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# CONDUCTOR'S CALL

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I'd like to take a moment and extend my heart-felt thanks to all of you who have taken the time to compliment Kibitzer's new format. I really appreciate your kind words and encouragement. I met so many of you at the Convention - it was great to be able to put faces to names at long last!

A couple of concerns have been raised by folks who have contacted me during the last couple of months:

"Will I have to go online to get the Kibitzer now? I only have the Internet at work..."

There are NO plans to replace the print edition of the Kibitzer with an exclusively online version. We realize that not everyone has, or wants, the Internet - we don't want to leave anyone out.

By the same token, we would like to encourage those who would prefer to get the online edition exclusively to let Richard Napper know. We'll be happy to accommodate your preference.

"What's the difference between the two?"

The online edition is in COLOR. It's prohibitive to print the Kibitzer in full color at this time. It makes little difference online whether it's color or grayscale.

You can print the online version of the Kibitzer, but unless you have a high-end laser or offset printer, the print quality will always be better with the print version.

"Will the cost of the Kibitzer go up?"

Unfortunately, yes. Regional dues were set to attempt to cover the costs of the newsletter, and has been \$6 a year for almost 15 years. Since National's restructuring, those dues are now technically the subscription price for just the newsletter. Raising the subscription price has been

debated for a long time; it's only in the last year that it's become a critical issue.

It was decided at the Board of Directors' meeting in June that the subscription price for the printed Kibitzer would be \$12 a year and the online version would be \$8 a year. These prices would take effect January 1st of 2007, on all new and renewal subscriptions made on or after that date.

My goal as editor is to provide value for that price.

I encourage anyone who can to submit materials for publication. Photographs, drawings (any comic artists out there?), articles, tips, suggestions, complaints... anything and everything is considered. The Kibitzer is a forum for the entire Region to use. If your division has a newsletter, I'd love to receive a copy of it. Those are great sources for Kibitzer material.

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Once upon a time, there was a young family who joined a local division of the Mid-Continent Region. They had two daughters; the older one was fascinated by the tiny trains her father would spend hours working on. She would fall asleep to the whine of his Dremel as he carefully worked bits of plastic and metal into parts of a miniature world. The smell of Testor's model glue was as much a part of her childhood as chocolate chip cookies.

The girls became unofficial mascots, as they helped their father set up his module at local train shows. They'd get underfoot, but the Division members were always patient and willing to answer questions.

Then one day, a woman joined the Division. Not as the spouse of another member, but on her own. This woman built a module and joined in the activities of the Division. The older girl was in awe - she'd never seen a woman who played with model trains before. Frankly, neither had most of the Division.

Time went by and the young family moved away. Always, the father kept his interest in model trains, even when he wasn't able

to build a module or a layout. The girl got involved in high school and didn't do a lot with models for a while. Eventually, they returned to their hometown and found that the Division had disbanded.

The father and mother got word that there was a movement to reorganize a new Division, and they helped find members of the original one and restart the module group. The girl, who had married and had children of her own, joined a bit later. She and her family built a module and participated in train shows. She developed a love of creating scenery and dreamt of making her own little town.

More time passed. The girl, who had remarried and gone through a lot of changes, found herself doing graphic design for a Regional Convention. One day, she received an email that outlined a list of clinics. To her surprise and delight, one was to be presented by the woman and her husband. While she knew she wouldn't be able to attend it, she was anxious to see the woman again.

The Convention had the air of a reunion when the original Division members clustered around the woman. She remembered all of them, even the girl. The girl became very busy helping with the Convention and keeping her children occupied. She was also a bit shy about approaching the woman and that saddened her. If she would have been able to speak to her, she would have said, "Thank you for showing us that a girl can model trains, too."

The woman is, ironically, a former Kibitzer editor - Fran Hale, wife of one of our MMR's, Miles Hale. I don't know if she knew the influence she had on one little girl - me - but I'm very grateful. She truly is a pioneer.

The moral is that you never know who you might influence as you go about your modeling. Kids truly are the future of our hobby. While computers and TV compete for their attention, there's a deep need to create something with physical presence, something that can be picked up and touched. And if it can run on rails, it's even better!

# THE SWITCHING LIST

FALL 2006

BY GARY HEMMINGWAY

The Switching List contains all known Mid-Continent Region, NMRA, train shows and Division meetings. It also lists all known club shows and swap meets in the Mid-Continent Region (IA, IL, MO, AR, NE, KS, OK). Sign up for the email List for the most up-to-date and complete listings.

## DIVISION MEETINGS

**KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION** meets the 1st Saturday of February, May, August, and November at various locations around the division area. BOD meetings are usually at noon and general meetings are at 1 p.m.

Aug 5: Tom Katafiasz, 2105 Northwood, Salina, KS 67401 785-827-8167 tommarykat@aol.com.

Nov 4: Robert Stewart, 249 Redbud Estates #249, Manhattan, KS 66502.

