

# Waybill

Mid West Region NMRA –  
Winter 2011



## President's Report

By Bill Litkenhous, President, MWR

As I am writing this report the week of Thanksgiving I reflect on the activities of the past quarter. I have reported on my activities with the Salem Depot Railroad Museum several times in this report and I am doing so again. Normally my workday at the museum is Thursday and last week I was heading for Salem to work on the layout. I usually stop at the Scottsburg McDonalds for a senior coffee and a sausage egg McMuffin. Not this week as they have torn down the building and are constructing a new and larger facility. So I went next door to Wendy's for a bacon and egg Panini and senior coffee.

I then headed to the museum to work. I grabbed my tool box which is a former NYC metal first aid box and as I got out of my car the metal latch caught on my door and opened, spilling all of my tools on the parking lot pavement. I gathered up my equipment and fastened the box securely and headed into the museum.

As I walked up the steps I viewed a notice posted on the door that hit me very hard. The notice said that the museum would be closed Friday and Saturday because of the sudden death of one of the volunteers. Jimmie Snook, 69, a retired CSX/L&N conductor had a heart attack the day before and passed away. Jimmie was our caboos specialist and had worked on our display caboos to make it reflect the way it was equipped during the days it was active on the railroads. Jimmie also manned the caboos during open houses and school tours explaining its use.

Just several weeks earlier I had stopped in the caboos to talk to Jimmie before I went home. We sat in the caboos and talked at length about things railroading. The conversation was not about anything specific but as I remember it was very interesting. I just wish that I had done this more frequently.

After recovering from this shock, I headed into the layout room in the basement of the museum to start working on my current project and found John Campbell, Andy Long and Cecil Smith standing there pondering the next step they needed to take to get the trains running properly. For some unknown reason our automation system had stop functioning. The system is a series of photocells and

relays that control the turnouts at ends of the four sidings where the trains pass each other during normal operations. The switch machines we use are tortoises and the contacts also control the stopping blocks that hold trains while the opposing train runs through and then triggers the turnout releasing the stopped train. It has worked virtually flawlessly for the time I have worked at the museum, almost ten years. With the Christmas open house coming up the Saturday after Thanksgiving it was imperative that we get it up and running again. By the end of the day the system was up and running again but I have been told that since then it has gone down again. It appears that one of the photocells has gone bad and will have to be replaced. We will have trains running for the open house though probably only in one direction. And we will have the caboos manned for the open house by Richard Cantwell, a former CSX/L&N/Monon engineer. Life will continue though not as we would like.

This past September we had the Fall Midwest Region Board meeting in West Lafayette, IN. The meeting was held at the University Plaza Hotel and hosted by the Central Indiana Division. I want to thank Steve Studley and Chuck Tuttle for arranging the facilities for the meeting. And I also want to thank Chuck Tuttle for hosting the operating session that Friday evening. It was a very enjoyable time.

There have been several train shows in the area recently. The CID held the annual Carmel Clay library event that I understand was very successful. The annual Danville, IN train show was held in November and even though I missed this meet for the first time, I understand that it was very successful. This meet has a different setup as it is a dealer sales/swap meet style. There is no admission to get into the meet. It tends to draw fairly well.

That week end I was planning on visiting the adjoining division annual fall Louisville show. It was on the same day, same time as the Danville show. We need to coordinate our shows so as not to conflict. I didn't make either show as my wife Sunny had a bad cold that day and

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## Editor's Column

This issue has more pages than usual as it is the annual election issue. Please take a few moments to fill out the ballot on page 7 and return it to Don Cook. Remember, the region and division officers are all volunteers and it is nice to show them support for their commitment.

## Increasing Membership

As President of the Soo Line Historical & Technical Society, I commissioned a survey of members to get an idea of their likes and dislikes. I was also interested in how many were modelers and if their layout was Soo Line based.

I also inserted a question: "Are you a member of the NMRA?"

Of the 100 who said they were modelers (out of 144 respondents), 23% indicated they were also members of the NMRA. I do not know if this percentage is good or bad, but it is interesting.

