

Waybill



Mid West Region NMRA – Summer 2008

President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

Well, the last of the snow has finally melted. (I hope you were able to get some work done on your layout between snow storms.)

I wish to thank all of the people who work and put on all of the train shows in our region. The time and effort is worth all of the work to see some of the people that come to these shows. Some of these shows are 30-40 years in the running. That's a lot of work! Thank you to the ladies and gentlemen for doing the work. Those of you who were at the Mad City train show on February 18th were hit with everything mother nature could throw at us. The members of SCWD helped in every way possible to get people loaded up when the show closed up an hour early. Their extra effort is to be complimented.

The spring elections are done. Thanks to all who voted. Remember this is your region. Next year there will be some openings on the BOD as well as the President and Vice President. So, think about what you'd like to do and run for a position.

By the time you read this the Spring Convention will be over. For our members who were there, I hope that you enjoyed it. We will also have a new treasurer on board because Bob Sherman is retiring. He has done this as well as the Paymaster for the WISE division for many years making sure that the numbers were straight and the bills were paid. I thank you for your many years of hard work. Our new treasurer, Bryan Lemonds of the CID division will be replacing Bob. Please welcome him when you see him.

Please also welcome Jim Osborn of the Fox Valley division for taking the job of webmaster. With this, I would also like to thank Randy Williamson as the past region webmaster for all of the work that he did. Randy is a member of the WLD division. As you can see, it's not one division that makes up the region, it's all divisions that make a region membership team. It's all up to you to support your division and region.

I know that with the way gas prices are going I could fill up the entire *Waybill* with what I think of that, but I will spare you because you already know. This means picking and choosing meets and conventions you'll be attending. If you do go to Anaheim for the national convention, we will see you there. As co-chair of the 2010 national convention, I will be in the Milwaukee booth most of the time, but I can see that if we don't go to their convention why should they come to ours?

The planning for the 2010 convention is getting under way. If you would like to volunteer go to the WISE division website www.wisedivision.org. There were a lot of us that worked the 1997 Madison convention so join us in 2010. We have a lot of great things cooking.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who are helping on the city layout tours who go that extra step to help out for our national convention here in Milwaukee:

Charlie Wickhorst-Rock River Valley Division (hope you get better soon - Dick Caudle will be taking over for Charlie because of health issues)
Hank Brown & Barb Rothwell-South Central Division

Randy Williamson-Winnebagoland Division
Marv & Mark Preussler-Winnebagoland Division
Ted Lewtas-Wisconsin Southeast Division
Jim Spice-Northshore & Western Division
Burnell Breaker-Wisconsin Southeast Division

2008 Spring Convention Recap

by Bert Lattan

There are many more people working on the convention but these people are the ones that are getting the layout tours set up. As I said before, national is running things different than in 1997, so when they set up we're done.

I have personally enjoyed all of the train shows I have attended. If you see me with a cane, I had knee surgery on February 21, 2008. As your president, my duties come first to the region. But, I am alright and am doing the things that need to be done on the knee to make it better.

On another note, a special thank you goes out to Barb Rothwell, of the SCWD, for the way she handles the printing of the *Waybill*. Sean Lamb and Chris Roeben, both of the SCWD, also deserve special thanks. They are the ones who run the slide projectors, PowerPoint programs as well as the model and photo contests, along with Ingrid Drozdak from the NSW division. They do this behind the scenes and don't often have the chance to enjoy the conventions or meets. These individuals have stepped up to the plate and have gone beyond the call of duty.

On a more saddening note, Sue Spice, Jim Spice's wife, who is the superintendent of the Northshore & Western division, passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family.

Have yourself a good summer. Try and get some good pictures for some fall clinics and remember model railroading is fun!



Free Stuff

Model Railroader Magazines – 1986-2006 some bound copies. Contact John Kosobucki at crimedog01@charter.net

Waupaca Rails 2008 was held at the Best Western Grand Seasons Hotel in Waupaca, Wisconsin on May 9, 10 & 11, 2008. From all reports the 89 attendees had a great time.

The first event was a tour of the ThyssenKrupp Waupaca Foundry Plant 1. About 50 convention participants went on the tour. The tour started with an overview of foundry operations and a safety briefing. After reviewing and signing a safety protocol, each participant received a hard hat, safety glasses, earplugs and an "overcoat" for the tour. Groups of three or four were then guided through the plant by TK Waupaca employees where the melt department, core room, pattern area, molding machines, finishing area and warehouse/shipping areas were viewed. After returning from a very informative and enjoyable tour, no one wondered about the plant's emphasis on safety!

