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Sunrise Division Officers

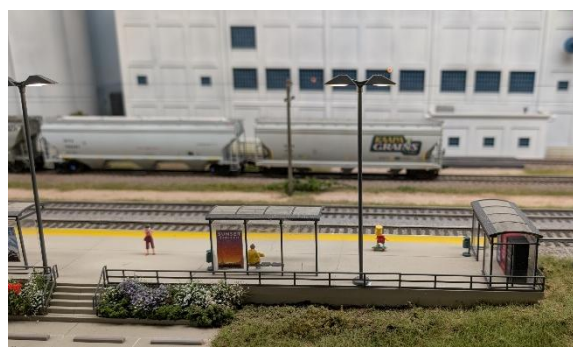
Superintendent.....William Boorman
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 Treasurer.....Dave Clifford
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 Division AP Chair.....Gerry Meltzer
 Youth Coordinator.....Position open
 Education Chair.....Stewart Jones
 Modular Layout Chair.....Adam Crews
 Herald Editor.....Bob Hochstetter

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Layout Photos of the Month

John Parker's HO scale BNSF Fall River Division layout is featured this month. The photos were taken by the editor in September 2025.



Minutes of the January Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunrise Division of the National Model Railroad Association was held on January 1, 2026, at Holy Love Lutheran Church. Superintendent William Boorman conducted the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Ten members attended the meeting in person. No members streamed the meeting on Zoom.

Superintendent Boorman began the meeting by asking the members to introduce themselves, to state what model railroading gifts were received for Christmas and to tell of their current modeling projects.

Treasurer Dave Clifford was absent, so Adam Crews reminded everyone that we collect donations for Holy Love Church during this time of the year.

Modular Layout Chair Adam Crews reported that no work had been done on the modular layout since the previous meeting. The layout will be shown on the following dates in 2026: April 11 and 12 at the Rocky Mountain TCA Train Show, National Western Complex, Denver, CO; October 17 and 18 at the Colorado Rail Prototype Modelers Meet, Island Grove Event Center, Greeley, CO; and November 28 and 29 at the Rocky Mountain TCA Train Show, Event Center, Loveland CO.

Gary Myers said that planning had already started on the 2027 Rocky Mountain Region Convention to be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming in conjunction with Depot Days. William adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Submitted by Bob Hochstetter, Secretary, Sunrise Division

Tool Time, Show 'n' Tell, the Clinic, additional announcements, and more are included in this issue of the Herald. (Ed.)

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 5, 2026, in person at Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 S. Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will also be streamed on Zoom with sign in between 6:30 and 7:00.

Video of the Month

This video explains everything you have wanted to know about diesel locomotives. (Ed.)

How a Diesel-Electric Locomotive Works

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIQ0yIzgQeE&t=1093s>

If you find a video that you think our members might enjoy, please send me the link. (Ed.)

February Meeting Themes

Tool Time

TBD

Show 'n' Tell

Cattle

Clinic

DIY DCC Command Station—Dave Clifford



Show 'n' Tell

January's Show 'n' Tell subject was Snow Equipment.

Gary Myers showed this picture of the D&RGW's Jordan Spreader "OU" circa 1930's.



Bob Hochstetter's N scale Leslie Rotary Snow Plow was built from a Dimi-Trains kit in 1981.



William Boorman showed his Roco HO scale model of a Beilhack Rotary Snow Blower and two pictures of his unpainted brass D&RGW OM Rotary Snow Plow with a short tender.



Gary Myers presented the Tool Time section of the meeting. He has been using Tamiya plastic cements recently and highly recommended them. He especially appreciated how thin they were and that they would wick into the joints between the plastic pieces. Shown are the quick setting and normal setting types.



Clinic

Gary Myers presented this PowerPoint clinic on the restoration of the Michigan Central Station in Detroit, Michigan.