Lately the Winnebagoland division has been running their semi-annual meetings jointly with railroad historical societies with great success. I do not know how many people joined the NMRA after attending, but the information and means were available.

My own division, Fox Valley, has been encouraging members to bring a guest. We then hold a raffle and give a non-member a 6-month pass to the NMRA. Getting people to meetings is crucial. If you can keep their interest and allow them to see what they get for their money, perhaps they will continue to come.

On that theme, I will be manning a table at the Great American Train Show at the Schaumburg convention Center in Schaumburg, Il on January 14, 10AM-6PM. Gary Children will be there on the 15th, 10AM to 5PM. Drop by and say hello.

Mike Hirvela of the Fox Valley Division penned this little ditty after watching the Action-Reaction demonstration layout twirl around in circles at Trainfest for 9 hours.

## It's the Monday after Trainfest

It's the Monday after Trainfest  
And all the aches are here,  
My knees, my back, are throbbing,  
My throat is anything but clear.

You work on your RR modules  
Steadily from year to year,  
For a brief time moment  
To bring some creative cheer.

My nerves are settling down now,  
The pokey fingers drive you nuts,  
And parents who don't parent  
Need a good kick in their butts.

The bouncing along of the children,  
Crashing the aisles like dices,  
makes you stop and wonder, tho':  
there is an energy crisis?

But the toothy grins are still fresh  
And the sparkling eyes shine bright  
and the looks of wonder on the  
young'uns Gives your heart delight.

I meet nice folks from Indiana, and  
Michigan and Niagara Frontier, too.  
Iowa and Minnesota folks  
showed up in Viking Blue.

Even the circus modelers this year  
Got into the act  
By having something running.  
An amazing bit of fact.

Kalmbach had their new RR  
Running on display  
Steve Otte was cleaning track with  
Elbow grease -- the old-fashioned  
way.

So, farewell to another Trainfest,  
where our creativity can shine.  
We look forward to the next one,  
In just 11 months of time.

Ya wonder if it's worth it,  
All the time and fuss,  
But if it wasn't for our love of trains,  
We'd all be celebrating the bus.

I don't like to leave her by herself since at the present time we have only one car.

The Southern Indiana Railroad club has been active this quarter, staging our first operation session. Again I was not able to attend but I have heard that it went off well enough to show us where we need to make changes and adjustments for a smoother operation. There is a GTE Show coming to Indianapolis in December that will be something to attend.

I want to wish every one a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with lots of model railroading activities.

## Region News

### Midwest Region Achievement Program Report by Marvin Preussler MMR- MWR AP Manager

I am happy to report that there has been a lot of activity from our members. Members continue to take part in the Achievement Program all over the Midwest Region. It is always fun to help answer questions and to guide our members in the AP. Take a look at the following:

#### The following members received AP Certificates:

Paul Wussow, Glen Ellyn, IL	Electrical
Raymond Meyer II, Port Washington, WI	Chief Dispatcher
James Baker, Rockford, IL	Volunteer
Donald Lewis, Dixon, IL	Chief Dispatcher
Paul Mangan, Oregon, WI	Official
Paul Mangan, Oregon, WI	Volunteer
Donald Cook, Waukegan, IL	Cars
Paul Wussow, Glen Ellyn, IL	Author

#### The following members received the Golden Spike Award:

James Baker, Rockford, IL  
 Art Paton, Schaumburg, IL  
 Jeffrey Jarr, Chicago, IL

It has been a busy time in the AP in our Midwest Region. I have been busy processing an average of 4-5 sets of paperwork per month for AP certificates for our members. Certainly the AP is alive and well in our region. With the fall and winter months ahead, I am sure there will be more activity in the AP as we head to the basement to work on various modeling projects. Hopefully there will be a lot of models in the contest at our next Midwest Region meet which is only a few months away. So take a look at the NMRA website, and see what you may qualify for and set a goal.

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Right now there is another six AP certificates at National pending approval. There are more on the way yet after that so our members are certainly active in the AP, which is a great thing! As always, work with your division Achievement Program Manager first, and if there is a problem, feel free to contact me. Thanks!

