

# Waybill

*Mid West Region NMRA - Summer 2006*



## President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

By the time you read this, a regional convention will have once again come and gone. This year at the regional convention I had the privilege of handing out special service awards to members from different Divisions who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Dick Cecil, unable to attend the fall Regional board meeting, was given a special award for being past president at the fall board meeting.

We have also elected four new B.O.D. members. In fall, we will have three positions available for new board members as well as the president and vice president for their second terms in the spring elections. If you are interested in running for one of the positions, please contact the nominating committee as printed in your *Waybill*.

Bob Sherman, our region treasurer, had some questions in regards to our 503c application to the IRS, which were answered. The only thing we need to do now is have someone in Illinois, which hopefully is a member of the NMRA, and is a lawyer, help complete the forms, because our articles of incorporation were originally filed in Illinois. We need that person to get in contact with Bob Sherman so we can obtain our 503c with the IRS. Please contact the region treasurer or president if you know someone who can be of help to us in this situation.

I hope you were able to attend RailFun 2006; there were a lot of fun and educational things going on everywhere you turned. The hotel was near one of the first large malls to be built in its time. There was a good selection of non-rail programs including: cake decorating sponsored by the Hyatt's head pastry chef, decorating with beads by the Beaded Bedazzlers, and my personal favorite for conquering

those endless paper piles, fabric yo-yos. The village of Schaumburg also provided a trolley to the local stores for those women and men who like to shop. There was also a good choice of clinics for modeling old houses, trees, European trains, the force of trains against the weather, rail fanning in Colorado, modeling industry siding and the operation of some layouts on Friday evening. There were also some really nice layouts open on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. And, we can't forget the world's best auction!

Some B.O.D. members came on board with some new Division Superintendents. This is the first year with National running a lot of the things that the locals were used to doing. Reid Kahrs will be the Chair and I will be the Co-Chair of the 2010 national convention in Milwaukee, WI. We will be asking a lot of questions while we are in Philadelphia this year and taking into account how well things were run. Hopefully we will have time to enjoy part of the convention.

I will also be attending the R.A.C. meeting with another member of the region to talk about concerns of the regions to other regions and the national chair. This is very important for us to have a voice in the things that are happening. I encourage you to support your division. If you don't attend division meetings, please e-mail or phone your superintendent. Attend the meetings and let your voice be heard.

There are wonderful people in every division, try and get to know them. All of you have something to show the other division members. Try sharing some of your activities with them; do a clinic, and by all means, if you have an idea, contact your Division Superintendent. Division member should be there to help and support one another. Try getting together with a couple of friends and share in a project for the fall show; it doesn't have to be a clinic.

If you have a problem on your layout, someone in your Division may be able to offer ideas and suggestions on how to correct the problem. You can also return the favor to others. Great friendships are started this way. Remember, support your division and they will support you.

Now that the crossing and stop lights are done on my layout, I am going to be putting up some building and street lights. When I finish one project, it's always nice to begin a new one. By 2010, I will have 99% of my layout complete. Keep in mind that layouts are never 100% complete.

I would like to offer my sympathy, as well as the region's, to Mary Law, the 2006 spring convention co-chair, who recently lost her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mary. In this time of personal loss, the region commends your dedication in fulfilling your duties as the co-chair while dealing with this difficult time.

I hope you all have a good summer. If you can make the national convention, we will see you there. If you can't make it, we'll do our best to update you in fall. See you all in fall, and remember that model railroading is fun!



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Selling entire private collection of 1,500 HO plastic freight cars, including many historical society issued cars. Also includes first 10 issues of the NMRA Collector series kits in duplicate. NMRA journals from 1993 thru 2001; PRR Keystone 1996 to present; B&O HS and C&O HS & WMHS society journals. Reading T&HS Bee journal & BRHS journals; and a map for Burlington /Great Northern System in 1950's 32" x 18". Numerous RR steam photos; some stocks and bonds.

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## Minutes, Annual Meeting of Members, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 29, 2006

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President Gary Children called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois. Gary thanked the DuPage and Fox Valley Divisions for hosting the 2006 Spring Convention.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Members held on April 23, 2005 were unanimously approved as written and published in the Summer 2005 issue of the *Waybill*.