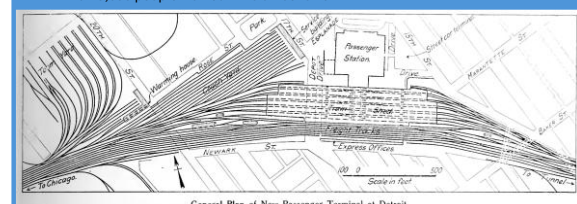


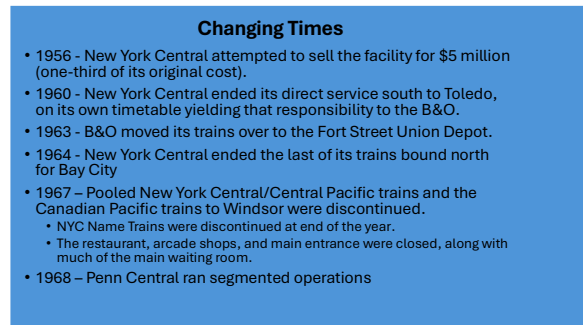
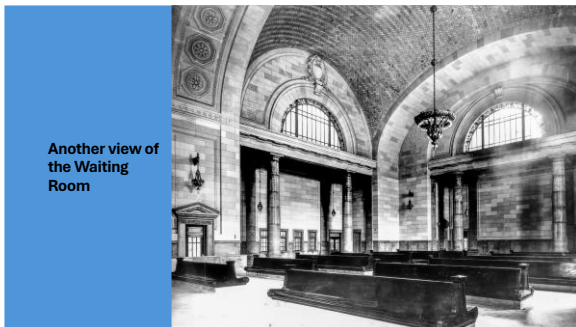
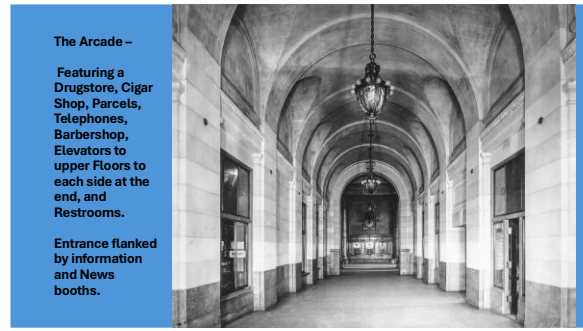
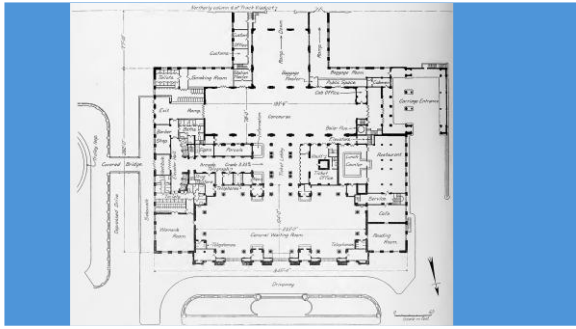
History

- Formally dedicated on January 4, 1914, the station remained open for business until January 6, 1988, when Amtrak service was relocated.
- The station building consisted of a train depot and a 230-foot (70 m) office tower with thirteen stories above two mezzanine levels. The tallest rail station in the world at the time of its construction.
- Beaux-Arts Beaux Arts style architecture was designed by architects who had previously worked on New York City's Grand Central Station.
- It replaced the original depot in downtown Detroit, which had been shuttered after a major fire on December 26, 1913, forcing the still unfinished station into early service.



- Served the New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio, and Canadian Pacific Railway.
- At the beginning of WWI, the peak of rail travel in the United States, more than 200 trains left the station each day.
- In the 1940s, more than 4,000 passengers a day used the station and more than 3,000 people worked in its office tower.





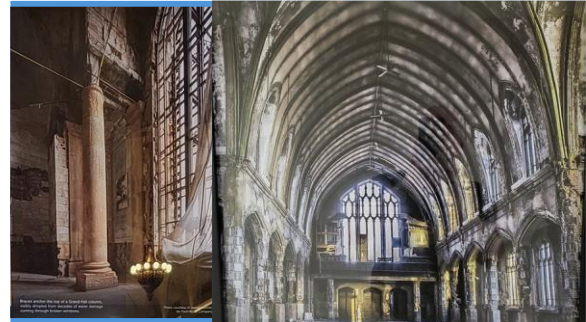
Amtrak

- 1971 – Assumes control of passenger service
- 1975 – Main entrance and Waiting Room re-opened. Station declared a Historic Landmark.
- 1988 – January 5th, last train leaves the station.



