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Amherst Model Train Show 2023

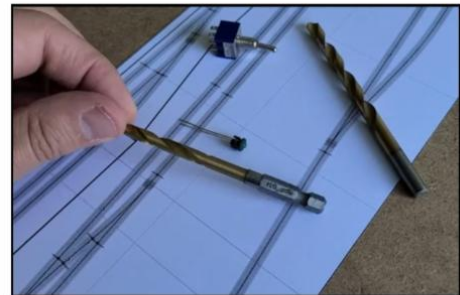
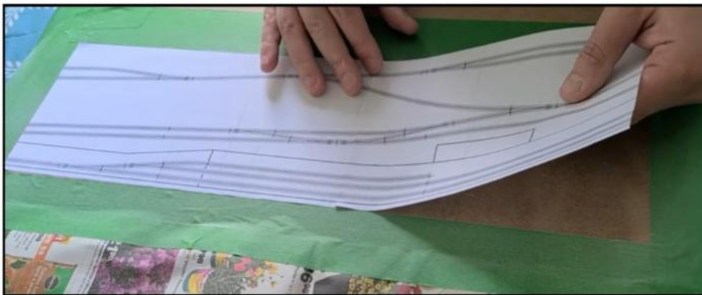
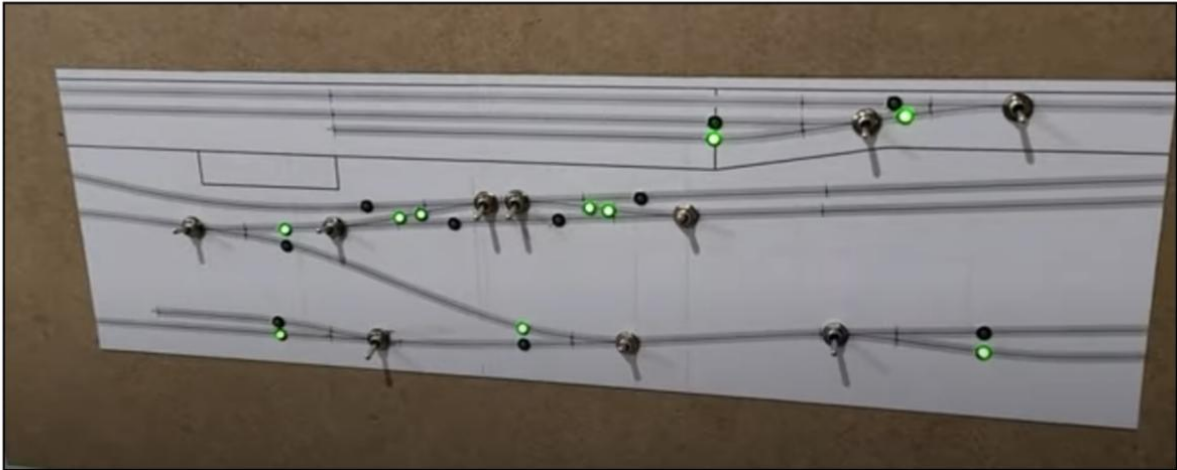


[Amherst Model Train Show 2023](#)

For *Da'Bobs N-Scale Mancave's* second trip to the Amherst Model Train Show, he became a participant by joining the Free-moN layout with his

own module. So, he didn't get around to all of the booths and layouts and vendors. But he did find some cool things to show you anyway.

Build a Switch Control Panel



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Nscaler454 shows how he constructed this switch control panel for the layout he is working on.

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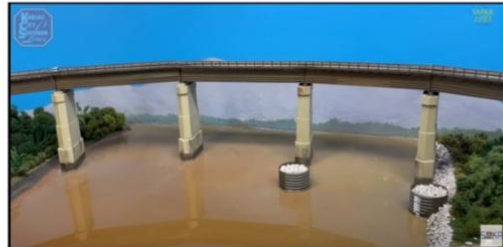




Freight Car Upgrades

This how-to video can help you to use inexpensive and available models to make upgraded, stand-out models. It covers the common 40- and 50-foot boxcars made in the 1935 to 1955 era. These cars ran until around the 1970's.

