



January, 2022

All Aboard for the Train Show! Our train show is back!

Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club

52nd Annual Train Show and Sale

Saline Middle School – Saline, MI

2 Day Show

February 19th & 20th, 2022

Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 10am – 3pm

Admission \$6.00

Scouts in uniform admitted free

Children under 10 free with paid adult

Free shuttle bus service provided to all school parking lots.

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, face masks will be required for entry into the show. The show will feature wider aisles and vendor table spacing to reduce crowding.

Attractions

Operating Layouts

Clinics by AAMRC members

Free Raffle – Vendor Bucks which can be used towards purchases from any dealer

Dealers from around the country

Food Service

Kids Zone

For more information: www.a2trainshow.com

Members!

Member participation for set-up, operations, and take-down is critical.

All Hands on Board!

A meeting of the members is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 9th, to go over show procedures and work signup.

Donations are coming in every day. We have a lot of work to do to sort and price items.

If you have been wanting to get involved, the time is now!

Don't forget, your 2022 membership dues are now due. If you haven't paid yet, please get it in to Dave Pastor or Bruce.

From the membership chair, Bruce Amrine

For new members and older members who would like to be more involved, we are addressing issues with the buildings and layout. See Bruce to discuss the options and get started. Examples are scenery, track and switch repairs, and electrical. If you have existing knowledge or aptitude to share or if you want to learn, we have a place for you.

Speaking of getting Involved...

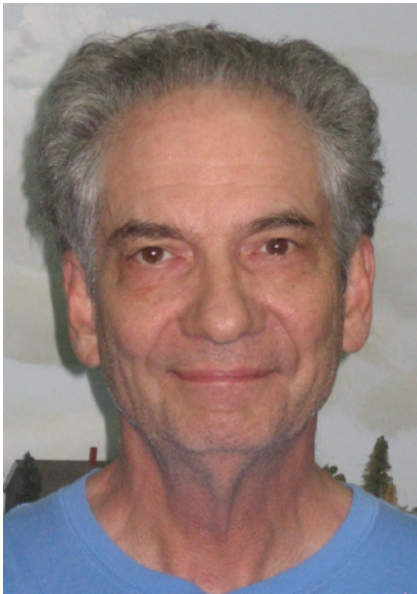
I told Bruce I wanted to do something after a year of sitting on the sidelines. The next thing I know I'm putting out the Rusty Rail...

My name is Judy Conger. I joined the club a year ago. I have been working to set up my home layout and learning as I go. I didn't even know what a transformer was when I started, so I had a hard time believing I could add anything to the club. I told this to Bruce, but I added, "I am good with words and I can organize anything."

Bruce was happy to give me a chance at the Rusty Rail. He also suggested that I do interviews of new members and long time members.

So I sat down with Fabian Beltran , a long-timer, to learn what brought him into this hobby.

Interview with Fabian Beltran



Judy: How long have you been a member of this club?

Fabian: Since 1970, fifty-two consecutive years. At first we were meeting in the Dixboro General Store, what was then the Mayflower Restaurant. In 1970 we moved to downtown Ann Arbor to the First National Bank building. In 1980 the Depot became available and we couldn't pass it up. The club had been saving money since 1947 and so in 1980 we were able to buy it.

Judy: How did you become interested in railroading and model railroading in the first

place?

Fabian: I grew up around railroads. Different family members would give me rides in the engine as a child. And I grew up near the power plant in Ann Arbor. The train would bring coal, one car at a time, up Glen Street. It was so steep. As a boy I enjoyed watching all the train operations. My parents would take me to the hill after dinner sometimes and we would watch this one car go up and down.

Fabian told me he attended the University of Michigan and worked at the U after graduation as a research associate. This career lasted 35 years.

We ran out of time and the interview concluded. Fabian is a great resource for railroad history in and around Ann Arbor.

Next up: Whoever tells me they want to be interviewed. If no one comes forward, I'll just grab someone and drill them with questions.

Dates to remember:

Feb. 9 Pre-train show meeting, 7:30 pm, Depot

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20, 21 TRAIN SHOW!