**GATEWAY DIVISION (ST. LOUIS, MO)** meets 3rd Monday each month, 7:00 P.M. Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO; Even numbered months: VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL <http://www.gatewaynrmra.org/division.htm>

**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION (KANSAS CITY, MO & KS)** monthly meetings 4th Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Johnson County Courthouse, NE Branch, 6000 Lamar, Shawnee Mission, KS (DMV Building on SW corner of Lamar and Mastin)

**WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA)** Our meeting location is the Sump Library, 84th and Second Streets, Papillion, NE. on the 2nd Saturday of each month from Noon to 3:00 pm. The meetings consist of a business meeting followed by a clinic, slide show, and sometimes a layout tour. During the months of June and December we do not meet at the library, they are reserved for the annual picnic (June meeting) and the annual holiday dinner (December meeting).

**EASTERN IOWA DIVISION** - visit our website at [www.TheWigWag.org](http://www.TheWigWag.org) for more information.

**KATE SHELLEY DIVISION (AMES/DES MOINES, IA)** meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 15th & Wilson, Ames, IA.

**INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION** meets at the New Hardesty Library at 8316 E. 93rd. St. (Just east of Memorial) in Tulsa, OK. The time is from 9am to noon. The dates of the remaining meetings are September 16th and November 18th. Each meeting we have various presentations from How to's, to slide shows. After the meetings we have a layout tour on one of the members layouts. Contact Dave Salamon at [drs\\_rr@yahoo.com](mailto:drs_rr@yahoo.com) for further information.

**CLAREMORE & SOUTHERN RR OPERATING SESSION**, 2nd Friday each month starting at 7:00PM and finishing by 10:30PM. 9372 E. Clover Creek Drive, Claremore, OK 74017-1487, Info: George F Maulsby, 918-341-9446 or [www.csrail-road.com](http://www.csrail-road.com). Normal operating session has 34 trains running and extras as needed.. Please send a confirming RSVP if you are planning to join us.

## TRAIN SHOWS & MEETS

**AUGUST 12, 2006** - Turkey Creek 2006 Meet. Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak, Lenexa, KS (just southeast of railroad tracks at intersection of Plfumm Rd. and Santa Fe Dr.). 8:30am - 2:00pm. Adm: Advance, \$4, at door \$5 (NMRA \$4.50), under 12 free w/paid adult. Tables: \$15 each. Clinics, door prizes, model & photo contests, youth model & photo contests, display layouts, home layout tours, swap & vendor tables, food. Mail registration to: Turkey Creek 2006, 1703 NE 181 St, Smithville, MO 64089. Info Paul Richardson, Registrar, 816-866-4043 or [paul@purgatoryanddevilriver.com](mailto:paul@purgatoryanddevilriver.com).

**AUGUST 12 - 13, 2006** - Beatrice Area Railroad Enthusiasts, Gage County 4-H Building, Gage County Fairgrounds in Beatrice, NE, setup time on Friday Aug 11th, Adm: \$5.00 for Adults and children under 12 are free. Information John M. King, [wtfo48@yahoo.com](mailto:wtfo48@yahoo.com) and [www.trainweb.org/barerr](http://www.trainweb.org/barerr).

**AUGUST 13, 2006:** Mid- America Train & Toy Show (formerly "Mid-America Train



Meet"), BTC Exhibit Hall, I-435 and Front Street, Kansas City MO, 9am - 2pm, Adm: \$5 adults, 12 & under, free, 7am early bird adm, \$10 ea. Trains, models, RR collectibles, toys, train movies, door prizes, operating layouts. Free parking. Info: Steve & Sherri Stich, P.O. Box 369, Leavenworth, KS 66048 or 913-651-5864. Directions: From I-435, exit 57 west (Front St) to Universal Ave. and turn right at stoplight. Or, from I-35, exit Front St. and continue east to Universal Ave., then turn left at stoplight.

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2006:** Boeing Employees' Railroad Club - St. Louis Railroad Swap Meet. Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Queeny Park, 550 Wiedman Rd., St. Louis, MO. 10am - 3pm. Adm: \$3, under 12 free w/pd adult, Tables \$15. Seller setup 8 am - 10 am. Info: Wayne Schimmel, 733 Hwy Y, Winfield, MO 63389-2206 [wwhtehrse@aol.com](mailto:wwhtehrse@aol.com) or 636-668-6313 after 6pm.

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2006:** Southeast Oklahoma City Area Model Railroad Meet. Rose State College Student Center, 6420 SE 15 St, Midwest City, OK. 9am - 4pm. Sponsored by COMRail Model Railroad Club, [www.comrail.org](http://www.comrail.org). Adm: \$3 per person or \$6 per family. Swap tables: advance \$12, at door \$15, includes admission. Contact: [comrail@cox.net](mailto:comrail@cox.net).

