

# The Crossbuck

a publication of the DuPage  
Division of the NMRA

Tim Schubert - Editor



## Winter-Spring 2014 Edition

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Alan Busic – Superintendent

The New Year is upon us and the DuPage Division has a full schedule of informative programs for 2014 culminating in the Midwest Region Convention in Schaumburg, May 16-18.

Fred Henize will tell us how to work toward an AP Certificate in Scenery at our January meeting. If you have thought about becoming a Master Model Railroader, this will be a clinic you won't want to miss. February is our annual Show & Tell meeting. If you have a short presentation on an aspect of model railroading, come and share it with your fellow modelers, 5 or 10 minutes is all it takes! We also will have the results of our Kitbash a Kit contest with members explaining what they did to change the Walthers State Line Farm Supply Building.

March will have Tim Schubert's presentation on the Minneapolis & Rainy River Railroad, a Minnesota Northwoods

line now lost to changing times. April will conclude our DuPage Division Season with the annual layout tour of Division layouts. And don't forget that Region Convention in Schaumburg, May 16-18, only \$45 to register for 3 days of trains!

### 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 August 1, 2013. Welcome! Come to a meeting and say Hi.

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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

### 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

### February 22, 2014

1 to 5 pm  
Model Railroading 101 – Learn the Basics of Layout Construction  
Presented at St. Paul's UCC in Downers Grove.

**Note:** *This is a class intended for non-NMRA members. If you would like to volunteer to help present this class (and help is always appreciated), contact Alan Busic. If you have friends that would like to take this class, please see the signup sheet at the Division website or stop by Timberline Trains in Downers Grove.*

### 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 29, 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!  
No Division meeting will be held during May due to the Region Convention

### 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 Busic 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*

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

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

January 10 – **Scale Model Swap Meet at Elmhurst Christian Reform Center** in Elmhurst, IL. 6 - 9pm Sponsored by the Elmhurst MRRC

February 15-16 – **Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale at the Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall** in Madison, Wisconsin. 9am - 5pm Sponsored by the South Central Wis. Division.

March 1-2 - **High Wheeler Train Show at Harper College**. 9am – 5pm Sponsored by the Fox Valley Division.

March 29 2014 – **All American Railroad Show at Lyon Township High School 32nd Annual** - LaGrange, IL. Sponsored by the DuPage Division

April 11 – **Scale Model Swap Meet at Elmhurst Christian Reform Center** in Elmhurst, IL. 6 – 9 pm Sponsored by the Elmhurst MRRC  
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 Division 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: **Jan 12, Mar 9 and May 4.**

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 15-18 – **Midwest Region Convention - Railfun 2014**. Hosted by the Fox Valley Division. Additional info at <http://www.foxvalleydivision.org/railfun2014/welcome.html> and on next page.

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

## **Railfun 2014**



The Fox Valley Division, along with assistance from the DuPage Division, will host **Railfun 2014**. Convention activities will be headquartered at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois on May 15-18, 2014.

The event features:

- A tour of the Kloke Locomotive Works that has built the Leviathan and York Locomotives and currently working on the Lincoln Funeral train. Free to registrants.
- A unique backshop, behind the scenes tour, of the Illinois Railway Museum -- including the private day run of the facility and train rides (Extra tour charge of \$7 for this event).
- 30 of the best Chicago Metro area layouts open for tours.
- 12 layouts hosting 21 Opsig style Operating Sessions.
- 19 rail and 5 non-rail, one hour clinic slots – including 4 hands-on clinics.
- NMRA judged model and photo contests.
- A Popular Vote model contest.
- Sunday morning Awards presentations and 2 special programs by professional train photographer Mark Llanuza.
- Midwest Region Membership & Board of Director's meetings.
- Advance registration discount – Register now for 3 & 1/2 days of trains for only 45 bucks!

The hotel is located near major highways for easy access to tours with a variety of nearby restaurants and attractions. A special convention rate of \$89.99 +

tax/night, including breakfast and the run of the hotel facilities, has been arranged for those desiring lodging. No organized meals are planned at this year's event to maximize your hobby experience and minimize your convention costs.

All NMRA members are invited to attend! Guests are welcome. Registration is open now.

Check out the Fox Valley Division's convention web site for the latest details of the event and see photos of the railroads on the tour and open for Ops

### For the DuPage Division Members

Take an opportunity to get to know modelers in another Division by signing up today to help with the Railfun 2014. There are all types of positions available. It may not get you points towards MRR achievement, but it will still be rewarding. You never know, but you may find yourself partnered up with another model railroader from another Division or even state that models the same railroad that you do. Think of the opportunity to share and gather ideas. Don't miss out on this opportunity. It is important to the Region, the Fox Valley Division and to the DuPage Division. Get involved and get more from your hobby! If you have interest in volunteering, please contact Jim Osborn at [webmaster@mwr-nmra.org](mailto:webmaster@mwr-nmra.org).

### See the December issue of Railroads Illustrated

This issue contains an editorial and article featuring the photography of Tom Golden, the father of our own Patrick Golden. We've seen plenty of steam photos over the years, but this article focuses on Tom's diesel photos. You'll be amazed how many he took while enjoying his hobby!

### 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 *Fall-Winter 2014* Edition of the Crossbuck is **August 1, 2014**.

### CONTEST WINNERS FROM THE OCTOBER 2013 MEETING

*First Place – Tom Buller O-scale IHB Box Car*



*Second Place (tie) – George Knobbe HO-scale CGW Box Car*



*Second Place (tie) – Rob Schiavone N-scale SF Reefer*



*Second Place (tie) – Rob Schiavone N-scale UP Box Car*



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.

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**This edition of the Crossbuck is your notification for the September 8, 2013 Division Meeting.**

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