Three Decades of Abandonment

- Many projects for renovation or use and even demolition was proposed over the next 30 years, but nothing came to fruition.
- Movies filmed in the ruins included:
 - 8 Mile (2002)
 - The Island (2005)
 - Transformers (2007)
 - Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice (2016)
- Year after year, the building was scavenged and stripped of value by scrappers, vandalized, but mostly suffered deterioration by the elements.
- The Michigan Central Station became symbolic of the decline of Detroit, particularly the bankruptcy of the city in 2013.



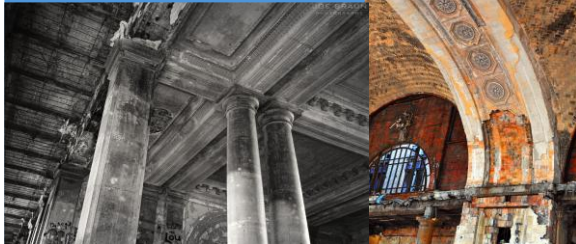
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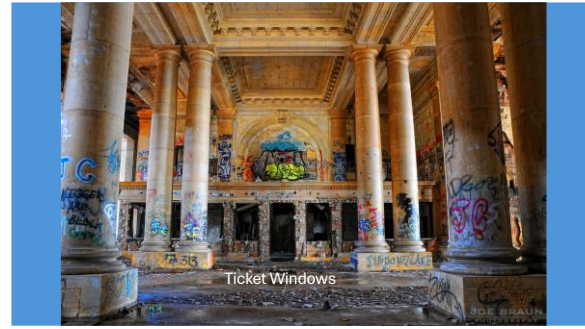


Boiler Room (Flooded)