### Reports

Bob Sherman, Treasurer, reported on Region finances. As of December 31, 2005 the General Fund and the Youth Fund had combined net assets of \$27,913.39. For the year then ended revenues, primarily from dues, were \$6,664.05; expenses, primarily for the *Waybill*, were \$9,156.23 and net expenses were \$2,492.18. Expenses exceeded revenues because two mailings to all members were necessary in 2005. Only one mailing to all members is expected in 2006 and the format of the *Waybill* will change to further reduce costs.

### Old Business

There was no old business.

## New Business

President Children announced the winners of the recent election:

### Directors-at-Large

Sean Lamb,  
South Central Wisconsin Division  
Bob Lehnen,  
Central Indiana Division  
Dave Poquette,  
Wisconsin Southeastern Division  
Roger Wurtzel,  
Winnebago Land Division

## Announcements

On behalf of the Central Indiana Division, Bill Litkenhous invited everyone to attend the Region's 2007 Spring Convention at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, Indiana from April 20 to April 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bert Lattan  
Secretary

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*No, your eyesight isn't going, yes the Waybill has less pages, and the type size is also a little smaller.*

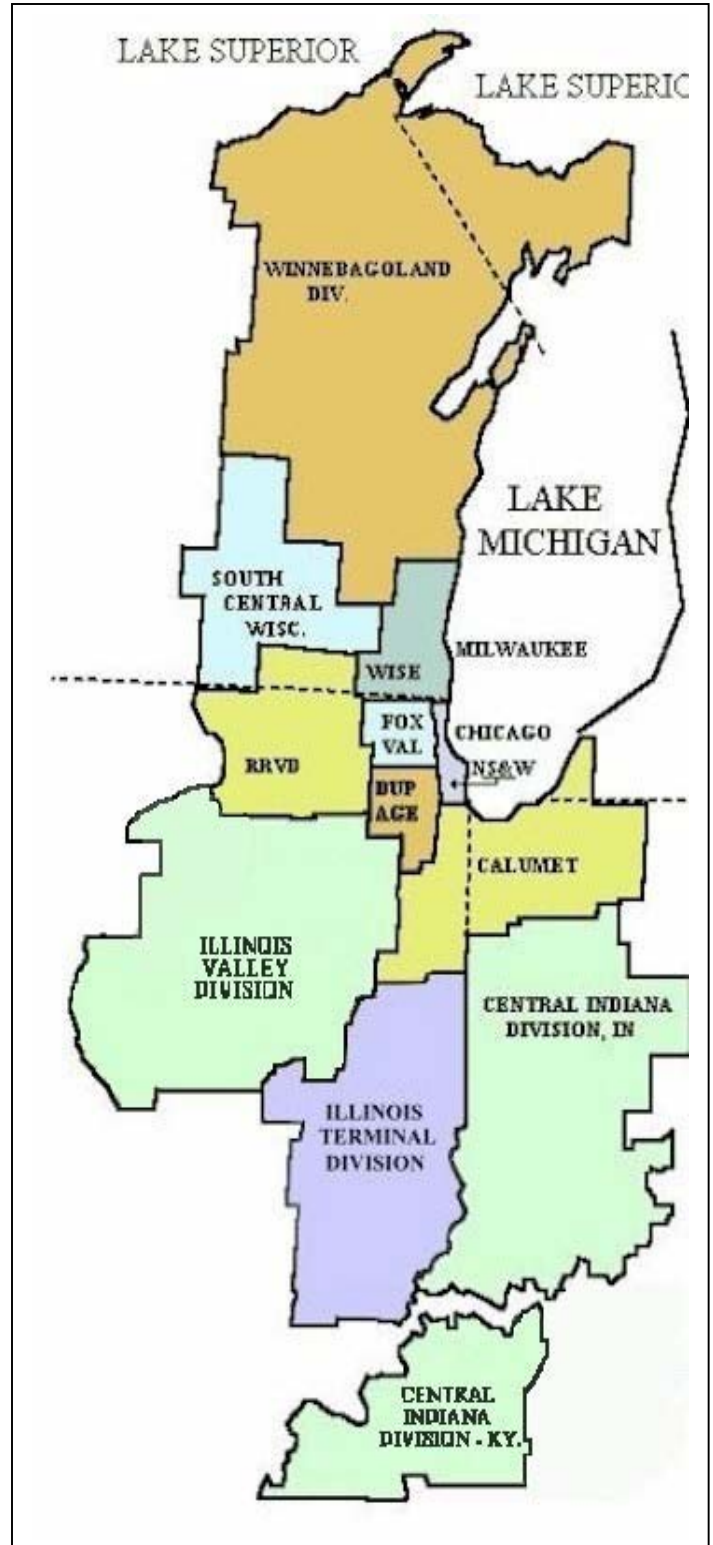
*The Board of Directors have passed along a cost cutting decision to enable the Region to save money on printing costs.*

