

Waybill

Mid West Region NMRA – Spring 2007



President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

By the time you receive this, the region election will be over. I hope you voted, because after all, it is your region.

As we all grow older, it's time to let a new generation of modelers step up to the plate. Many of your leaders hold down more than one job in their regions as well as divisions. Don't stay at home and criticize these people that are trying to make our region and division run. Attend your division meetings often and take an active part in your division.

As a member of the regional area committee, along with Bert, your regional RAC coordinator, we have voiced our concerns about division, regional and national matters. We are not the only ones trying to voice our concerns around the country. Other divisions and regions prepared a 98 page report for the national board for their winter meeting. I really hope they get the word about how we feel about things in the NMRA.

On the lighter side, I really hope you can attend the spring regional convention in Muncie, Indiana hosted by the Central Indiana Division on April 20-22, 2007. Those of you who have attended region conventions know the fun you can have. I'd like to send a personal invitation to our new members to come and see what region conventions have to offer. So come and enjoy me and the rest of the region convention and show your support for the Hoosier connection. Big thanks go out to Luana Wilhite for reminding me to sign my checks!

The work on my layout has been slow due to long hours at work. I will get more things on the layout in

time for the NMRA convention here in Milwaukee in 2010. Reid Kahrs, will be Chair, along with myself and Diane Gallegos as Co-Chairs for the convention. Things will be somewhat different this time around. But we still need help in many different areas. Please contact one of us if you can help in any way. I do realize it's three years out, but there's lots of work to be done. If you are at one of the conventions before 2010, the committee will have a display at the National Conventions. We will definitely need some help at this display so if you could spare a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated.

Remember your division needs your support. Please attend meetings, do a clinic or become part of your division leaders. If each division gets a new BOD each year, some of us older members can retire and let the next generation have a crack at it. And never forget, model railroading is fun!



Just what was our region president doing at the Mad City Train Show?

Midwest Region Achievement Program News

by Marvin Preussler-MWR AP Manager

Seeing this is the first column that I have written for the *Waybill*, I guess an introduction would be in order. My name is Marvin Preussler, and I am the new MWR AP Manager.

I live in the Winnebagoland Division in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The first order of business for me is to thank Bill Myers for his efforts as the past AP Manager and for making things a somewhat smooth transition for me to take over this new "job". I received many ideas and tips from Bill on how things should be handled. Hopefully, I will be able to continue to perform my duties for many years to come. I look forward to working with our members and helping wherever I can.

A few things I would like to emphasize here is that accurate record keeping, by you, the member, is very important in the AP.

Keeping track of what you do, as you do it, is the very best way to go about getting a certificate. Trying to remember dates and getting signatures later on is usually a lot more work than if you would write the information down when you actually did it and get the verified signatures when the people are there.

All the record and validation forms are available at the NMRA website. So if you are thinking about going for a certificate, print out the forms and keep track of what you do as you do it. Also, the AP program only works if you get involved in it. I can't do it for you.

So if you are interested in getting involved with the AP or have a question, contact you division AP Manager first and work with that person. If your division does not have an AP Manager, then certainly contact me. I will try to answer any

questions that you have. I am also working on becoming an MMR with one more certificate to go

I got involved with the AP to try to become a better modeler. In the past years, entering our division contests have been very rewarding. My skill as a modeler has greatly increased because of my involvement in the AP. The constructive criticism from the judges are always a big help to show you how to improve. I know that I am a better modeler because of the Achievement Program. Hopefully you will have the same experiences.

In recent AP news, Rich Hanke, of Manitowoc, Wisconsin has received the AP Structures certificate # 793. Rich is a fine HO scale modeler and worked for the Green Bay & Western Railroad for a while. His was the first certificate that was processed by me as the MWR AP Manager.

There are a few other members that are working on getting certificates in my Winnebagoland Division, so I am happy to report that there is always some activity going on every month in the AP. Be sure to bring those models that you have been working on all winter to the contest at the MWR Spring meet in Indiana.

Happy modeling!

