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Editor's Column

Anyone who ever went to a regional convention has to know Ingrid. She was the person behind the photo judging and



more often than not the ladies craft projects. Her smiling face always greeted those entering the contest room. Unfortunately, Ingrid passed away this September.

At the last BOD meeting the Ingrid Drozdack Memorial Award for Best of Show Photographs was established in honor of her dedication and commitment to the NMRA.

The Best of Show will be selected by the judges from all of the 1st Place winners. The other places in the Best of Show's category will be advanced one place forward. This award will be in the form of a plaque given to what the judges think is the best photograph.

Ingrid's position has been replaced by Walt Herrick, fellow Fox Valley member who is also the regions official photographer. Congratulations Walt.

Jim Allen has agreed to assume the position of model judge. Thanks to Gary Children for the many years he served as judge.

In order to make the contest fairer and more accessible to more members, the BOD adopted the following policy at the last BOD meeting:

Limitations & Fees

- There will be no entry fee for the contest.
- Any one entrant may submit a maximum of 10 total entries in a regional contest with a maximum of 3 entries in any one category of that contest.

Remember, no more than 10 total entries, so pick out your best and bring it along to the next regional meeting. Lets keep the new judges busy.

Speaking of the Regional Meet, Don't forget that it will be in Madison this spring. I hope to see all of you there. I will be talking about potatoes, from field to the consumer, with special emphasis on the Wood Street Potato Yard in Chicago. So if you have ever wondered where all those spuds go, stop by and hear my clinic

Also from the Board of Directors meeting at Trainfest, they are investigating the concept of a dual meet for 2019. It will be in La Crosse held jointly with the Thousand Lakes Region. Sounds like it could be a lot of fun and a chance to meet modelers outside our region. The board is even considering a tri-region event with several of our eastern neighbors. Stay tuned for details.

This year the Soo Line was the featured railroad at trainfest. Their ad agency along with the Soo Line Historical & Technical Society prepared over 30 excellent posters depicting the railroad, its freight and passenger trains and history. The show was well attended and our both garnered a lot of interest. It was a lot of work but well worth it. The Great Northern railroad will be featured in 2018.



Above: A photo our booth. If you are wondering where the people are, I took it before the show opened.

President's Report Steve Studley President, MWR

As I mentioned in the fall 2017 Issue of the Waybill, it's time for everyone to get back to spending time at their workbench and/or layout. Train-room season is here. It's great to be able to spend time working on the hobby and active modeling gives the modeler a good sense of accomplishment.

There is another side of the hobby we don't want to forget. Don't forget the social aspect of model railroading. You need to get out of the train room every once in a while and spend time with other modelers. Checking out the event calendars shows there are plenty of opportunities to do just that. From now to the end of the year there seems to be a train-related event on nearly every weekend. Regardless of whether the event is a train show, a swap meet, or a Division meet (or a combination of all three), get some friends together and go as a group to your choices of events. Again, as I mentioned last issue, attend and participate in some of these events. If there are clinics available, check them out to see what new information you can learn. Attending clinics is a great way to learn more about the hobby. As we say in our local modeling group, you are guaranteed to learn at least one new thing at any clinic you attend, even if the subject isn't directly related to your modeling interests.

Participation can also be accomplished by putting together a clinic and presenting it to other modelers. As we spend time in this hobby, we learn new techniques and often modify them to better suit our modeling needs. If this sounds familiar, then you have the information needed for your own clinic. If you are new to presentations and are unsure of how to proceed, contact your Division and ask for assistance.

There are two pieces of information from the NMRA Board of Directors meeting held at the Orlando convention I'd like to pass along to you. First is an increase in the cost of, and the duration of, future Rail Pass (RP) memberships. As of January 1, 2018, the price of an RP membership will be \$19.95 and the time period will be nine months. Second is an opportunity for Divisions to seek matching funds

Spring Board of Directors Meeting

**Radisson Hotel
217 Grand Canyon Drive
Madison Wisconsin
Sunday April 15, 2018; 10:30 am**

from National for subsidizing hands-on clinics. This is to be a one-time \$50 matching grant to an equal amount from the Division. The use would be for member retention programs or activities. More information will be forthcoming about this opportunity.

Reminder: The 2018 Midwest Region Convention, "Capitol 400", will be held in Madison, WI, April 13-15, 2018. The convention will be hosted by the South Central Wisconsin Division. For more information:

<http://www.nmrascwd.org/convention.html>.

Registration for both the convention and hotel are now open on the website.

The 2018 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show will be held in Kansas City, MO from August 5 – 12, 2018. For more information: <http://www.kc2018.org/>

In the meantime – back to the layout!

Steve

Annual Meeting of Members

**Radisson Hotel
217 Grand Canyon Drive
Madison Wisconsin
Saturday April 14, 2018; 8PM**

Front cover:

I looked for a photo that would evoke that cold winter feeling, yet celebrate Christmas. This photo was taken several years ago when the Wisconsin Southern was sponsoring the Santa Train with Soo 1003 on the front. Photo taken in Plymouth Wisconsin on a very cold winter day.