**SEPTEMBER 23 - 24, 2006:** Weekend 'N'gineers Inc Great Kansas City Model Railroad Expo. Sprint Festival Plaza at Kansas City's Historic Union Station. Sat 9:30am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 5pm. Admission: adults \$6.00, 12 and under free with paid adult. The Expo will include train layouts in several scales, and vendors of model railroad equipment and other railroad-related items. Info: Charlie Post at 819-966-1534 or 800-826-6981, or Marc Jacobs at 816-237-1510 (evenings) or



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**SEPTEMBER 23 - 24, 2006:** Rockome Gardens 16th Annual Makin' Tracks Model Railroad Show & Sale. Rockome Gardens, Arcola, IL. Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 10am - 4pm. Hosted by Coryville Station. Adm (park): \$4 adults, \$3 children.

**OCTOBER 7 - 8, 2006:** Decatur Train Fair 2006. Decatur Civic Center, Decatur, IL, corner of Oldorado and Franklin Streets. Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 10am - 5pm. SPonsored by the Decatur, Mt. Zion & Southern Model Railraod Club. Swap Meet, vendors, clinics, layouts and door prizes. Adm: \$4, under 12 free with paid adult. Contact: Steve Bricker 217-864-43397 or [bricker@insightbb.com](mailto:bricker@insightbb.com).

**OCTOBER 14 - 15, 2006:** Mississippi Valley N Scales 16th Annual Greater St. Louis Metro Area Train Show. Kirkwood Community Center, 111 South Geyer Road, Kirkwood, MO. Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 11am - 4pm. Adm: \$4, children under 12 free w/pd adult. All scales show, layouts, door prizes, free parking. Info: David Johnson 636-225-2405 or the MVNS website <http://mvns.railfan.net>.

**OCTOBER 15, 2006:** Wichita Toy Train Club 12th Annual Train Show, Auction and Swap Meet. 4-H Bldg, 21st & Ridge, Wichita, KS. 9am - 3pm. Adm: \$3, under 12 free w/pd adult. Vendor setup 7am, tables \$12 each by 9-30-06 then \$15 until show date, \$20 at the door if space. Info: Bill Laughlin 316-744-2527 email [weldoc@juno.com](mailto:weldoc@juno.com) or <http://members.cox.net/wttc>.

**OCTOBER 29, 2006:** Central Illinois Great Train Show. Interstate Center, 2301 W Market St, Bloomington, IL. SPonsored by the Central Illinois Railroad Club. 9am - 3pm. Layouts, railroad equipment displays, swap sessions, railroadiana, model railroad supplies, education displays, computer train simulators, prototype model contests. Adm: \$5 under 12 free with paid adult.

**NOVEMBER 4 - 5, 2006:** Southern Kansas 3-Railers 4th Annual Model Train Show, Agri-Business Bldg., 712 W. Washington, Arkansas City, KS, Sat: 10 - 5, Sun: 11 - 4, Adm: \$3, under 10 free w/pd adult, tables \$10 each, Concessions by Sharon's Rolling Kitchen, Info: SK3R, Box 92, Cheney, KS 67025-0092, [jays027@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jays027@sbcglobal.net)

**NOVEMBER 4, 2006:** Gateway Division Fall Meet. Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd. at Woods Mill Road, in Ballwin, MO, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM; The Adult ticket

price is \$5.00. Children under 12 are free. The table prices are \$15.00. Set up time on Friday, November 3, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Set up begins again on Saturday morning at 7:00 AM. Contact is Robert Boedges at 314-631-5371 or email at [rboedges@charter.net](mailto:rboedges@charter.net).

**NOVEMBER 4, 2006:** 15th Annual Kate Shelley Division, MCoR-NMRA Fall Meet, United Community School, US Highway 30 between Ames and Boone, IA; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Adm: \$5 at door, \$4 pre-registration, Clinics, Silent Auction, Dealers, Displays, Layouts, Door Prizes; Contest categories: Diesel locomotives, Grain hoppers, Flat cars with loads, Box cars-40' or under, Offline structures, MOW equipment, youth in all categories, Photos, Rolling Stock & Structures, Prototype & Model; Info: Bob Folkmann 515-232-8689, Carl Chumos 515-233-8256.

**NOVEMBER 25- 26, 2006:** Great Train Expo Show. Gateway Center, One Gateway Dr., Collinsville, IL. 10am - 4pm both days. Adm: \$7. More info: 630-279-4048 or

[www.greattrainexpo.com](http://www.greattrainexpo.com).

**NOVEMBER 26, 2006:** Mid- America Train & Toy Show (formerly "Mid-America Train Meet"). See listing under August 13th for complete details.

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## MODELING TIP: REAL RUST?

Want a 15-year old trick I learned about rust?

Collect this stuff:

- 1-quart glass jar with lid (mayo jar is perfect)
- 1 99-cent bag of really cheap/bad steel wool pads from the local dollar store
- 1 quart of the cheapest white vinegar your food store sells (about 60 cents)
- a few coffee filters

Fill the glass jar with pads. Really full. Then fill the jar with vinegar to 1/4 inch from the top. Put the top on the jar, but a little loose. DO NOT SCREW the jar lid on TIGHT while the witch's brew is in your backyard. There will be a very slight pressure buildup during the "brew" period.

