

Waybill



Mid West Region NMRA –
Winter 2016

President's Report

By Paul Mangan, President, MWR



Paul Mangan

I really don't like to start out a report with a weather report but the seasons will always be changing and what we do in the hobby changes as the seasons change. Although some G scalers will run their railroad in the snow I for one take mine down the day

after Halloween. I do like the indoors at this time of year.

Our MWR Fall Board of Directors meeting was held at the campus of Notre Dame on the first weekend of October in conjunction with the Michiana division's Education & Training conference. This year's theme was 'Modeling Like a PROTOTYPE'. A lot of the board members came down early to partake in the conference offerings before the meeting on Sunday morning. I once again want to thank Bob Blake, Michiana Division Superintendent, for hosting our meeting. To those who have not taken advantage of this program I encourage you to look into it next year. It is a wonderful opportunity to attend some first class clinics that may help you improve your skills.

At our board meeting I encouraged the board to consider things that the Midwest Region can do to help our divisions find ways of attracting new members. This has been an issue in all hobbies not just ours. I have asked the board to come up with some ideas and present them at the spring board meeting in Rockford.

Most of us in the MWR know that November is Trainfest month. That great event happened again this year on Nov. 12 & 13 at State Fair Park in Milwaukee. A large attendance as usual came through the door to enjoy everything Railroad. Madison HoTrak has been setting up at Trainfest for a lot longer than I have been involved with

this modular group and we all had a good time as usual.

This year's Celebrate a Railroad theme was the Milwaukee Road. A large section was set aside as a mini museum with as much information about this railroad as you could put into it. Wow, great history lesson.

Something new that started last year was the show staff has given the opportunity for attendees who display at the show to volunteer and help out with staffing. I had the opportunity to work in the Make and Take area where you would help kids assemble a passenger station. I had two young ladies sit down with their kits and these two were fun to watch as they only needed me to cut the stuff off the sprues and they figured it all out and built the stations themselves. Hopefully we will see these ladies later in life as great model railroaders.

I also had a chance to talk with NMRA V.P. Clark Kooning. Clark always attends Trainfest with a group from Canada. There was also some of the MWR staff in attendance; Dave Leider, your Waybill editor was there along with past region Secretary Bert Lattan and current treasurer Keith Thomsen just to name a few.

Another Trainfest is in the books. Thanks to the trainfest staff and the WISE Division for this great show.

The Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale is just around the corner on February 18 and 19 2017. This year's show will be their 50th continuous show. Fifty years ago the SCWD decided to host an open house in downtown Madison WI. They expected about 45 or so to show up. When over three hundred came thru the door and all refreshments were gone they decided to keep it going. It has been doing real good.

There will be a few special prizes this year including a drawing for a round trip ticket for two on the Empire Builder. There will also be many other door prizes each hour including 4 train sets per day for kids 5 to 11 years. See more information in this Waybill on page 7. Hope to see you at the show.

Now for the big event! Our Midwest Region spring convention is coming up fast. April 28, 29 and 30th 2017 the Rock River Valley Division will host Golden Rails MWR Convention. This will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of

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Editor's Column

This issue has more pages than usual as it is the annual election issue. This year we are electing a new president, as Paul Mangan has served the maximum two terms. Please take a few moments to fill out the ballot on page 7 and return it to Bert Lattan. Remember, the region and division officers are all volunteers and it is nice to show them support for their commitment.

Midwest Region Annual Meeting

The Rock River division is sponsoring "Golden Rails"-this year's convention. The dates are April 28, 29 and 30, 2017. They just announced that a band will play railroad themed songs during the banquet.

For detail keep posted on the RRVD website. www.rrvd-nmra.com/2017mwr-convention.com/
You can download a registration packet there. They promise to have all the information complete in January.

I understand that the SCWD will host the convention in 2018.

The below photo shows an excellent diorama built of Platteville, Wisconsin by Rod Thomson. It is very well researched and built from photos with lots of small detail.

