

# Waybill

Spring 2005

Mid West Region NMRA



**MWR President Dick Cecil Presents Al Kohut with the AP certificates for Dispatcher, Scenery and Electrical while visiting the Noblesville Meet.  
Left to right: Bill Myers, AP Chair, Al Kohut & Dick Cecil**



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## President’s Report

by Richard Cecil, President MWR

### Hail & Farewell

This will be my last column as your president and the shortest. Of all the positions that I have held during the last 30 years, this has been the best by far. It’s been a helluva great ride. And to those of you who urged and pushed, in some cases, me into running, my sincerest thanks. Wouldn’t have missed it for the world.

On January 30, I completed my promise to visit every Division during my tenure. I visited the Central Indiana Div. In Noblesville, Indiana, where I took office four years ago. Guess you could say I went “Home to Indiana”. It was a delightful, if not snowy, trip. I went with Barbara and Alexis instead of the

usual entourage. We all had a good time and I got to do a little train chasing.

There are a few unfinished tasks that I will continue to pursue. Gaining tax exempt status and trying to make sense out of the NMRA reorganization. I must commend both Bert Lattan, who has indicated that he will continue to serve as secretary ‘til the reorganization is done, and Ron Scharping, who has already put in countless hours on that task.

I hope that I have made some improvements to the Region, and left a sufficient legacy upon which my successor can further strengthen it. I want to thank the members of the Board of Directors with whom I shared this wild ride, and to the many members I have met with during my Divisional Odyssey. But most of all, I must thank my wife Barbara for giving me the time to do it all, and Alexis for sharing her father.

# Trustee's Report

As MWR Trustee I attended the mid-year meeting of the Board of Trustees held in Phoenix on Jan 13 thru 16. This was the last BOT meeting to be held. One might ask, "Why did you have to go to Phoenix to meet?" Well, as I headed to the airport in Milwaukee at 6:00 am, the radio announcer said that the current temperature was 32 and that would be the high for the next few days. Well the temperature in Phoenix was about 70, so Phoenix sounded a lot better than Milwaukee! The temperature really didn't make much of a difference, as it turned out, since the meetings, which were indoors, lasted all day. We would only have a few minutes outside during a break or at lunch time.

Attendees were from all over the world... Australia, England, Sweden, Canada and the U.S. I got to meet two of the newest department heads: Marketing, Advertising, and Promotions (MAP) Director, Dave Burman, and Publications (Pubs) Director, Larry deYoung. Both men are really energetic, and sound like they are up to any challenge. Part of the responsibilities of Director deYoung will be to separate the Bulletin and Scale Rails. The BOT came up with a list that the Bulletin should contain.

Along with the Trustees and Officers, some of the members in attendance were: Education Director, Jan Wescott, Administrative Director, Jenny Henricks, Membership Promotions Director, Clark Kooning, Meetings & Trade Shows (MTS) Director, Henry Jordan, Development (Dev) Director, Allen Pollock, Technical Director, Rutger Friberg

and Membership Services (MS) Director, Ben Pearlman.

A question came up as to how the regions are changing their constitution and by-law to come in line with the NMRA new regulations. Bert Lattan and Richard Cecil are working on the MWR changes. Some of the regions are falling behind and need to come in line.

Most of the changes we voted on were minor clarifications of what were proposed at the annual meeting. As a cost saving measure the Australian and British regions and Canada will assume all administrative responsibilities for their members. Each of these areas will remit to the NMRA a pro rata share for each member. Affiliate and Life membership will no longer be available. Existing life memberships will continue to exist. Member dues will be \$33. All members will receive the Bulletin. Subscriptions to Scale Rails will be \$12. Regions will receive an allocation based on dues-paying members.

If you need more information or an explanation e-mail me, Reid Kahrs at [rkahrs@charter.net](mailto:rkahrs@charter.net) or call at 262-628-8489.



*Don't forget to send in your registration for the Spring MWR Convention, to be held in Fitchburg (Madison), WI, April 22-24, 2005.*

# Division Schedule

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## **Calumet Division:**

Contact: Al Kamm Jr  
(815)469-2917

### **Date: March 12, 2005**

Location: Lyons Township High School  
2426 W Cochran St  
Blue Island IL

Modular Train Show, open from 9am to 5pm,  
Admission \$3.00. Set up on Friday from 7pm –  
10pm, & Saturday from 7am to opening.