Ceiling Tile Collapse from Moisture





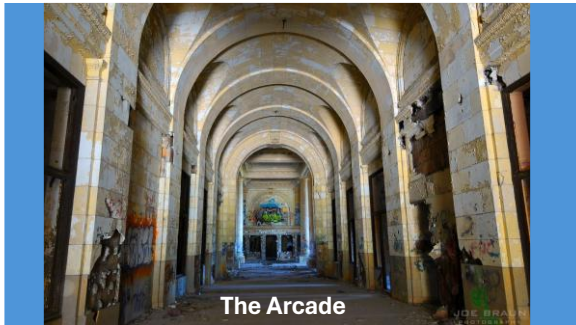
Ticket Windows



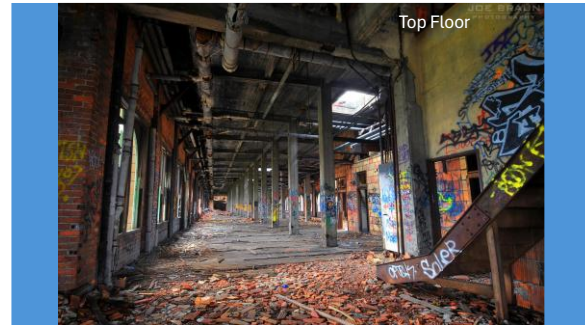
Concourse



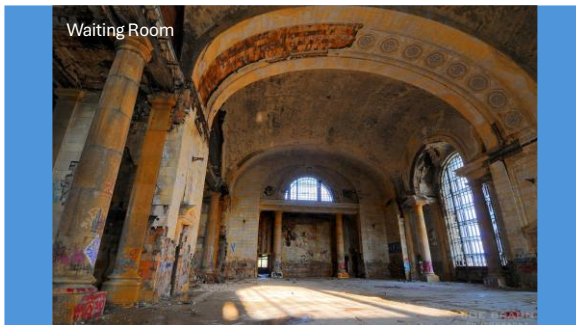
Typical Tower Hallway



The Arcade



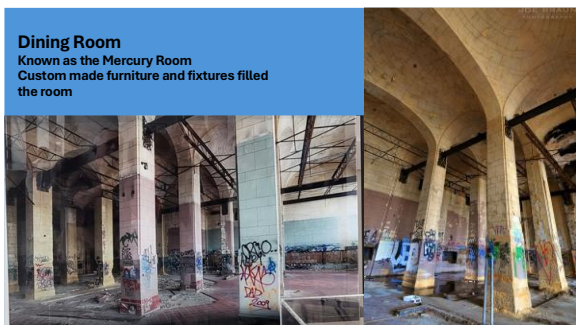
Top Floor



Waiting Room



Women's Waiting Room



Dining Room

Known as the Mercury Room
Custom made furniture and fixtures filled
the room

Renovation

- 2018 – Bill Ford, Executive Chair, Ford Motor Company, decided to restore the Station and create a place to invent the future of transportation
- The next 6 years, Ford hired 3000 tradespeople to bring the Station and surrounding area back to life.
- 1913 – The year the station was completed, Ford produced 200,000 cars a year.
- 1920 – Ford produced 1 million cars a year. Detroit was the 4th largest city in America

Renovation

- Parts of the building were unreachable because of flooding.
- It would stay damp 2 years until temporary roofs were installed and the water pumped out.
- It took a year and a half to pump 3.5 million gallons of water out of the basement.
- Complicating matters, the moisture was keeping some areas intact.
- 4000 cubic yards of debris were removed from the building, revealing 1000 holes in the flooring.
- Every single window had been shattered.

Capital Replacement

- None of the capitals remained intact
- Several damaged capitals were scanned by Capital Stoneworks
- The images were blended into a composite
- A Computer Numerical Control (CNC) router used to carve a restored duplicate, crashed trying to carve out restored duplicate.

The Decay

- Hundreds of truckloads of concrete were needed to stabilize the foundation.
- Steel behind the walls was like Swiss cheese, significant portions had to be replaced.
- Experts believed any more years of ongoing decay would have made the building unrestorable.



Reopening the Quarry

- Dark Hollow Quarry of Indiana closed in 1988.
- The distinctly patterned limestone, went into the Station, the Empire State Building and the Pentagon.
- Ford re-opened the old Quarry, for the needed matching limestone, by carving out a new haul road and 30 years of trees to get there.
- Leftover precut blocks from 1913 were found in the quarry.



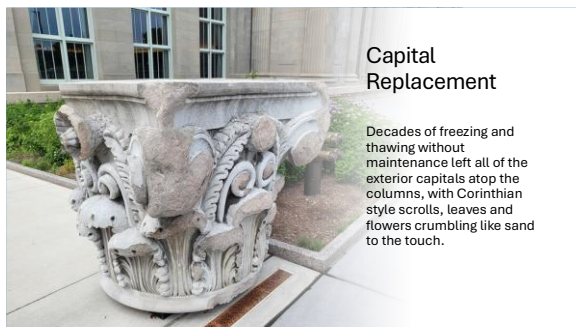
Capital Replacement – Plan B

- Self taught & gifted Master Stone Cutter John Goodrow Sr. had to carve an original capital
- From a 21,000 lb block of limestone, Goodrow spent 428 hours in his Saginaw shop during 2020, chiseling, blasting, engraving and smoothing it into an 11,500 lb capital.
- The images were blended into a composite
- A Computer Numerical Control (CNC) router used to carve a restored duplicate, crashed trying to carve out restored duplicate.



