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Mid West Region NMRA – Fall 2007

President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

Well, the first half of the year is done. Time flies when you're having fun. I just got back from the Detroit convention with some goodies from the train show. The convention was held at the Detroit Marriott in the Renaissance Center, General Motors World Headquarters. I got to meet a lot of new people at the convention from all over the country, and the world. I was also pleased to catch up with other old friends from past conventions. I was able to do some tours, but most of my time was spent at the booth for the 2010 convention in Milwaukee. I hope to see you there.

The best way to get around in Detroit was the People Mover. There are 13 stations for restaurants and shops in the Entertainment District, as well as the Exhibition Center, where the train show was held. This was the second year that the NMRA ran parts of the show. I was able to speak with the Detroit group about some things and there are going to be changes down the road, both good, and not so good. Our 2010 Convention Committee will have to do its homework to bring a fine convention to Milwaukee. The committee will have to look at ways to bring everything in place. We are going to need help in every part of the convention.

There were some tours in Detroit that were cancelled due to the lack of people signing up. I will be in contact with people from Madison, Rockford, Green Bay, Waupaca, Sheboygan and Milwaukee in regards to layout and other industry tours. There are many of you out there that have worked on national as well as regional conventions and your help is

greatly needed. Let Reid Kahrs or myself know if you can help.

The next two years our booth will be located at the Anaheim, California and Hartford, Connecticut Conventions, in order to get people to come to Milwaukee for our convention. If you attend one of these conventions, and you have some spare time to lend a hand in the convention booth, please do. If you don't have enough time then, there are more than enough jobs in 2010 for you to help out with. Most conventions you see some of us helping out as volunteers; it's great for the hobby.

I do hope at this year's fall board meeting we can get our 501c3 moving towards a finish. Our board members are all volunteers with jobs and families to care for. Hopefully our Webmaster Chair will have all of the details worked out to improve our website.

Besides our region newspaper, Barb, our publication editor does an outstanding job. So, when you can, send her a story on how to do something, or about a railfan area. There are too few people sending articles into her. If I can do this 4 times a year, anyone can do it. The deadline for sending items in will be November 10th. Think about it, and send an article to her.

This year's fall meeting will be held in the Fox Valley Division, at their meet on Sunday, October 21st. The board will stay for the Fox Valley meet. If you are a new member of the NMRA, please attend your division meets. There is a lot to learn out there. I see that your divisions are getting some new blood coming forward and stepping up to the division boards. This is a very good sign.

Work has been slow on my own layout. Four weeks before the Detroit convention I had knee surgery, but I still made it there. Last year my railfanning partner passed away before the convention, but I was lucky to find someone else to go with. However, he has friends he will be staying with during the Anaheim convention, so I am going to need another railfan partner. We will more than likely railfan there and back. Please contact me if you are interested.

The 2012 National Convention will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I hope to see you there as well as at a division meet or train show. Remember, model railroading is fun!

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2008 Election

Petition Deadline Is September 6

Although the 2008 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2008 we will elect four (4) Directors-at-Large.

Roger Wurtzel from the Winnebagoland Division, one of the four incumbent DALs, will complete his second two-year term in 2008 and under the Bylaws will not be eligible to run for another term in 2008. Our thanks to Roger for his dedicated service. Sean Lamb from the South Central Wisconsin Division, Bob Lehn from the Central Indiana Division and Dave Poquette from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division will complete their first two-year terms and will be eligible to run for another term in 2008.

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 Spice from the North Shore & Western Division and Members Reid Kahrs from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Jim Osborn from the Fox Valley 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 September 6, 2007.

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 (www.mwr-nmra.org).

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 September 6, 2007. He will convert it to an 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 Sunday, October 21, 2007 in Prospect Heights, Illinois at the Gary Morava Recreation Center.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the Winter 2007 issue of the *Waybill*. The results of the election will be announced during the 2008 Annual Meeting of Members. The meeting will be held during the 2008 Spring Convention, which is scheduled for May 9-11 at the Best Western Grand Seasons Hotel and Conference Center in Waupaca, Wisconsin.