Set it in your back yard for a few weeks. The acid in the vinegar will not only rust the pads, but completely dissolve them in a couple weeks.

Strain the "brew" through multiple layers of coffee filters and you will wind up with a quart of "liquid." The color is right, because it is actually rust in solution from the pads. The acid will be totally neutralized by the "rusting" process and it won't eat plastic, brass or other metals after that.

Treat the "brew" like waterbase paint on your plastic/aluminium/steel/copper structures. If you like what you see, hit it with a light coat of Dullcoat and it's forever. If you don't like what you see, hold it under a water faucet for three seconds and it will wash away. Then try it again, until it's "right" for a minimum coat of dullcoat.

Works like a charm. I haven't bought any of the expensive "rust" powders in years since someone pointed out this interesting solution to me.

~Bill K. via Z\_Scale Group on Yahoo!

# STAIR STRINGER FIXTURE

BY ROBERT (BOB) PIERSON

WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION, NMRA

I'm sure that if you have ever built a building from scratch you have been faced with building a set of stairs. This can be a real chore and a pain in the backside.

I have a current project going that requires two sets of stairs each of which must rise eleven scale feet. This results in stringers that have 16 or more steps. With three stringers per set of stairs I was faced with making 96 cuts, all of which had to be fairly precise if the stairs were to look anywhere close to what they are supposed to represent. I was not looking forward to that chore. So I began to think of some way I could construct the stairs, have them look reasonably like the real thing, and not spend the next month doing it.

Some time ago I purchased a Micro-Mark .1875" (#82394) corner punch. I took it out and tried to think of how I could use this tool to accomplish my goal.

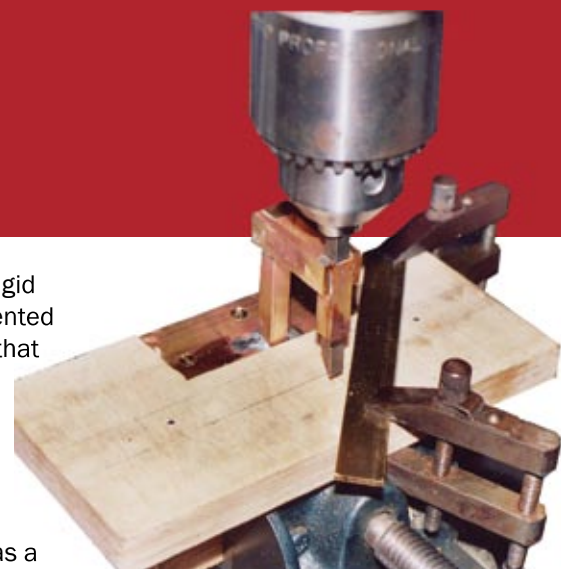
I tried using it freeform and quickly found that that wouldn't work at all. It was obvious that some kind of fixture had to be

used that would hold the punch in a rigid position while the work piece was oriented in the proper angle. Also I suspected that some form of indexing would be required if the cuts were to be uniform and conform to the 1:1 prototype.

The supplier of the punch, Micro-Mark, recommends that the tool be used in a drill press; using the press as a sort of punch press. This was my take off point when I started the design.

Looking at "Sketch 1" Detail "A" (below), I took a piece of .25" square brass stock and cut off a 1" piece. I then milled a .1875" (1/16") slot in it. This is the size of the square shank of the corner punch. This probably could be built up from .03125" (1/32") brass stock if you don't have access to a milling machine. Form a hollow square with the interior dimensions of .1875" X .1875" and solder together.

I then cut the base from .125" X 1" brass bar - 2.5" long. The column was made from .25" square brass bar 1.75" long. The later-



al supports were made from .375" X .125" brass bar cut to a length of 1.25" (make two). The column, the lateral supports, and the punch guide were the clamped together in such a way that there was clearance to drill the holes for the alignment pins as shown in in Sketch 1.

Before drilling make sure that all the pieces are square with one another: smooth operation of this fixture is highly dependent on all elements being in perfect alignment.

