



## Indianapolis S Show – 2008 in Review

It hard to believe that another Indianapolis S Show has come and gone! We were really pleased with the turnout. Attendees came from near and far to experience our 5<sup>th</sup> show. In all, over 120 guests, vendors and volunteers attended the Saturday show. Our usual pre-show event at Shapiro’s Restaurant was very well attended with about 40 guests and spouses turned out for the 2 hour dinner and Bring & Brag session.

Dealers in Attendance:

*Thank you for your support!*

Michigan Models – Tom Hawley & Crew  
Bert Cutler – Scale Dealer  
Big Four Graphics – Jay Williams  
S Scale America – Sue and Ron Sebastian

Raisin River Models – Dan Navarre  
Old Motor Truck – B. Pazan  
Larry Riley – American Flyer Dealer  
Alan Evans – NASG Clearing House & Scale Dealer

Door Prize Donations! - We would like to express our thanks to the dealers who support the show with door prizes.

S HELPER SERVICE  
S SCALE AMERICA  
MICHIGAN MODELS  
S-GAUGIAN MAGAZINE  
HOBBYTOWN USA of Castleton, IN

Layouts on Display -We were fortunate again to have two operating scale layouts this year.

**Doug Evans of Batesville, Indiana** displayed his 10 x 27 foot scale layout. Doug has spent considerable time expanding the improving the layout since last year. In addition to the 8 extra feet in length, extra scenery, yard trackage was improved and numerous new scenes were installed, many with lighting effects. The fascinating operation of the “wide-load” train was a show stopper!

**Alan Evans of Gahanna, Ohio** displayed a new 2 x 12 foot switching scale layout. Alan’s new layout gave attendees the opportunity to see the modules as work-in-progress. The sturdy yet light-weight designs of the modules were most impressive. Alan also allowed guest unfamiliar with DCC to get hands on experience on his layout.

*Doug and Alan, thank you both for adding so much to the event!*

Canteen – Lunch was once again provided by Miss Barbara and Miss Lillian who did an outstanding job serving-up those Super “40 foot” hot dogs. Miss Betty also got the sales of pretzels moving with Miss Barbara’s SledgeHammer sales technique.

Layout Open house – Jeff Lang had his O scale (2 rail) layout available after the show. This very large Pennsylvania Railroad based layout is awesome. Thank you for your hospitality Jeff!

Check-out our website for the latest photos from the show!

## 2009 Show Date Set!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Indianapolis S Show

With 5 successful shows behind us, we have set the date for the 2009 show. We have selected Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is Columbus Day weekend. We decided to move up the show to avoid conflict with the Fall S Fest and local shows in Michigan and Indiana. We hope this date is more convenient for everyone and give all of us the opportunity to attend the November show rather than choose one over another. At present we have over 20 tables already sold for the show and expect to sell out quickly. S Scale America has doubled their tables for 2009. [www.hoosier-s.org](http://www.hoosier-s.org)

Interested in a table? Call Charles at 317-566-1748 (Home) or email him at [bmry1905@yahoo.com](mailto:bmry1905@yahoo.com).



## HSG Winter Event – New Layout

### Hoosier S Gaugers at Noblesville, Indiana

Charles Malinowski, Mick Hinkle and Jerry Schnur are scheduled to display the HSG 4 x 6 foot scale layout at the Central Indiana Division of the National Model Railroad Association meet in Noblesville, Indiana. The meet and auction will be held Sunday, January 25 at the Hamilton County 4-H Expo Center, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN. The show runs from 10AM until 4PM with the “Live” Auction beginning at 2PM. For dealer table information contact Tom Cain, CID-Superintendent at 317-475-7834.

It is our intent to display the latest offering in S to our friends that are modelers and maybe encourage folks new to the hobby to consider S. We will have S trains in the Favorite Train Contest (popular vote) and have information from the NASG available. This is also an opportunity for many of us to simply get together and talk (S) trains. So please consider spending the day at this neat swap meet.

