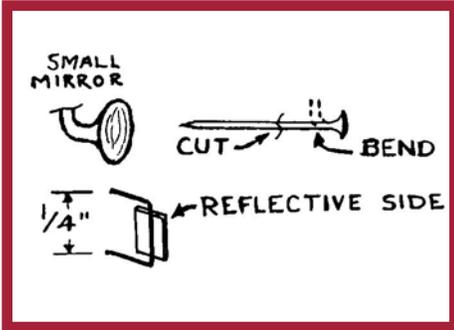
Outside mirrors - small mirrors, use a common pin, bend 90 degrees near the

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head and cut off most of the shaft. Drill and superglue to the vehicle door. Large truck mirrors - bend a small paper staple wire to a 1/4" U-shape. Select "chrome" paper from a commercial package, cut a small rectangle and glue to the wire. Drill

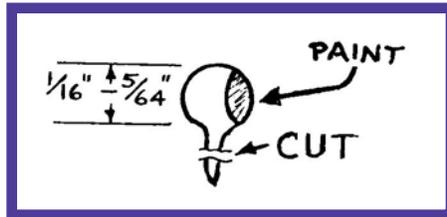


the vehicle door frame and glue the wire to it with cyanoacrylate.

License plates - In HO, plates are about 1/16" x 1/8". Cut a 1/16" strip of colored paper, use a fine ink drawing pen to simulate (scribble) letters and numbers, cut into 1/8" lengths. An option would be use a computer to create the detail and print to the appropriate size. Glue to the vehicle bumpers or trunk.

Accessory lights - fog lights or spotlights can be made from a round head pin (such as comes in a shirt package). For HO use one with about 1/16th inch diameter, cut off most of the pin shaft, drill and superglue to the vehicle. Paint the front of the pin head yellow or white for the lens.

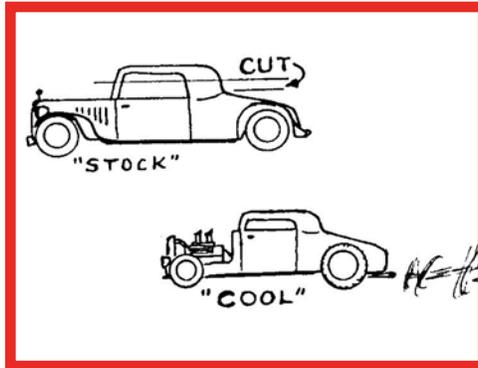
Radio antennas - use small diameter silver color wire to form antenna.



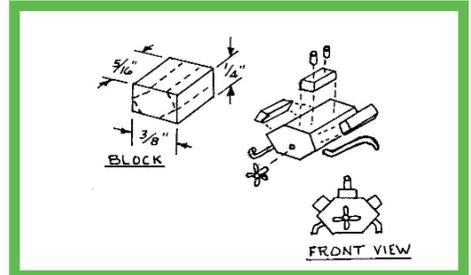
Dual rear antennas were popular in the '50's. Drill hole, superglue to vehicle.

Open loads to trucks - pickups or other open trucks look more real if some of them carry a load. Suggestions are tool box, ladder, lumber, barrels, sawhorses, pallets, pipes, gas cylinders, construction equipment, railroad signs, motorcycle, junked car, campfire wood, dog, or dead deer.

Junker car - Works well with a cheap plastic car you can guiltlessly bash. With hot soldering iron, bend and gouge fenders, bumpers, wheel wells, doors. Drill rust holes and paint patches of rust, paint a panel a mismatched color, drill out a headlight, add bent antenna or dangling license plate. Scratch windows to appear cracked, file a tire flat, add graffiti or "for sale" sign.



Customs and hot rods - Not many are available, so make your own. Plastic kits are easily reworked. Rear fender skirts can be added for the custom look. Chop the roof or lower the chassis. For hot rods, leave the hood off and make a simulated engine, remove running boards and fenders from older model coupes

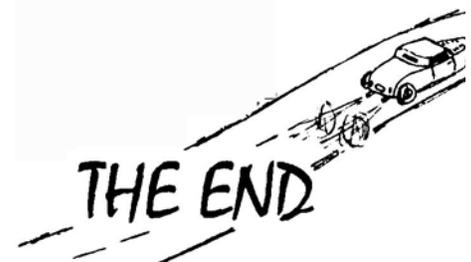


and pickups, mount the headlights low, add fat rear tires, add tailpipes or side "lakes" pipes. Paint fancy or leave in gray or red primer. Flames can be painted, first yellow, then using a sharp toothpick add red. Go from front towards the back and as the paint diminishes you get fine tapered flame tips.

Replicate cars from your past - Start with a same or similar model and paint or modify as required. My son had a Cutlass "beater". Using a cheap plastic model I replicated the damage to the front from hitting a deer and added the wood rear bumper and lots of rust. This model appears in the foreground of my trackside photo that was published in the June, 1994 Model Railroader magazine.