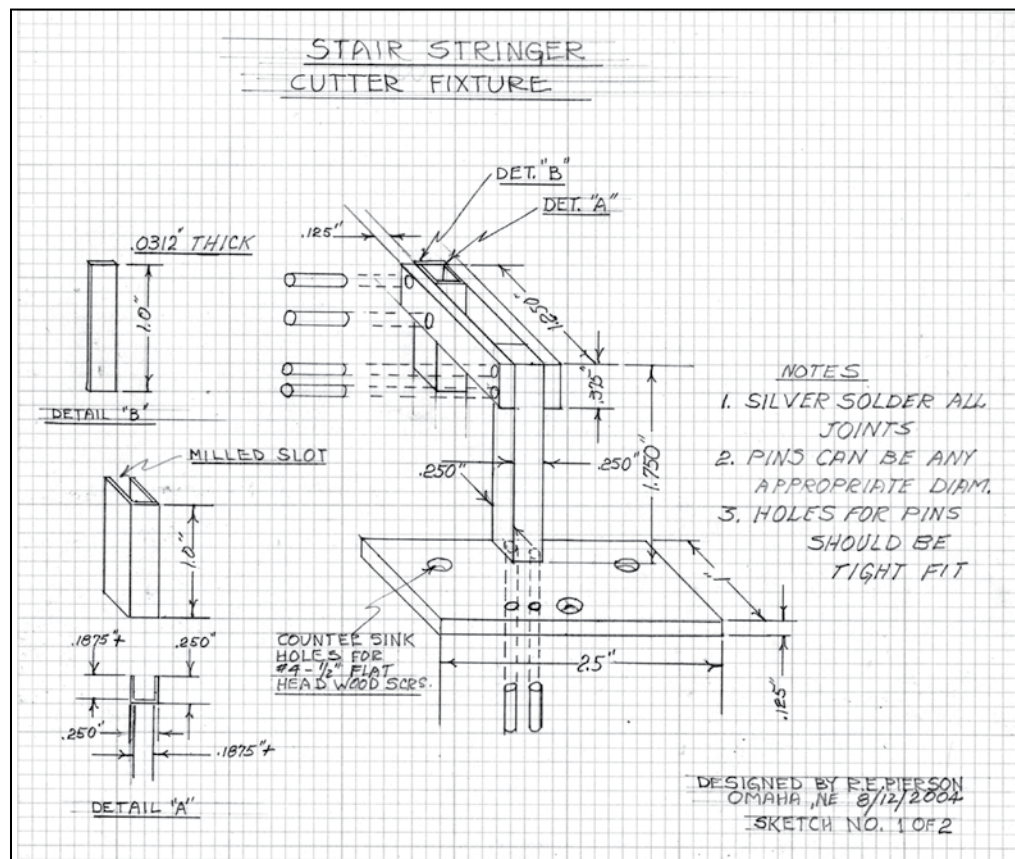
The pins and their holes should be sized to make a tight fit. Once all the alignment pins were in place, the whole assembly was silver soldered together using a butane torch. In my case we kept the clamps on to ensure that everything was square.

The pins go through the slot cut in Detail "A" so these must be cleared out of the slot. I used a razor saw to cut them out and then a file to dress up the slot to final size.

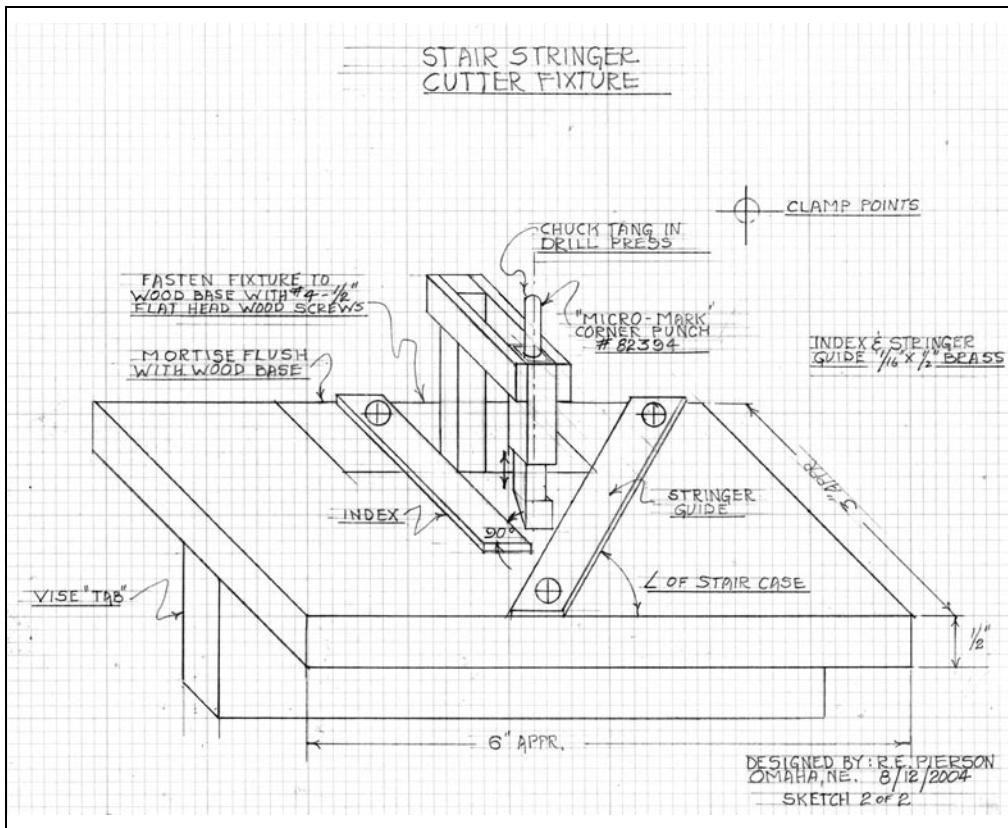
Detail "B" is a .03125" thick piece of brass .25" x 1" which is soldered to Detail "A" to close the slot that was milled into "A". The piece should be tinned with regular solder and heated with a soldering iron while in place on "A". This will not loosen the silver soldered joints which fuses at a much higher temperature than regular solder.