## Upcoming Events

### Naptown & White River Model Railroad Club

When: Saturday, December 13, 2008 – 10AM to 3PM

Where: Manual High School, 2405 S. Madison Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana

Admission \$5 Free Parking Children under 6 free!

Note: Mick and Charles will have vendor tables.

For more information and directions see: <http://www.naptownrr.org>

### Model Railroad Display by Doug Evans

When: Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-3PM and Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1PM-4PM

Where: Batesville Memorial Public Library, 131 North Walnut Street, Batesville, Indiana

Admission is free.

*Please note! The display of Doug's 10 x 27 foot layout is a service to the Library and the non-modeler community. This not an HSG meet but Doug's way of promoting the hobby within his community to non-modelers.*

## January Open House at Jerry Schnur's

Jerry Schnur will be hosting an open house to showcase his scale Cambria & Ohio River Railroad. Many of you may recall Jerry's layout was featured in *S Gaugian* magazine.

When: Saturday, January, 17, 1PM-4PM

Where: 845 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street, South Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Parking is in the street. Please do not block their driveway.

For more information please contact Jerry at 317-253-5147.

## Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

If you have suggestions, corrections, clarifications or questions, please email them to [bmry1905@yahoo.com](mailto:bmry1905@yahoo.com).

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Quote No. 2,522

Lucy: Do you think anybody ever really changes?

Linus: I've changed a lot in the last year.

Lucy: I mean for the better.

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-Charles Schulz (1922-2000)

For those of you who were unable to attend the show we have included this bonus.

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Northern Ohio S Scalpers – November 2008 Newsletter  
5th Annual Carmel 'S' Scale train Show  
By Gary Ippolito

This year was my first opportunity to attend the 5th Annual Indianapolis S Model Railroad Show and Meet in Carmel, Indiana. Five of us NOSS guys went this year and I traveled with John Henning and Ed Kirstatter. Bob Yahnke and AL Clapp drove separately.

We left Medina at about 11:00 on Friday, detoured through Lodi since John didn't listen to his navigator, and finally headed down 71 to Columbus and across 70 to Indianapolis. The trip went smoothly despite the lousy weather. Occasionally, Ed would ask "Are we there yet?" and would receive an "almost" in stereo. During our trip, we discovered that Ed has no desire to eat at Taco Bell and freezes his brain when eating a Frosty from Wendy's.

We hit the Indianapolis 465 outer belt just in time for the start of evening rush hour. We were lucky in that our destination was not on one of the more popular interstate exits and we did not have to sit in traffic. We rolled into the Jameson Inn at about 4:00. Three hundred miles in five hours with a lunch break, not bad. Nice cruising, John.

The host hotel was a nice, new place with complementary breakfast and internet service in the lobby (which is quite convenient for accessing railpictures.net for reference). We left our bags in our rooms and headed out to the show.

The show is hosted at a Lions Club and is far from being large. I would guess that there are about 30 tables available. Des Plaines, River Raisin and Michigan Models take the majority of the tables. Even though Friday night is for setup, vendors who were there were willing to sell their wares. I was able to pick up some nice detail parts from River Raisin and Des Plaines. As far as I was concerned, it was worth the drive already.

But, as with most "S" events, it's not about the stuff, it's about the people and at 6:00 we all met at Shapiro's for dinner. The host club reserves a room and you purchase your own dinner. This is a wonderful deli-restaurant that serves food cafeteria style. Lots of food and it all looks and tastes great. I bought the \$9.99 meatloaf special and wasn't able to finish it all.

When we entered the dining room, the hosts asked the "Cleveland guys" split up and sit with other people. This was a great idea and I was able to catch-up with Ron and Sue Sebastian as well as Dan Navarre. I also got to hear all of the gossip about the brass importing business.

And, in what has become an annual tradition, NASG President Sam McCoy purchased a cheese cake to be split between the guests. It was so rich that it was able to satisfy the twenty-four or so people in the room.

