



The Yardmaster

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Editor's Comments

Greetings from your newsletter editor. If any of you would like to try your hand at creating an article for the newsletter, please try and write one. It can be of any size or maybe just a photo of your latest project. How about a tip that you think other modelers could benefit from? This newsletter will only be as informative and entertaining as you, the membership, make it.

I feel that it is time for someone else to take over as Editor/publisher of our Division 9 newsletter, The Yardmaster. I will continue in this position through the end of 2022. If you are interested in this position, please contact me dj.vinci@frontier.com, or any Board member. Thanks, Dave Vinci

Achievement Program

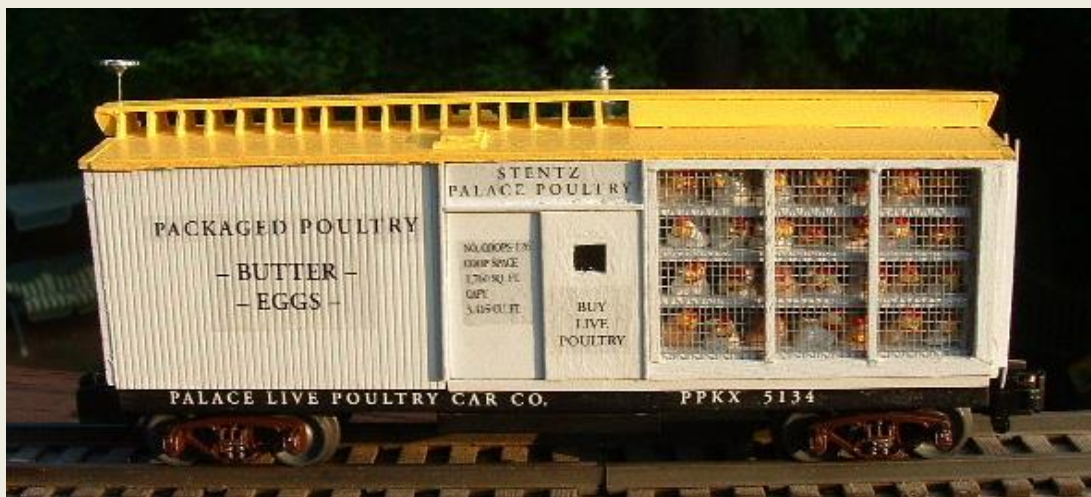
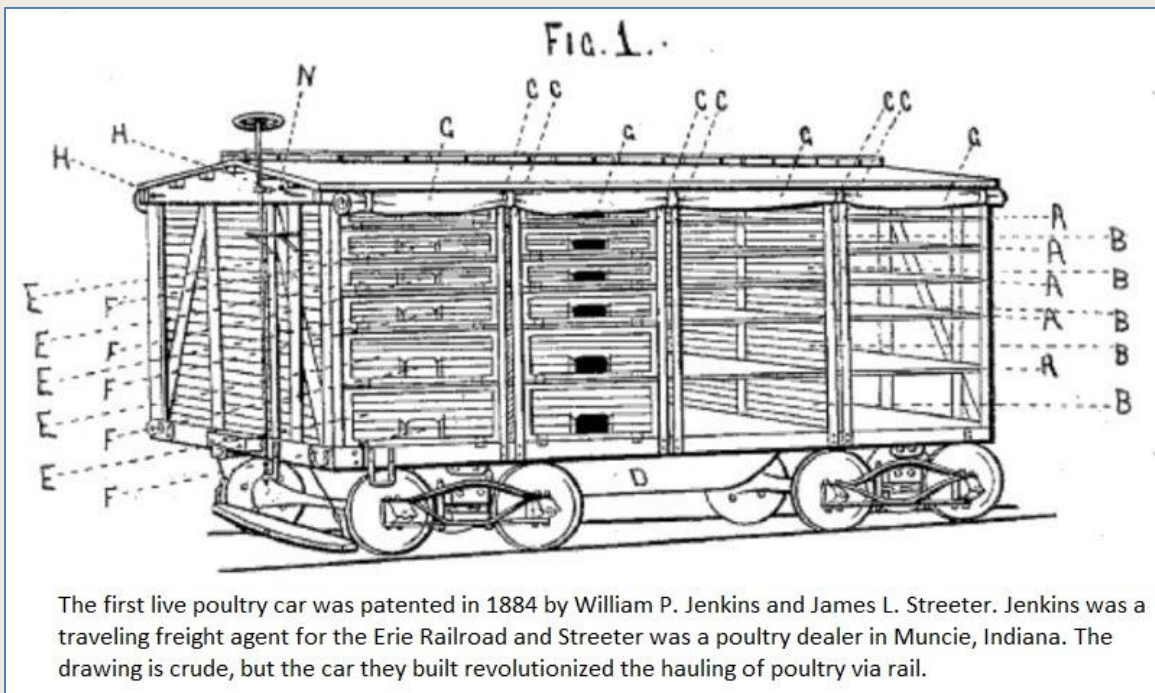
To see the requirements for AP awards see the NMRA website, or talk about the program, contact our Division AP coordinator, Dorman Wilson at N8YNW@charter.net

