



Three Lakes Model Railroad Club
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Layout Building Clinic (a class & discussion):
Saturday May 14th, 10 AM at the Three Lakes
Reiter Center (1 block SW of the intersection of
US 45 and County Road A across from the park)

Jim Brown, President of Rhineland Railroad Association and Roger Blocks, of Three Lakes Model Railroad Club will present a 45-minute clinic on layout building. We intend to discuss various concerns including space, costs, skill, gauges or scale, type of operations (round and round vs. point to point or switching). The advantages of shelf, walk-in, walk around or freestanding, Free Mo, etc. will be covered. We'll talk construction, controls, how to do it and how not. This will be another joint meeting of TLMRC and RRA. We buy the goodies this time. Guests are invited; bring a friend.

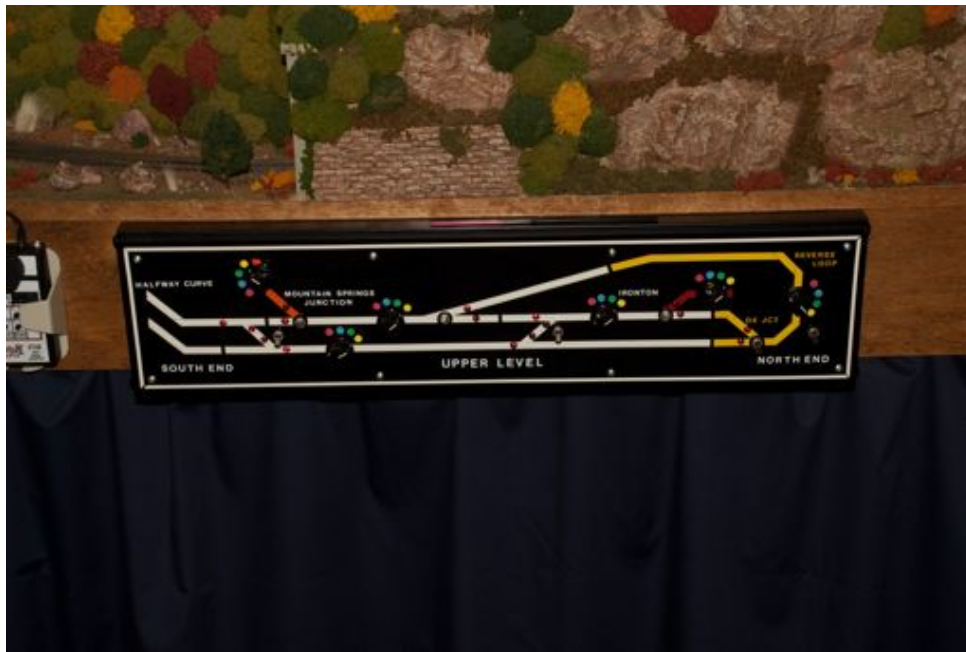


(Left) Dave Krembs shows motor / DCC installation and control of his Narrow Gauge engine. April's clinic was a good one. Thanks

Visiting a Master

by P.A. Wussow

On Sunday April 3, 2011 I had the chance to visit the layout of Master Model Railroader #344. James Duffin (Jim), a member of the Du Page Division of the Midwest Region, had his layout on the division layout tour. I saw an amazing layout with fine details. I want to share some of his work with you as it matches with our modeling and education goals in the Three Lakes Model Railroad Club.



DC or DCC...Yes!



Details from scratch

Members of the TLMRC : *(as of 2011 we'll no longer publish lists of members names and will correct known offending documents by August 2011)*

The Three Lakes Club began 2011 with thirteen members (at least one has membership in NMRA pending).

We intend to be an active club holding clinics and being helpful to our friends and neighbors in model railroading.

Our goal is to have a newsletter at least 10 of the 12 months each year and offer one or more clinics to our members and our neighboring clubs each quarter.

Our club has been recognized by NMRA as a 100% club effective Jan 1, 2011. Thank you all.

Please note: We are a 100% NMRA club. Several guys were nearing the end of their membership periods. Please take care of your dues with national. If you have a problem (as in no magazine, clinics, newsletter) let me know and we'll do our best to help you. We are an active group. *RGB*

Railroad Happenings: or semi local coming events..

April 15-17, 2011- NMRA Midwest Region Annual Convention-
Madison, WI Info at: www.nmra-scwd.org/Badgerland

April 30 & May 1, 2011- Titledown Train Show- Shopko Hall-
Green Bay, WI Info at: www.ttsgblc.com

May 14th, Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI Joint Meeting TLMRC & RRA
10 AM to Noon Clinic on Layout Building See: <http://tlmrc.org/>

May 14, 2011- NMRA Winnebagoland Division Annual Spring Meet
Neenah, WI (partnering with Soo Line Historical & Technical Society)
See Page 5 of:
<http://www.mwr-nmra.org/region/waybill/waybill2011spring.pdf>

July 3-9, 2011 NMRA 76th National Convention, Sacramento, California
See <http://www.x2011west.org/>

Casey Jones

by R.G. Blocks

Illinois Central Railroad engineer, Jonathan Luther “Casey” Jones became famous after a song was written about the accident that cost his life. The accident happened near Vaughan, Mississippi. I tried to find that now non-descript location in our airplane. Some things are tough to find. Close, but no banana in my case.