### Annual Meeting of Members

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel  
 Springfield, Illinois

9:00 pm, Saturday, March 10, 2012

For more convention information, plus on-line registration, go to: [www.railsplitter2012.org](http://www.railsplitter2012.org)  
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### Community Calendar Event

Event Title: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Artic Run Model Railroad Show and Sale

Category: Arts & Entertainment / Kids & Family / Education & Exhibitions

Sponsor: Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders Ltd

Event Start Date & Time: Saturday 1/21/2012 - 9 AM to 5 PM  
Sunday 1/22/2012 - 11 AM to 4 PM

Cost: \$3.00 Adults  
\$2.00 Ages 11 - 16  
Free: Ages 10 and under

Event Venue/Location:	Holiday Inn Convention Center
Event Venue/Location	1001 Amber Avenue, Exit 158 East, I-39/51 @ Hwy 10. One mile east on Hwy 10 to Elizabeth Avenue (just past Fleet Farm).
Event Venue/Event Contact:	Phil Gjevre, 1828 Marys Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481 (715) 341-8228, <a href="mailto:phil.jane.gjevre@charter.net">phil.jane.gjevre@charter.net</a>
Event Website Address:	<a href="http://www.trainweb.org/cwmr">www.trainweb.org/cwmr</a>





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	Full Fare, NMRA Member <i>(Includes all clinics and Masters of Model Railroadng-Unplugged)</i>	\$80
	Full Fare, Non NMRA Member <i>(Includes all clinics and Masters of Model Railroadng-Unplugged)</i>	\$90
	Model Railroadng Masters – Unplugged <i>(No Clinics - Saturday Night Event Only)</i>	\$30
	Model Railroadng Masters – Unplugged, Non NMRA Member <i>(No clinics.)</i>	\$40
	Non Rail – Companion Fare <i>(Includes all Non Rail &amp; Companion activities and Saturday Night Event)</i>	\$30
	Layout Tours Only <i>(No Clinics and no Saturday Night Event)</i>	\$10

TOTAL AMOUNT OF EARLY REGISTRATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Select	Registration - AFTER January 31, 2012	Amount
	Full Fare, NMRA Member <i>(Includes all clinics and Masters of Model Railroadng-Unplugged)</i>	\$95
	Full Fare, Non NMRA Member <i>(Includes all clinics and Masters of Model Railroadng-Unplugged)</i>	\$105
	Model Railroadng Masters – Unplugged <i>(No Clinics Saturday Night Event Only)</i>	\$40
	Model Railroadng Masters – Unplugged, Non NMRA Member <i>(No clinics.)</i>	\$50
	Non Rail – Companion Fare <i>(Includes all Non Rail &amp; Companion activities and Saturday Night Event)</i>	\$45
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Hotel rooms need to be reserved by February 10, 2012!



