

**1985 Spring**

## **AUCTION NEWS**

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Those of you who attend conventions have already noticed that the Midwest Region is experiencing decreasing attendance at regional conventions. As a result of this decline the Region's income has dropped significantly. As Chairman of the MWR Ways and Means Committee, my goal has been to identify fund raising activities.

Starting with the Spring 1985 convention, I am asking that every model railroader who has rolling stock lettered for his private line donate one (1) car to the auction. All proceeds will go to the MWR.

I would like to thank Bill Lorence, MMR, for getting the ball rolling by donating one of his cars at the Merrillville convention. If more MWR members could follow his example, our treasurer would be smiling once again.

**Alan Potts, MMR**

## **GREG KONRAD BECOMES the 19<sup>th</sup> MMR in the Midwest Region.**

### **MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #111 GREGORY F. KONRAD**

Greg started in the hobby at seven when his parents bought a GE freezer and received a Lionel train set as a bonus. By age ten, Greg was modeling in HO. In the next six years, model trains and a successful slot car racing venture had taken place. When the slot car hobby died out in the area, he returned to his HO trains.

Four years ago Greg and his wife, Jeannette, changed to O scale. Until recently, Greg had a hobby shop in Oshkosh, Wis. Greg and Jeannette are both members of the NMRA and are now building a layout in their new home in the country. Wisconsin winters give them (hopefully) the time to get going on the layout.

Greg is a member of the technical staff for the Badger Air Brush Co. He spends most of his year traveling to model railroad conventions, giving clinics on model airbrush painting. The rest

of his time is spent on advertising and developing new products. As a board member for the Midwest Region and the Winnebago Division, Greg still finds time to help friend, Jim Hammer, with promotions for the NMRA.

The hobby of model railroading has given Greg the opportunity to meet many new friends and he looks forward to meeting many more. He feels that the hobby of model railroading is the kind of hobby that the more you give to it, the more you receive from it. He holds AP Certificates in Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil, Volunteer, and Author.



**Greg Konrad**

# **MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS**

**by Bill Ehlert**

## 1985 Spring MWR President Bob Moscal "President's Notes"

We missed all those that could not make the fall convention 'Hooserail Connection' because it was a lot of fun and there were a goodly amount of layouts available for everyone. There was something for everyone and the board THANKS Frank Cassman and his crew for a job well done.

As you can see from the from the center of this issue we are looking forward to having a successful spring convention in Arlington Heights, featuring a very nominal registration of \$10.00. Please see details elsewhere in this issue.

The region has lost the Waybill Editor due to a job promotion and move to Washington D. C.. We will miss him and wish him the best of everything in his new endeavours. The board is looking for a replacement for Tom we will be happy to discuss the position with those who might be interested. The treasurer has also resigned due to personel reasons and we wish John the best in the future. The board is looking to replace the treasurer and would also like to discuss this position with interested parties.

On one final and sad note Christ Pantos Chairman of the "Chicago '83 Limited" convention suffered a heart attack and passed away just prior to Christmas. I express the very deepest sympathy to his family from all of the Midwest Region board.

Bob

## 1983 Spring

## Candidates

### For President

#### PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCSKAI

#### GOIN' HOME

Bob resides in Arlington Heights with his wife and son. He works as a computer consultant.

He had served as a Director-at-Large and as Superintendent of the Fox Valley Division. He also aided in putting on the conventions of '75, '76, and '79 and now is serving as the "Highball '85" MWR Convention chairman.

If re-elected President of the MWR he intends to carry on the traditions that has made this Region what it is and what it stands for today. With your help he'll be able to serve you in the best possible way to keep this Region one of the most outstanding in the NMRA.

### For Vice President

#### VICE-PRESIDENT

RICHARD CECIL

Dick resides in Milwaukee and is the Assistant Superintendent to the Wisconsin Southeast Division. Dick had served for 4 years on the MWR board as Director at Large. He is currently the Regional Convention Chairman, a post he has held since 1980. He has volunteered to be the convention chairman for the 1985, 50th Annivention. If Dick is elected he indicated he would continue as the convention chairman. He strongly believes that the regional conventions are the most important service offered to our members and pledges to improve their quality.

### For Director at Large

#### DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

CHARLES J. DYXIN

CHARLES resides with his wife in Chicago and has been a member of the NMRA since 1948. Charles has served the MWR AS Model Contest Chairman for several years in the early '80's and has been helping to judge contest for many years. He has helped with the national contest rules in the '60's and the MWR contest rules in the '70's. If elected to the post of Director-at-Large, he hopes to help the region in planning and administering model contest and will serve the President in any he request.

#### ERNEST RIZZUTO

Ernest has been modeling 22 years, and an NMRA member for 8 years. He has served CAL-DIV as advisor to the board and Chief Clerk. Ernie worked for the Rock Island for 10 years as a towerman. He likes kitbashing, painting and photography.