Kansas City Southern Layout



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This is Steve Davis's massive scale model HO layout of the Kansas City Southern Railroad. This 60-foot by 45-foot layout located near Tulsa, OK.

Durango & Silverton Railroad



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A behind the scenes look of what goes on both inside and outside the cab of a steam locomotive working its way up a mountain side.

This was filmed on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and Museum located in Durango, Colorado. The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad started construction of this line in the fall of 1881 and it was completed by July of 1882. It has been in active service ever since.

Northern Utah Division, NMRA & MRS Hobby Shop **A Day Building Pizza Box Layouts**





Pizza Box Train Layouts

Over the years (perhaps 15 years?) the Northern Utah Division of the NMRA has run programs to involve boys and girls in model railroading, including boxcar races, demo derby, and layout building. In one of these programs, they hand over a pizza box sized piece of extruded foam and a loop of N-scale track and see what the kids create with guidance from their parents and a member of the division members. BUT the program has really taken off! Now they run the program on weekends at the MRS hobby shop in Sandy, UT. (Salt Lake County in Utah) The program has spilled out of the workshop spaces into the open mall area and is now filling that space to the point where they need to have two sessions! Even at almost 30 kids per session, the sessions are filled up in advanced!

This is so successful that Walthers is covering it on their catalog. Hundreds of kids have now built N scale pizza box layouts! What a great way to get new modelers involved with model railroading! Perhaps more clubs can duplicate this fun program!

Special Interest Group Meet



SIG Meet 2023 - Clinic Day

Clinic Day of the Bay Area Layout Design & Operations Weekend Meet happened right here. Saturday, February 4th was Clinics Day!

This had been an In-person event at the Golden State Model Railroad Museum in Point Richmond, California AND appeared virtually via a Zoom meeting. There were clinics, panel discussions, and the traditional design challenge!

First N Scale Train Layout Build



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This was a COVID project. Matt knew absolutely nothing about building a model railroad when he started. It was a great challenge.

Also, here is the link to his other video, where he solved the three-way light signal manual bypass for the Kato N-Scale light mentioned in the video: <https://youtu.be/k9ExlHscleY>





February 25, 2023

10:00am - 2:00pm ET

10:00am	Creating Urban Scenery	Steven Priest
11:00am	Joining the NMRA Interchange	Cameron LaFleur
12:00pm	Travel Guide to Colorado Railroads	Michelle Kempema
1:00pm	Gordy and 2023 Texas Express	NMRA







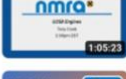

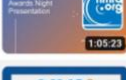



The monthly NMRAX clinics are back! This month's clinics will be shown in a few days from now on February 25th starting at 10am ET.

[NMRA Facebook Group](#)

[Without a Facebook Account](#)

[NMRA YouTube Channel](#)

NMRA-X CLINICS

166	 <p>Chrizandri Roth Railfanning Namibia NMRA ORG - 298 views - 1 year ago</p>	177	 <p>Ralph Renzetti Chipped Paint with Wax Paper NMRA ORG - 442 views - 1 year ago</p>
167	 <p>David Popp Weathering Rapido's New Haven Passenger Car NMRA ORG - 676 views - 1 year ago</p>	178	 <p>Lloyd Henchey Building the Historic Contoocook Covered Bridge NMRA ORG - 528 views - 1 year ago</p>
168	 <p>Pete Mulvany and Tom Chalabi Remote Ops with Choo Cho Vision NMRA ORG - 397 views - 1 year ago</p>	179	 <p>Dave Salamon Cement plant modeling NMRA ORG - 930 views - 11 months ago</p>
169	 <p>Tony Cook U25B Engines NMRA ORG - 593 views - 1 year ago</p>	180	 <p>Joey Giunto Easy and Fun Operations for Your Model Railroad NMRA ORG - 1K views - 11 months ago</p>
170	 <p>NMRA Awards Night 2021 NMRA ORG - 149 views - 1 year ago</p>	181	 <p>Jordan Kramer Trackside with Jordan Travels Abroad NMRA ORG - 140 views - 11 months ago</p>
171	 <p>Dean Smith Railroader Memories Operations on the ET&WNC Vida Division NMRA ORG - 313 views - 1 year ago</p>	182	 <p>Kevin Marks Getting started in Track Building NMRA ORG - 1.1K views - 11 months ago</p>

These are but a few of the many NMRAX clinics available for viewing on our YouTube Channel!

