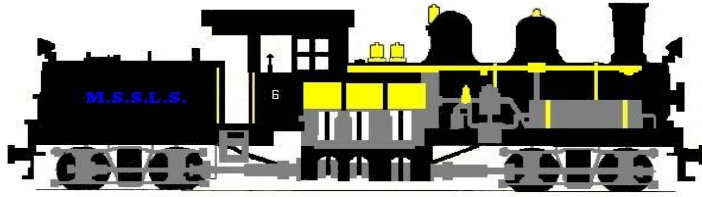


# Michigan



## Small Scale Live Steamers

### MSSLS Mid Michigan Run by Bob Winkel

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MSSLS club members had a good day of steaming at the Mid-Michigan Train Show in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan this past Sunday. This event is a little farther from home than normal but we had a good turnout of members and Jim Bowers pulled up to the field house, with the trailer, right on schedule.

The track setup went smoothly and it looked a lot less grimy due to Jim's cleanup efforts. It wasn't long before Fred Gandolfi had his Shay up and running with a string of flat cars. John Ehrmin made an early run with his radio controlled Aristocraft Mikado.

John Wessels, one of the early arrivers, not only ran his Shay with its logging train but also brought some replacement lamp parts for the trailer. Just before noon Bob Weltyk put out his boom box and ran his Thomas engine, to the delight of several young patrons (see his pictures in a separate email).

Will Lindley not only ran Mich-Cal Shay but also put his new, coal-fired, Lady Ann on the track. He and Tom Meyer watched it closely and once the grates were cleared, it really took off. He was quite pleased.

Eric Christianson set up a table outside the track, but inside the stanchions, and later on got his 2 truck Shay going, with its dump car consist. Bill Hendricks arrived mid morning and finally got on the track with his Roundhouse Norbert. Tom Toth fired his Roundhouse Doncaster when there was a free track after lunch.

Fred and Tom M. put on a nice display with two long trains really chugging. Fred ran his #5265 NYC 4-6-4 with a 14 car (if I counted right) hopper consist. At the same time, Tom had his LMS #6233 4-6-2 passenger train, with its maroon livery and 11 coaches, really high-balling. It was a nice display and hopefully someone got videos of it.

Bob Winkel ran his Pearse mogul pulling a 1:24 scale freight train, with newly mounted Kaydee couplers. Jim Bower ran his SR&RL #6, pulling his LLSLS flat cars. Jim found a caboos for sale and bought it; the seller turned out to none other than Tom Toth and the caboos itself turned out to be one that Jim had sold Tom several years ago. What goes around, comes around - we got a laugh out of that!

The show started to wind down a bit around 3:30 and by 4pm we were packing up. Members got a chance to see some of Jim's trailer modifications including a shelf system at the front, track panel holders to protect the rails on the track sections, and holders for the new stanchions. Nice work, Jim!