

NMRA NORTH CENTRAL REGION DIVISION 2 NEWSLETTER VOLUME 5 / NUMBER 3 SUMMER 2019



SHAY DAYS

HARBOR SPRINGS HISTORY MUSEUM

349 E. MAIN ST. 49740

FRIDAY / SATURDAY

JULY 19 – 20, 2019

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- **Live Steam Models**
- **Family Friendly**



Super Sez...

Ever have the feeling that you've been 'snookered'? Boy I sure do! I happily surrendered the Train Master job in 2018 (I was term limited) when Jens was elected (he is doing a great job see the Open House announcement in this newsletter). Happy I was just doing the newsletter... Then John Cole resigned and I'm the new Assistant Superintendent, then come elections in May and Dave is term limited and suddenly I am your Superintendent! Ok, no problem I insisted that Dave run as Assistant Super (jobs as assigned you know)! So here I am getting ready to write my first 'Super Sez' article, and then in June Dave announces that he and Cathy have decided to move down-state! So, in a period of six weeks down comes the Great Lakes Northern! Tough to do, tough on Dave, and unfortunate for all

of us who enjoyed his layout and learned model railroad operations on the GLN.

I am figuring I can talk Dave into coming back 'Up North' and presenting clinics for us and continuing to dispatch my Ohio and Mississippi Railroad... maybe?...

Summer is a busy time for all of us but consider Shay Days in Harbor Springs on the 19th and 20th, Division 2 member Dave Comer is part of the group who will be running G Scale Live Steam both days.

Looking ahead, Mike Cipko has a great article on the September TC Yard Meeting, and I have already mentioned the Open House in October.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, see you in September, and please, PLEASE no one else ask me to help tear down their railroad!

Scott

P.S. Please take a moment to send Dave a note or give him a call and thank him for his work for Division 2 we exist because he was willing to spend the time and effort to make it happen.



TC YARD MEETING RE-CAP

Mike Cipko – TC Yardmaster

Wow! What a great turnout for our March meeting at the Peninsula Township Hall. Seating was at a premium with twenty-seven in attendance. Wonderful to see new people there, especially those who have signed on as members.



We hear that this was one of the largest, if not the largest regular yard meet that we've ever had. Kudos to Trainmaster Jens Hensel for working with local news groups to get meeting information into their publications. Let's continue to spread the word. Well Done!



Scott Pandorf presented a hands-on clinic demonstrating the use of proper materials and procedures needed to use waterslide decals on rolling stock and other items. Using the appropriate tools, setting solutions and even the correct water (distilled to prevent bubbles) was discussed and demonstrated. Everyone was given a box car shell and a generous number of decals for application to that car. It was great to be able to try out the process for yourself. The end results were great. Thanks Scott!

SHOW & TELL



Pete Magoun scratch-built this Bangor & Aroostook Y-2 with styrene and Stanton drives.



Check out Ernie Barry's Santa Fe maintenance building. Details and weathering bring it to life!



Scott Pandorf brought a couple of items which he has purchased from Shapeways.

One was a statue/monument that you might see in a city park or town square. It really looked great. Unfortunately for us I did not take a photo. Oops!



Neil Baerman wondered what the appropriate color would be for these cars. Consensus was they would mimic the color of what was carried. Since they were iron ore carriers, oxide red would be appropriate.



Dave Zolnierek displayed a set of box cars that he's painstakingly constructed. His work is exemplary and it sure looks like he's ready for AP evaluation!



Al Johnson brought a couple of structures that he has completed. The swing set, kite flyers with the roofer taking a break add to the schoolyard scene. Looks like a yard sale going on over at the house. Is the family moving or just clearing out extra items? We'll have to ask Al!

TRAVERSE CITY YARD MEETING

1 PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP HALL

The next yard meeting will be held at 1 pm at the Peninsula Township Hall on Saturday, September 19th. Remember that the success of these meetings depends on you! Share your ideas, experience and brainstorm with us. Join the discussions, bring items for Show & Tell and participate in the clinics.

In our September clinic we will talk about benchwork that will provide the needed strength and stability for your layout. Elements such as height, depth, style and more will affect how you design and build. We'll discuss benchwork styles and what might work out best for you. Open grid, L-girder or other, you will find that each style has its own strengths and weakness. One may work better than another depending on the application. Materials needed for construction will also be impacted by the method that you choose to use.

Mike Cipko



CHANGES

Sometimes we look around and think that things never change. What ever happened to your favorite railroad, hobby shop or store? Think about Montgomery Wards, Hudson's, Younkers. Will Sears continue down the same path? Realistically change is a constant.

Division member and NMRA President Pete Magoun recently wrote about the dreaded "D" word in the June NMRA Magazine. No, No, not that "D" word, but downsizing. He even talked about options available to stay involved when that occurs. We hear that it happens, but it always seemed to happen to someone else.