November Membership Meeting

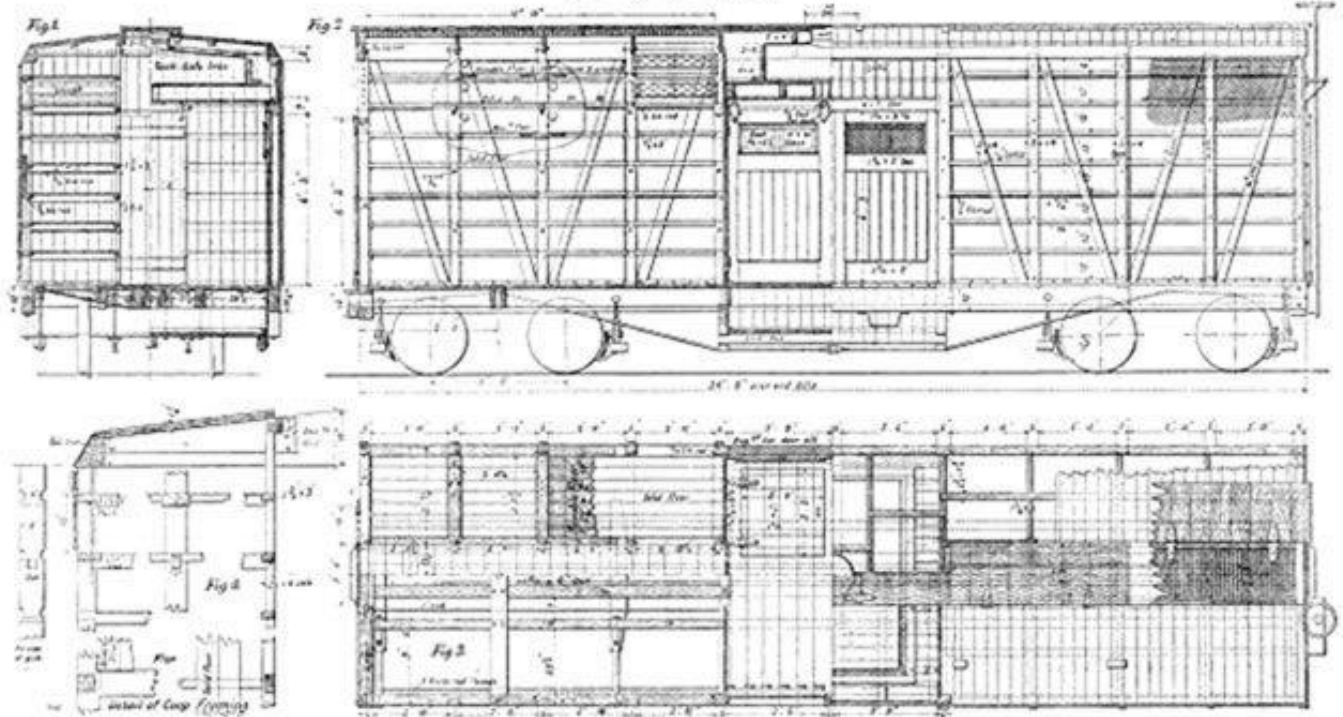
The November 2022 membership meeting will be **Saturday, November 19th** at **The Colonial Kitchen Pancake House**, 330 N. Drake Rd., Kalamazoo. The back room is reserved beginning at **nine o'clock** for informal breakfast. The Colonial Kitchen is in the same building as AT&T and Art Van's Pure Sleep on the east side of Drake Road in the block south of Main Street. The restaurant faces south in that building.

We will begin with an informal breakfast (on your own) with business meeting to follow at **9:30 o'clock**. Doug Harding in Iowa on **"Poultry Cars and Poultry Operations Involving The Railroads"** at 10:30am MI time, 9:30am Iowa time. - See you there!

Here are a few Poultry car photos from my collection – Dave Vinci



RAILROAD CAR FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE POULTRY.
 CONSTRUCTED BY THE LIVE POULTRY TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, CHICAGO.
 (For Description, see Page 542.)