A wood base was constructed of furniture grade .5" plywood. The base I made is 3" X 6", but these are not critical dimensions.

The brass base was mortised into the wood base so that the brass base was flush with the surface of the wood base. Clearance holes were drilled into the brass base for wood screws which hold the two bases together. These holes were also countersunk so that the heads of the flat screws were flush with the surface.







Another piece of plywood was fastened with glue and brads to the bottom of the wood base at right angles to it. This allows the fixture to be easily clamped in a vise - more on that later.

Take the corner punch and slide it into the square opening of Detail "A" to make sure it slides up and down freely. If it doesn't, use a square file to carefully enlarge the opening to get a good fit - a drop of oil will help also. Don't make this too sloppy. For good results this should be made with a close fit.

Going over to your drill press - I'm hoping you have one, if not there is another alternative, see below - use your drill press vise to loosely clamp the fixture. Chuck the end of the corner punch in the drill chuck and using the quill handle slide the corner punch up and down in the fixture. When you get this working freely tighten the vise on the fixture and test again for free movement. If it binds this means the fixture is not in alignment with the travel of the quill. Therefore, you need to loosen the vise and let the fixture "float" until it frees up. Again tighten the vise.

As a safety measure disconnect your drill press - it would be a real disaster if the press was inadvertently turned on.

Once you have the fixture properly mounted in your drill press you need to establish the angle of your staircase and clamp the stringer guide at this angle. It should be at

the proper angle with the punch and the edge on which the stringer will ride must be placed so that the depth of cut is correct. I made my guide out of .0625" X .5" brass long enough to go to the edges of the wood base, both front and back.

This guide must be clamped very securely because the punch exerts sidewise pressure as it cuts. If it is not clamped tightly it will move and the results will be very unsatisfactory.

The next step is to position the index strip. Initially I tried to "eyeball" the cuts without the benefit of an index and got terrible results. I positioned my index two cuts away from the next cut to be made. This means the first two cuts (read "steps") have to be made without the benefit of the index. This must be done very carefully, because any error, however slight, will be replicated the entire length of the stringer. The index strip is also clamped very securely to the base.

The corner of the index should be snugly positioned in the first step cut in the stringer. Remember that the punch makes 90 degree cuts so the index strip should be absolutely square on the end that engages the stringer. The stringer will now be positioned snugly between the guide and the index strip. Lower the quill and make a cut. Lift the stringer up and position the next to the last cut made on the index strip, make another cut, repeat. I use a stiff artist's paint brush to brush the waste out the path

of the stringer. Once the set-up is made the cutting goes very rapidly.

The results are most satisfactory. I made my stringers in one piece and then cut them to length, and when I placed them side by side they matched exactly.

If you don't have a drill press, you can clamp the fixture in a vise and use a small hammer to activate the punch. I tried this, and the problem is the punch imbeds in the base and it is hard to pull out. I suspect with a little bit of practice one could develop the correct force to apply that would cut through the stringer but wouldn't penetrate the base to any degree.

This fixture can also be used to put the "crows beak" in roof rafters. It also can be used to cut the corners of window openings if there is sufficient clearance between the column and your work piece. By using appropriate guides and stops repetitive cuts can be made with great accuracy.

You are now ready to go into production on making scale staircases! While I haven't tried this in any other scale but HO, I believe it will work with any scale up to O. As long as the depth of cut made by the cutter, which is .1875", equals the depth of the stair step it will work. .1875" equals a 9" tread in O scale.

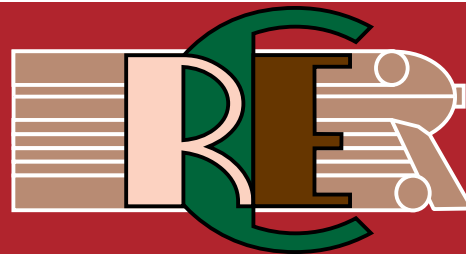
"As most stories that relate how someone became involved in model railroading, I got my start when my parents bought me an American Flyer set when I was about 7 or 8. One of my most vivid memories is my mother taking me on the streetcar to the American Flyer factory to buy some train accessories. At the Chicago World's Fair in 1933, I was absolutely blown away by a huge layout that was in O gauge, and it was a scale model! Not tin plate which is all I had ever seen before then. The bug really bit me then and over 70 years later it still itches! I've been a member of NMRA since about 1947 or 8 with some lapses. I received my 25-Year Award some years ago."