Vaughn, MS is twenty-eight miles directly east of Natchez, MS and about forty miles south of both Vicksburg and Jackson, MS.

Casey was engineer of passenger train #1, heading southbound. It was sometimes known as “New Orleans Fast Mail” (or the Cannon Ball Express). Casey’s engine was #382. He ran into the rear of



freight train #83 being pulled by engines 870 and 871 at 3:52 AM on the morning of April 30, 1900.

His fireman, Simon Webb jumped from engine #382 and settled with the railroad for \$5.00 for damages to his person. The Express car messenger Wm Miller had slight injuries (broke two ribs) and settled for \$25.00. The postal clerk W. L. Whiteside was jarred and given \$1.00, as was the other postal clerk, R.A. Ford given \$1.



Engineer Jones bore the sole responsibility for the accident that took his life. He failed to heed two flagman and track warning torpedoes. Both signals presented ample evidence of a train ahead. The fireman estimates the train was doing 75 mph before Casey finally began breaking. He then estimated the train had slowed to perhaps 50 mph by the time he jumped.

The ballad “Casey Jones” was written by his good friend, an engine wiper, Wallace Saunders. The ballad created the legend. Engine 382, rebuilt after the wreck was re-wrecked again in 1903 in Tennessee. The engine shown, on display at Jackson, Tn. Home of Casey Jones is thus similar to the one actually driven by Casey Jones.

I am standing outside the actual home of Casey Jones. I vouch for my own authenticity. Did my best to give you a capsule view; but admit I couldn’t find the site in Vaughn, Ms that started this despicable mess.

This is a fun place if you like buying souvenirs, an old station, rail history and are on your way south.



Think about controls, preventing collisions, signaling, teamwork during operations and the evolution of railroading. Casey’s story dominates turn of the century rail lore. Watch where you place torpedoes and don’t settle for \$1 if you jump.

View From the Tower

by P. A. Wussow

We finished the month of March with a Three Lakes News story with an invitation for new members. This story generated interest in the club and new potential members. In addition the story has been posted around town on bulletin boards (Oneida Village and Choo Choo to name two). This kind appreciation should add to

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our reputation as a Three Lakes asset. The news reporter captured Dave Krembs standing behind my 'deer in the headlights' demeanor.



The color version of her photo illustrates what she had to work with. Thanks Jan.

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On Saturday March 26, 2011 our joint meeting, at the invitation of the Rhinelander Railroad Association (RRA), was held in the basement of the Rhinelander Library.

At that meeting I presented a clinic, *The Introduction to Digital Command Control (DCC) Part 1*. This was well attended by the RRA and some members of the Three Lakes Model Railroad Club (TLMRC). My son, Brian joined early via Skype but it was too early for Keith McMillan who was on west coast time. The clinic demonstrated basics of DCC did not get into the details. Rather it showed how DCC was easy to put on any size layout in a way that could make your layout reliable, realistic and also simplify your layout wiring.

An *Introduction to Digital Command Control (DCC) Part 2* was held in the Rhinelander Library Saturday April 2, 2011 from 10AM until Noon. This clinic included the conversion of DCC ready and Athearn Blue box locomotives to DCC using both Digitrax and NCE decoders. Dave Krembs demonstrated installation of miniature decoders in his HOn3 locomotives and operating on dual gauge track connected to his Digitrax Zephyr.

This early April meeting will be our only official meeting in April as we have many other NMRA activities around the area and region during the month. Family and graduations will take a number of weekends as well through the month of May. We thus plan on a mid month meeting prior to the opening of the Rhinelander Museum. Bring a friend, 10AM in the morning of May 14th at the Reiter Center with Jim Brown and Roger exploring the topic 'layout building.'

By the time we see the water again and the fishing season is open we should have some of our snowbirds back up in the North Woods and a regular Sunday meeting.

Please renew your NMRA membership as it comes due.

This past Sunday, after our April 2nd meeting I was able visit the layout of a Master Model Railroader. See the article **Visiting a Master** for more information. Thanks

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Three Lakes Model railroad Club

Closing Editorial Notes:

June's Meeting will feature Jim Brown of the RRA showing the basics of maintenance and repair of engines and rolling stock. Plans are to have it at Jim Brown's with an opportunity for a railroad tour. Also, RRA members are meeting on Apr 30th at 8 – 8:30 AM at the Rhinelander Depot for trip to G.B. call Jim Brown 715-282-7935 if interested. We of TLMRC are invited. Lots of joint club stuff is paying off. *Ed RGB*