*You can also help the Region save a little more money, by viewing the Waybill online, to help defer mailing costs (See Waybill subscriptions)*

*If you need to find out information about a specific Division, within our Region, you'll need to log on to the internet, (all local libraries do have **free** internet access), and go to <http://www.mwr-nmra.org/mwrmap.html>, where you will find separate internet pages for each Division. You will also find contact numbers to call, if the information is not on the*

# Division Schedule

For schedules go to individual Division websites located at: [www.mwr-nmra.org/mwrmap.html](http://www.mwr-nmra.org/mwrmap.html)



# Waybill Schedule

Waybill current schedule:

- Fall (September, October, November)
- Winter (December, January, February)
- Spring (March, April, May)
- Summer (June, July, August)

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

- August 15<sup>th</sup> for the Fall issue
- 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.

Submissions to: [waybilleditor@charter.net](mailto:waybilleditor@charter.net)

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For information on Region Elected Officials, Committee Chairs, and Division Superintendents, consult our website at:

<http://www.mwr-nmra.org/>

## Waybill Subscriptions

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Send an e-mail to: [mwrsecy@comcast.net](mailto:mwrsecy@comcast.net) with your name, e-mail address, NMRA number and division. Use "Electronic Delivery Subscription" as the subject of your e-mail. Or, if you are reporting a change of e-mail address, use "E-Mail Address Change" as the subject of your e-mail.

### Mail Subscriptions

Subscribe for one or two years when you join the NMRA or renew your membership. A one-year subscription is \$6.00; a two-year subscription is \$12.00. New and renewal membership forms are available from the membership coordinator for your Division or from the NMRA website at <http://www.nmra.org/>. The website offers both online and mail-in options.

For more information about electronic delivery and regular mail subscriptions, visit the Midwest Region website at <http://www.mwr-nmra.org/>.

## Waybill Advertising

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

# Book Review

## Part II

### Modeling Hands On

#### Spruce up your Caboose!

by: Mark N. Goedert <http://www.MrTrains.com>

Photos by the Author

#### More Details:

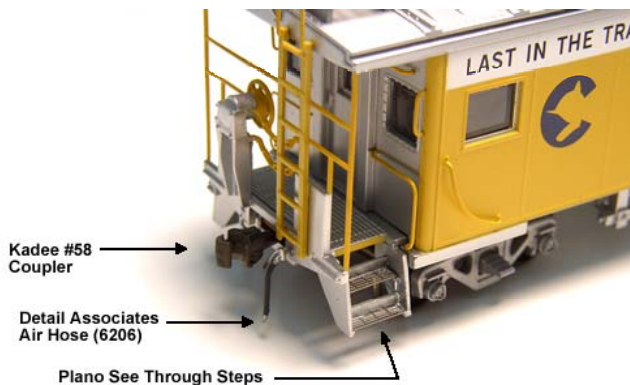
To add more detail remove the factory installed coupler and replace it with a Kadee #58 prototypical sized coupler. The screw for the coupler box can be stripped easily so be careful with removing the coupler cover for the first time. Place the Kadee #58 and spring into the coupler box and replace the cover and screw. I generally install a proto coupler on the lead locomotive front and the caboose rear for esthetics.

For a dash more detail you can cut the hose off the coupler and install a Detail Associates detailed brake line. I drilled a #00 hole with a pin vice to the right of the coupler and used CA to secure the hose.

Paint the brake valve and end silver, with the hose grimy black. I also dry brushed the coupler Poly Scale Roof Brown to give it a rusty look.

#### Conclusion:

After a few quick steps you can achieve a nicer looking model. I only added ten individual parts to the caboose and it really looks great. Give it a try.



#### Manufacturers Information:

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## 2007 Election

### Petition Deadline Is August 17

Although the 2007 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2007 we will elect a President, a Vice-President and three (3) Directors-at-Large.

Gary Children and Randy Williamson will complete their first two-year term as President and Vice-President, respectively. They will be eligible to run for another term in 2007.