Following dinner is an informal "bring and brag" session where people have a few minutes to share whatever they feel like sharing with the others. Several of us brought models in various stages of completion to show. Other topics were I-beam bench work, pictures from a railroad museum with S scale models, freight car & locomotive kit-bashes.

After dinner we went back to the Lion's club to chat. It was very interesting to see the modular layout constructed by Doug Evans as it incorporated several novel ideas. It's a good size layout that measures about 10' by 30'. The first thing that I noticed is that Doug is BIG into electronics. There were operating block signals and crossing signals; practically every locomotive on the layout had a yellow strobe on the roof; and there were several vehicles with headlights, brake

lights, and emergency flashers. One of my favorite vignettes on the layout is a fire truck parked behind a '64 Chevrolet whose hood is open and engine was smoking. Doug had mounted a smoke unit under the layout with a chimney up to the engine compartment.

An interesting thing about the layout is that the corners are split into 60 degree arcs rather than 90 degree sections. This makes the corners more manageable because they are then the length of the straight sections. The curved rail joiners made me nervous but there were no problems all weekend with these sections.

By far the most interesting thing about the layout was that the outside edges of the scenery are elevated giving the illusion that you are standing on a hill looking down into a cut. It's a very subtle but nice way to do scenery. One observation of the layout is that things are just a little too perfect. Every vehicle looked like it was through the carwash. But you know me, I'm BIG into weathering. At 10:00, the hosts finally kicked us out and we went back to the hotel.

On Saturday morning, John and I passed on the complementary hotel breakfast and instead opted to meet Doug Evans, Bob Morrison and Stan Maddox for breakfast at Shapiro's. Once again: great food. This was fun in that Doug and I got to pick each other's brains about modeling. Unfortunately, I now feel compelled to finish my projects that are languishing on my workbench.

After breakfast we went back to the hotel to get Ed and checkout. Then it was back to the show. By the time we arrived, all the vendors were set up and there were quite a few attendees.

To me, the most interesting arrival was that of a scratch-built Schnabel car by John Griffin. A Schnabel car is a specialized type of freight car which is designed to carry heavy and oversized loads in such a way that the load itself makes up part of the car. The load is suspended between the two ends of the cars by lifting arms; the lifting arms are connected to a pivot above an assembly of pivots and frames that carry the weight of the load

and the lifting arm. This model is of the largest Schnabel car in operation, owned by ABB, carries road number CEBX 800. It has 36 axles, 18 for each half. Each half contains nine trucks which are connected by a complex system of span bolsters. Its unloaded weight is 370 tons and measures 231 ft 8 in. It can carry loads up to 113 ft 4 in long with a max load of 800 tons. Without a load, this model measures 44" long. It's quite impressive. It was more impressive to see it actually move on the layout. It had to be operated without a load or it never would have been able to negotiate the curves. See picture on page 4.

As the show drew to a close on Saturday afternoon, I was informed that I was a door prize winner and chose one of Des Plaines' new 53' Evans box cars. Sweet!! Attendees were also gently persuaded by Charles's personable, yet borderline psychotic wife, Barb, and her sledge hammer to purchase food so she wouldn't have any leftovers.

When the show closed, we began to say our "goodbyes". Ed and I take much less time to part ways with friends than John does (maybe because we are less personable or have less friends) and waited in the car for him. Looking back, I think that John may have just been waiting for the car to get toasty-warm. (Also thanks for bringing the car from the back of the parking lot to the front. Ed)

On the way home, John was kind enough to indulge me in a side trip to pick up an eBay auction win. Poor Ed was in back and didn't have any say in the matter. The detour off of 70 took us to quaint little West Elkton near Dayton. Thankfully, we were able to leave before the streets were rolled-up.

The rest of the trip was uneventful except for the occasional yummy, yummy noises from the back while Ed entertained himself with maple rolls, Pringles, and two-day old rye bread. I can only imagine what the back of John's Buick looks like. Thanks for driving! (I'm still finding crumbs-John)