### **Date: April 10, 2005**

Location: Paragon Restaurant  
1545 W US 30  
Schereville, IN

Annual Banquet and Election of Officers  
Cocktails at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm. For  
reservations & more information contact  
James Suhs, 12152 Ann St, Blue Island, IL  
60406.

### **Date: May 14, 2005**

Location: Duneland Model Railroad Club  
10<sup>th</sup> & Franklin  
Michigan City IN

## **Central Indiana Division:**

Contact: Larry Gilbert  
(765) 779-4039

### **Date: March 5, 2005**

Naptown & White River Model  
Railroad Club Show and Open House

Location: Central Catholic School  
1155 East Cameron St.  
Indianapolis, IN

10 AM - 2 PM - Admission \$3.00

- - also Club Layout Tour (powered by  
DIGITRAX - DCC)

**For More Information:** Carl Tomamichel,  
317-786-1183 <http://www.naptownrr.org>

### **Date: April 10, 2005**

4H Building, Hendricks County  
Fairgrounds Danville IN  
Dealer Show & Meet  
Annual Membership Meeting

For more information or tables: Frank  
Hermanek at 317-487-6517

## **DuPage:**

Contact: Rob Schiavone  
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[robert\\_s\\_60188@yahoo.com](mailto:robert_s_60188@yahoo.com)

Location: Lisle Library  
777 Front Street  
Lisle, IL

Meetings starts at 1:30pm

### **Dates: March 6, 2005 – Program TBA**

### **Dates: April 3, 2005**

Patrick Golden: Excursion Steam of the  
1970's  
Thumbs - Contest entries celebrating the  
joy and lunacy of April Fool's Day

### **Dates: May 1, 2005 – Outing ?**

## **Fox Valley Division:**

Contact: Richard Sweet [rsweet@pactiv.com](mailto:rsweet@pactiv.com).  
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Meeting Place (unless otherwise specified):  
Gary Morava Recreation Center

110 W. Camp McDonald Road  
Prospect Heights, IL 60070  
(1 blk west of Camp McDonald  
Road and Elmhurst Road Rt. 83)

Meeting times: 1:30 - 4:30 PM

**Dates: March 5-6, 2005**

High Wheeler '05 at Harper College

**Dates: April 17, 2005**

Division meeting & Annual business meeting

**Dates: May 15, 2005**

Field Trip – Call for information

**Illinois Valley Division:**

Contact: Marion Brasher  
(815)663-3411

Email: valleyrnhouse@aol.com

Location: Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL

Date:

IVD Meets are conducted using the following format - Doors open at 12 noon, there is space and tables for members to set up swap tables, the meet starts at 1 PM and tours of model railroads in the area follow the meet (usually around 3 PM). The cost to attend our Meets is \$1.00 for all attendees

Date: Call for information

**North Shore and Western Division:**

Contact: Jim Spice  
(847)-662-7267

Location: Glenview Public Library  
1930 Glenview Road  
Glenview IL

The Division meets regularly from September to May, frequently on the fourth Sunday of the month. Meetings are held from 1:30 pm to

4:00 pm in the Maynard Room of the Glenview Public Library. From time-to-time, meets are followed by layout tours from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

**Dates: March 13, 2005,**

Contest – Diesel & Other locomotives

**Dates: May 1, 2005**

Contest – Non-Revenue Cars (Caboose, MOW, etc.)

**Dates: May 22, 2005**

Contest – Favorite Train and Traction

**Rock River Valley Division:**

Contact: Joe Whinnery  
815-398-8973

Location: Midway Village and Museum Center, 6799 Guilford RD, west of Perryville and State St. Doors open at 12:30 with the meeting at 1:00. Donation is \$2.00.

**Dates: March 19-20, 2005**, Train Show  
**April 3, 2005**, Annual Meeting  
**May 1, 2005**, Joint meet with SCWD

**South Central Wisconsin Division:**

Contact: Bob Wundrock  
608.845.6232

Location: Fitchburg Community Center  
5510 Lacy Road  
Fitchburg WI

Meeting times: 1-4pm

**Date: March 6, 2005**

Contests: Electric Circuits

Layouts: TBA

**April 3, 2005**

Contests: Fallen Flags

Layouts: TBA

**May 1, 2005**

Joint meet at Rockford , IL

Covered Freight Cars

Layouts: TBA

**February 19-20, 2005 Railshow**

Alliant Energy Center

Madison, WI (see ad in this issue)

**Southern Illinois Division:**

Contact: Joe Skamel

(217) 892-9740

Location: NA

Anyone interested in helping Joe start some activities, please contact Joe directly.