Carolina Piedmont Division, Mid-Eastern Region



N Scale version
coming in Fall 2023!

Exclusive Limited Edition Custom Decorated by Accurail
Norfolk Southern Rwy HO Scale 70-Ton Offset Triple Hoppers
2 Road Numbers Available

Exclusive, first time run of 86xx series HO scale Norfolk Southern 70-ton Offset Hopper. These ex-B&LE cars were leased by Norfolk Southern from U.S. Ry Equipment in 1967. They were photographed in service and all have lightweight dates that was always stenciled to the right of the car's light weight on the left side under reporting marks. WA was for Washington, Indiana on the B&O, the old B&O car shops on their route to St. Louis. The shops were closed and US Ry Equip acquired them.

Carolina Piedmont Division is offering these in two unique road numbers, 8613 & 8724 for sale as limited edition kits using Accurail's 70-Ton Offset Hopper car. Pricing is \$28 per car plus USPS shipping.

To order, visit <http://cpd13.org> or email railroad@nc.rr.com today!

Norfolk Southern Hopper Car

JMRI DecoderPro Basics

The collage includes a presentation slide titled 'DecoderPro Basics' showing the 'Decoder Pro Wizard' software interface. The interface has a 'Select your DCC Connection' window with fields for 'System manufacturer' (set to 'Digitrax'), 'System connection' (set to 'LocoNet PRO'), 'Serial port' (set to 'COM3'), 'Command station type' (set to 'DCS 100 (Chief)'), and 'Connection Name' (set to 'LocoNet'). An arrow points to the 'Connection Name' field. To the right, there are two screenshots from a website. The top one is titled 'JMRI and Java' and discusses the Java Runtime Environment. The bottom one is titled 'Get the Right Manual' and shows a list of manuals for various DCC systems.

JMRI DecoderPro Basics

A presentation to provide new users with:

- 1- an Introduction to JMRI (DecoderPro)
- 2 - The screens (and the how to's) they will see while installing JMRI for the first time