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On the Passing Track

Memorial services were held on January 9, 2007 in Brookfield, WI for Gil Reid. Gil was best known for his long love of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was considered one of the greatest railroad artists of the 20th century. Gil was associated with Kalmbach Publishing, starting back in 1940, when his line drawing, of the PRR K4s, were first featured. Gil died at the age of 88.

Bob McMahon, DuPage Division passed away at age 80, on October 1, 2006

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Hampton Rothwell found a smiling escape, behind bars, at the 2007 Mad City Train Show (above).



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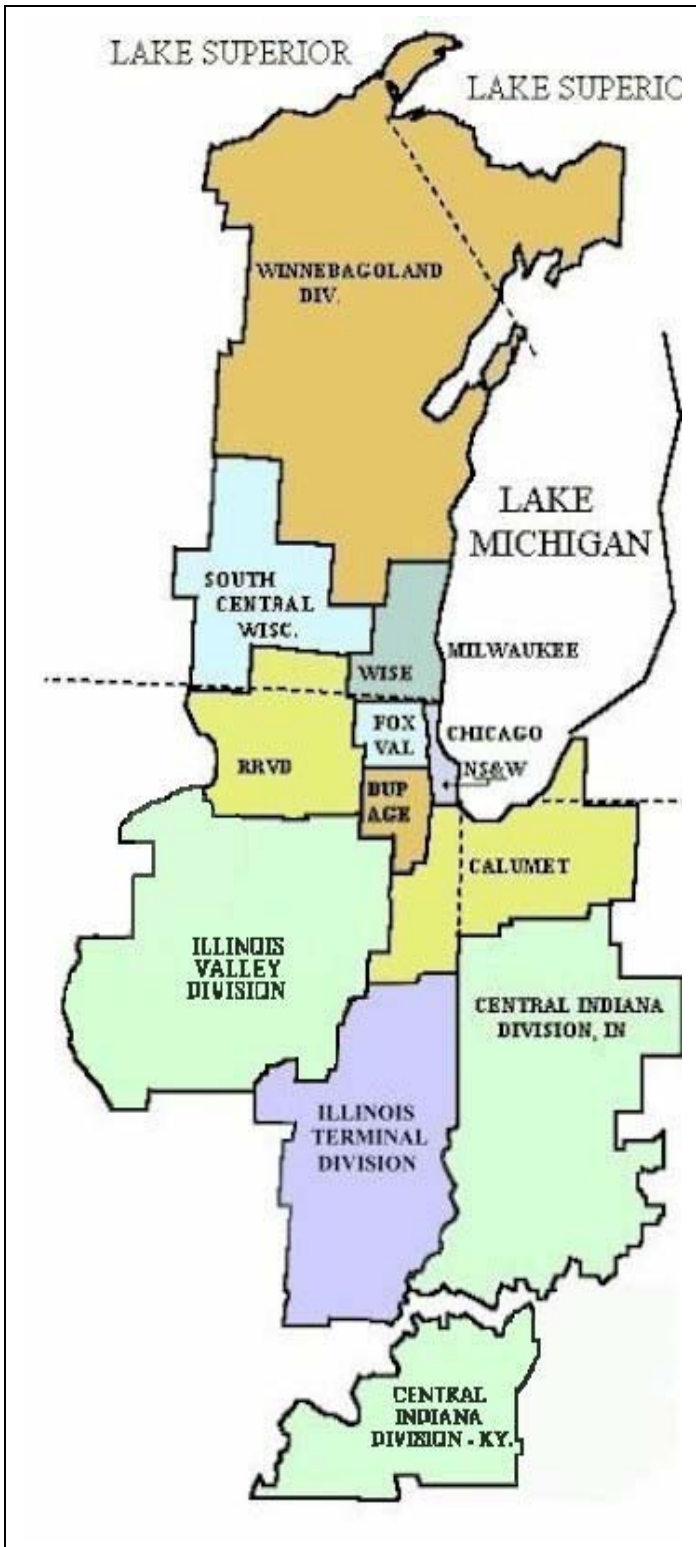
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Mid West Region NMRA