**Winnebago Division:**

Contact: Tod Rebhahn

(920) 983-8384

Dates: January 29, 2005, Stevens Point

Call for more information

**Winnebago Division Club Meets:**

**Cedar Creek Railroad Club**

Weekly meetings are held on Wednesdays at

7:00PM in the Train Room at

Lamm's Garden Center

2708 Sherman Road

Jackson, WI

**Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders, Ltd.**

**- Stevens Point/Plover WI Area**

HO and N-scale modular layouts. The clubhouse is located in the basement of a restored Wisconsin Central Railway's depot in the Portage County Historical Society's Heritage Park, Plover. Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call the clubhouse at 715-342-7300 on meeting nights. You can also

email Jerry Rohlinger or phone him at 715-341-2069, or call Don Anderson at 715-344-8545.

**Clipper City Model Railroad Club - Manitowoc**

Iron Horse Barn - Expo Grounds - I43/ US 151  
Meets 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. - For more information contact: Joe Lallensack

**Fond du Lac Model RR Club - Fond du Lac**

**Green Bay Area Model Railroaders Club (Newer Industries) - Green Bay WI**

**Hub City Model Railroaders - Marshfield -**

Meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month except June, July and August, at 7:00 p.m. The clubhouse is located at 709 N. Chestnut Ave. For more information contact Keith Meacham or Gene Greenwald.

**Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers Railroad Club, Inc.**

137 B North 6th Ave. West Bend, WI 53010

**Machickanee & Splinter Creek Model RR Club - Marinette, WI**

Meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 1729

Stephenson Street, Marinette, WI. A new layout is under construction. For more info e-mail Norman (Chic) Hartert.

**Neenah-Menasha Model RR Club - Neenah**

323 West Forest Avenue. Open visitation the first Wednesday of the month, other Wednesdays by invitation only. For more info call 414-725-3967.

**Paper Valley Model Railroad Club - Kaukauna, WI**

The clubhouse is located at W2221 Block Road, Kaukauna, WI. Club hours are Thursday 7pm - 9pm and Saturday 1pm - 4pm.

### **Plymouth Model RR Club - Plymouth WI**

### **Rhineland RR Association - Rhineland WI**

Meets at various locations on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. HO scale layout depicts the railroad operations in and around Rhineland from 1930 to 1950. Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Club President Tom Foerster at 715/479-4988.

### **Rothschild, Schofield, & Weston Model Railroad Club- Rothschild, WI**

The club meets every Wednesday night at 7pm in the basement of the Hobby Connection in Rothschild, WI. The club layout is open to visitors every Saturday afternoon until 5pm.

### **Sheboygan Society of Scale Model RR Engineers -Sheboygan WI**

Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Railroad Lodge, 1001 N. 10th Street. 38 by 46-foot HO and HOn3 layout with double-tracked mainline and a 60-foot hidden staging yard. Visitors are always welcome and membership is open. For more information write to Club Secretary, Dick Pool at the above address or call the club on Tuesday evenings at 920-452-0166.

### **Seymour Model Railroad Club - Seymour WI**

209 Depot Street. Open house first & third Sunday of each month from 1-3 p.m. HO Scale. The layout is located in the former Green Bay & Western depot which was moved across the street and restored. For more info

contact David Fairbanks, 323 Washington Street, Seymour WI 54165-1331.

### **Tri-City Railroader's Association - Wisconsin Rapids WI**

Meets at the Lowell Senior Center, 330 8th Street South on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from September through May. HO scale layout. For more information contact Club President John Sawaska at 715-421-4610 or send e-mail to [Dick Hoekstra](mailto:Dick.Hoekstra).

### **UP Shortlines Model RR Club - Marquette, MI**

The UP Shortlines Model RR Club meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Jacobetti Veteran Hospital in Marquette. The club owns a 9' by 55' HO scale traveling layout as well as a real LS&I U25c, an ore car and ex-MoPac caboose which are displayed at Presque Isle Park in Marquette.