#### LAWRENCE M. LEWIS

Lawrence(Larry) M. Lewis resides in St. Anne, Ill and is a mechanical engineer. He was the Calumet Division, member of the NMRA promotion department and contest judge for the MWR-NMRA. He feels that we are losing too many members because the cost of being a member is out of hand. He would like to see at least one region meet conducted at a bare bones price.



**NEW PUBLISHER FOR WAYBILL  
WAYBILL IS LATE.....VOTE NOW!  
SPRING CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE**

**NEW WAYBILL PUBLISHER**

My name is Albert W. Krueger ( "awk" ), I was appointed WAYBILL publisher on November 3rd at Rails Across the Prairie by the MIDWEST REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Several changes had to be made in the publication of the WAYBILL. It had been published three times a year. However since the MWR doesn't charge dues this proved to be a killer for the treasury. Therefore the WAYBILL will be published semi-annually.

Since there was no WAYBILL for Fall '85 this issue will contain news of the '85 spring meets contest winners also.

Due to the out going publisher, Tom Maladecki, moving out of the MWR abruptly, sadly some WAYBILL records were lost. If you had a article submitted to Tom and it has not yet been published please send me a copy. I received no articles with the layout boards. Also missing were the advertising records. Lacking any other choice issue this will be termed the end of all past ad agreements. Please contact me or the Publication Manager if you will to place an ad in the WAYBILL. Due to our tender financial health your ads are needed and wanted.

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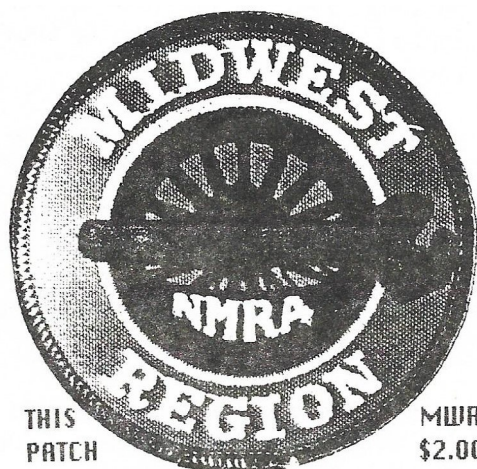
The Region Board has received our new MWR Patch which you will see advertised elsewhere in this issue. We think that it turned out much better than expected and that the limited supply will be sold out in a short period of time. So, if you want to have one of these beauties you will need to act quickly!!!

I am very happy to announce that we have a new publication manager by the name of Greg Konrad and a new WAYBILL editor by the name of Albert W. Krueger.

I wish these gentlemen every success with their new endeavor and ask that each member of the region support their position and consider sending articles, birth announcements, pictures, or any other type of prototype, model, or non-model bits to the editor and help make the WAYBILL the source of information for the region members. Also, please send in all of your divisional activities for the region calendar of events of you divisional activities for the region calendar of events located on page 4. We also have a new region photographer who goes by the name of Paul Allodi and you will be seeing him at conventions imprinting the region history on film. So you will be seeing some exciting innovations coming your way in the WAYBILL.

The Midwest Region Board of Directors and the entire region membership wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Jackie Herling and family on the loss of former Region Treasurer, Don Herling. Don unexpectedly passed away December 24, 1985. The region will miss Madison Mack for he gave many hours of hard work and brought enjoyment to many within our organization.

Bob



## 1986 Spring (1985 Rails Across the Prairie MWR Convention)



A group of Railettes gather 'round the Door Prize table at the Awards Banquet.

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Tom Boyd presents Jack Andrews with the Best of Show - Novice Modeler Award at the '85 Rails across Prairie, MWR Fall Convention.



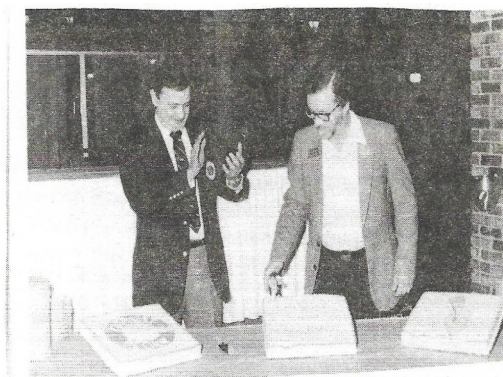
Bob Moskal presents Paul Allodi with the Best of Show - Photography Award as Contest Chairman Harold Krewer looks on.



Charlie Dyhin, Sr. receives the Badger Air Brush Award from Badger Representative and WinnebagoLand Division member Greg Konrad MMR.



Charles Dyhin, Sr. receives the Best of Show - Master Model Railroader Award from MWR Contest Chairman Tom Boyd.