Miscellaneous details - use thin wood veneer for pickup beds and boat decks. Scribe lines, stain and varnish. Use small RR brake wheels for boat and convertible car steering wheels, for boat propellers and hot rod engine cooling fans cut rim off and flatten spokes. Use Testors "steel" color paint for non-shiny metal parts. To prevent rolling, tape or glue a small piece of foam to bottom of vehicle. Put car on ramp or hoist at gas station. Put pile of tires, car body or junk parts behind garage or gas station. Have the hood open on vehicle at gas station.

Enjoy - current and former "motorheads" can have fun with the vehicles you select and the scenes you create on your model railroad layout.



TCD Timetable

THURSDAY, February 21, 2008 6:45 pm THURSDAY, April 10, 2008 6:45 pm

NOTE: Due to Valentine's Day, the MODELING CLINIC (both sessions) clinic is moved to one week later. Dave Hamilton - Sound for your train
 PROTOTYPE CLINIC (both sessions) POPULAR VOTE MODELING CONTEST
 Steve Nitti - Amtrak Trip around the Whimsical Railroads / NMRA Merit Points
 POPULAR VOTE MODELING CONTEST Judging
 Maintenance of Way Equipment

THURSDAY, March 13, 2008 6:45 pm

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
 MODELING CLINIC
 Arthur Hill - Trees
 PROTOTYPE CLINIC
 Bill Dredge - The Chicago Museum of Science and Industry
 POPULAR VOTE MODELING CONTEST
 Boxcars

THURSDAY, May 8, 2008 6:45 pm

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
 POPULAR VOTE MODELING CONTEST
 Buildings and Dioramas

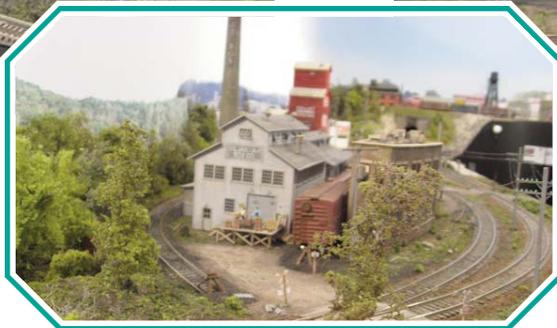
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 NEW website at:
www.tcdnmra.org

LAYOUT TOURS OFFER A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT FELLOW MEMBERS' MODELING

by Dennis Rogers

The layout tours are back. After a drought of over a year, the TCD is again sponsoring layout tours. Bill Schimmelman and Arthur Hill have teamed up for two layout tours since they took the layout tour coordinator position in early 2007. As the layout tours are one of the greatest benefits of being a TCD member, it is gratifying to have a resumption of tours.

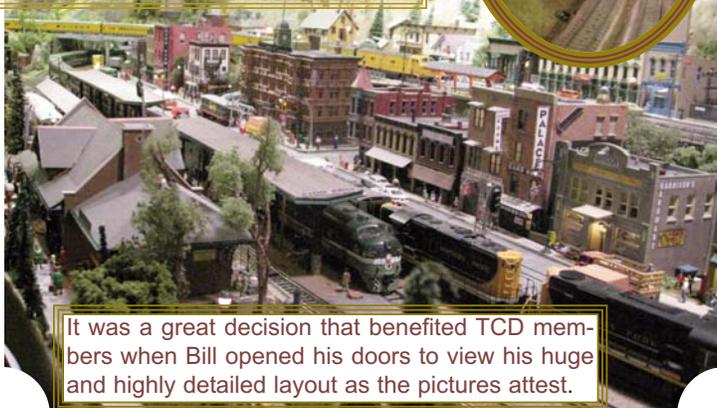
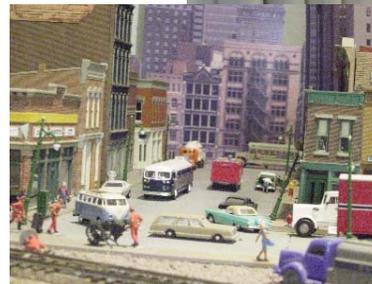
The most recent tour included three home layouts: Gerry Leone's Bona Vista Railroad, Bill Briggs Mussel Shell and Yogo Peak, and Dave Hamilton's CB&Q River Division were featured.



Gerry Leone, a Master Model Railroader (MMR) has had his layout featured in numerous articles in the commercial model railroad press. The layout made the 2007 issue of *Great Model Railroads*®, and for those of you who haven't seen the February issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman*®, Gerry's farm scene bedecks the cover with a 13 page article within.

Dave Hamilton has opened his home to view his layout several times in the past. If you haven't seen it, you have missed a quality layout that traverses many towns along the Burlington Route that paralleled the Mississippi River including La Crosse. It is an operators railroad, and Dave holds operating sessions on a regular basis where goods are picked up and delivered to a whole slew of industries on and off the modeled portion of the rail system.

Bill Briggs' layout has a storied history. Whereas most of us (if we are lucky) build our layouts to fit our house, Bill built his house to fit his layout. The layout was transported via flatbed trailer to the new house as it was under construction and placed in the layout room largely intact.