Capital Replacement

The hand carved capital was CNC scanned to carve out the rest

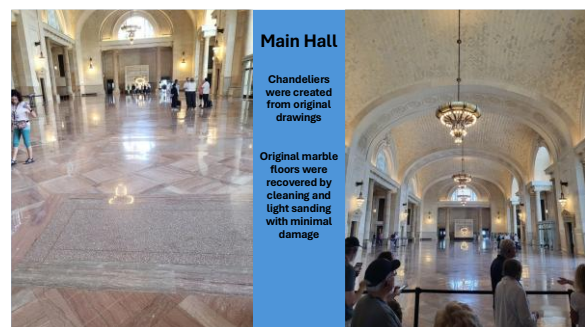
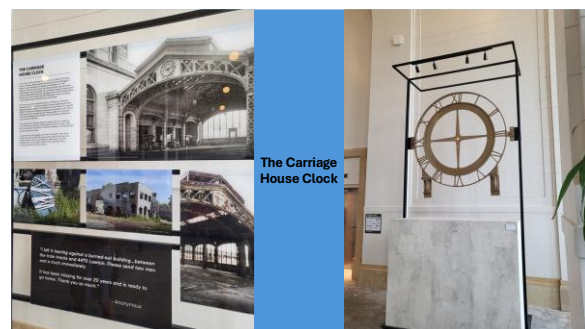
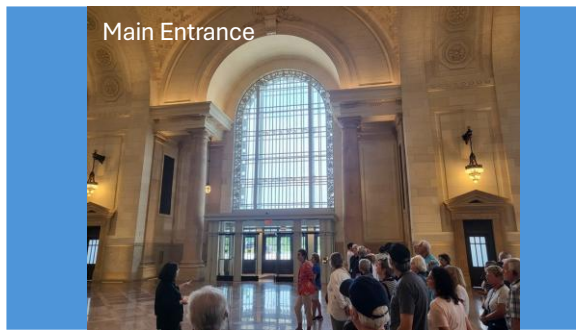


Capital Replacement

Decades of freezing and thawing without maintenance left all of the exterior capitals atop the columns, with Corinthian style scrolls, leaves and flowers crumbling like sand to the touch.



A call for historic relics to the community turned up fountains, finials, mail chutes, and light fixtures to aid in fabricating faithful restorations.





Women's
Waiting
Room



Public Reopening 6 June 2024



Remaining structurally
standing stairway

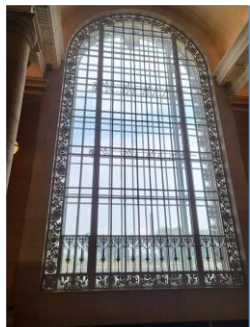


Today, the Station and surrounding buildings support offices for Ford Motor Co. and 120 businesses focused on mobility, energy, and multi modal logistics.

Restoration efforts continue on the Carriage House and some areas of the building, but the building has essentially been fully restored.



Ticket
Window
Clock
recreated from
an iron fragment



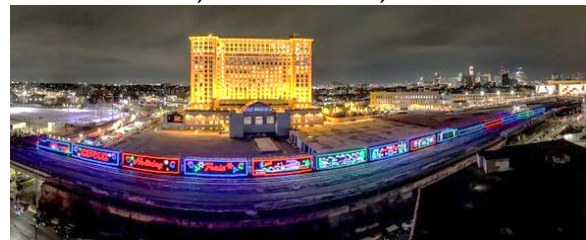
One Original
Ticket
Window Left
Others
reconstructed

All Original
ironwork on
great
windows only
in fragments,
all windows
restored with
new ironwork



There were no submissions this month. *(Ed.)*

This photo, courtesy of Adam Crews, is of the CPKC Holiday Train in front of the Michigan Central Station, November 16, 2025.



Front
Entrance



Western Maryland locomotive #763 on Neil Mc Gowan's Leadville, Salida, and Climax R.R. layout

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Wednesday, May 13

Visit local attractions. (Not included in convention registration.)

Thursday, May 14

South Dakota State Railroad Museum

1880 Train to Keystone and back

Museum Tour, Yard Tour, Evening Social

Friday, May 15

Homestake Mine

Mine Tour, Clinic, Northern Hills Railway Society Layout Tour

Saturday, May 16

Black Hills Railway Layout Tour/Ops Session

Convention Location

Best Western Ramkota Hotel

2111 N LaCrosse Street,

Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Clinics are included in your registration.



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October 16-18, 2026

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Lakewood, Colorado 80228
(Corner of W Alameda Pkwy & Mississippi - East Door, Lower Level)

Admission

\$3.00 Adult, Under 16 – Free
(Doors open to Buyers – 8:30 AM)

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Half table (4 ft) - \$7 Round table - \$10
(Doors open to sellers – 7:30 AM)

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