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

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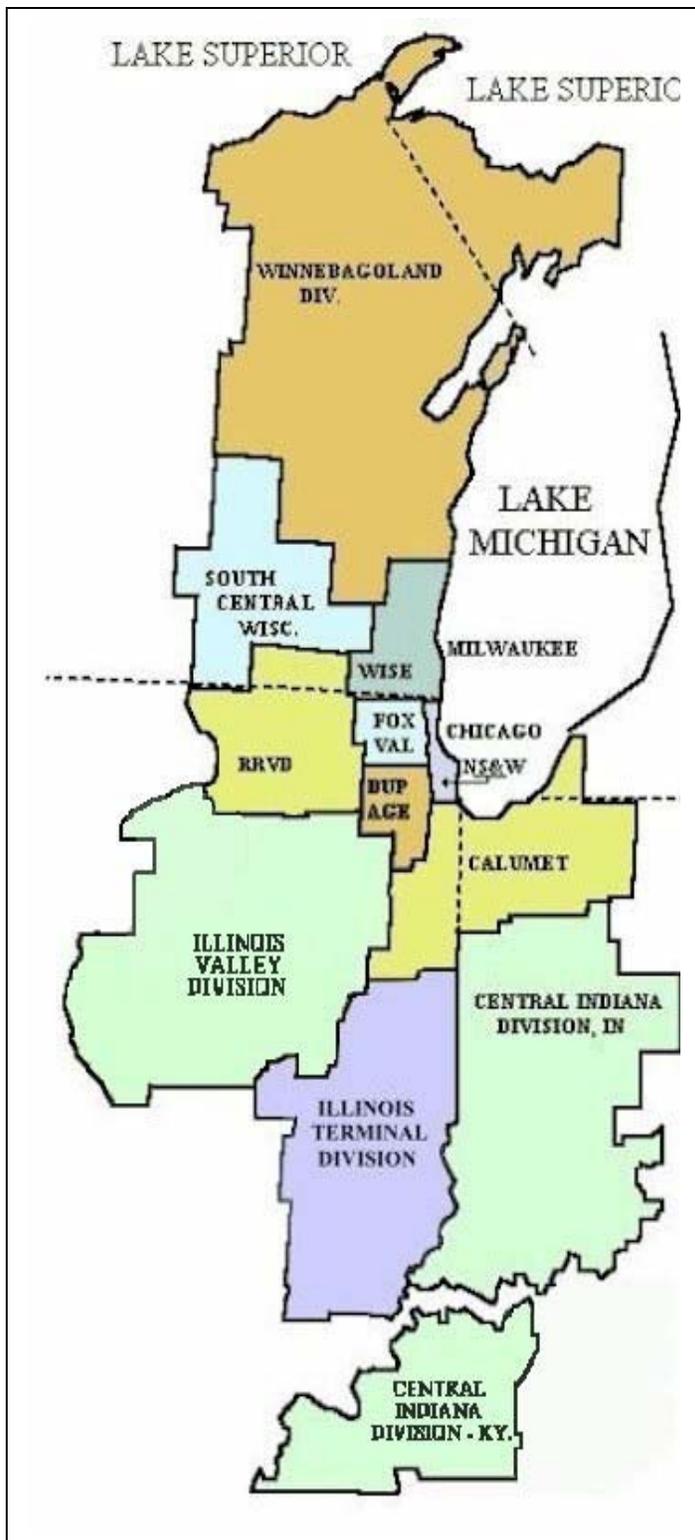
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Deadline:

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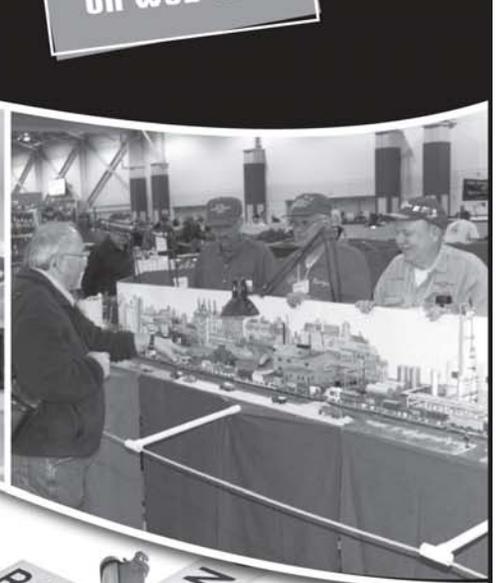
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MWR AP News

by Marvin Preussler-MWR AP Manager

I am certainly pleased to announce that there has been a great deal of Achievement Program activity since I wrote my last article for *The Waybill*. Our Midwest Region members have been busy over the winter, which is always an excellent time for modeling. Here is a breakdown of certificates earned in the past few months.

Don Kottke, Stevens Point, WI Chief Dispatcher	MWR # 794
David Leider, Prospect Heights, IL Author	MWR # 795
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Roger Kujawa, Morton, IL Author	MWR # 804
James Wise, Peoria, IL Chief Dispatcher	MWR # 805

Now, it is with great pleasure, that I can announce that James Wise of Peoria, IL has obtained Master Model Railroader status. James holds certificates in the following categories:

- Master Builder-Cars
- Master Builder- Structures
- Master Builder- Scenery
- Model Railroad Engineer-Civil

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James is recognized as Master Model Railroader # 394 by the National Model Railroad Association. James accomplishment was recognized during the banquet awards presentation at the MWR meet in Muncie, IN this past April. If you know James, be sure to congratulate him. He is part of an elite group of modelers and has accomplished something that most of us just dream about. Again, on behalf of the Midwest Region, congratulations James, on becoming a Master Model Railroader!





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Remember, September 6 DAL Deadline

As discussed in the Summer 2007 issue of the *Waybill*, there are two ways that an individual can be nominated for Director-at-Large for the 2008-2010 term. The first is by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and the second is by petition. In both cases a biography/candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo must be submitted to the Nominating Committee and the Secretary no later than Thursday, September 6, 2007. See the *Waybill* article for details.



Volunteer Needed for Region Treasurer

Bob Sherman is retiring as Region Treasurer. We need a volunteer to replace him. If you are interested in the position or want to recommend someone, please contact Gary Children, csuperchief20@aol.com. If you have any questions about job responsibilities, please feel free to contact Bob Sherman, paymaster@wisedivision.org.



How I Spent My Summer Vacation...

1. Articles for the *Waybill* seem not to be finding their way to the *Waybill* editor.
2. August 15th, (to me), is still the middle of summer, and it's hot, wet and muggy outside-yuk.
3. I'd rather spend time in the basement, where it's cool, working on the layout, then writing articles.
4. Yup, you're getting photos from MY summer vacation to fill the empty space.

Ready for 2008 NMRA Convention?

Thinking about going to the NMRA convention to be held in Anaheim, California in 2008? Why not go in style? We were thinking about have a private car or cars travel Amtrak to the convention. If there is enough interest we will proceed with making the necessary arrangements. Neither the pricing nor the time frame has been determined. We are open for any suggestions. If you are possibly interested, contact Reid Kahrs, rkahrs@charter.net or (262) 628-8489.



2007 NMRA Convention Survey

For those of you that didn't get an e-mail asking for your thoughts on the 2007 NMRA convention, just copy the following link and send off your opinions on the Detroit convention.

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