No sooner than the June magazine was in our hands, we were informed that Dave Capron and his wife Cathy had decided to relocate downstate. Obviously, a decision not made lightly. Pete might be a prognosticator, but I don't think even he, or anyone else, expected this. Since that time, they have been very busy getting their home ready to sell. Their target date to list their home was July 1st.

With the help of many friends, the Great Lakes Northern Railroad has been disassembled, boxed and moved from its home in the basement. Some items are destined for a new layout, some to friend's layouts and others will probably find their way to train shows.

Though the layout is gone, all of us will remember the GLN. Many work sessions spent on scenery, structures, wiring, fascia and numerous other jobs. We can't forget those wonderful operating nights. I hear that those missing grain cars finally showed up, and the noisy pig car too! Most of all, we enjoyed the bull sessions, munchies, wine, cookies and comradery.

Cathy and Dave, thank you so much for sharing your lives with us!

Mike Cipko





Hello All,

Well it is time to think about another open house this fall. I have picked Saturday Oct 26, 2019 for this year's date. (Some of you have Boats to put away for the Winter and may need the early part of Oct. to do so). This year's event will host the area Boy Scouts (ages 11 and up). Trying to target the younger crowd may bring us some future younger members.

Railroad Owners; please check your calendars and see if this date works for you and let me know. We will run this Open House as last years with support from our other fellow Modelers.

Please see attached for the Flyer (on page 7) that was sent to the Scouts.

Thanks,

Jens Hensel

Your Trainmaster

CHIEF CLERKS REPORT

The bi-annual election for the offices of Super, Asst. Super, TC Yard Master & Northern Yard Master was held at our May 11th Division-2 meeting in Charlevoix. The competition for each of the positions was intense!?? But when the ballots were tabulated, these were the final results:

Superintendent.....Scott Pandorf
Asst. Superintendent.... Dave Capron
TC Yard Master..... Mike Cipko
Northern Yd. Master.... Mike McDougall

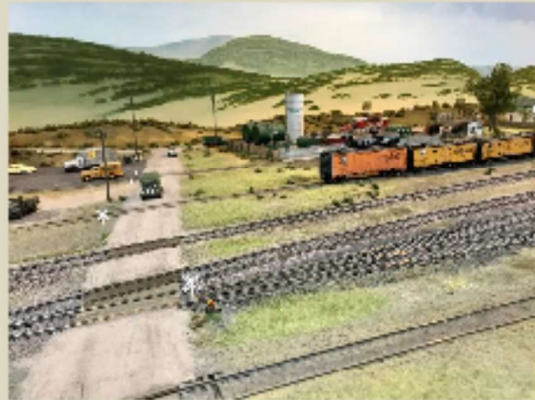
Respectfully submitted,

Bob Crocker
Chief Clerk

Model Railroad Open House

Boy Scouts Special Event

Sat. Oct 26 from 10:00am until 2:00pm



Our Model Railroad Group is hosting a special onetime *no cost* event for the Boy Scouts and their families. (Children over 11 only please). We are trying to inspire some interest in our hobby and at the same time help some of the Scouts earn a Merit Badge in Railroading.

There will be approximately 6 operating model railroads to visit in and around the TC Area. (In Leelanau and Grand Traverse County). Most of the model railroads are multilevel, are approx. 250 - 1500 sq. ft. in size, and in various stages of completion. Most are HO gauge (1/87) and one is N gauge (1/160). (HO is 1/2 the size of Lionel and N is 1/2 again the size of HO).

Additional information for each model railroad and a map to all of the locations will be sent out approximately two weeks prior to the event. For more information regarding model railroading, please see the nmra.org (National Model Railroad Association) website.

Please Note:

You are visiting individual residences.

None of the Model Railroads are

Considered "Handicap Accessible"

All have steps and/or narrow doorways.



Sign up by sending an Email to jens.hensel50@gmail.com two weeks prior to the event.

Questions? Contact Jens Hensel at 231-866-6017

All,

Here's the registration form for Copper Country Express a 2019 Winnebagoland Division Fall Meet in Hancock. This come to me from John Leow past division super, model railroader and cottage owner in my neck of the woods. A NMRA event with prototype, mine tours, contests, clinics and programs. Located in some beautiful country right here in our own state.