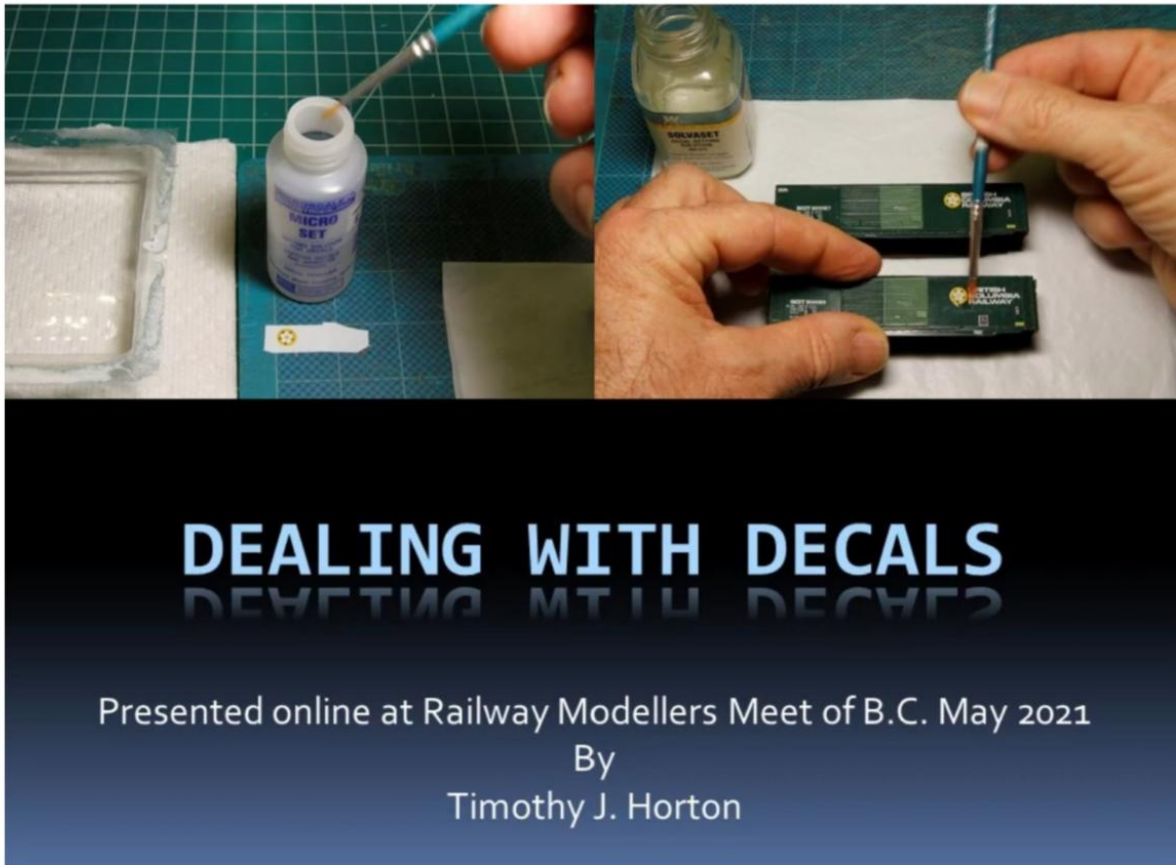
3 - An overview of the JMRI home page and all the features offered by JMRI

4 - Creating your first roster entry

5 - An overview of all the tabs (pages) associated with a decoder. Such as Sounds and Speed Tables

It will be assumed that you have at least watched a new program being installed on a computer. Jim will minimize the keystroke-by-keystroke approach when possible to prevent boredom from killing us all. However, the goal is to explain the process, so all questions will be happily addressed.

Dealing With Decals



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This tutorial covers the basics of applying decals to railway models. Join Timothy for a look at tools and supplies, preparing a model, and the trimming, soaking and application of railway decals.

Secrets of the Amherst Model Railroad Hobby Show



Amherst Model Railroad Hobby Show

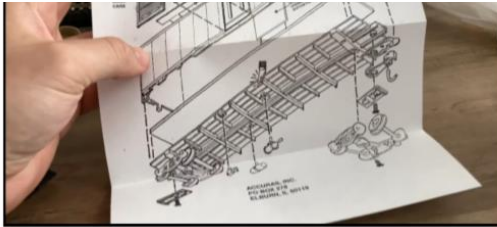
Unlocking the secrets of Amherst: You won't believe what we found! Come with us to the Amherst Model Railroad Hobby Show in Springfield, MA!

Jasmine, aka SallyGreenGamer says:

"Welcome to our new channel all about trains, model railroading, tutorials, vlogs, trainspotting, railfanning, train shows, and more!"