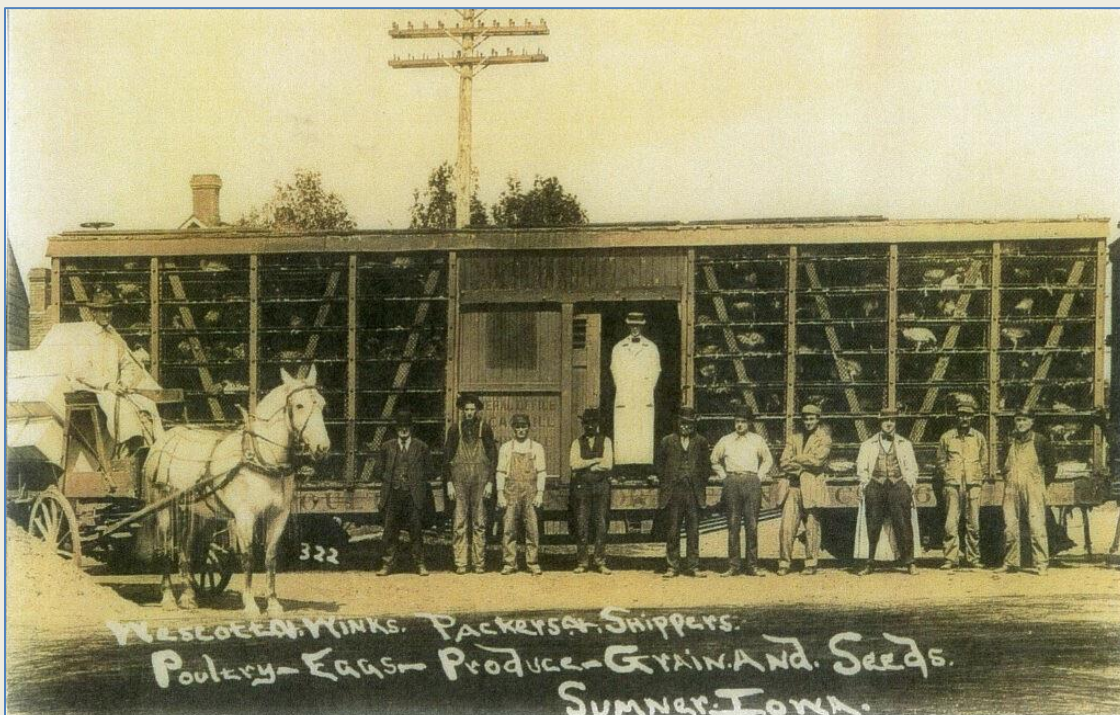


These cars were definitely advanced at the time they were built. Many of the cars were built in Indiana at car shops in either Michigan City or Terre Haute. Drawing from The Railroad Car Journal, January 1893.





Sometimes called "cackle cars" for obvious reasons, live poultry cars were undoubtedly noisy and smelly places. Just imagine if you were the carman or attendant who had to live with 5,000 chickens for a week. Note the smokestack at the center of the car for the attendant's "stateroom". Photo from The American Railroad Freight Car.





The title of this photo was: "Unloading Chickens"



I think I found this picture on the City of Manton's website. For perspective, you are looking east at the backside of the depot. The peaked roof on the other side of the depot is Phelps Granary (still stands), and the mainline runs between it and the depot. J. Pyard

2022 Regional Convention

THANK YOU FROM DIVISION 9 and Rich Mahaney

Well, we did it, Division 9 held a 1- and 1/2-day convention! It was a first!! Maybe there will be a future Division 9 convention some year.

To the NCR Division 9 board and Jim Glenn and Dave Vinci, thanks for your work and efforts to make this convention happen and run smoothly! You would think we had a lot of experience and had done this all before!

Layout Owners: Great job, we could not have held the convention without all of you! As I talked to people they said "there are some great layouts in the Division 9 area! Thank you, layout owners!

Layouts involved with Operations: Everybody I talked to had fun running trains and operating. Thank you for your part in helping the convention!

Clinicians: Great job, excellent clinics, all clinics were enjoyed, and people learned and got ideas to take home! Professionally presented!

And thank you to the Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society for partnering with us for the convention and their train show on Sunday! Great idea for everyone involved. I saw a number of our convention attendees today at the train show!

Everybody should be proud of a "great job well done"! I was very proud to be part of this team!

And whoever prayed for the great weekend weather, thank you very much!

I dreamed of a Division 9 convention years ago. We started down that road a few years, only to get beat out by covid, but we came back again and made it happen! THANK YOU EVERYBODY!!

Also we represented the NMRA North Central Region well, as we had people attending other NMRA Regions and other states!