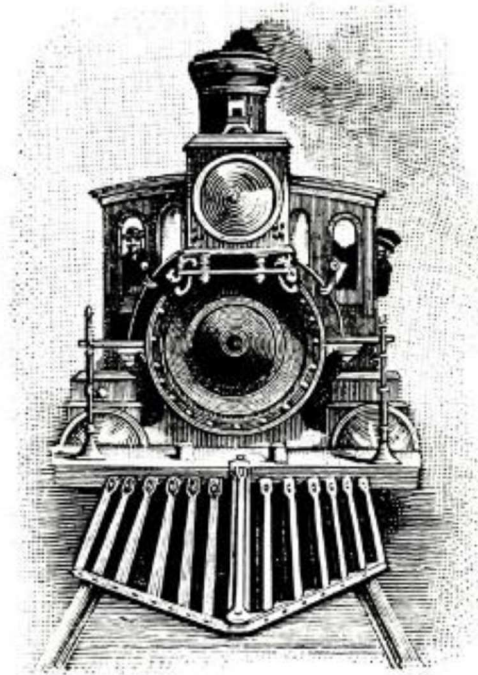
If any members can pass it along to the powers-that-be in other divisions of the NCR or possible new members for our division I'd appreciate it.

I am considering going, hope to see you there

David Zolnierek

THE COPPER COUNTRY EXPRESS

HANCOCK, MICHIGAN



2019 WINNEBAGOLAND DIVISION FALL MEET

SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2019

FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY JUTILA CENTER

200 MICHIGAN STREET, HANCOCK, MI

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(ALL TIMES EDT)

Friday, September 6th - The Quincy Mine Experience (Quincy Mine Location):*

10:00 – 3:00 – Quincy Mine hoist and underground tour

3:00 – 5:00 – Quincy Mine hoist area surface tour

5:00 – 6:30 – Dinner (on your own)

7:00 – 9:00 – Guided walking tour of the Quincy Mine Grounds

* \$25.00 additional charge. **Minimum 12/maximum 24 participants.** Additional information will be provided to those attendees indicating interest on their registration form. See additional requirements on registration page. Schedule subject to change.

Saturday, September 7th (Finlandia University Jutila Center – 200 Michigan Street, Hancock):

8:00 – 10:45 – Registration

8:30 – 11:30 – Model/Photo Contests (Judging 11:30 – 12:30)

9:00 – 12:00 – Clinics (Schedule and lineup subject to change.)

Keweenaw Nat’l Historic Park staff History of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company

Dennis Leopold History of the Copper Range Railroad

Pat Thoney Modeling the Quincy and Torch Lake in On30

12:30 – 2:00 – Luncheon and Program

Chuck Pomazal “From Rust to Restoration: Restoring Q&TL Locomotive #6”

2:30 – 4:30 – Q&TL Enginehouse/Water Tank – Ride the hand car; see Q&TL #6 and other restoration projects

2:30 – 6:30 – Layout Tours and Area Exploration

Admission: Meet Only (Pre-registered or at the door): NMRA Members \$10.00, Non-members \$15.00

Luncheon – Miner’s Pasty Lunch (Pre-registered only): \$13.00

Hotels: Arrangements for a limited number of rooms have been made with the following hotels (**Code NMRA**):

Ramada Inn Hancock * 99 Navy Street 1-906-482-8400 \$176.00 - \$216.00

Magnuson Inn Hancock ** 235 Hancock Street 1-906-482-6111 \$ 93.59 - \$ 96.29

Magnuson Inn Houghton *** 820 Sheldon Ave 1-906-487-1700 \$119.00 - \$129.00

* Includes continental breakfast. Rooms held through 7/06/2019.

* Includes continental breakfast. Rooms held through 8/06/2019.

** Includes restaurant breakfast and complementary drink coupons. Rooms held through 8/06/2019.

Pre-Registration Form (Required for Luncheon) - Must be received by 08/31/2019

(Please fill out one form for each attendee)

NAME: _____ **NMRA #:**

Email Address: _____ **Phone:**

MEET (\$10.00 MEMBERS, \$15.00 NON-MEMBERS):** \$ _____

LUNCHEON (\$13.00) _____

QUINCY MINE EXPERIENCE (\$25.00 – MIN 12/MAX 24 PARTICIPANTS)

TOTAL \$

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RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO: John Leow

(Make checks payable to: Winnebagoland Division) **321 Alger Street**

Marquette, MI 49855

**Remember, NMRA insurance requirements allow non-members to attend a maximum of three meets.

Keep your train on the right track - join the NMRA today!

Quincy Mine Experience Tour Requirements/Restrictions:

- Long pants recommended.
- MUST WEAR CLOSED TOE WALKING SHOES/HIKING BOOTS. NO SANDALS OR CLOGS.
- ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR FIREARMS ARE PROHIBITED ON SITE.
- No video during hoist/underground tour.
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) will be provided: hard hat, coats, etc.
- Participants must be able to climb several flights of stairs, steep inclines, walk on metal grating, and negotiate rough terrain.

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Be Aware! The street address of the meeting space is 13235 Center Rd – but Google Maps shows that as a different location. The correct location is shown as the Peninsula Twp Town Hall at right.



Pike Ads: Support your division by advertising your layout or business here!
 Pike Ads are \$5 per issue (\$20 per year – we publish 4 times per year)

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***YOUR LAYOUT
 COULD BE
 HERE!***

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