Friday evening featured operating sessions and three clinics: "DM&IR Cabooses" by Mike Kirk; "I Installed DCC, Now What?" by Paul Pasowitz and Fallen Flags by Gary Children. Saturday morning clinics included "Model Photography Techniques" by Rich Hanke; "Researching the Prototype" by David Leider; "Operations Along the Soo" by Mark Preussler; "Bootlebrush Trees/Ponderosa Trees" by Chic Hartert; C&NW LP (Bulkhead Pulp) Flatcars" by Rich Hanke; "A View from the Bridge" by Capt. Al Nelson; "The Roy Campbell Photograph Collection" by Tom Burg and "Industrial Archeology: The Milwaukee Beer Line" By Richard Cecil.

Saturday afternoon layout tours were west of Waupaca and included Mike & Mary Eiden's Miladore Rudolph & Eastern and Custer Central; Don Kottke's Big Northern Railroad; Pat Lyons "Q" RR; Larry Misiewicz's Golden Sands Southern; Gordy Sauve's two-story (!) three-rail O gauge pike; Roger Hildebrandt's Evergreen Hills & Allen Creek

and Arpad Eiler's Great Freedom RR. The Waupaca Soo Line depot, which is being restored, was also open.

Sunday afternoon layout tours were east of Waupaca and included Eugene Much's Little Wolf Central; David Johnson's Der Bahnhof; John Poris' Johnstown Roseville & Western; Wilard Wilde's Lind Center & Southern; Lynn Draper's Fremont & South Park; Pat Smith's Cajon Pass; Randy & Dayna Williamson's Pennsylvania & Deer Creek Lumber and John Franzen's Milwaukee waterfront & Mexican mining layouts. With eight tours on each day, attendees could visit each layout and the depot in the allotted time.

Participation in the model and photo contests was strong. There were 22 entries in nine model contest categories and 47 entries in the photo contest. Pictures of some of the model contest entries should be posted on the Region website by the time this article is published. A family-style banquet, the annual meeting of members, model & photo contest awards and the auction capped Saturday's activities. The Spring Board of Directors meeting was held Sunday morning. .

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Minutes, Annual Meeting of Members, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 10, 2008

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President Gary Children called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm at the Best Western Grand Seasons Hotel in Waupaca, Wisconsin. Gary thanked the WinnebagoLand Division for hosting the 2008 Spring Convention.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Members held on April 21, 2007 were unanimously approved as

written and published in the Summer 2007 issue of the *Waybill*.

Reports

Bob Sherman, Treasurer, reported on Region finances. As of December 31, 2007 the General Fund and the Youth Fund had combined net assets of \$38,619.67. For the year then ended revenues, primarily from *Waybill* subscriptions and the NMRA dues rebate, were \$9,713.71; expenses, primarily for the *Waybill*, were \$3,266.21 and net revenue was \$6,447.50.

Gary Children presented a plaque to Bob Sherman in recognition of his service as Region Treasurer.

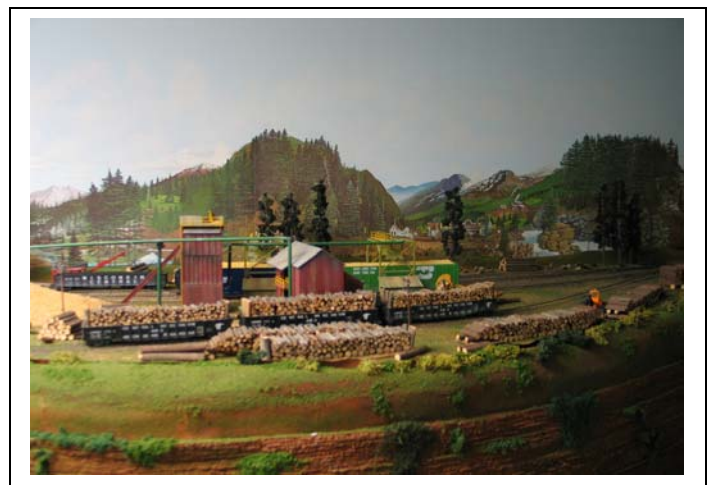
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Convention Quiz

For those of you that attended the last regional convention, you probably know where these layouts pictures were taken.