Barb Rothwell from the South Central Wisconsin Division, one of the three incumbent DALs, will complete her second two-year term in 2007 and under the Bylaws will not be eligible to run for another term in 2007. Our thanks to Barb for her dedicated service.

Lynn Jasch from the Winnebago Division and Bill Litkenhous from the Central Indiana Division will complete their first two-year term in 2007 and will be eligible to run for another term in 2007.

There are two ways that your name can be placed on the ballot.

The first is by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Board of Directors. To be considered by the Nominating Committee

(Chairman Jim Wilhite from the Central Indiana Division and Members Reid Kahrs from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Jim Spice from the North Shore & Western Division), you must submit a biography/ candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo to the Committee with a copy to the Region Secretary (Bert Lattan) as soon as possible, but no later than August 17, 2006.

The preferred method of delivery is electronic mail. (While e-mail is not required to serve on the Board, it is highly desirable since the Board conducts pre and post meeting activity by e-mail.) If you do not have e-mail, you may mail your bio/photo to Bert Lattan, who will convert it to an electronic format and send it to the Committee. Addresses and e-mail addresses for the Committee and the Secretary are on the Region website.

The second method is by petition signed by at least ten (10) current, resident NMRA members. The petition form is available on the Region website or it may be requested from Bert Lattan. Your petition must be accompanied by a biography/candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo. It must be received, by Bert Lattan, no later than August 17, 2006. He will convert it to electronic format and forward it to the Committee.

The Committee will submit its recommendations and the names of all resident members nominated by petition to the Board of Directors for review and approval during its next meeting, which will be held on October 1, 2006 in Rockford, Illinois at the Midway Village Museum.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the Winter 2006 issue of the *Waybill*. The results of the election will be announced during the 2007 Annual Meeting of Members, which will be held on April 21 during the 2007 Spring Convention in Muncie, Indiana.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee or the Secretary.

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## RailFun 2006

by Barb Rothwell

If you missed the MWR April convention, you missed a good time, getting together with old and new friends.

The Friday night operating sessions were great. Hampton and I learned some new tricks for getting your DCC layout to work better, which we hope to put into practice when we redo, and add, to our layout this summer. Thanks Jim Spice for both opening your layout to operators at the last minute, and also for your time, describing just how your layout works. By the way folks, it's the best flawlessly working DCC layout I've seen at a Regional convention.



That's Bert Lattan on the left, and Jim Spice, above; and Hampton Rothwell, below, admiring the scenes.





Jim's wonderful roundhouse – great space.

There were many other memorable moments at this year's convention. Great layouts, and clinics, to name a few. However, one of the saddest moments during the convention was the announcement that Bill Myers will be retiring from his wonderful job as AP Chairman, effective September 30, 2006.

Bill has said that, from now until the end of September, he'll be attacking the pile of AP stuff that he has on his desk, because he wants to get out those certificates that have been piling up before he turns over the reigns.

A lot of us have had the opportunity to work with Bill as we progress along the way to obtaining our MMR. He's been a great help, and inspiration to many of us. We wish him well in all his forthcoming adventures.

I personally will miss those e-mails from Bill with the list of the latest AP awards. It always gave me an incentive to go down in the basement and finish another project.

Effective October 1, 2006, Marvin Preussler, of Sheboygan WI, will be taking over for Bill. If you need to get in touch with Marvin after October 1, 2006, his telephone number is 920-803-9668. I know I'll be calling with 4 down, 3 to go.

Bill Myers really gets a lot of joy out of handing out AP certificates, and he was able to present the best

certificate of all, at this convention. Bill presented Marion Brasher, his MMR, #370, plaque.



You don't see grins like that too often.



### **A reminder to all Region members.**

This is a volunteer organization, and part of your responsibility to fellow members, is keeping up with, and communicating, meeting and events. **It's all up to you.** To help defer some printing costs, the Region has stopped putting Division regular meet information in the Waybill. (*The Waybill will continue to print events that affect, or are of interest, to all Region members.*) As a Division member, you need to make sure that your Division web page is up to date. So take the time to check out your Division websites, and remind your Division webmasters, if you find out of date, or missing information. None of us are getting any younger, and that, "Oh by the way", you casually mention at an event doesn't always imprint immediately in everyone's memory. So remember to follow up.

**It's all up to you.**

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