It was a great decision that benefited TCD members when Bill opened his doors to view his huge and highly detailed layout as the pictures attest.

Each of these layouts offers a different approach to model railroading that leaves the visitor going home with new ideas and probably more importantly, renewed enthusiasm to make some progress on your own rail empire.

Railfan & Hobby Show CALL BOARD

COMPILED BY JIM BERNIER

Saturday, 01/26

Great Tri-State Rail Sale

Location: Civic Center, La Crosse, WI
Admission: Adults \$3.00 Children under 12- Free,
9:00 – 3:00 PM, For more information: (608) 582-
4761 or (608) 784-0036 www.lacrosseshortline.org

Saturday, 02/02

Greater Upper Midwest Train Show

Location: Century College, 3300 Century Ave N,
White Bear Lake, MN, Admission: \$4.00, 9 AM – 2 PM,
For more info – Tom Jefferson 651-429-2885

Sat/Sun, 02/09-10

Barron County Model Railroad Show

Location: Cedar Mall, Rice Lake, WI
Admission: FREE, Sat 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM,
Sun 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM,
For more info – Joe Louis – 715-568-2470, Trevor
Dysland – 715-642-1115, Jon Allen – 615-303-4889

Sat/Sun, 02/16-17

Mad City Train Show

Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
Admission: \$8.00/under 12 - \$2.00, 9 AM – 5 PM (both days),
For more info – Art Dawson nkp284@yahoo.com

Sat/Sun, 03/08-09

La Crosse & Three Rivers Train Show

Location: La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI
Admission: \$5.00/under 11 with adult are FREE,
\$4.50 with food item donation, Sat 10 AM – 6 PM
Sun 10 AM – 4 PM,
For more info - Matt Kawler - 507-694-4787, Share Lambert - 608-780-2356

Saturday, 04/05

Greater Upper Midwest Train Show

Location: Century College, 3300 Century Ave N,
White Bear Lake, MN, Admission: \$4.00, 9 AM – 2 PM
For more info – Tom Jefferson 651-429-2885

Sat/Sun, 04/12-13

Happy Grandparents Model Train Show

Location: Menomonie Middle School, 920 21st St
South, Menomonie, WI
Admission: Adults \$5.00, Students \$3.00, Families \$12.00,
Children under 6 with parent – FREE, Food Donation - .50
discount, Sat – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Sun – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
For more info – 715-879-4185 or 715-505-4440 (after 7:00 PM)

Sat, 04/12

Luce Line Model Railroad Club Spring Mall Show

Location: Hutchinson Mall, Hutchinson, MN
Admission: FREE, 10 AM – 6 PM,
Sellers Table info - mkbraun@hutchtel.net
Layout Display info - zachmeyer@mac.net

Saturday, 04/19

Newport Club – Woodbury Flea Market

Location: Woodbury Senior High School, Woodbury, MN
Admission: \$5.00, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
For More Info: Stan Whittingham 952-200-9729

Saturday, 04/26

Tri-State Rails 2008 – PLD Spring Meet

Location: Old Milwaukee Road Shops(Roundhouse)
3400 Sioux River Road, Sioux City, IA
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Admission: \$3.00 General
\$2.00 PLD Members, For More Info: Jim Van Delden
402-833-5531, Ron Peterson 712-225-4780

Sat/Sun, 04/26-27

Titletown Train Show

Location: Shopko Hall, 1901 South Oneida St.
Green Bay, WI, Sat 9 AM-5 PM / Sun 10 AM – 4 PM
For More Info: 920-217-5318, info@ttsbllc.com

Thur-Sun, 05/01-04

Twin Ports Express/NMRA-TLR Convention

Location: Depot Museum, Duluth, MN
For More Info: cjdancy@msn.com or go to the TLR web site:
<http://www.thousandlakesregion.org/pages/conventions.html>

Saturday, 05/03

Granite City Train Show

Location: National Guard Armory, 1710 Veterans Drive,
St Cloud, MN, 9 :00 AM – 2:30 PM, Admission:
\$3.00(under 12 FREE), For More Info: 320-255-0033,
edwardolson@cloudnet.com or www.granitecitytrainshow.com

Saturday, 05/19

TCMRRM Train & Railroadiana Sale

Location: Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Education
Building, 9 :00 AM – 3:00 PM, Admission: \$5.00
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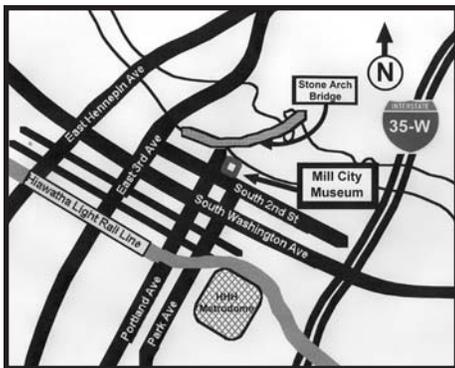
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