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## REGISTRATION PACKAGES

### *“The Manifest Page”*

NMRA Midwest Region – Illinois Valley Division Annual Conference Manifest Events & Descriptions	BEFORE 1/31/12	AFTER 1/31/12
<b>Full Fare, NMRA Member – Includes the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Reception in the Presidential Lounge on Thurs. evening 5 to 8:30 pm.</li> <li>Personalized “Railsplitter 2012” Name Badge.</li> <li>NMRA MWR Conference Program.</li> <li>Map Book for Layout Tours.</li> <li>ALL Clinics on Friday and Saturday.</li> <li>Pass to the Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged on Saturday Evening.</li> <li>Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.</li> <li>Free Pass to enter the Springfield Train Fair on Sunday at the State Fairgrounds.</li> </ul>	<b>\$80</b> <b>BEST DEAL!</b>	\$95
<b>Full Fare, NON – NMRA Member – Includes the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Reception in the Presidential Lounge on Thurs. evening 5 to 8:30 pm.</li> <li>Personalized “Railsplitter 2012” Name Badge.</li> <li>NMRA MWR Conference Program.</li> <li>Map Book for Layout Tours.</li> <li>ALL Clinics on Friday and Saturday.</li> <li>Pass to the Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged on Saturday Evening.</li> <li>Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.</li> <li>Free Pass to enter the Springfield Train Fair on Sunday at the State Fairgrounds.</li> </ul>	\$90	\$105
<b>Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged, NMRA Member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signature event of the conference.</li> <li>Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.</li> <li>NO Clinics.</li> <li>NO other events.</li> </ul>	\$30	\$40
<b>Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged, NON – NMRA Member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signature event of the conference.</li> <li>Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.</li> <li>NO Clinics.</li> <li>NO other events.</li> </ul>	\$40	\$50
<b>Non Rail – Companion Fare – Includes the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Reception in the Presidential Lounge on Thursday evening 5 to 8:30 pm.</li> <li>Personalized “Railsplitter 2012” Name Badge.</li> <li>NMRA MWR Conference Program.</li> <li>ALL Non Rail Events on Friday and Saturday.</li> <li>Pass to the Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged on Saturday Evening.</li> <li>Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.</li> <li>Free Pass to enter the Springfield Train Fair on Sunday at the State Fairgrounds.</li> </ul>	\$30	\$45
<b>Layout Tours Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map Book for Layout Tours.</li> </ul>	\$10	\$15

Other events may be added as they become available.

**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2012.**

Please – DO NOT mail your registration AFTER March 1, 2012; Register at the door.

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## Midwest Region 2012 Ballot

### Director-At-Large (Vote for Four)

Ingrid Drozdak (Incumbent)

Mike Hurlburt (Incumbent)

Dave Johnson

Barb Rothwell (Incumbent)

Linda Sukup

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## Ingrid Drozdak (Incumbent)



Hello All,  
I am Ingrid Drozdak and will be running for DAL for a second term. The first term has been fun.

You may or may not know that I am a dental assistant by profession, so the gift of gab helps a lot. I find out that there are a lot of closet modelers out there that I have become acquainted with. Some adult, but mostly with children. We always exchange stories and show off our stuff. Whenever there are shows in the area, I will let them know. If anyone needs help, I will do my best with what they need. That is what I will do for you. My Best! It does not matter whether you are young, old, male or female, it is promoting the hobby.

## Mike Hurlburt (Incumbent)



I have been a Life Member of the NMRA since 1978. The decision to join the NMRA was the only move for me because I realized model railroading would always be a large part of my life.

Over these past 33 years I have tried to experience first hand all aspects of this hobby so I could form my own opinions about model railroading and the NMRA. In addition to building N and O scale home layouts and several portable layouts for train shows, I have done clinics at Regional and National Conventions, served as Paymaster and Superintendent of the NS&W Division, and three terms as DAL for the MWR in the capacity of Convention Chairperson and Clinic Clearing House Chairperson.

After I learned I could again qualify for a MWR DAL position, I gladly volunteered to lend a hand and run for an upcoming opening. Our Midwest Region organization has a lot of fine, hard working people who are comfortable to be around. After all these years, they have become friends, and I would like to be involved with them and the model railroad activities they provide to all who are interested. I will maintain a positive attitude, relying on my past experiences in the hobby, to provide helpful assistance to the organization

## Dave Johnson

Hi – My name's M. David Johnson, and I'm running for Midwest Region Director at Large.

A Region Director doesn't necessarily need to be an award-winning modeler, but I do believe a Director should combine a love for model railroading with some administrative and legislative experience.

I've been a Life Member of NMRA since 1973. Until the North Shore & Western Division merged with Fox Valley, I was NS&W's AP Chairman and its Meeting Coordinator. At the Fox Valley Division, I'm the Volunteer Coordinator for the Highwheeler Show in March. I'm a member of the MWR's Nominating Committee, and I'm also the NMRA's National Data Sheets Program Manager.

I hold AP certificates as an Association Volunteer and as Chief Dispatcher. I'm a member of the Operations SIG, the Layout Design SIG, the Railroad Industries SIG, the Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society, the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society, and the National Railway Historical Society.

