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A Members-Only Exclusive Clinic from Model Railroader Video Plus



[The Hills Line](#)

In a Model Railroader Video Plus exclusive series from James McNab, you'll get to see the start of an all-new HO scale layout. An unfortunate basement plumbing disaster forced the demolition of his established Grimes Lines (previously featured on MRVP). That's when James seized the opportunity to create something new -- and share his initial planning/construction efforts of The Hills Line, a 12 x 22ft HO scale model railroad, with you ... only on MRVideoPlus.com!

An NMRA First! Introducing NMRA-X!

The NMRA-X is the new virtual experience formed to bring some of the benefits of the organization live, right to your computer screens! This month the **NMRAX** will have one more 12-hour event consisting of clinics and tours in June; this will be held on June 27th starting at 6:00am EDT.

There is also a live "**Ask the MMR**" session on June 20th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm EDT.

Also, don't miss the **GatewayX**, our first-ever NMRAX Virtual National Convention - a week-long event running every day from 8:00am EDT to 11:00pm EDT starting on July 12th and ending on July 18th.

All events are broadcasted through the NMRA Facebook page and group, and the NMRA YouTube channel. (Past events can be found on the YouTube channel.)

Links:

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We hope to see you all there!

NMRA-X Virtual Convention Clinics



[Against the Grain](#)

Dave gives an excellent presentation of how crops get from the farm to the railhead, and shows us some modelling examples. From the online NMRAX Virtual Convention held on 16th May 2020.

Using Cellular Speakers for DCC Sound



Cellular Speakers for DCC Sound

Kaylee provides some valuable information on selecting and fitting cellular device speakers into various HO scale locos. From the NMRAX convention 24th & 25th March 2020.

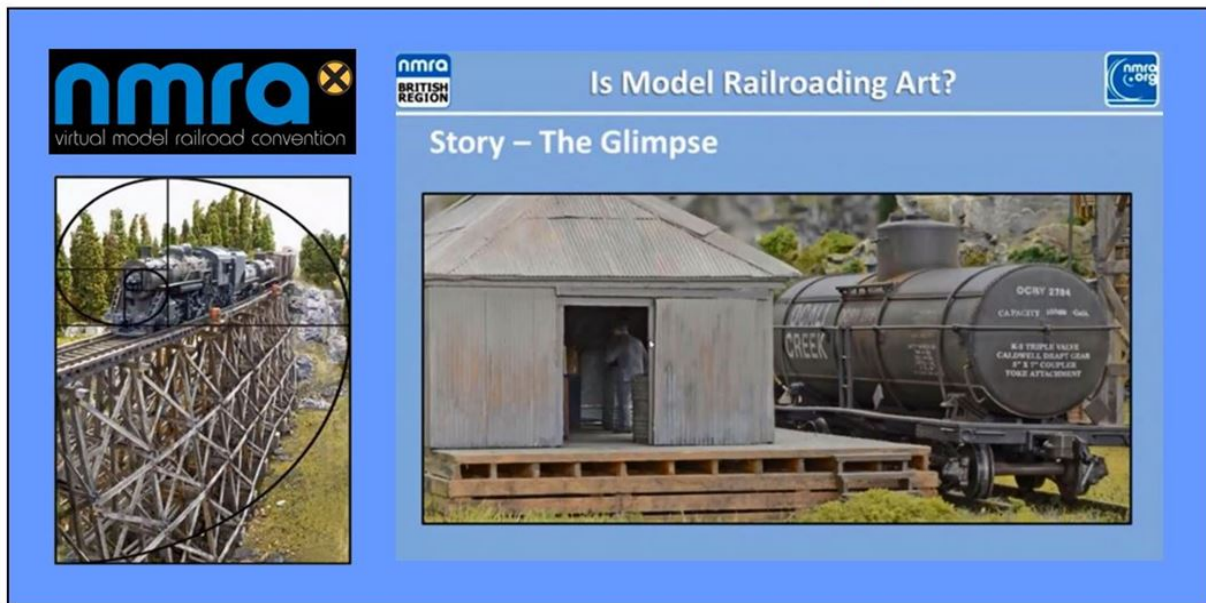
Raspberry Pi and Engine Driver



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Martyn shows us how to use DIY tech to create your own DCC system based on the Raspberry Pi and the SPROG DCC's "Pi SPROG" board. From the NMRAX convention 24th & 25th March 2020.