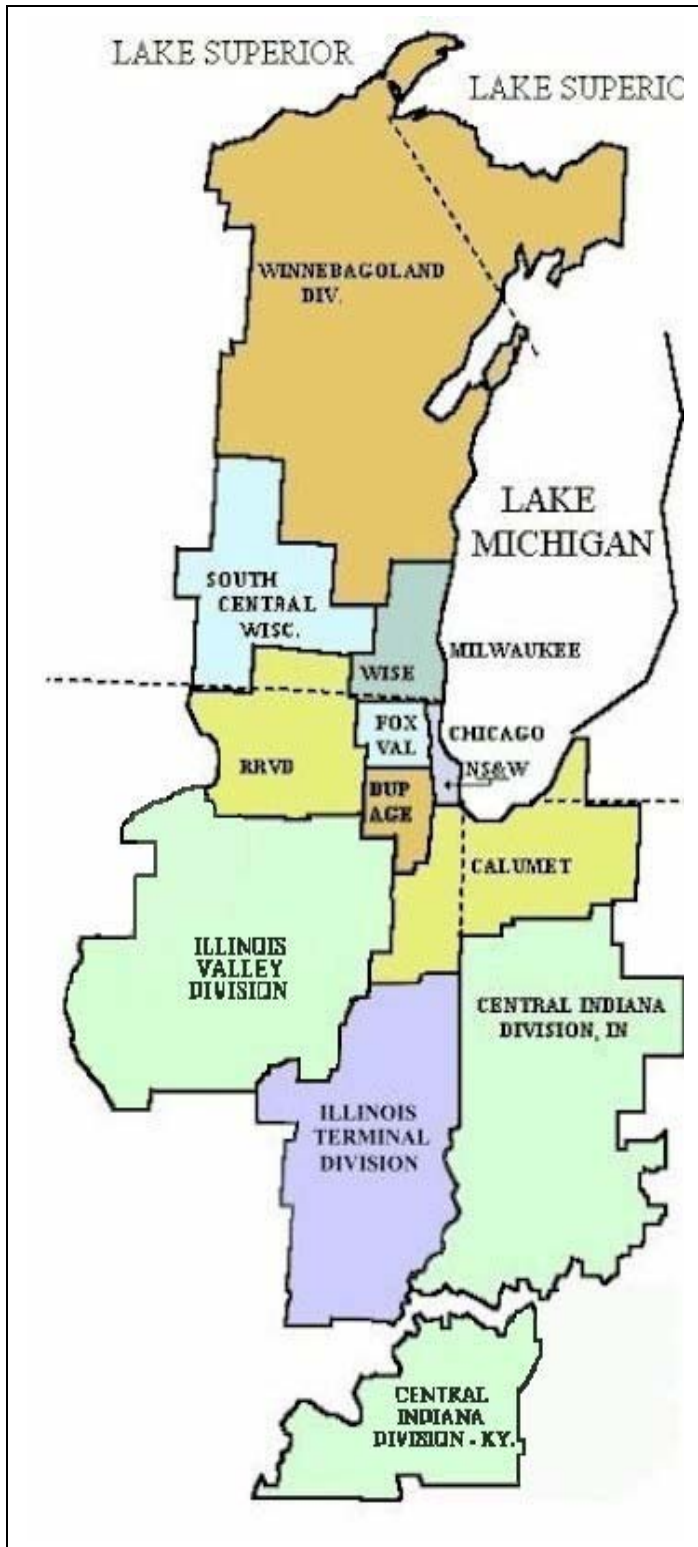
For those of you that didn't attend, now is your time to take out your thinking cap and try to figure out who belongs to each of the photos from the convention.

You'll get a few chances in the following pages.



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RRVD NEWS

by rrvdss

People who attended this years seventeenth annual RRVD Show & Sale in Rockford Illinois voted the Toy Train Barn's (Argyle, WI) highly animated portable layout as their "Best of Show" for 2008. Presenting the award is Don Brindle, RRVD



Division Superintendent, to Dillon, Buck & Jan Gunthrie, and Tom Moore. Also transportation is needed to bring these fine displays and layouts to shows and the Toy Train Barn's trailer is another fine creation of theirs.



SCWD/RRVD Meet

It's nice to see neighboring Divisions taking the time to visit their neighbors. On May 3rd, the Rock River Valley Division attended the monthly meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division. They even let in a member of the WISE Division.



Two clinics, contests, and a general good time, was followed by a tour of four SCWD layouts.

It was nice to see those garden layouts again. (Steve & Carol Culbertson, had their layout open for the tour – note the garden layout within the garden layout.)



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2009 Election

by Jim Spice

Petition Deadline Is August 21, 2008

Although the 2009 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2009 we will elect a President, a Vice President and three (3) Directors-at-Large.

In 2009 Gary Children and Randy Williamson will both complete second two-year terms as President and Vice-President, respectively. Under the Bylaws, Gary will become the Immediate Past President and Randy will not be eligible to run for another term in 2009. Thanks to Gary and Randy for their dedicated service.

