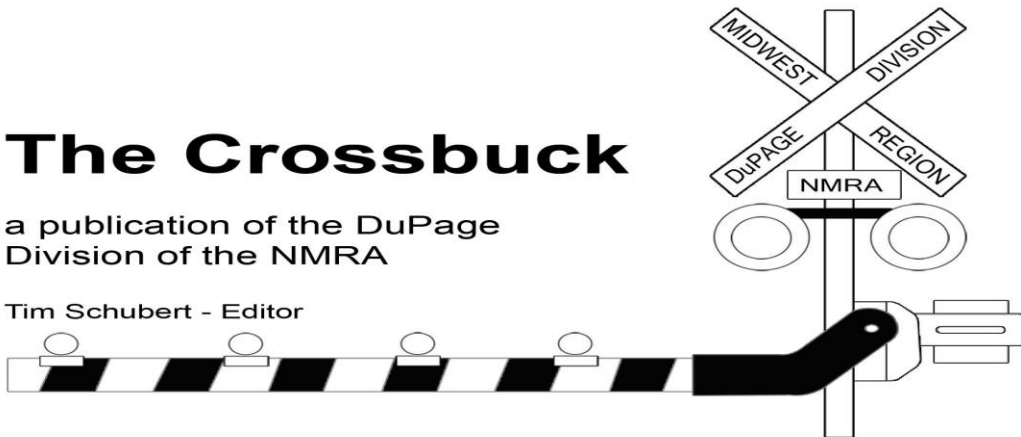


# The Crossbuck

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Tim Schubert - Editor



## Fall-Winter 2013 Edition

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Alan Busic – Superintendent

#### *A New Season Is Upon Us*

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to welcome you to the 2013-14 season of the DuPage Division of the NMRA.

First, I want to thank our out-going Superintendent, Keith Lipske, for the outstanding leadership he provided for the last 4 years. If I am half as successful as he, I will consider it a good term for the Division.

We, the Board of Directors, have an exciting season planned for you. Our monthly programs will feature a variety of subjects including “hands-on” clinics involving weathering, scenery building, and a Kitbash a Kit Contest. In addition, we will be sponsoring an All Day “How to Build a Model Railroad” Symposium in early 2014. This clinic will be for novices as we will be teaching basic model railroading skills. We

will need experienced modelers to assist with this project.

This year’s Midwest Region Convention will be hosted by our neighbors, the Fox Valley Division. The dates are May 16-18, 2014 in Schaumburg, IL. With how-to clinics, layout visits, a model contest, a proto-type tour and a private visit to the Illinois Railway Museum, it will be a week’s worth of activities in 3 days. Mark your calendars!

Like all volunteer organizations, we can always use help. From meeting set up at the church to giving a presentation to the Division, any assistance you might give is appreciated. Contact a Board Member to see how you can help.

We have 3 scheduled Board of Director’s meetings. Every Division member is encouraged to attend and see how our Division functions. BOD meetings immediately follow a monthly meeting. See the meeting schedule for the dates.

Happy Modeling!

Alan

## MEETING LOCATION FOR 2013-14

The Division meetings will be held at:

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
5729 Dunham Road  
Downers Grove, IL 60516**

The church is at the intersection of Dunham and Jefferson. There is plenty of parking and it is ADA accessible. Nearest major intersections:

North – 55<sup>th</sup> Street/Maple & Dunham

South – 63<sup>rd</sup> Street & Dunham

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

By Ron Scharping – Membership Chairman

The following named individuals joined the NMRA and the DuPage Division since January 1, 2013. Welcome! Come to a meeting and say Hi.

Barbara Allamian, Wood Dale, IL

Edward Barov, Aurora, IL

Ken Benard, Calument City

Alan Henize, Oswego, IL

Dave Hoffer, Oakbrook, IL

Daniel Holbrook, Aurora, IL

John Iovito, Bolingbrook, IL

John Kinder, Midlothian, IL

David Koch, Oak Lawn, IL

Raymond Kubiak, Chicago, IL

Daniel Mielke, Naperville, IL

John Parkolap, Naperville, IL

Kenneth Parr, Palos Heights, IL

Brendan Sheehy, Oak Lawn, IL

Greg Vanderlaan, Elmhurst, IL

Eugene Wilkey, Momence, IL

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Save a tree – Use less paper  
Would you like to receive DuPage Division meeting announcements and newsletters via email? If so, and you have not previously provided your email address to the NMRA, send an email to [dupagedivnmra@gmail.com](mailto:dupagedivnmra@gmail.com) with a subject line of Newsletter.

## 2013-14 MEETING SCHEDULE

### September 8, 2013

1:30pm at St. Paul's UCC

*Program:* "Through the Artist's Eye – Part 2" by Patrick Golden

*Contest:* *Flat cars. No loads.* Use your skills to give personality to this ubiquitous piece of railroad equipment.