Ramblings:

I have not even uncovered the layout so far this year. I have been working on several resin car kits that are taking more time than I thought. I like to do full underbody details, but I neglect to read the instructions, so I had to redo the work several times. I also get as many photos and details before I begin, then neglect to look at them as I am progressing. Oh well-Model Railroading is fun.

When it became time to paint two of the models, I realized that I ran out of Floquil red oxide. Bummer. I have only used Floquil paints and thought I had stockpiled enough for another decade.

What to do? I once tried water soluble paints, but was not satisfied how it looked after airbrushing. I had purchased 3 bottles of Trucolor paint several years ago, but never used them. As Des Plaines Hobbies has a large selection of Trucolor paint, I decided that is what I would use. I noticed it dries with a gloss, I would have preferred flat, but I see they also sell flat colors. At least they have lots of colors to choose from.

Michiana Conference.

I attended the Michiana Division Model Like A PROTOTYPE conference in South Bend. It was an excellent combination of cutting edge technology as well as good to know stuff. I took the photo below at the conference. Well worth the price of admission.



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 the Rock River Valley Division. Come on out and help them celebrate this milestone. You can go to their site for all the info on what's going on.
<http://www.2017mwrconvention.com/>

Regional conventions are a bit more pocket book friendly than national conventions so if you want to sample what goes on at conventions this is a great place to start.

Election time is here. Like all other volunteer organizations these days we have problems finding people to run for positions on boards. We have a slate that has one person for each position. I encourage you to vote anyway so you can at least show these folks that have stepped up that they have your support. Believe me they who serve do like to hear this.

All the Best
 Paul

Region News

Spring Board Meeting

**Holiday Inn
 7550 East State Street
 Rockford, Illinois**

Sunday, April 30, 2017, 10:30 am

Midwest Region Achievement Program Report by Jim Landwehr- MWR AP Manager

My fall trip took me out east. We stopped at a place called Entertrainment Junction just north of Cincinnati off of I 75. This 25,000 sq. ft. G scale layout is housed in an 80,000 sq. ft. warehouse building. The layout is divided into three different time periods of railroading from early days of steam-engine up through today's modern diesel locomotives.

Imagination Junction has a 5,000 sq. ft play area. There is an interactive train where kids can shovel coal, and interactive train layouts including Thomas. Also, kids can ride hand-cranked railroad cars around an outdoor track. This a kid's dream come true!

If you are hungry or tired, you can eat, drink, and relax at the Junction Café. It overlooks a charming 1930's town square. Folks young and old may have a birthday party celebration there. Entertrainment Junction also has a great Hobby Shop including supplies and building materials. The Gift Shop has a good selection of train related memorabilia. Entertrainment Junction is one of those must see places for train lovers!

I am happy to report that there has been some activity from our members. They continue to take part in Achievement Program all over the Midwest Region. The following members received awards:

Michael Vivion	Fitchburg, WI	Volunteer
Larry Enlow	Bellville, WI	Volunteer
Charles Kapelenia	Cottage Gr., WI	Volunteer
Ken Reigle	Fitchburg, WI	Volunteer
Don Tolley	Fitchburg, WI	Volunteer
Kenith Thomsen	Fitchburg, WI	Official
Bill Clancy Jr.	Verona, WI	Scenery
Scott Willoughby	Spring Valley, IL	Volunteer
Jeremy Bubb	Vermont, IL	Volunteer
Fred Robinson	Richland Center, WI	Volunteer
Philip Berry	Mc Farland, WI	Volunteer
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As always, work with your division Achievement Program Manager first, and if there is a problem, feel free to contact me.

Thanks,
 Jim Landwehr,
 MWR Achievement Program Manager

Remember Model Railroading Month

November is Model Railroading Month.

Happy Holidays to you and yours

STEVE STUDLEY President

Hello. It's Steve Studley once again asking for your support in the upcoming Midwest Region (MWR) elec-



tion. I am finishing my second, and last permissible, consecutive term as Vice President and am now seeking the office of MWR President. I continue to serve as Past Superintendent of the Central Indiana Division (until May, 2018) and am currently finishing up the duties as chair of the Highball to Indy

2016 National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) National Convention. At the region level, I chair the 501(c)(3) committee seeking tax exempt status for the region.