~Bob Pierson

Editor's Note: Bob won second place in the Motive Power, Steam category at the 2006 Convention. The picture shown on page 12 doesn't do his beautiful Big Boy model justice - be sure to check out the full-size photo in the Convention's Photo Gallery online.

# 2006 REGIONAL AWARD WINNERS

BY WENDY HARLOW



## LARRY LONG AWARD

This award is given for service to the model railroading hobby at the division level. The recipient is chosen by Larry's family from a list of nominees.

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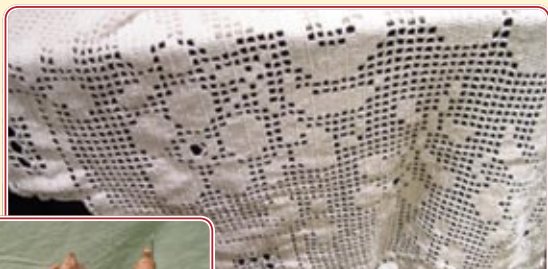
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## ARTS AND CRAFTS, GENERAL ORIGINAL

**1ST PLACE** - Barbara Lundquist – Filet Crochet Tablecloth

**2ND PLACE** - R. E. (Bob) Pierson – Wise Men Music Box

**3RD PLACE** - R. E. (Bob) Pierson – Music Box with Four Woods



## PHOTOS, BLACK AND WHITE, PROTOTYPE

**1ST PLACE** - Donald Morice – ICRR Roundhouse at Centralia IL circa 1960

**2ND PLACE** - Joe Ludley – Rail and Ties, Name and Date

**3RD PLACE** - Donald Morice – ICRR 2-10-2 Taking Water and Centralia circa Feb. 1957



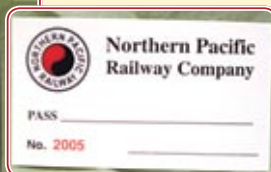
## PASSES

**1ST PLACE** - Tony Bowen – Rock Island Passenger Pass

**2ND PLACE** - Allen Merta – Northern Pacific Railway “Watermole” Pass

**3RD PLACE** - Allen Merta – Northern Pacific Logo Pass

**HONORABLE MENTION** – Allen Merta – Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad Pass; Allen Merta - Rock Island Eastern Iowa Division Railroad Pass



## PHOTOS, COLOR, PROTOTYPE

**1ST PLACE** - Donald Morice – Early Morning Leaving Iraprato Mexico 1962

**2ND PLACE** - Joe Ludley – Triple Header Under Steam

**3RD PLACE** - John Griffith – 949 and 951 from Union Station



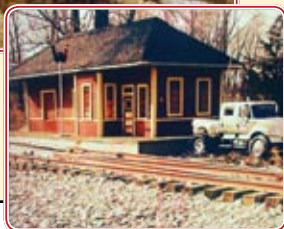
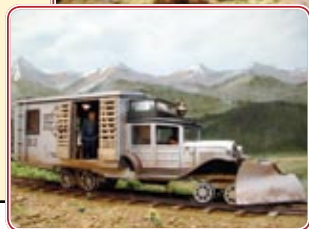


### PHOTOS, COLOR, MODEL

**1ST PLACE** - Ron Morse – Animas Cabin at Cascade Creek with FC&C RR Engine #2

**2ND PLACE** - Ron Morse – Gold Creek Waddling Duck #8

**3RD PLACE** - Kent Girouex – EJ&K Railway Depot and UP Truck



### MODEL, DIESEL

**1ST PLACE** - Brad Slone – Frisco 44-Ton Davenport

**2ND PLACE** - Al Warren – Cotton Belt GP-60 #9703

**3RD PLACE** - Al Warren – UP SD90MAC #8401



### MODEL, STEAM

**1ST PLACE** - Ed Truslow – DRGW L-95 2-8-8-2 #3400

**2ND PLACE** - R. E. (Bob) Pierson – UP Big Boy 4-8-8-4

**3RD PLACE** - Ed Truslow – Wabash RR 657 4-4-0



### MODEL, FREIGHT CARS

**1ST PLACE** - Pat Harriman – CCR 22' Heavy Weight Flat Car

**2ND PLACE** - Dave Roeder – SG&N #15 1875 24' Flat Car

**3RD PLACE** - Dave Roeder – PRR #123

**HONORABLE MENTION** - Dave Roeder - SG&N #14 1875 27' Box Car; John O'Neill – Goss Valley Flat Car; Dave Roeder – SG&N 30' Box Car 1890