In 2009 Bill Litkenhous from the Central Indiana Division, one of the three incumbent DALs, will complete his second two-year term. Bill will not be eligible to run for another term in 2009. Thanks to Bill for his dedicated service. Chris Roeben from the South Central Wisconsin Division and Jim Wise from the Illinois Valley Division will complete their first two-year terms and will be eligible to run for another term in 2009.

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 August 21, 2008.

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 August 21, 2008. 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. That meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2008 in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the Winter 2008 issue of the *Waybill*. The results of the election will be announced during the 2009 Annual Meeting of Members. The meeting will be held during the Spring 2009 Convention, which is scheduled for April 17-19, 2009 at the Clock Tower Resort in Rockford, Illinois.

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Here is a really unique shot of an industrial area.

Got a clue of where it resides?

Send an e-mail to the editor at Waybilleditor@charter.net so we can put it in the next Waybill.

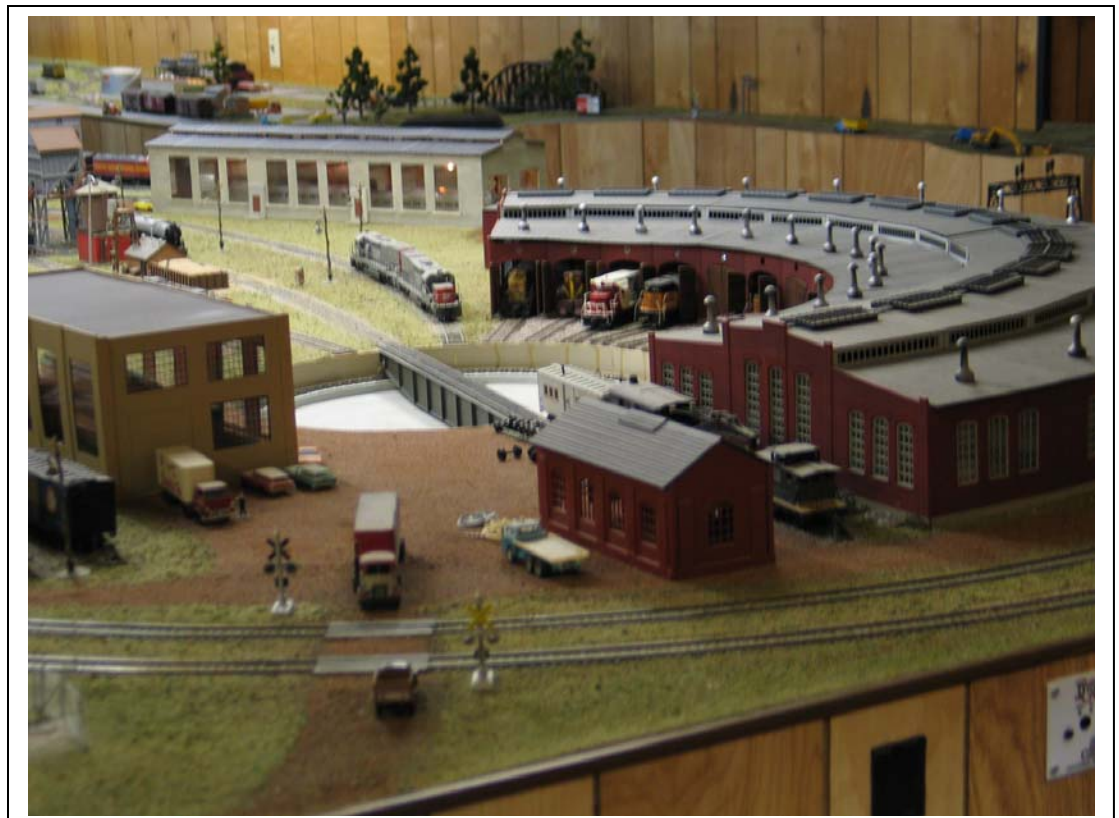
This is photo #2

Here's another great shot of a wonderful roundhouse.

Wouldn't mind having that one on my layout, but from the looks of it we'd probably not have enough room.

This is photo #3

Have a clue where it resides?





Nothing like this around any more.

This is photo #4.

Don't make me rely on the owner of the layout where this was taken to e-mail me the location of this layout.

Here's photo #5, the last of the unknown locations.

Why are they unknown? Well, I wasn't able to attend the convention and the person who took these photos couldn't remember where they were taken, so... Please let me, and the rest of the region, know where these photos were taken.



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