Penny and I have both been retired now for a bit over five years. With this freedom we enjoy traveling to the region conventions and Board meetings and being able to spend some extra time exploring the host cities. Now that work on the national convention is (almost) over, I am looking forward to actually being able to work on my railroad, meeting with our local club, and continue serving on the Division and Region Boards of Directors. In a previous bio I mentioned that I have earned four Achievement Program (AP) certificates. Hopefully there will be time to continue work on other AP certificates.

I would appreciate your vote allowing me to continue to serve, you, the members of the Midwest Region for two more years as President. I look forward to working with the other Board members while carrying out the business of the Midwest Region.

Steve Studley

REID KAHRS Vice President



I joined the NMRA after attending the 1985 convention held in Milwaukee. I've been a (WISE) Wisconsin Southeastern Division board member, serving as a Division Delegate, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent and Chief Clerk. Currently I am serving as WISE Superintendent, again. During the twenty five

years on the WISE board I've helped at Trainfest with setup and during the train show. I have served the Midwest Region as delegate-at-large for two terms (four years) my term ending in April, 2005. Currently I serve as region convention committee chairman. My wife, Chip, and I regularly attend regional and national NMRA conventions. I was the chairman for the 2010 NMRA convention held in Milwaukee. I am a member of the Milwaukee Road Historical Association and belong to NMRA Operations SIG.

I retired from the City of Milwaukee and now live in Colgate, Wisconsin. During the years since moving here I have been preparing the basement for my layout. I have been operating on many home layouts and with opsig groups during the past 10 to 12 years.

I would like to serve you as your MWR Vice President. I enjoyed my previous terms as DAL. Thank you for your vote.

DAN BREWER

Director-at-Large (incumbent)

Personal: My name is Dan Brewer, and I live in Granger, Indiana, am married, and have three grown children and two grandchildren.

Professional Background: For the last 18 years, I have worked as an IT Procurement Specialist at the University of Notre Dame. I am responsible for the procurement of technology products and services, managing bids for the acquisition of enterprise applications, vendor contracting/relations, coordinating tech specifications with the Office of Information Technologies and technical staffs in departments, FCC Licensing, and business processes related to IT Procurement. Before working at ND, I managed sales staffs for several technology resellers. I began my sales career at the Heath Company in Benton Harbor Michigan.

Hobby Experience & Interests: My love of trains began in the 1950s with my father building a large Lionel layout in our basement, and taking evening rides with our family to the train tracks in Buchanan, Michigan where we'd watch the trains. Over the past 10 years, I've worked on a large [Legacy control system] Lionel layout in my basement with the help of my brother Tim, and my grandson Jacob. I have also built a 4x8 N scale DCC controlled layout, and am now designing a two deck HO scale layout based on NS operations in north-central Indiana. Because of my technology background, my modeling always



includes as much technology as makes sense. I enjoy layout design and am a member of the Layout Design SIG and OPSIG.

NMRA Experience: I joined the NMRA in March of 2012, and have held the office of Assistant Superintendent for four years. During that time I have managed registration for the four Michiana Division Education and Training Conferences, produced marketing materials for those events, and acted as division webmaster. I am interested in continuing as a Midwest Region At-Large Board member so that I can continue to serve the NMRA as I am able, to increase my awareness of issues and opportunities facing the organization and our region, and to learn more about our organization and the hobby in general.

GARY CHILDREN **Director-at-Large (Incumbent)**



I am a candidate for Director at Large of the Midwest Region. I was appointed to fill the position of a person who was elected for the position of superintendent. I would like to run another term as Director at Large. I have been region President, Vice President, Model and Photo Chair for the region. There are things between the region and division that need to be

worked out. National has come with some things that also need to be worked out including the 501c3 tax exemption.