**MODEL, NON-REVENUE**

**1ST PLACE** – Marty Vaughn – Alternative Energy Methane Collection Car

**2ND PLACE** – Bill Bauer – New York, Sesquehanna & Western Commissary Car

**MODEL, PASSENGER CAR**

**1ST PLACE** – Marty Vaughn – Too Much Dynamite!!!

**2ND PLACE** – Dave Roeder – CP #185 Combine Baggage Smoker

**3RD PLACE** – John O'Neill – Goss Valley Combine

**MODEL, CABOOSE**

**1ST PLACE** – Pat Harriman – CCR Logging Caboose

**2ND PLACE** – Dave Roeder – SG&N 17' Caboose

**3RD PLACE** – Bill Bauer – IC Side Door Caboose

**MODEL, ON-LINE STRUCTURES**

**1ST PLACE** – Edward Bommer – B&O Outhouse

**2ND PLACE** – Richard Napper – Interlocking Tower

**3RD PLACE** – Paul Myers – Deck Truss Bridge

**HONORABLE MENTION** – Richard Napper – RR Yard Office; Dave Roeder – Ferguson, MO Wabash Depot; Dave Roeder – Grant Trail Bridge; Earl Mullins – Pre-1940 Pump House; John O'Neill – Santa Fe Station; Earl Mullins – Tool House; Thomas Shook – Coal Tower (Wood); Thomas Shook – Union Station Platform; Thomas Shook – Water Tank (Wood); Thomas Shook – Double Track Bridge; Thomas Shook – Division Freight/Passenger Station; Thomas Shook – Yard Office/Caboose Facility

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Convention website: <http://whdnmra.org/convention2006/index.htm>

Convention Photo Gallery, with FULL-SIZE COLOR images:

<http://tinyurl.com/jyztm> (or visit above link and click Photo Gallery)



## MODEL, OFF-LINE STRUCTURES

**1ST PLACE** – John O'Neill – Texaco Gas Station

**2ND PLACE** – Larry Diehl – "Booty's Corner" IGA Company

**3RD PLACE** – John O'Neill – Barber shop

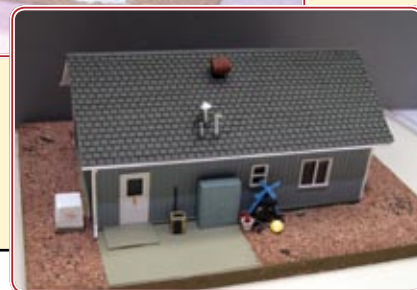
**HONORABLE MENTION** – Earl Mullins – Seth's Cabin;  
Earl Mullins – Bar, Apartment, Hotel & Bakery;  
John O'Neill – McKee's Keys



## MODEL, OFF-LINE DISPLAYS

**1ST PLACE** – David Anderson – Old Mill

**2ND PLACE** – Al Warren – Boone Freight Yard Office

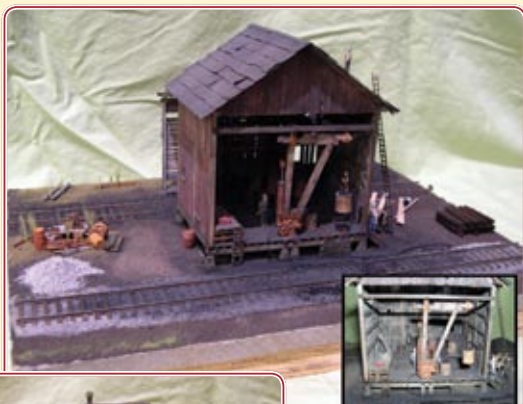


## MODEL, ON-LINE DISPLAYS

**1ST PLACE** – Len LeCrone – Bucket Coaling Station

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**3RD PLACE** – Bill Bauer – Speeder Shed



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8833 Big Bend Blvd  
Webster Groves, MO 63119  
(O)

## Capital City Model Railroaders

PO Box 243  
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(HO)

## Claremore & Southern

3049 Clover Creek Dr  
Claremore, OK 74017  
(HO)

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(HO)

## East Jackson City Mainliners

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Blue Springs, MO 64015-3757

## Gold Creek Railroad Co.

8324 Hall  
Lenexa, KS 66219  
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## Kansas Central Model Railroad Club

530 E Third St  
Hutchinson, KS 67501  
(HO)

## Kansas Area N-Trak

2046 S Elizabeth #1306  
Wichita, KS 67213  
(N)

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10334 Ash  
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(O)

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## Missouri Northern Railroad Society Inc.

PO Box 12591  
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(HO)

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914 Summer Leaf Ct  
Saint Peters, MO 63376  
(HO)

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14906 W 150th St  
Olathe, KS 66062  
(all)

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1303 Eighth St  
Harlan, IA 51537  
(HO)

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603 S Smokyhill  
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424 W Commercial  
Springfield, MO 65803  
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Cherryvale Depot  
Cherryvale, KS 68335  
(HO)

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(HO, HOn3)

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5715 W 81st St  
Prairie Village, KS 66208  
(HO, N)

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PO Box 1633  
Morton, IL 62959-7833  
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Little Rock, AR 72209  
(HO)

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PO Box 5452  
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## Tri-City Model Railroad Association

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Hastings, NE 68901  
(HO, N)

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PO Box 48082  
Wichita, KS 67201

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