

WAYBILL

Mid West Region NMRA

December 1998

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL FROM
THE MIDWEST REGION OFFICERS
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MAY THE HAPPINESS OF THE
SEASON BE WITH YOU ALL YEAR

JANUARY BOD MEETING

The January 1999 MWR Board of Director's meeting will be held at the Westlake Town Home Owners Assoc. Clubhouse in Bloomingdale, Illinois, on Saturday, January 16. The meeting is scheduled to start at 12:00 PM. The meetings have usually been less than 3 hours in length.

The meetings are open forum and members are welcome to attend.

MID WEST REGION OFFICERS

Jim O'Toole President (630) 351-3314
Al Kamm Jr. Vice President (815) 469-2917
Andy Hauser Secretary (708) 868-8749
Dave Liesse Treasurer (630) 554-2755

Jack Pettee Trustee (815) 872-0375

REGION REPORT

Jim O'Toole

We are reaching the end of 1998. There is not much left of the millenium and it will be here before we can accept it. As we get older things seem to move faster and also change just as fast if not faster. Sometimes this change is difficult to deal with and we resist it, to no avail.

Change is necessary to keep pace with the activity around us. Region dues happen to be a change that fits this situation. The cost of producing the WAYBILL; printing, postage, labels, have all gone up in cost and are a necessary element of the WAYBILL. The lack of the MWR Region providing leadership to the Divisions and promoting model railroading to the members has reached an all time low. This has to change to maintain membership.

I am asking for your support for the future of the MWR Region. As of the 1st of January, 1999, your annual renewal of National dues will include a choice to pay Regional dues, or not to pay. I urgently ask for your participation to become members of the Region. The cost of \$6.00 per year for Region membership, will, of course, be difficult to accept, but the programs already outlined for the future will provide some of the justification. As more current Region members become Region members as of January 1st, funding will become more available to institute these programs.

The first major program is the revitalization of the WAYBILL. As I have stated, the WAYBILL should include information regarding all railroad and model railroad activities, including planned programs of all of the Divisions within the Region. Railroad shows, train shows, swap meets, or anything of general railroad activity should be listed for general use.

The WAYBILL will be looking for articles by members to publish. These could be tips. Hints, how to, or anything of a general interest for modeling. As the funds from the dues increases, the size of the WAYBILL will increase to include articles of interest. Right now we are trying to get the most important general information to the members.

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REGION REPORT (continued)

The Region Membership Committee needs help. The amount of work should not be that great but without good computer abilities, the task is daunting. Right now the membership records are behind schedule in concert with the National records that are now updated monthly. WE are finding that the National records and the Region/Division records are different. The last WAYBILL mailed out using the National labels had 65 copies returned for bad addresses. There is considerable expenses to get the updated information to the individual Division membership chairpersons. These costs should not come from the Region Membership Chairperson, but at least they should be reimbursed for proper expenditures.

The Region still has a commitment to support and promote "Youth in Railroading". We have the funds set aside from the National Convention in Madison. WE are looking for an acceptable program to outline support for this endeavor and to also allow additional funding to be added to this fund, as well as how monies can be withdrawn for use in a defined program.

The By Law for dues collection for the Region was passed by a vote of the membership and is now in place. By a provision in the By Law, we have 5 years to improve the value to the member before the renewal of the By Law is again presented to the BOD for justification.

Support the MWR Region by becoming a dues paying member. This will cause the Region BOD to follow the directives now established for our future. The rate of \$6.00 per year is insignificant compared to what we spend on other things. John Allen was once asked what he spent on building the Gorre & Dephetid, and answered "less than a pack of cigarettes per day". We do not support the idea of smoking, but I think you get the idea.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE
REGION BY BECOMING A
DUES MEMBER.**