Happy Holidays to you and yours

Region News

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

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

The following members received awards:

Thomas Cain	Indianapolis, IN	Electrical
Ron Christensen	Stevensville, MI	Dispatcher
Robert McGeever	Stoughton, WI	Official
Richard Cooke	Skandia, MI	Cars
Richard Cooke	Skandia, MI	Motor Power
Fred Robinson	Richland Center, WI	Official

As always, work with your division Achievement Program Manager first, and if there is a problem, feel free to contact me.

Thanks, Jim

NMRA MIDWEST REGION CONVENTION MADISON, WISCONSIN APRIL 13-15, 2018

The Capitol 400 MidWest Region Convention will be arriving in just six months—April 13-15, 2018 in Madison, Wisconsin. There will be lots of activities to take in and we hope you get to enjoy all of your favorites. It's hard to juggle priorities with so many choices but you'll find a lot to choose from. Clinic Chair Bob Wundrock has put together a great selection of clinics that begin Friday evening and continue all day Saturday, many not seen previously. Here's just a sampling:

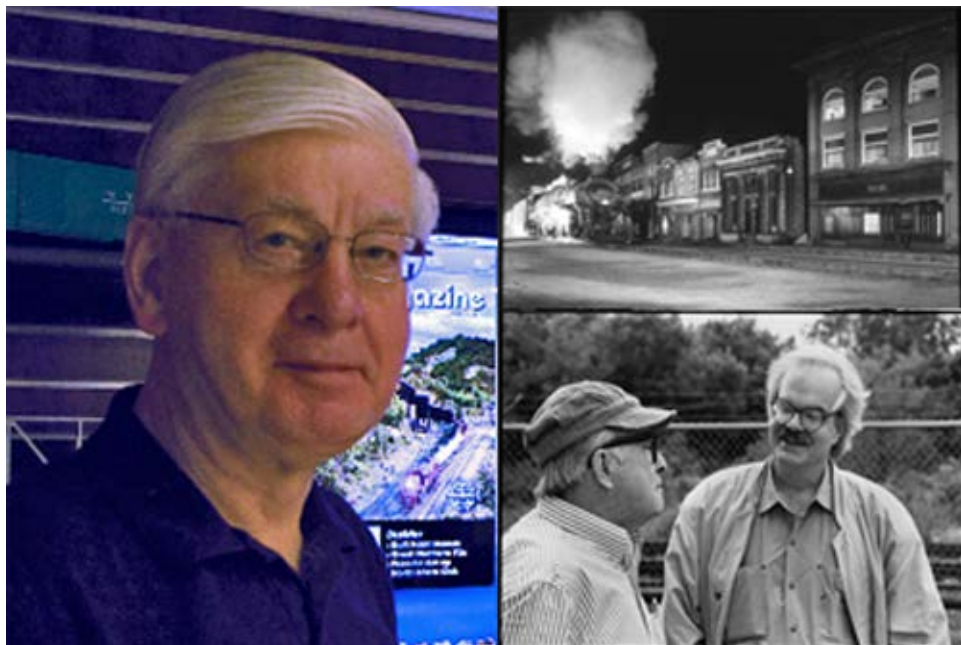
Great Lakes Shipping, Model Railroad Photography, Introduction to Arduino Micro-Controllers, three layout construction clinics, Introduction to JMRI (decoder programming), First Day of Amtrak in Chicago, Whit Tower's



Alturas & Lone Pine, Rebuilding the Rochelle Diamonds and Styrene Scratchbuilding. And these are just some of the topics.

And don't forget our two special clinics Saturday morning. MR Editor Tony Koester will give us an update on his Nickel Plate Road layout with lessons he learned in the process. Also, Tom Garver, an assistant to renowned photographer O. Winston Link will give us an in-depth look at Link's photography—not only on the N&W and not only trains—and some model railroad subjects, too. This program has not been presented to any model railroad group before and likely won't be again and has been expanded to include the modeling aspect especially for us, so you don't want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Registration is now open and the Registration Form is located online at nmra-scwd.org. Go there for detailed information and to download a copy of the Registration Form. We look forward to seeing you at the Capitol 400.



Midwest Region 2018 Ballot

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

Director-At-Large (Vote for/Check Four)

- Eric Peterson, Central Indiana Division
- Fred Henize, DuPage Division (Incumbent)
- Bob Landwehr, Fox Valley Division (Incumbent)
- Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____
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- Write-In _____

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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. "Midwest" is not your Division!!! It is your Region.

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

**Return to Midwest Region Election Committee,
c/o Jim Osborn, 2202 Bay Oaks Dr. McHenry, IL 60051-3710.
Your ballot must be received no later than Wednesday, January 31, 2018.**

2018 Election Biographies for Directors-at-Large

Yes, it is once again election time. Up for election are four seats for Director-at Large. Please vote to show your support for the region. The ballot is on page 4.

Eric Peterson, Central Indiana Division

My interest in model railroading and railroads is due to building models and attending NMRA activities with my Father in the North Central Region. I am life member and support the NMRA because it is the organization for our hobby not only providing standards, recommended practices, publications, contests, and achievement awards but more importantly the social and educational activities we enjoy.