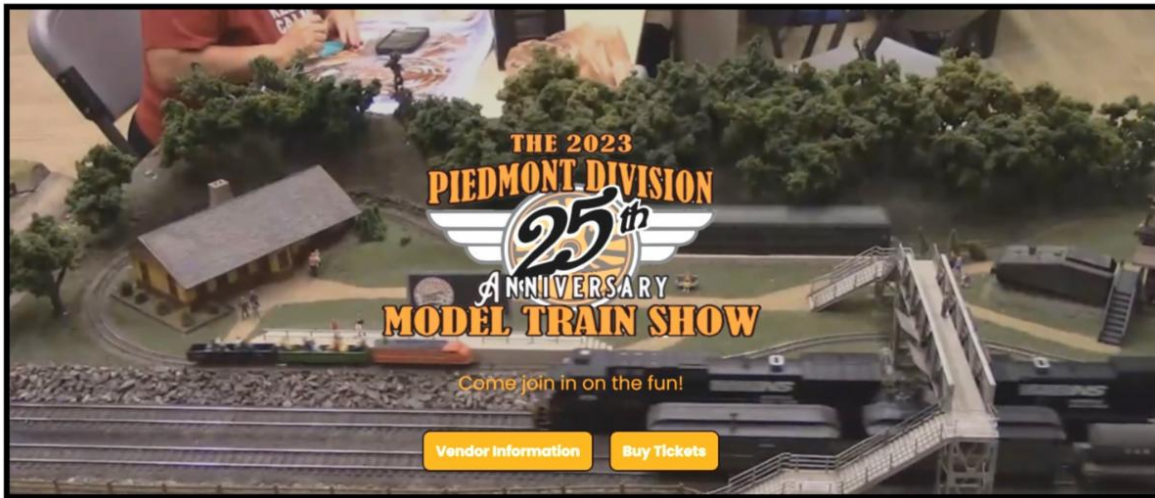
Assembling an Accurail Boxcar Kit





[Assembling an Accurail Boxcar Kit](#)

Michael's Trains thought he'd give this a go. He apologizes for not having the model on camera as much as he thinks he should have.



ALL ABOARD!
THE 2023
PIEDMONT DIVISION
25th
ANNIVERSARY
MODEL TRAIN SHOW

March 11 & 12
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4

The Clarence Brown Conference Center
5450 GA Hwy 20 – Cartersville, Georgia
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Operating Model Railroads to Enjoy,
150 Tables of Model Train Dealers,
“White Elephant” tables

Admission is just \$10 per Person

Pre-show on-line ticket purchases
are Available on-line at
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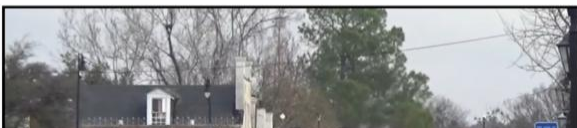
Kids 9 and Under are Free!
FREE PARKING



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[25th Anniversary Train Show](#)

Street Running in Augusta





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After hearing that NS 191 had a late start out of Columbia, SC previous night *csxnstrainman* made his way to downtown Augusta, GA early in the morning. After waiting for about an hour NS 191 pulls through downtown on 6th Street with UP 6495 in the new paint scheme leading solo and UP 7673 running as the mid-train DPU. Later in the afternoon he managed to catch the train again in Waynesboro but not before meeting NS G37 which was on its way back from Millen to Wrens.

Historic Train Trip Thru Feather River Canyon & Mt. Shasta Country



We cross Feather River and onto track built in 1962 relocating it



Historic Train Trip

Join *BackRoadsWest1* as we take this unique train trip on a seldom-traveled route through remote Northern California and Oregon aboard a collection of historic railcars. Our three-day excursion starts in Sacramento and goes through the Feather River Canyon, onto the BNSF Inside Gateway, past Klamath Falls to Chemult (south of Bend), down around Mt. Shasta, along the rugged Sacramento River, over Lake Shasta, then down the middle of the Sacramento Valley and back to our starting point in Sacramento.



Pacific Coast Region NMRA Annual Convention
Rails by the River 2023
 April 26 – April 30, 2023
 Sacramento, California



Welcome to Sacramento, CA!



The [Pacific Coast Region](#) and the [Feather River Rail Society](#) cordially invite you to attend RAILS by the River 2023 Joint PCR/FRRS Convention in Sacramento, California, at the Courtyard by Marriott Sacramento Cal Expo, 1782 Tribute Rd, Sacramento, CA 95815. (MAP) Plans and preparations are well under way by a dedicated team of PCR and FRRS volunteers working together to ensure you will have a rewarding and enjoyable experience at RAILS by the River Joint PCR/FRRS Convention.

The website has been updated with the very latest information available about what we're planning for you starting on April 26th in 2023. It is updated on a regular basis. See the [News & Updates](#) page for the latest important changes. All times on this website are Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

Rails by the River Is Now a Hybrid Convention!