Note: BOD Meeting

### October 6, 2013

1:30pm at St. Paul's UCC

*Program:* "Weathering Roundtable Q&A" with Bill Drzal and Wayne Pelke

*Contest:* *Weathered Freight Cars:* Any type, any era.

### November 3, 2013

1:30pm at St. Paul's UCC

*Program:* TBA

*Contest:* National Model Railroad Month: *Celebrate with your favorite train.* Bring steam, diesel or electric motive power with freight or passenger cars from any era.

Note: BOD Meeting

### December 1, 2013

1:30pm at St. Paul's UCC

*Program:* Division Christmas Party

*Contest:* *Holiday Season Photo*

*Spectacular:* Model or Prototype in any color or B&W print, slide, or digital formats

### January 5, 2014

1:30pm at St. Paul's UCC

*Program:* "Scenery Techniques" by Fred Henize

*Contest:* *All Things Intermodal:* From the earliest TOFC equipment to this new century's variety of containers and railroad cars that carry them.

**February 3, 2014**

1:30pm at St. Paul's UCC  
*Program: "Show & Tell"* – Tell us about what you have been working on related to your hobby  
*Contest: Division Kit Bash Contest Results:* Details to be presented at the September meeting.  
BOD Meeting

**March 3, 2014**

1:30pm at St. Paul's UCC  
*Program: "Minneapolis & Rainy River Railroad"* by Tim Schubert  
*Contest: Annual All Categories contest:* includes locomotives, freight and passenger cars, buildings, scenic vistas and photos

**March 2014** – The All American Railroad Show at Lyons Township High School – 33rd Annual!

**April 7, 2014**

1:30pm at St. Paul's UCC  
*Program: Division Layout Tours*  
*Contest: No Contest*

**May 16-18, 2014**

*Program: RAILFUN 2014 Midwest Region Convention* is being held in Schaumburg, IL  
*Contest: Enter the Region Meet Contest!*

**June, 2013**

Time: TBA  
*Program: TBA*  
*Contest: No contest this month*

\*Note: Dates may be subject to change. See Division website for the most current information.

**DIVISION OFFICERS FOR 2013-14**

Superintendent – Alan Basic  
Expires 5/31/15  
Asst. Superintendent – Open  
Chief Clerk – Richard Strebendt  
Expires 5/31/15  
Paymaster – Jim Allamian  
Expires 5/31/14

**Trainmasters** (All terms expire 5/31/14)  
*Crossbuck Editor* – Tim Schubert  
*All American Railroad Show Chairman* – Patrick Golden  
*Membership Chairman* – Ron Scharping  
*Achievement Program Chairman* – Rob Schiavone  
*Contest Chairman* – Charlie Lewis  
*Trainmaster* – Fred Henize  
*Trainmaster* – Kim Schlytter  
*Trainmaster* – Keith Lipske

Additional Trainmaster positions are available, if you are interested in volunteering, please see the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.

Website: [www.mwr-nmra.org/dupage](http://www.mwr-nmra.org/dupage)

Division Address:  
*DuPage Division – MWR – NMRA*  
*P.O. Box 475*  
*Downers Grove, IL 60516*  
**FROM THE BACK OF THE ROUNDHOUSE - Building the Railroad in Sections: The Perfect End Game – 3.0**  
By Charlie Lewis

What is right (wrong) with this picture?



My two previous parts of this clinic cover the basics of getting model railroad sections (or modules) properly aligned and bolted together. A brief review is provided for some important points:

- 1) A section end is almost a mirror image of its mate. Both should be designed and built as a matched pair first.
- 2) Cleats on the ends support sections until the bolts are in. Do not use the bolts to support the sections. The ends (cleats) support the means (bolts).
- 3) 2 inch by ¼ inch (dia.) carriage bolts, washers and wing-nut fasteners make it easy to put sections together.
- 4) Clear plastic (kitchen) wrap, two-ply between the sections keeps each from being glued or painted to the other.

Theory only goes so far. The following text will highlight details in the photo towards getting the railroad ready to run trains, plus some notes on things still to come.

On my Illinois Southern, the high stone arch bridge carries the main line. The seam between the sections is nearly invisible until we inspect the ballast. The pristine white ballast is crystalline (maybe quartz), which will take weathering differently than the other brand on the bridge. If you plan ahead better than I, this will not be an issue. Coal Creek, under the arch, is scened. I shall use caution around the interurban wire. The wires across this gap are not connected. A tongue and groove assembly is used to connect them. The trolley pickup here has never failed!

Interurban ballast looks a little better as it is near the Coal Creek customer stop and the foreign road has better looking ballast. Maybe they have more money for maintenance.

