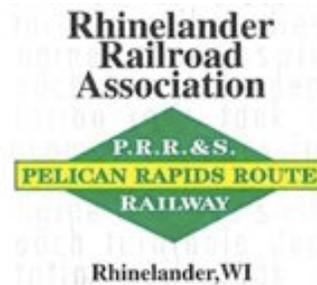


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Thanks Alan:

by Norm Braeger, Treasurer RRA

While the depot main rooms are pretty much kept in real good shape for the visiting public to view, the baggage room has been rather cluttered up with tools. It has been the concern of this desk that the possibility of someone picking up some piece of heavy steel equipment such as a spike puller, dropping it, and possibly causing harm to someone else.



Now, thanks to Alan Duchrow (tallest Packer Backer in the photo of RRA guys on the left) is heading up a big project of cleaning up, that concern is being taken care of. Alan, with the help of all or most of our club members has been securing loose tools to the walls of the baggage room and cleaning up the whole area making it safer and much less cluttered up! The job is still in progress and it will soon be done and this desk gives Alan and his advisors and helpers a big "Atta Boy, Good Job".

It is this kind of dedication upstairs and downstairs that has tourists writing complementary comments in our guest register and telling us what a fine museum we have! Thank you, Norm Braeger, treasurer, and "U C".

President's Message: Greetings from the "Old Man"

by Jim Brown, President RRA

Notes of thank you are in order for members of RRA for their time and effort being put in for the good and betterment of the club.

First, I wish to thank Tom Kolbeck, Chief Engineer on the Free Mo modular system for all his work, ideas and many contributions to help get the modular system rolling! That is just part of it. Tom, with the help of his wife, Pat, have made up much needed new signs for the outside displays to keep people from climbing on the rolling stock. He is also in the process of making new window frames for the old steam engine besides all of the other projects! Let it be known that all this effort is appreciated by myself and all members of RRA!

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Brendan Marquardt, assistant editor of RRA has put in time on coming up with a website for RRA. It may be viewed as follows: <http://www.R-R-A.webs.com/> Take a look at the site! Thank you much, Brendan!

Another thank you is in order for new member, Tim Sheldon, who has jumped in like an "Old Pro", to work on various items on the layout in the depot. The turntable now works like it should! Brendan assisted with this as well. More lights are being put in the structures on the layout as well. More power lines are being added to the power poles, another Tim project. Wherever help is needed, he is there! Thank you Tim!

Getting back to the "U C s" note about Alan Duchrow, librarian, who has cleaned up the baggage room along with assistance from other members, a big note of thanks from myself and the rest of RRA! You can actually walk around the whole room and view all the things on display! Great job!

The next business meeting of RRA will take place on Wednesday, August 3rd, at 7:00pm, at the depot. In the event that the fair going on that week with set up and all presents a problem, the business meeting will be held the following Wednesday, August 10th, at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there! Take care, Jim Brown, President, RRA.

Chattanooga has a Choo Choo

by R.G. Blocks

The Chattanooga Choo Choo is the real McCoy: a hotel built in 1973 within in the old Chattanooga Train Station. It is a historic landmark well worth a look and perhaps a stay. They have forty-eight rooms in authentic passenger train cars of another era. They say the only thing missing is the clickety clack of a rolling train.





Chattanooga was and is a river and rail town. First served by the Western & Atlantic Railroad in 1849: it was a hub of southern business well before the Civil War. The Southern Railway owned the property and in 1904 a young architect named Don Barber designed the present facility. It opened for business in 1909 and was serving fifty (50) passenger trains a day. The last train was served on August 11, 1970.

The first train known as the Chattanooga Choo Choo was a non-

stop, wood burner that ran from Cincinnati down to Chattanooga in 1880. The engine shown, a 2-6-0, built by Baldwin was last used by the Smoky Mountain Railroad from Knoxville to the Smokies in the 1940's is typical of the famed Choo Choo engines.



Marge stands next to the control panel diagram and desk actually used to help switch traffic in and out of Chattanooga. Note the dual Y.



There are other famous southern railroad engines of bygone days. Most famous are "The General" of Civil War fame, is a 4-4-0, famous for the great locomotive chase and now in the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw, Ga.

"The Best Friend of Charleston", an 1830 era engine, is currently in the Norfolk Southern Railroad's Museum in Atlanta.