I also have some experience outside of model railroading: I'm currently President of the Glenview Public Library (IL), and Chairman of the Maine Township (IL) Planning Commission.

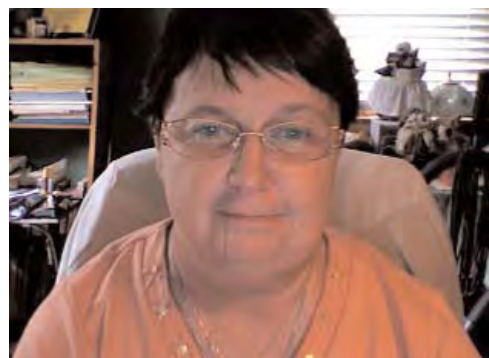
If these qualifications seem good to you, then please vote for me.



## Linda Sukup

My name is Linda Sukup and I am running for Director At Large for the Midwest Region. I have been involved in the modeling hobby since my college days. I have

been the National President, National Vice-President, and National Secretary of the Milwaukee Road Historical Association along with being the Wisconsin Division Superintendent. I am currently on the Board of Trustees for the MRHA. I am past superintendent of the WISE Division. I have been



actively involved with Trainfest for many years as a Trainfest Board of Director and currently I am the Advance Ticket Coordinator for Trainfest. I worked for the National Convention in Milwaukee manning the Information Booth and worked for the National Train Show working the NMRA Booth. Currently, I am working on the National Handbook for the NMRA. I worked on and helped present the Handbook in Milwaukee last year at the National Convention.

In my other life, I am an educator. I believe in our children and believe if we bring hands-on interactive rail-roading to our children, the hobby will go on. I am very excited for this opportunity to serve the NMRA in a different capacity.

## Barb Rothwell (Incumbent)

She joined the NMRA/SCWD in 1990, and has been an active volunteer member for the past twenty one years. She started working at the old SCWD's Swap Meets, and at the SCWD Mad City Rail Show. She has served as the coordinator of SCWD Railschool, SCWD auction, and as editor of the SCWD BAD ORDER, photo chair, Company Store Chair, Estate Planning Chair, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent.

Barb has been on and off both the SCWD and MWR Board over the last 15 years, and enjoys working with the both Boards to help promote the hobby. She also




has served as Co-Chair of the Inside Activities Committee for the NMRA 97 Lake Junction Convention, as registrar for the first Lake Junction Regional Convention in 2000, Chair of the last Lake Junction Regional Convention, and was the registrar for the 2011 Regional Convention, the Badgerland Express.

Barb has served as a MWR Director-at-Large for 3 terms, was the past editor of the MWR's Waybill, and is the current chair of the MWR Nominating Committee. Barb is working on her MMR, (2 more certificates to go). When she's not doing backdrops, working on layouts, or getting together with friends for operating sessions, she enjoys working on scratch built models.

Barb would appreciate your vote for Director at Large.

## Here's the November news from National:

- Several members have asked about the current content of the NMRA's "Members-Only" section of the website, so here's some of what you'll find when you log on at [www.nmra.org/member](http://www.nmra.org/member) :
- You'll find the latest reprints of the Division and Region newsletter articles Jim Zinser mentions in his "Division Business Car / NMRA@Home" column every other month in NMRA Magazine. All previously mentioned articles also remain in Members-Only, so it's a great resource to learn new tips and techniques. If your newsletter editor would like to reprint one of the articles, please have him/her contact the original newsletter's editor for an OK.
- We've been adding "NMRA Magazine Classics" -- scans of articles from bygone issues of Scale Rails and The Bulletin that are truly classic articles. Our goal is eventually to have at least one article from every issue of the magazine posted. Obviously this takes a lot of man-hours, but you'll be surprised to find how many are already online. The articles may be a few years old, but if you haven't read them (or forgot about them), they're as fresh as today.
- In the "NMRA Member Extras" section we've posted the 2011 NMRA Calendar screensaver -- a great, inspiring addition to your computer.



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