Rich Mahaney

Photos from the Operations



Dick DeVisser layout

photo by R. Mahaney



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Nichols/Kizer layout



Stonerock Layout

photo by R. Mahaney



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Here is a Father & Son Team, Ron Tennant and RJ Tennant from Division 4 Operating on Greg Stonerock's Layout.

photo by R. Mahaney



Ralph Moxley presenting his Clinic

photo by R. Mahaney



Dinner and the presentation

photo by R. Mahaney



Maynard Michell presenting his clinic

photo by R. Mahaney



Ron Christensen presenting his Clinic

photo by R. Mahaney



Amtrak going by the Church in Kalamazoo photo by R. Mahaney

And since our meeting place was right across from the Kalamazoo Train station, Amtrak made an appearance.

Rich Mahaney provided these photos of the Day and one-half convention and he also did the a great deal of the work promoting and putting this event together, but I don't have a photo of Rich to include. In any case, Thanks, Rich!

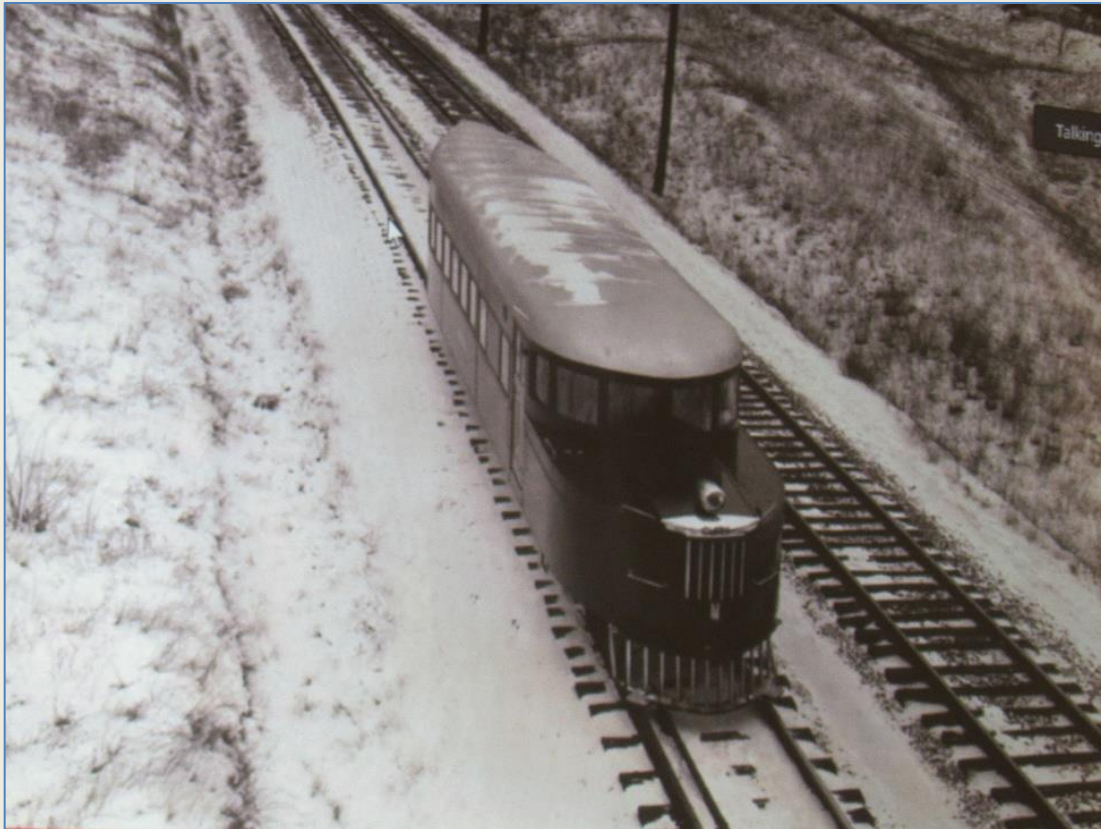


And here is a photo of the Welcoming Committee and Registration Team at Jim Glenn's home on Friday afternoon. Casey Bartman, Bob Lawrence and Garry Johnson our President and Fearless Leader.

R. Mahaney photo

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Here are a couple of photos from the Dinner Presentation on Friday night about this all aluminum bodied rail car. That is the old Michigan Central Depot in Battle Creek, Mi. This was the **Clark AutoTram**. It was an Aluminum rail-car powered by a 16 cylinder Cadillac Engine. The styling was very Art Deco both inside and out. The wheels were made of a rubber product by the Firestone Corp (I know they were rubber, believe Firestone) that were encased by steel tires. The top speed recorded was 73 mph, although ads placed in the trade magazines listed over 100 mph. It never ran on track that would allow such speeds. - Casey Bartman



Division 9 Calendar for November 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Div 9 Zoom Meeting
20	21	22	23	24 Thanks-giving	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
				1	2	3 GR&I Chapter Meeting
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