For more information contact Richard Cooke at 906-225-5468, or email to [ljlcrc@aol.com](mailto:ljlcrc@aol.com)

### **Waupaca Area Model Railroaders - Waupaca** More info: 715-258-5842.

Meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

### **Wisconsin & Michigan Model RR Club - Marinette WI**

Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Elk's Club in Marinette, WI. The semi-permanent HO scale layout is 26' by 6'. Visitors are always welcome and membership is open. For more information contact, Dave Rickaby at 1031 Marinette Avenue, Marinette WI 54143 or call 715-732-1318.

### **May 14, 2005 – Winnebagoland Spring Division Meet – Marinette, WI**



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Location: Best Western Midway Hotel  
5105 S Howell, Milwaukee, WI  
(unless otherwise noted)

Meeting time: 12:30-4pm

### Dates: March 20, 2005

Location: Kettle Moraine Bowl  
1021 E Commerce Blvd Slinger  
(Hwy 60)  
Slinger, WI

### Dates: April 17, 2005

### Dates: May 15, 2005

Bus Trip to Museum of Science  
and Industry in Chicago

The WISE Division sponsors monthly meets throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. Meets are on Sunday afternoons, and the public is always welcome. You'll be able to attend clinics on model railroading skills, enter modeling and photography contests, find a treasure or sell your railroad items at the SWAP meet, tour layouts at members homes.



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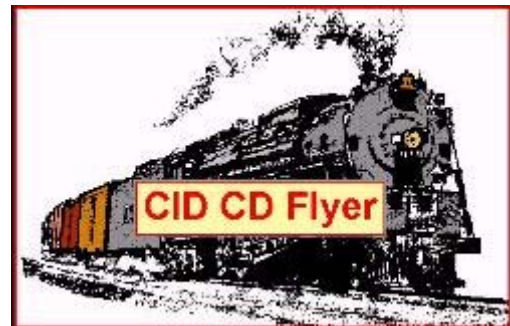


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## CID CD Flyer

The first ever **CID CD** has been created. This is available **free** to any **CID** member by simply showing your **NMRA** membership card at a **MEET**. Anyone living outside of the drive time to the Meet areas may request one by mail or e-mail from the **Chief Clerk** or **Rusty Spike Editor** (see [CID Info page](#) for addresses). Be sure to include your name and address and **NMRA** membership number. Non **NMRA** members may purchase one at Meets for \$5.00. It is also available to anyone joining the **NMRA** at one of our Meets or at our booth at **GATS** shows.



**Any interesting railfanning, or layouts you've seen lately?**

**Have you gotten your AP award for author yet?**

Here's your chance to put the two of them together, and provide an article for the Waybill.

Check the Waybill deadline in the next column, so you'll have plenty of time to send in your article for the next Waybill.

**Remember, if you can write an article, you shouldn't be afraid of a little more paper work, to get those AP points.**

## Waybill Schedule

*Waybill current schedule:*

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*Deadline for submission to each issue is listed for the month previous to publication:*

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November 10<sup>th</sup> for the Winter issue  
February 10<sup>th</sup> for the Spring issue  
May 15<sup>th</sup> for the Summer issue.*

*Send submissions to: [cvwrails@charter.net](mailto:cvwrails@charter.net)*

## Waybill Advertising

At the last Board of Director's meeting, the MWR Board approved the submission of advertising for placement in the Waybill.

Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, advertising will be accepted for placement starting in the Fall 2004 Waybill. The deadlines for camera ready ads will be the same as the copy deadlines stated above, (*please submit by e-mail if possible in MS Word format*). If you need ad composition, please contact the Waybill editor. Railroad related advertising only will be accepted for publication.

Advertising rates/year are as follow:

Full page	\$100.00
Half page	75.00
Quarter page	50.00
Business Card size	25.00

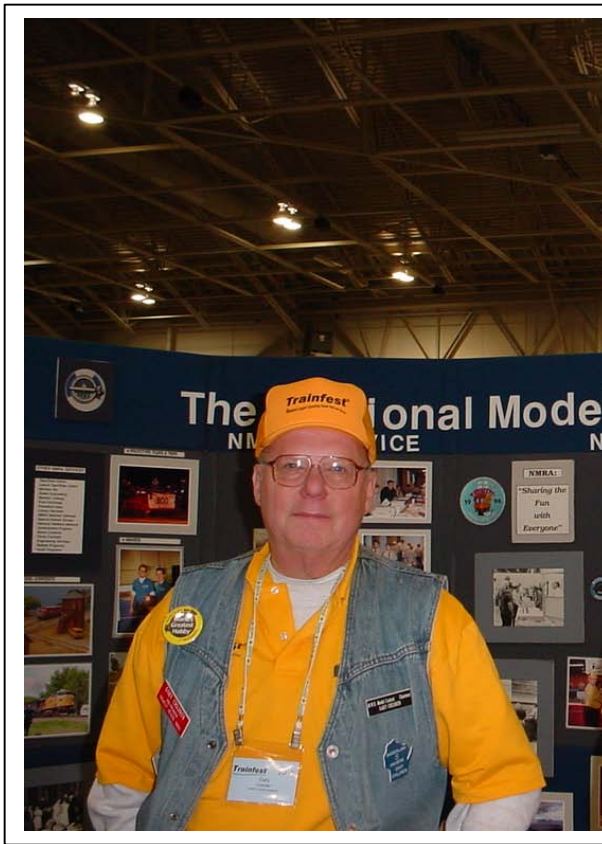
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## Registration front

**Registration back**

# It's Regional Board Election Time again!

Following are the photos and bios of the 2005 election candidates in the order that they appear on the ballot.



**Gary E. Children** – Candidate for position of President of Midwest Region of NMRA. My name is Gary E. Children and I'd like to tell you a little about myself. I am a married 62 year old S Scaler and life member of the NMRA since 1964. I've been active in the region since 1989. I have been a DAL for about eight years, a Model Contest Chairman, and am finishing up my second term as Midwest Region Vice President. I am also a BOD Member, Boy Scout Merit Chairman for railroading and Assistant Membership Chairman in the WISE

Division. I have done clinics at the division, regional and national levels.

I believe in having fun in model railroading and meeting new people. I also believe that there is always room to learn more in this hobby. Everyone has a little different way of doing things. We are blessed in the region with the layouts, good clinics and strong divisions to help the members. In some areas it is hard to get people together for a division meet, but people in those areas do the best they can; it's what model railroading is about. If there are only five or six people together sharing a common interest and ideas in the hobby, it works well. That's what the NMRA is all about.

There have been many changes in the region since 1989. I work with a group of good people, DALs and presidents. Our last president got our newsletter, *The Waybill*, out in a timely manner with an editor that holds to a timetable, so the region's membership knows what is going on. Work is going on to get 501©3 for nonprofit with the IRS. This will help us in the way we work. The long-term plan that was voted on by the NMRA membership hopes it works to make things easier between the regions and national.

With the help of DALs, past presidents and a good secretary, I hope to keep improving the region. The region is not the work of one person, but a group of people working together to improve and get a lot done within the region and bring it to the next level. If you have an idea or complaint, bring it up to the board. Also, bring some ideas on how to fix any problems. With

support, as your president, we can work together, division to region.

One of the things that I got to do at the WISE Division's Trainfest is to bring the Boy Scout Merit Badge Switching Game. This is for the next generation of model railroaders to learn how to handle a transformer and move engines and cars around to the right place on the board. Those that did well got a car kit or a Walthers train catalog. This generated a lot of interest and a lot of the parents said that this is something the entire family can do together. I was thanked more than once for this little step that will start young kids on their way to model railroading. It was fun to see the kids, the future generation of model railroaders, moving cars around a small layout. I got asked a lot of questions on the switching layout, especially on the complexity of doing a switch layout. This is where I got to hand out a lot of information on the switching layout, which is relatively easy to make, as well as information on the region. The best feeling is knowing that the entire family can be part of model railroading and that they can do it together.

I am happy to see we have some people running for offices in the region. When you receive your ballot in the mail, please vote. This election is very important so we can keep improving the region.

Thank you,

Gary E. Children  
Candidate for President of the Midwest  
Region of the NMRA

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**Reid Kahrs** - I joined the NMRA after the attending the 1985 convention held in Milwaukee. During the past 15 years, I have been a WISE Division board member serving as assistant superintendent (five years) and superintendent (four years). The last four years I have been the WISE Division chief clerk and also a delegate-at-large for the Midwest Region. My term as DAL will end in April, 2005. I was the chairman for the 2004 region convention, Milwaukee Express, and am currently serving as the NMRA Midwest region trustee with that term expiring in June. I am a member of the Milwaukee Road Historical Association and belong to Operations SIG.