Is Model Railroading Art?



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Rob Clark directly from the UK gives us insights into model placement and composing scenes. Rob is well respected in the UK and it's time the rest of the world knew about his talents. From the NMRAX convention 24th & 25th March 2020.



[Ask the Master Model Railroader](#)

When this live broadcast was presented you had the chance to ask any of these four Master Model Railroaders a question and have a reply live in real time. This episode we have Gerry Hopkins from Australia, Clark Kooning from Canada, Thomas Gasior and Jim Gore from the USA.

Podcast Interviews

AML's: All-Star Variety Hour Podcast



[All-Star Variety Hour Podcast](#)

It's another great podcast from deep in the valleys around Busted Knuckle, Kentucky. With the longest introduction in the history of podcasting, thanks in part to our very own Mike "the Spoon" Ostertag. Mick Shea, a loyal listener for quite some time now, stops by to introduce himself. Plus one of our old standby favorites, Otto Vondrak the editor of Railroad Model Craftsman, chimes in. So grab yourself a big bowl of shredded resin decals, a tall glass of clear coat and enjoy !!

Best of the Rest

Amati Orient Express Build Parts 1 & 27



[Amati Orient Express Build Part 27](#)

Finishing up the Compartment Side Panel on this Orient Express passenger car build. If, after viewing this video, you are interested in following the build starting with part 1 click [here!](#)

Tony Koester's NKP and Ted Pamperin's C&O



[Tony Koester's NKP & Ted Pamperin's C&O](#)

James promotes a Nace's Videography LLC video sampling which shows two layouts - Tony Koester's NKP and also Ted Pamperin's C&O.

O. Winston Link—Trains That Passed In The Night



[Trains That Passed In The Night](#)

My favorite moments: "It doesn't matter what it cost, it had to be done".... "First the trains disappeared, then the towns disappeared"... "The first day we got there at 5 and the train had left at 4, the next day we got there at 4 and the train had left at 3, the next day we got there at 3 and the train didn't come 'til midnight".... "I worked for the railroad for forty years,

I had two days off, one when my father died, one when my mother died".

Utah Railfan Trip Day 1—SLC to Evanston



[Utah Railfan Trip](#)

Last year, the presenter had the opportunity to spend a week railfanning Utah for Union Pacific's 150th anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. We started railfanning the day we arrived and right away, Utah delivered with some great train action. We railfanned the Evanston Subdivision between Salt Lake City and Evanston, WY where we were staying and got many highlights including a Canadian National GEVO trailing on a manifest.

Iowa Interstate Side-Dump Car



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A video showing the operation of an Iowa Interstate train of side-dump cars dumping ballast along the track.

How to Paint Clouds



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This week the presenter is painting the clouds on the HUGE 200 square foot backdrop. We have always said the backdrop needs to come first, in many if not most cases people put it off to the end when the backdrop is difficult or even impossible to access. BUT with a bit of planning and sticking to a plan, the backdrop can go in before the benchwork when it's easy to work on. So far we have been working in the switching yard, but the yard lead extends into the shops, so we need to get the benchwork in there before we can finish the yard. SO, the time has come to finish the huge backdrop. Painting clouds is fun and easy, even in a huge area like this. The general rule is to work dark to lighter. Start with a blue sky and light grey clouds and then add lighter and lighter clouds.

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Car Float Operations

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the June, 2020 issue of NMRA Magazine.

Do you have or are thinking of adding a car float to your layout? This article will give you the history of car floats and tell you how you can add one to the operation of your layout.



Improving Plastic Windows and Doors

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the June, 2020 issue of NMRA Magazine

Do the windows and doors on your structures look like plastic? In this article, you will learn tips and tricks to improve the look of those windows and doors so they don't look like plastic.

Railfanning the AT&SF Colorado and Albuquerque Divisions of Peter Youngblood, MMR

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the June, 2020 issue of NMRA Magazine.



You know Peter Youngblood as a Master Model Railroader. Or, maybe you attended a Modeling with the Masters clinic led by Peter. But, did you know he has an amazing layout? Let's take a tour!

Division Business Car

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,

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