The Convention Committee is pleased to announce that the convention will now have a virtual segment to support those who cannot attend in person. The virtual side will have the following components:

- Video stream from one clinic for all three days - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
- For select clinics, a breakout room with either the clinician or a knowledgeable partner to discuss the topic and answer questions after or during the presentation.
- One clinic led by Earl Girbovan, MMR, and/or Frank Markovich, MMR, for sure will cover how contest entries are judged.
- A video feed or possibly a taped video of all contest entries with brief descriptions. To be filmed before judging starts - exact time TBD.
- Contest results will be made available after the banquet.

Early bird ticket sales have ended. [Registration](#) is now \$65.00.

We hope this provides an enjoyable alternative for those who cannot attend. However, we strongly encourage all who are able to attend the in-person event to enjoy all aspects of the convention and, of course, so that we fill the number of hotel rooms required by our contract.

Rails by the River Convention

A Day Out on WHR Garratt #87



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Pete Newhouse recently had the honor of being allowed to third man on the Welsh Highlands Railway. A return trip to Beddgelert and back. A fantastic day and one not to be forgotten.

NMRA's Partnership Program



PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

NMRA members can log in and click on the **Benefits** tab to view the **NMRA Partnership Program**. Please patronize all of our partners for some fantastic discounts as an NMRA member!

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miniprints
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Partnership Program

The NMRA Partnership Program is a member benefit that truly has a tangible payback. We've partnered with model railroad manufacturers of all sizes, giving them exposure on our website in return for receiving generous discounts for NMRA members all year long. Some provide members with special codes, others prefer a phone or email order, but all appreciate the additional business from our members. And of course, our members appreciate the extra savings...savings that can actually pay the cost of NMRA membership! **Be sure to check back often as new Partners are being added all the time.**

NMRA@HOME

A Manual Hill Brake

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the February 2023 issue of NMRA Magazine.

Gary Reynolds, MMR® shares his solution to prevent cars from rolling on a siding or interchange that has a grade. Gary's article appeared in the Niagara Frontier Region's Western New York Division newsletter, *The Lantern*.



The Hometown Challenge

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the February 2023 issue of NMRA Magazine.

In each issue of the *Potomac Flyer*, the newsletter of the Mid-Eastern Region's Potomac Division, the editor issues a challenge to provide photos and descriptions on a theme. In the Aug-Sep 2022 issue, the challenge was to provide modeled scenes that were inspired by the towns they grew up in, lived in, or worked in.

Red Maple Trees

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the February 2023 issue of NMRA Magazine.

Jim Osborn, MMR® shows you how to make red maple trees using ground up leaves from real red maple trees instead of ground foam. Jim's article appeared in *The Semaphore*, the newsletter of the Midwest Region's Fox Valley Division.



A Layout Based on a Boy's Life Article from 1959



Featured in the *Division Business Car* Column appearing in the February 2023 issue of NMRA Magazine.

Ed and Kathy Horvath built a layout based on an article in *Boy's Life* that Ed remembered as a boy scout in the late 1950's. Their quest appears in the *Susquehanna Sidetracks*, the newsletter of the Mid-Eastern Region's Susquehanna Division.

Steve Austin's On30 Elkhorn Iron & Timber

Featured in the *Division Business Car* Column appearing in the February 2023 issue of NMRA Magazine

We take a virtual tour of Steve Austin's fabulous On30 Elkhorn Iron & Timber layout in two separate publications.



A Tour of JL Innovative Design

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The Mid Central Region's Division 12, Niagara Frontier Region's Western New York Division, and Northeastern Region's Lakeshores Division toured the offices of JL Innovative Design, a manufacturer of structure kits, billboards, signs, vehicles, and details. The three divisions also enjoyed Polish food for lunch catered by a food truck. You can read about the trip in the *Builder's Plate*, the newsletter of Division 12.

The ***Division Business Car*** column appears in even-numbered months in NMRA Magazine. It's loaded with great modeling ideas, plus useful information that can help make your Division, Region, or 100% NMRA Club even better. The information comes from articles published in Region, Division, and club newsletters. The best of these articles are posted on the NMRA website. You can read the entire archive, from as far back as 2011 right up to the latest posting, by clicking [here](#).

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