Most trains going south came through Chattanooga located at

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famous Moccasin Bend on the Tennessee River. Here, the river bends and weaves between mountains that were the scene of tenacious battles during the Civil War. Lookout Mountain, where the “Battle above the Clouds” took place, Nov 24, 1863 is well worth the effort to visit. So too is Missionary Ridge where on Nov 25 Grant’s forces defeated Braxton Bragg. Effectively the north had reduced the south’s armies in half here in this smoky valley. Chattanooga would be the stage, the springboard, from which Sherman would next take Atlanta then begin his march to the sea.



The HO model railroad was started in 1973 is 174 feet long and 33 feet wide. It has over 3000 feet of track, 300 structures, 150 turnouts, 1000 freight cars, 80 passenger cars, three major yards, four passenger stations and is one of the largest model railroads in the world. You must see it.

No number of photos can do this model railroad justice. It is a phenomenal (a word almost as long as the



word Chattanooga) layout. It depicts the Chattanooga area and runs flawlessly.

In conclusion: if you want to see an important segment of US history, a fine old rail station, an interesting hotel and an excellent model rail adventure you must put Chattanooga on your list of enjoyable places to visit.

Marge and I found this to be one of the best rail destinations in the eastern half of the USA. We hope you do as well.

Diamonds are Forever: Rochelle Park

by R.G. Blocks

Sure, you can watch trains without going to Rochelle Railroad Park, 124 N 9th St, Rochelle, Illinois, 61068. However, if you want to go to one of this country's most famous train watching places then include these rare "Diamonds" at Rochelle. It is right up there with the famed horseshoe curve of the Pennsylvania Railroad and a mite closer if you're a Midwesterner.



This is the view most visitors find pleasing at Roselle's Diamond, dual track crossing, where the BNSF (Burlington Northern & Santa Fe RR) crosses the UP (Union Pacific). This is considered by many to be the first Railroad Park in America. It was dedicated on August 30, 1998.

Back in 1854 a railroad was built from Chicago to the town of Lane (now called Rochelle). That was the Air Line Railroad that evolved into the C&NW and eventually the UP. Then in 1870 the Chicago and Iowa, which became the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy then eventually the BNSF crossed the UP. Today, eighty to ninety trains a day cross each other per day.

You can listen to train traffic on FM radio by dialing in 106.9 or take in the official site of Rochelle Railroad Park at: <http://www.rochellerrailroadpark.org/> .

There is even a Facebook Rochelle Railroad Park Group (see above link for a direct link if you are so inclined).

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Of considerable interest to those of us who enjoy efficiency of effort is the fact that the UP is being directed from Omaha, Nebraska and the BNSF is controlled out of Fort Worth, Texas.



Rochelle, Illinois is a mite (2 miles or so) north west of the intersection of I39 and I88 an easy drive west of Chicagoland. The Rail Park is easy to find off of state routes 38 and 251 where 1st Avenue and 9th street intersect in the town of Rochelle. Happy Railfanning: as below.



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Railroad Happenings: or semi local coming events..

July 30, 2011 – Layout Open House and Clinic on Turnout Construction 2 – 4PM Saturday 1162 Medicine Lake Lodge Road. Three Lakes, WI (a joint meeting of TLMRC and RRA)

August 3rd, 2011 Depot Rhineland Logging Museum, 7PM regular business meeting of Rhineland Railroad Association.

August 13-14, 2011- Layout Open House- Railroad Lodge- SSSMRE- Sheboygan, WI 1001 N. 10th St. 10:00-4:00 Food & Refreshments

August 18-21, 2011- Soo Line Historical & Technical Society Annual Convention
LaCrosse, WI Info: www.sooline.org

August 23-28, 2011- Clipper City Model Railroad Club Open House during the
Manitowoc County Fair www.manitowoccountyexpo.com

September 18, 2011- WISE Division Meeting, 12:30 PM Best Western Airport, 5105 S Howell Avenue across from Mitchell Field. Three Clinics TBA

Sept. 24-25, 2011- Green County Model RR Show & Swap Meet- Monroe, WI
Stateline Ice & Community Expo- 1632 4th Ave. W
<http://www.gcmrrinc.org>

October 1, 2011- NMRA Winnebago Land Division Fall Meet- Lakeshore Lanes-
Sheboygan, WI Info at: www.wld-nmra.com

October 1, 2011- 2nd Annual Hope Train Club Show & Sale- Wesley Center
199 E. Jefferson St. Waupun, WI (920) 324-2350

October 15-16, 2011- Layout Open House- Railroad Lodge- SSSMRE-
Sheboygan, WI 1001 N. 10th St. Food, Refreshments & Fun 10:00-4:00

October 15, 16, 2011 Cisco Junction Train Show, Cisco Center, 325 Eldon St Cisco, IL
Cisco in between Champaign & Decatur, IL: Tentative: Monticello RR Museum will operate 401
Steam Loco: contact Don@ciscojunction.com or 217-669-2261.