My wife, Chip, and I usually attend region conventions, and enjoy getting together with fellow model railroaders and their spouses in the area. We also have attended many NMRA national conventions throughout the past 15 years or so. These travels have taken us all over the US, and while seeing the country, we have also seen a variety of modeling ideas and met some wonderful people.

For 37 years I was employed by the City of Milwaukee as a civil engineering Technician. My retirement from the City took place in March of 2000. Since retirement from the City I have been employed by "Making the Grade, Inc.", a company that does construction layout. My wife and I lived in the City of Milwaukee until I retired and now live in Colgate, Wisconsin. During the years since moving here I have been preparing the basement for my layout. A big plus in my current job is that I don't work during the wonderful Wisconsin winter which gives me four months during which I can work on my railroad full time. I have been operating on three home layouts during the past 8 to 10 years until I can get my own layout running.

In the past I was an officer of a State-wide bowling tournament. I was the Secretary-Treasurer for 6 years, and scheduled the bowling, and collected and distributed all the money involved with the tournament. I served as an officer for another 6 years until I became President. I am also an avid auto race fan, enjoying watching and attending races. Another past time of mine is playing tennis two to three times a week. My wife and I have 5 grown children and 4 grandchildren with whom we enjoy spending time.

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My name is **Randy Williamson** and I am running for vice-president of the Midwest Region. I have been an NMRA member for 20 years and a life member for 12 years. I have been involved with the WinnebagoLand Division for 19 years, serving various

positions up to and including Superintendent.



Currently I am Midwest Region Internet Committee Chairman and WinnebagoLand Division webmaster. My wife and I are building a HO scale layout, freelanced Pennsy with a logging line.

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**Joel Lebovitz – (No bio submitted)**

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**Bill Litkenhous**

I joined the NMRA in 1961 and have been a continuous member since. I am a life

member of both the Region and the National organization. I joined a model railroad group in Bloomington, IN some time ago and that is how I became interested in the Central Indiana Division. The C.I. D. asked if we would host a train show in Bloomington and I became the co-chairman of that show. The next year I became the chairman of the second of five shows we did in Bloomington. However, that group lost its location and we sort disbanded.

While we were doing these shows I became a part of the C.I.D. board and have progressed through the ranks to become Superintendent. Since becoming involved in the C.I.D., I have served as superintendent and am now the Immediate Past Superintendent. I am the chairman of the Layout Tour Committee and the Election Committee. I have been active on committees for hosting the Regional Conventions at Anderson and Noblesville, IN. I am also the chairman of the committee for the joint Kiwanis Club/C.I.D. train shows at Bedford. I have done this for 8 years now and have the 2004 show already in preparation.

I am active in the Salem, Indiana Depot museum helping to build an operating HO layout depicting the Monon Railroad in the Washington County area. I recently started my latest model railroad, The Bedford Industrial Railroad, a small switching layout to keep me occupied while I am planning my ultimate layout.

I am retired from the Powertrain group of General Motors Corporation after nearly 37 years of service.

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**Bob Lehen – (No bio submitted)**

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**Lynn Jasch** - I joined the NMRA in 2001 and have been active in the Winnebagoland Division where I am currently on the Board of Directors and Convention Chairman. I was also on the committee for the 2003 Spring Region Convention, TitleTown Express, in Green Bay.

At this time I am a member of the Wisconsin Michigan Model Railroad Club, Soo Line Historical & Technical Society and the Chicago & Northwestern Historical Society.

The one thing I am most noted for in the Region is making cookies, for those that know me I am the Cookie Lady.

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**Barb Rothwell (Incumbent)** – I have been an active member with the SCWD, (and the region), serving as a past and present editor of the Divisions' publication (the "BAD



ORDER”), served 3 terms as SCWD Photo Contest Chair, worked on the past three SCWD roster/directories, served as Chair of the Rail School, and volunteered at the SCWD Rail Shows, and Swap Meets.

I’ve served as assistant Superintendent, taking over the reins as Superintendent in mid-year. I’ve also served as the Inside Committee Co-Chair for the 1997 NMRA National Convention.

I have always loved trains, whether they were the real things, or models. I never miss an opportunity to watch or ride trains, not to mention working on, or operating on layouts.