PLANNED MIDWEST REGION EVENTS & PROGRAMS – SPRING 1999

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| DIVISION- | Calumet |
| Contact - | Annette Hauser |
| Phone - | (708) 868-8749 |
| Location - | Varies |
| Dates - | Jan. 17 |
| | Orland Park Twin Tower Church |
| | Module set up |
| | Other dates contact for update |
| DIVISION- | Central Indiana Division |
| Contact - | Bill Litkenhous |
| Phone - | (812) 275-3634 |
| Location - | Varies |
| Dates - | Contact for update |
| DIVISION- | Du Page |
| Contact - | Rob Schiavonne |
| Phone - | (630) 690-3262 |
| Location - | La Grange Park Public Library |
| Dates - | Jan 10 Auction |
| | Feb 7 Dave Liesse Operations |
| | Mar 7 n/a |
| | Mar 20-21 All American Railroad Show |
| | Lyons Twp. High School |
| | April Any Hauser Detailing diesels |
| DIVISION- | Fox Valley |
| Contact - | Jim Otis |
| Phone - | (847) 255-5160 |
| Location - | Gary Morava Center, Prospect Hts |
| Dates - | Jan 17 Kato Rep, painting steam locos |
| | Feb 21 Kathy Newell, Ingrid Drozdak |
| | Mar 6-7 HIGHWHEELER |
| | Harper College |
| | April 18 meeting |
| | May 23 annual picnic TBA |
| DIVISION- | Illinois Valley |
| Contact - | Bruce Brantner |
| Phone - | (815) 223-4235 |
| Location - | N/A contact for update |
| DIVISION - | North Shore & Western |
| Contact - | Mike Hurlburt |
| Phone - | (773) 792-0955 |
| Location - | N/A contact for update |

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**PLANNED MIDWEST REGION
EVENTS & PROGRAMS – SPRING
1999 (continued)**

DIVISION – North Shore & Western
Contact – Mike Hurlburt
Phone – (773) 792-0955
Location – N/A contact for update

DIVISION – Rock River Valley
Contact – Charlie Wickhorst
Phone – (815) 877-7314
Location – N/A contact for update

DIVISION – South Central Wisconsin
Contact – Hampton Rothwell
Phone – (608) 835-7072
Location – N/A contact for update

DIVISION – Southern Illinois
Contact – Joe Skamel
Phone – (217) 992-9740
Location – N/A contact for update

DIVISION – Winnebago land
Contact – Roger Wurtzel
Phone – (920) 434-6772
Location – Varies
Dates – Jan 23-24 RR Show
Centerpoint Mall
Mar 1 Paper Valley Swap Meet
Fox Valley Greyhound PK
April 24-25 Div. Spring meet
June 19-20 Waupaca Show and Swap

DIVISION – Wise
Contact – Reid Kahrs
Phone – (414) 355-4706
Location – N/A contact for update
Dates – contact for update
May 13-16 MANIFEST '99
Region Spring Convention

Division Program Chairpersons – Please send your meeting schedules and other railroad activities to Jim O'Toole for the next WAYBILL in April '99.

**MODEL CONTEST GANDY DANCERS FAIR
PRINCETON, ILLINOIS SEPTEMBER 18-20,
1998**

Best of Show, Master Craftsman

Douglas Krahn Gas Station HO
Merit Award

Best of Show, Novice

Roy J. Meissner Coal Elevator S
Merit Award

Best of Show, Kit Built

Jeff Johnson MDC 3 Truck Shay HO
Merit Award Novice

1st Place Traction

Wayne Hammelman Milw. Electric HO

1st Place Caboose

Andy Hauser S. P. Caboose HO

1st Place Freight Car

Alex Schneider Covered Hopper HO

2nd Place Structure – Off Line

John Hayman Sears House HO

Judges: Dick Cecil, Tom McCabe, John Drozdak

PHOTO CONTEST

BEST OF SHOW, MOSKEL AWARD

Rad Becker

COLOR PRINT, PROTOTYPE

1st Place Sandra Lorenz

2nd Place Rad Becker

3rd Place Sandra Lorenz

COLOR PRINT, MODEL

1st Place Barbara Smith

PROTOTYPE COLOR SLIDES

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Grant Law

The Model and Photograph contest are not very actively attended. There is plenty of room for more entrants, and we encourage you to submit your models and photos for consideration. You are not judged against other models in any category but judged to a set of standards. This is an excellent means to determine the quality of your work and learn what you can do to improve your modeling. Many conventions do not have entries in all categories and you could get an award by being the only entry. This is a modeling society, let's model more. Also a good means to understand better modeling techniques.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPRING BALLOT

President **Jim O'Toole** **incumbent**

Vice President **Mike Hurlburt**

Directors at Large **Hampton Rothwell** **incumbent**
Annette Hauser

Ballots will be in Spring WAYBILL

Contact Ross Pollock immediately for new nominations to include on the ballot. You must have petition signed by nominee and 10 members.

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