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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

The Hoosier Connection 2007

**Central Indiana Division, MWR, NMRA
Invites you to the Midwest Region Spring Convention
April 20, 21, & 22, 2007
Muncie, Indiana
Horizon Convention Center**

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One Day	\$20	\$20	_____	_____
Non rail/Youth	\$25	\$25	_____	_____
Sat. Buffet Banquet	\$25	\$25	_____	_____

(Note any special diet requirements on back) **Total enclosed** _____ **(Check or M.O.)**
Number of Friday night operating session participants _____ **(free)**

* Non-member price applies if primary registrant is not an NMRA member.
 \$10 Fee will include a six month "Rail Pass" trial membership, while available.

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Mail to:
Luana Wilhite, HC Registrar
4823 Buttercup Way
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For information:
Phone 765-644-1887
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The hotel suggested for lodging at the convention is:

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites
4201 W. Bethel Ave., Muncie.
Phone is 765-289-4678, or 800-465-4329.

Highlights of the upcoming Hoosier Connection 2007

For those of you that have NOT sent in your reservation for the Hoosier Connection, just take a look at what's in store for all those that have already signed up.

Make sure and send in your reservation today, so you don't miss out on all the great things this convention has to offer.

Clinics

- 3rd Planit Layout Software by Tom Cain
Ceiling Tile Rocks by Dan Goins
Applying and Making Your Own Decals by Jim Wilhite
- Soldering and Brazing by Frank Hermanek, MMR
Freight Car Detail Parts by Frank Hermanek, MMR
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Handlaying Switches by Keith Clark
Adding Details to Older Kits by Tom Cain
Signals by Bill Litkenhous
Researching Your Railroad by Brad Philbrick
Crabgrass Trees by Matt Hewitt
- Hardshell the Easy Way by Captain Al Nelson
- Layout Planning 101 by Hank Brown
- Creating a Website by Byrne Allen
- Modeling Industrial Sidings by Gary Children
- Modeling New York Central Dual-Service GP7s Locomotives by Jim Six

- Modeling the New York Central (Big 4) Michigan Branch by Jim Six
- Tricks, Tools, and Techniques in steam of the Monon by Mont Switzer
- Indiana RR Depots by Francis Parker

Layouts

Several layouts will be on tour. Most are nearly complete and include full scenery. They include a modern day Norfolk Southern and a steam era Chesapeake & Ohio. Others are nearing completion, watch the CID website for details.

Train Show

Sunday will bring a large model railroad train show to the convention site. It will have many hobby dealers and several operating layouts of all scales. The show is free to convention attendees. Don't miss this one.

Tours

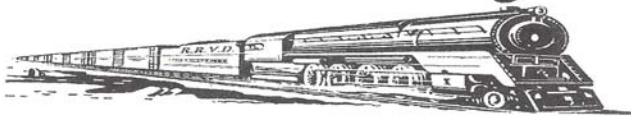
Overland Models, a major brass manufacturer and importer, will be open for visitation and limited tours during the weekend. Their new facility is in downtown Muncie, just a short walk from the convention site.

Complete Non-Rail Program

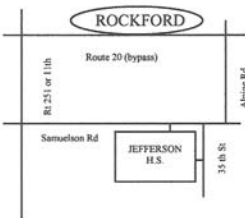
- Friday night – Bingo games with hand made prizes.
- Saturday morning – Two hands-on craft clinics.
- Saturday afternoon – Pottery clinic at Muncie shop, tour of other nearby shops and galleries.
- Muncie children's museum with dinosaurs and Garfield the cat.

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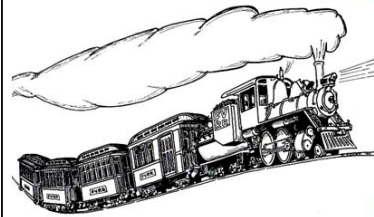
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Summer (June, July, August)	May 15th