One of the best things about modeling is the ability to share the techniques and things I’ve learned about modeling with other modelers. I hope that you’ll be able to check out our layout when it’s open at the regional convention this April. Even if you’ve seen it before, there are a lot of new structures, scenery and track changes.

I’m currently a Director at Large for the MWR, working on the Youth Committee, MW Regional Waybill Editor, and I also chair the Publications Committee.

As this year’s Chair for the Lake Junction 2005 MWR convention I hope you’ll come to the convention, and also cast a vote for me to continue serving the MWR. Thank you.

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## HighWheeler ‘05

The Fox Valley Division presents its annual Model Railroad Show --HighWheeler '05.

The show will be held March 5 and 6 at Harper College, Palatine, I, in the Wellness and Sports Center. The college is located at the corner of Algonquin and Roselle Roads.

The times are 9 A.M to 5 P.M both Saturday and Sunday. The show will feature Modular Railroads, Manufacturers, and Hobby Shops. Also represented will be Museums and Historical Societies.

There will be Door Prizes and a Snack Bar.

Donation:

Adults - \$7.00

Children: 5 thru 12 - \$4.00. Under 5: Free.

There is plenty of free parking.

We hope to see many of our fellow MWR members at the Show.

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**Midwest Region 2005 Ballot**

**President** (*Vote for One*)

**Gary Children** ..

**Reid Kahrs** ..

**Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_ ..

**Vice President** (*Vote for One*)

**Randy Williamson** ..

**Joel Lebovitz** ..

**Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_ ..

**Director-At-Large** (*Vote for Three*)

**Bill Litkenhous** ..

**Bob Lehn** ..

**Lynn Jasch** ..

**Barb Rothwell (Incumbent)** ..

**Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_ ..

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The Election Committee must receive the original ballot included in your Spring 2005 *Waybill* no later than April 4, 2005

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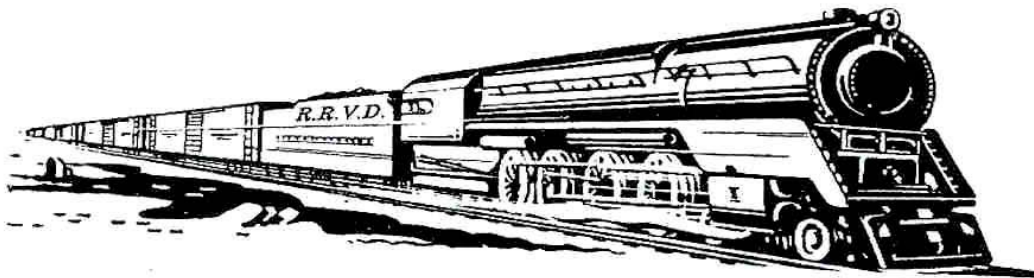
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# Lake Junction 2005 - Schedule

	Rail	Non-rail
<b>Friday - Hospitality Room Ballroom B</b>		
Noon-8:00pm	Registration open - Balcony Ballroom B (East Entrance)	
7pm	Clinic A - Ballroom A <b>"Adding Signals to Your Model Railroad" by Bruce Chubb</b>	Clinic C - Fitchburg Room <b>"Gardening by Design" by</b>
	Clinic B - Capitol Room <b>"Madison Rails" by Bob Wundrock</b>	
7-9:00pm	Contest room open for entries - 3rd Fl Vista Suite	
7-9:00pm	Auction room open for entries - Monona Room	
7-9:00pm	Company Store open - Mendota Room	
7-10:00pm	Layouts and operating sessions open	
8:30pm	Clinic A - Ballroom A <b>"One Man's Method of Wood Structure Construction" by All Hinck</b>	<b>Theater Time in the Fitchburg Room</b> - Come together for a little late evening entertainment with the movie classic, <b>"Throw Momma From the Train"</b> with Danny DeVito and Billy Crystal - a comical Hitchcock takeoff.
	Clinic B - Capitol Room <b>"Rebuilding the Columbia Gorge &amp; Eastern" by Bob Boomsma</b>	
<b>Saturday - Hospitality Room Ballroom B</b>		
7:30am-6pm	Registration open - Balcony Ballroom B (East Entrance)	
7:30-noon	Company Store open - Mendota Room	
7:30am-noon	Contest room open for entries - 3rd Fl Vista Suite	
7:30am-5:00pm	Auction room open for entries - Monona Room	
8am	Clinic A - Ballroom A <b>"Sunset Valley Oregon System Updates &amp; Operation" by Bruce Chubb</b>	
	Clinic B - Capitol Room <b>"Regional Railroads" by Cody Grivno</b>	
8:30am		Clinic C - Fitchburg Room <b>"Boxes and Bowls" - Debra Hazeltine</b> - Demonstration of how to create fabric boxes and bowls. (Kits for participants - sign up requested.)
9:30am	Clinic A - Ballroom A <b>Building the Naugatuck Valley" by Dave Popp</b>	
	Clinic B - Capitol Room <b>"Researching the Prototype" by Dave Leider</b>	