We as a region can work them out with the help of all region people. I am a life member and model the Wisconsin Central, Southern and Santa Fe in S gauge. I have been railroading since the age of 5 with a Lionel train set at Christmas. At 15 I changed to HO gauge and at 55 went to S gauge. I also help restore Car 26 at the East Troy Trolley Museum. Thank you for your support. Gary E. Children

MINTON DINGS MMR **Director-at-Large (Incumbent)**

For many of us model railroading is a way of life. For me it has been a growing passion for the last fifty three years beginning with a pike, which folded down over my bed in my teen years, to the present half basement Green River Branch of the Illinois Central Railroad in 1957.

I have been a member of the NMRA at two differ-

ent times, in the 1980's and since 2001. Presently I am the Assistant Superintendent of the Illinois Valley Division and the editor of the IVD's newsletter, the TIMETABLE. All areas of model railroading are of interest to me with a particular passion for scenery and a commitment to share what I have learned with other



model railroaders. I feel education is an essential mission of the NMRA and the Midwest Region.

In completing the requirements for the designation of Master Model Railroader, I came to the realization that MMR is truly an attainable award for most of our membership. During the last two years I have promoted the Achievement Program, taught clinics on model railroading skills and have written articles on model railroading which are available to model railroaders simply for the asking. I will be continuing to support the hobby in this manner.

I would be honored to serve the Midwest Region for a second term as a director at large, supporting its programs and activities, especially in the areas of member recruitment and education.

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National News

Welcome to the NMRA InfoNet News (Infoblast) For November 2016

Notice of Winter BOD meeting in Atlanta

The Winter Board of Directors meeting will once again be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 18, and 19, 2017 at the Drury Inn & Suites. The Budget and Operations meeting will begin at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 17, and the Board will be in caucus that evening. Both of those meetings are only open to invited guests.

The regular, open session of the BOD meeting begins at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 18. Because the agenda is not yet finalized, there's no way to tell if the meeting will continue on Sunday. All members are invited to attend the open sessions. Watch www.nmra.org for details.

Midwest Region 2017 Ballot

(This ballot is for use only by resident members of the Midwest Region)

President (Vote for/Check One)

Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division

Write-In _____

Vice President (Vote for/Check One)

Reid Kahrs, Wisconsin Southeastern Division

Write-In _____

Director-At-Large (Vote for Three)

Dan Brewer, Michiana Division (Incumbent)

Gary Children, Wisconsin Southeastern Division (Incumbent)

Minton Dings MMR, Illinois Valley Division (Incumbent)

Write-In _____

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To validate your ballot, please print your:

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* From your membership card. Also, you can go to:

<http://www.mwr-nmra.org/mwr2016/mwr.divisionmap.html>

to look up your Division assignment based on your Zip code.

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If you do not provide the above information, your ballot will not be counted.

Return to Midwest Region Election Committee, c/o Bert Lattan, 145 Heathrow Ct, Lake Bluff, IL 60044-1922.

Your ballot must be received no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

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News about the 2017 NMRA Elections

By John Stevens, NMRA Secretary

We are fast approaching the 2017 election. This election is different than the elections of the last two years. Those elections included worldwide positions that required ballots distributed through NMRA Magazine. The 2017 election has no worldwide positions and therefore there will be no ballot distributed in the magazine.

This election cycle has five positions under consideration. One of them is the Region Advisory Council Director, or RACD position. Each Region has a representative on the RAC and they are the only ones that are eligible to vote. There are three candidates for the RACD position. This election should be completed by Christmas. Three of the positions in 2017 are the Canadian Director, NMRA Canada President, and NMRA Canada Vice-President. This election will be run by NMRA Canada. Those of you who are members of NMRA Canada should be receiving your ballots sometime around February 1st. The last position up for election is the Central District Director, or CDD. The Central District includes the states of Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Only those members living within those states are eligible to vote for the CDD. In years past, the members have received a ballot in the mail. They then filled out the ballot and mailed it back to Headquarters.