Green carpet ground cover makes gaps disappear completely. Scenery above the mainline is not done, but it is first colored brown as recommended by other experts.

The background trees need highlights and color lightened a little. The bracket style shelf support holds the section above and will be disguised with foliage.

For you photography critics, the lighting is coming from several sources and shadows are everywhere. Something I shall learn to be more careful about.

Thanks to Editor Tim for the help with my pictures. Next time I will explain getting the tracks across the gaps in more detail.

Many modelers are now using more ready to install track and roadbed products, instead of handcrafting their own. But the basics do not change. Each type has unique problems, but solutions tend to be complimentary. I have both types of track and each is similarly useful and valuable to learn. To be continued.

Thanks, Charlie.

### **SHORT BLASTS (THINGS TO DO)**

By Tim Schubert – Crossbuck Editor  
Some upcoming model railroading events for your calendar:

9/13-15/13 – **Prairie State Railroad Club/Big Rock Plowing Match** in Big Rock, IL.

10/11/13 – **Scale Model Railroad Swap Meet** presented by the Elmhurst MRR Club at Elmhurst Christian Reform Center in Elmhurst, IL. 6-9pm

10/12/13 – **Fall RR Swap Meet and RR Slide Program** at American Legion Post 66 in Griffith, IN. 12N to 4:30pm

10-26-27/13 – **Southland MR Show** at Richards HS in Oak Lawn, IL. Sat – 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-3pm.

10/27/13 - **Spike's Model RR Show and Swap Meet** at VFW Post 6841 in Lowell, IN. 10:30am-3pm

11/3 – **Oak Park Society of Model Engineers Open House** in Oak Park, IL. 12N -5pm.

11/22-24 – **Valley Model Railroad Association Open House** in South Elgin, IL. Fri – 7-10pm, Sat – 1-10pm, Sun – 1-6pm

11/23-24/13 – **Midwest N' Pioneer Open House** in Broadview, IL. 11am to 4pm

March 2014 – **All American Railroad Show at Lyon Township High School 32nd Annual** - LaGrange, IL sponsored by the DuPage Division

Every Friday and Sunday – **Elmhurst Model Railroad Club Open House** Elmhurst, IL 7-10pm and 1-4pm

See additional details on these events at [www.modelrailroader.com/events](http://www.modelrailroader.com/events).

If you know of any other events or are sponsoring an event, please let us know and we'll post it on the Division web site.

### **SPREADING THE WORD ON THE NMRA AND THE DUPAGE DIVISION (and Fox Valley as well)**



DuPage Division member Jerry Howard manning the DuPage/Fox Valley table at the Great Midwest Train Show

Upcoming show dates that the DuPage Division will be manning: **Sept 8, Nov 10, Jan, Mar and May.**

Contact Alan Basic if you have interest in helping to promote the hobby and the Division at the show.

### **NATIONAL & REGION NOTES AND INFORMATION**

May 16-18 – **Midwest Region Convention - Railfun 2014.** Hosted by the Fox Valley Division info at <http://www.foxvalleydivision.org/railfun2014/welcome.html>

July 14-20 – **NMRA Cleveland 2014** National Convention – info at <http://www.2014cleveland.org/>

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

By Tim Schubert - Editor

Thank you to everyone that provided materials for this edition of the Crossbuck. As always, submissions are welcomed and encouraged from Division members. If you have an idea or thought to share, please consider sending in an article – short or long. Submissions can count towards your MMR achievements.

The **due date for submissions** the *Winter-Spring 2014* Edition of the Crossbuck is **December 6, 2013.**

## CONTEST WINNERS FROM THE MARCH 2013 MEETING

*Best in Show/1<sup>st</sup> Place Stations – John Massura – Two-Story House*



*Second Place (tie)  
John Orwin – NYC Sharknose Baldwins*



*Al Kamm Jr – CB&Q Caboose*



*Third Place (tie)  
Wayne Pelke – Snowplow*



*Bill Drzal – C&NW Gondola*



*Contest notes: For the 2013-14 season, we will continue with the two divisions for the modeling contest: **Novice** and **Advanced**. The Novice division is for those new to the hobby or just starting to hone their skills. The Advanced division is for the experienced modeler. Once a modeler wins the Novice division 3 times, they will compete in the Advanced division. This change was made to encourage additional participation in the Division contests.*

Rail Images – Proctor, MN Area July 2013



DM&IR 215 – one of the last



DM&IR 403 – Heading to Dock #6



IC 6252 – Operation Lifesaver



DM&IR new mini-quads



DM&IR 403 – the other original



DM&IR original mini-quads



DM&IR 403 – Leaving Proctor yard



DM&IR Jordan Snowplow at Proctor roundhouse

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