10:00am		Clinic C - Fitchburg Room <b>"Going Quilting"</b> - Quilting demonstration
11:00am	Clinic A - Ballroom A <b>"Computer/Model Railroad Interface Updates"</b> by <b>B. Chubb</b>	
	Clinic B - Capitol Room <b>"Lost-wax Casting in Model Railroading"</b> by <b>Rob Schiavone</b>	
Noon-4:30pm	Contest open for viewing only - 3rd Fl Vista Suite	
Noon-5:00pm	Layouts open	
1:00-4pm	Company Store open - Mendota Room	
1:00pm		<b>Non-rail Antique Tour</b> leaves at 1pm from front of Hotel
1:30pm	Clinic A - Ballroom A <b>"Fun with Plaster"</b> by <b>Jim Spice</b>	Clinic C - Fitchburg Room <b>"Decorative Stepping Stones"</b> by <b>Karen Osipoff</b>
	Clinic B - Capitol Room <b>Historical Modeling - Manitowoc County"</b> by <b>Rich Hanke</b>	
3:00pm	Clinic B - Capitol Room <b>"From Roof to Road"</b> by <b>Bill Myers</b>	
5:00-6:00pm	Contest room open for entry pickup 3rd Fl Viste Suite	
6:00pm	Cocktail hour	
6:30pm	Banquet	
7:30pm	Presentations/Awards/Annual Meeting	
8:00pm	Live Auction	
<b>Sunday - Hospitality Room Suite 100</b>		
8:00-noon	Registration open - Suite 100	
8:00-11:00	Company Store open - Mendota Rm (pickup 11-noon)	
8:30am	Clinic A - Capitol Room <b>"Madison Rails"</b> by <b>Chris Roeben</b>	
9:00am-noon	Board Mtg - Monona Room	
9:30-10:30am	Clinic C - Fitchburg Room <b>"Trees for all Scales and Hobbies"</b> , by <b>Rose Tolley</b> . Demonstration on how to make real looking evergreen trees.	
10:00am	Clinic B - Capitol Room <b>"Modeling Tips - Little Extras"</b> by <b>Rich Hanke</b>	
Noon-5:00pm	Layouts Open	

# Lake Junction 2005 Convention Highlights

We hope that the previous two pages have piqued your interest in the Lake Junction 2005 regional convention.

In addition, I know that a lot of you have asked questions about who's layout(s) will be open during the convention, so we're including the list (without descriptions – due to space limitations), of what's going to be open. Most layouts are open both days, but you'll need to check your information packet when you arrive at the convention to know exactly who is open, when.

We hope that you will enjoy what we have planned and if you haven't already made your registration, you will do so soon, especially if you want to operate on a layout on Friday night, as the slots are filling up fast.

**Don't miss the layouts!** (Listing to the right of photo.)



Name	Scale
Kurt Beck	HO
Ron Betlach	HO
Bob Boelter	O
Richard Butler	HO
Tom Eckstein	
George Elder	HO
Bill Ehlert	HO
Ned Ferguson	O
Ken Gerstner	HO
Ron Halvorson	HO
Dan Hiller	HO/G
Perry Hix	N
Al Hinck	HO
Phil Hottman	HO
Harold Kreitz	HO
Don Mayo	HO
Al & Andy Potts	HO
Ken Reigle	HO
Barb & Hamp Rothwell	HO
SCWD Youth Layout	HO/N
Don Swinton	HO
Tim Swan	HO
Waunakee Club	HO
Bill Weber	HO
Gene Wilcox	HO
Laverne Willey	HO
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