This election cycle, we will be mailing ballots to the membership, but we are going to be offering the option of returning your ballot by voting electronically. We will be using a service called Election Buddy. This service has been used successfully by a couple of Regions. The service generates voting codes for each individual eligible to vote. The individual goes online and enters the voting code. They then view the ballot and vote. Once they complete the process, they can't use the voting code again.

At the end of the voting window, we receive two reports. One report is the results of the election. The second report tells us who voted electronically. Using the two reports there is no way to know how a member has voted. In the meantime, some of you will have filled out your paper ballots and mailed them to headquarters. The second report will be checked against the paper ballots. If HQ receives a ballot from you and you have also voted electronically, the paper ballot will be declared invalid and your vote will be the electronic one.

The current plan is to mail the ballots in mid-January. The election window should be February 1 through February 28. Since we will still have to process some paper ballots, the election results will not be known until the end of March.

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You will find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in the NMRA Magazine

Frugal Modeler

by David Nelson

Galvanized steel boxcar roofs often show signs of overspray from the painting of the car sides and ends. See prototype photo.



This look can be captured on a fully painted car (where the roof is painted the same color as the sides or ends) using masking material (I use Ambroid EZ Mask, a thick blue liquid which dries rubbery and once dry can be easily removed from the surface by lifting an edge with a fingernail or dental pick and pulling).

The model photos show the sequence. First, cotton balls, teased to a filmy gauze, are cut into very narrow strips, perhaps 1/8" to 3/16" or so. Second, a bead of EZ Mask or similar material is dabbed on around the edge of the roof of the boxcar. I use a toothpick to do this work. Third, the cotton strips are pressed very lightly into the wet masking material all around the edges of the car. Fourth, the car sides and ends are then fully masked with tape and the roof of the car is painted an aluminum color that captures the look of galvanized steel. I use gloss aluminum but only because I later apply Testors Dullcote to all my cars as part of weathering. Flat aluminum is also available.

Finally, as soon as the aluminum-colored paint is odorless I remove the tape masking and the cotton and EZ Mask -- don't wait too long to do this or the rubbery masking material becomes hardened and stubborn. In the event a bit of cotton seems stuck into the aluminum paint, a few light passes with a retractable fiberglass scratch brush (which has many weathering uses) removes it.



Above: Materials needed: Ambroid EZ Mask and cotton balls cut into very thin strips



Above: Using a Q-Tip or similar, apply the EZ Mask along the edge of the roof line.



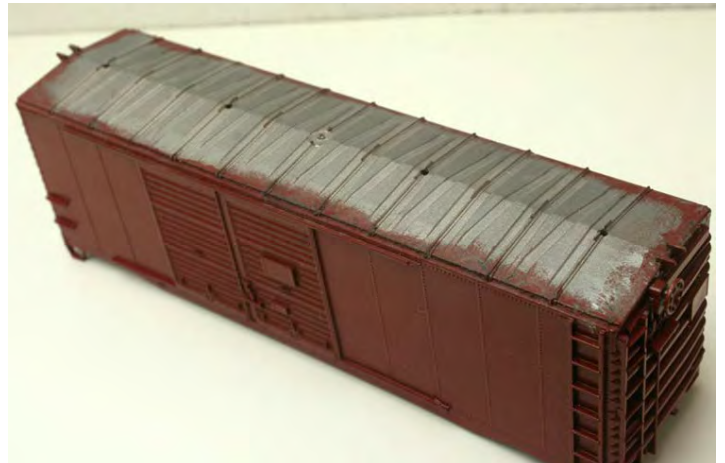
Above: Apply the cotton strips to the EZ Mask along the edges. The idea is to get a feathered effect when the paint is sprayed. Do not forget to mask the entire car



Above: It looks like whiskers, but this photo shows the car complete with the cotton applied.

Below: An example of the effect once the roof is sprayed and the cotton removed.

Below: another view of the finished car.



Midwest Region NMRA 2017 Spring Convention

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April 28, 29 & 30, 2017

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Street: _____ E-mail: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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