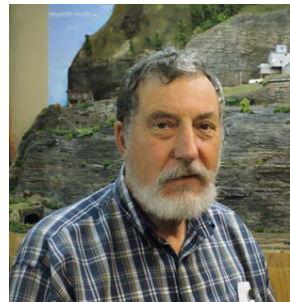
We recently moved from Jacksonville, FL to Carmel, IN to be near family. I was active in the Sunshine Region including serving as the Northern Division Superintendent and SSR Board. The Northern Division organized quarterly division meetings in the Jacksonville area including clinics, show and tell, and local club updates for area modelers. We have also had layout open houses, club visits, prototype field trip and some operating sessions.

My modeling started in HO and I have been modeling in O scale two rail since 1971. My sectional layout is now in the 6th different home due to work relocations.

I have also been active in the NMRA Achievement Program completing Author, Scenery and Electrical Certificates. I look forward to being involved on the Midwest Region.

Fred Henize, DuPage Division (Incumbent)

As most of us in the hobby of Model Railroading, I got started when I was about 8 or 9 years old with a Lionel set for Christmas. That soon grew to a layout made up of three 4



x 8 sheets of plywood. I learned how to build plaster scenery over screen wire. About the only problem I ever encountered was when I started pulling wiring thru that screen wire, and somewhere stripped some insulation. The entire railroad was hot—electrically speaking. Since then I have built layouts in HO, and now finally in N-scale.

I have been a member of the NMRA for over 25 years. In that time I have served the DuPage Division as a Director, contest committee chair, clerk, newsletter editor, assistant superintendent, as also as superintendent. I am working on the MMR certificate with three certificates completed and three more almost ready to submit for approval.

I enjoy teaching clinics for other Divisions as well as for the DuPage Division. I have also conducted clinics for the region as well as at a couple of national conventions. Having worked a few years for CSX, I also have a couple of prototype clinics I have done. I feel that my personal experiences in the hobby over the years can benefit other members of the hobby by sharing through being on the Midwest Region Board of Directors.

Bob Landwehr, Fox Valley Division (Incumbent)

Serving as Director-at-Large for the past 2 years has been a fulfilling and exciting experience. It has given me the opportunity to serve and meet the wonderful people from the Midwest Region.

I've been an active NMRA member since 2011. For the past 8 years I've been running the Fox Valley Division contests and continue to make enhancements on computerizing the Regional AP awards tracking. I completed my Volunteer AP award and have several other AP awards in the works, with an ultimate goal of obtaining a MMR.

I have always had a fascination with model railroading, whether it be building a layout or just running trains. I have this never ending enthusiasm for supporting and promoting the hobby. I would be honored to serve another term as the Midwest Region Director-at-Large.



Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division

I have been involved in model railroading on and off for more than 50 years. It started with a battery operated tinsplate set, progressed to American Flyer and settled with HO with a dabbling in On3 and G.

My career path as an Industrial Designer has allowed me to not only work in corporate and consulting offices but to also run my own freelance business. I have been involved in the designs of everything from small consumer products to heavy earth moving equipment. As a freelance designer I have been able to combine my passions for design and model railroading. Alco Models, McKeen Models, Overland, Walthers, Circuitron, Magnuson Models, and GCLaser are just a few of the companies in the Model Railroad Industry that I have done design, drafting, pattern work, model building, and diorama design and construction.

As a NMRA member I have participated in and placed in a number of National and Regional Convention model contests. I have achieved an AP Certificate for Model Railroad Author, Master Builder-Motive Power, Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer and Association Official.

What is important to me as a Director is to promote the NMRA and build membership. In an attempt to accomplish this goal the Fox Valley Div., in cooperation with the Du Page Div., have been manning a NMRA membership table at the monthly Du Page train Show. With our Timesaver switching layout and our commercial display we have been able to draw enough attention to generate new interest in the NMRA, especially among younger modelers. I will continue this effort especially with the 20 thru 40 year old age group who will be the future of the NMRA.

RIGHT: Eric Peterson explaining a detail on one of his highly detailed modules of Mineral Point Wisconsin and vicinity.

He brought this module to this years Michiana Conference held each fall on the campus of Notre Dame University in South Bend. It is an excellent conference and I highly recommend it. Eric is also running for Director-at-Large.



Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale 2018 February 17 & 18

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all to our next Mad City show. Our staff is all in place to see that all goes well and our show meets all of your expectations.

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The show is located on the south of Madison WI at the Alliant Energy Center just off Hwy 12 & 18. Show Hours are Feb. 17th 9 – 5 and Feb 18th 9 – 4. For more information visit to our web site www.nmra-scwd.org.

Paul Mangan,
Mad City Volunteer Coordinator



Neal Thomas has prepared a slide show of the Michiana Modeling like a Pro conference to give you an idea of what to expect. [CLICK HERE to download a PDF of 30+ photos.](#) Thanks Neil for the submission.

CATCH THE TRAINS!



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\$1 off advanced sale tickets—available at local hobby shops—see Web site for locations



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