October 16, 2011 – WISE Division Meeting, Veterans Terrace, Burlington, WI

October 23, 2011- Cedar Creek Central Model RR show & Swap Meet Circle B Recreation -
6261 Hwy 60- Cedarburg Info at www.lammscape.com/cedarcreek

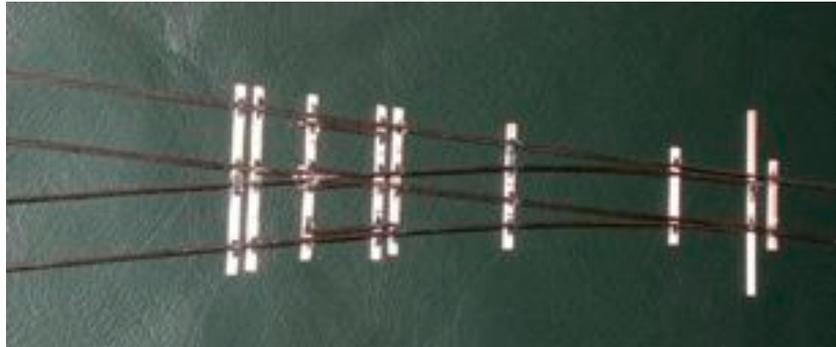
November 5, 2011- Winnebago Land Division Annual Operating Session- Waupaca, WI Info at:
www.wld-nmra.com

November 12-13, 2011 – Trainfest, State Fair Park: Note: Early Bird Tickets are \$8 at
Milwaukee area hobby shops Greenfield News and Hobbies- Greenfield, Hiawatha Hobbies-
Waukesha, Silver Spring Hobby & Games- Milwaukee, Sommerfeld's Trains- Butler, South Side
Trains- Milwaukee, Walthers Terminal Hobby. Outside metro Milwaukee: EngineHouse
Service- Green Bay, WI, J & D Whistle Stop- Sheboygan, WI, Lombard Hobbies- Lombard, IL,
Madison Hobby Stop- Madison, WI (more later?) Always check locally with Dale at the Choo-
Choo store in Three Lakes for any changes or updates (*the editors unsolicited advice*).

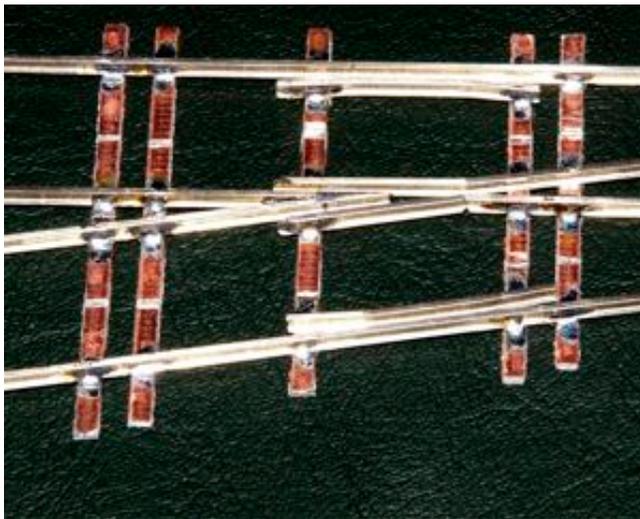
Turnouts or Switches if you prefer

courtesy of P.A. Wussow

We're going to need a few turnouts on each Free Mo module. Turnouts can be purchased as completed units or hand built. A few of us have both the tools and talent to build our own. Our near term goal is to show everyone how to build their own. When you go down the Master Model Railroader path you'll need to have done this little exercise for at least one of the AP certificates. It is not difficult. One of our members is fairly well blind in one eye and has learned how to do the modest cutting, bending, measuring, filing and soldering tasks involved. We'll see if he can do them on an actual turnout.



It might save you a few dollars and win you an award from NMRA if you master the techniques. You will never know unless you try! This is an opportunity to demonstrate an ability to learn. We call it a clinic!



Here are a few shots of turnouts built for my own layout. Note the detail and the simplicity of the object in a close up view.

We'll be having a clinic on this topic: July 30, 2011 between 2 & 4 PM at Roger's house. It's easy to find. Even our semi blind guy can find it on occasion (dinner time especially). We'll send you a map in a few days. Best to all.

Paul Wussow