President Bob Moskal applauds as Vice President and Regional Convention Chairman Dick Cecil cuts the first piece of the MWR 40th Anniversary cake.



PRESIDENTS REPORT  
BY Bob Moskal

As you read this copy of the WAYBILL, it means the beginning of a new season in Model Railroading. We have had a whole summer to spot trains, chase our favorites, and look over areas we intend to model on our pikes during the dull-drums of the winter season.

This new season also gives us the opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with all the friends we left in the spring and start new friendships as the new members begin to attend our gatherings at the local division level.

We will have the chance of greeting those new modelers and assist them in becoming acquainted with our division and what we are all about. Take these new members and show them around by introducing them to others and help them find those in their specific interest area, whether it is just starting in the hobby or as a veteran modeler. Try to get these new members interested in our activities such as the region conventions and bring them along to enjoy some of our hospitality and become active in future activities.

We are fast approaching another convention period and our next event is being sponsored by the DU PAGE Division and they are planning an exciting time for all who attend. I do hope to see many of you at the event and please bring a friend.

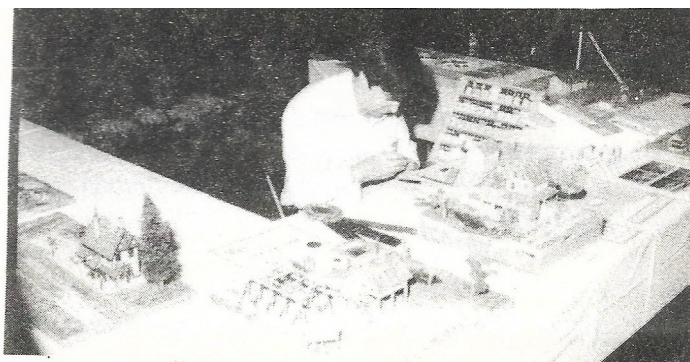


Charlie Dyxin looks on as a potential NMRA member signs up for a drawing for a Headquarters Building kit. Action took place at the 2-day Model RR show at the Hawthorne Mall in Vernon Hills, IL.



**1986 Fall**

**Misc. Published Pictures Fall 1986**



MWR member Bill Vinekour surrounded by examples of his structure building prowess as he demonstrates some of his techniques for the public at the Hawthorne Mall show.



MWR President Bob Moskal and MWR Board member Charlie Dyxin man the NMRA booth at the Hawthorne Mall Model RR show in June at Vernon Hills, IL

**1987 Spring and Fall Waybills**

**Promoted the Golden Spike Award and convention.**

## **1988 Spring**

**The Central Indiana Division will host the Fall MWR Convention**

**The Calumet Division Celebrated 25 years**

## **1988 Fall**



The South Central Wisconsin Division celebrated its 25th Anniversary at the Spring Convention 1988. Pictured are Dave Donkel, Bill Ehlert, and Don Swinton. Photo by Paul Allodi.

## **1989 Spring**

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## 1989 Spring

### JOHN TESCH MEMORIAL AWARD

At the Fall Region Convention in the Quad Cities the first annual John Tesch Memorial Award will be given. The award will honor the memory of the late John Tesch who gave many hours of time to the hobby, to the MWR Region and the Fox Valley Division. His N gauge layout was one of the finest.

The criteria for the award is as follows:

- \* The award will be made for the most innovative "N" scale diorama or model.

- \* The modeler must be an NMRA member and is or has been actively involved in the NMRA organization at any level: e.g. officer, helper at functions, judge, showing or participating at shows, etc. This will be determined by the Contest Chairman.

The first award at the Quad Cities Convention will be made by Mrs. Peggy Tesch. The award will be presented at each Fall MWR Region Convention thereafter.

### NEW STAMP ISSUE TO COMMEMORATE RAILROAD UNION PIONEER

(Condensed from an article in the Chicago Sun Times.) A 25-cent Black Heritage stamp will be released in New York City Feb. 3rd. honoring A. Philip Randolph, for years the most prominent, respected and indefatigable voice for the rights of minority labor.

The stamp will be of large commemorative size vertically arranged, dominated by a head and shoulder portrait of Randolph, with a smaller image of a train of Pullman cars and three sleeping car porters superimposed on the lower part of the design.

Randolph won his 12 year campaign to organize the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1937 with the first contract ever signed between a white employer and a black labor leader. In the next decade the brotherhood was America's preeminent black political institution with Randolph its eloquent spokesman.

## 1989 Spring

### WINNEBAGOLAND LOOSES FOUNDING MEMBER

The WinnebagoLand Division lost one of its founding members and most beloved supporters December 24, 1988, when Westley L. Foshay, 86, of Oshkosh, Wi. passed away. "Uncle Wes" as he was known to many in the Division, missed very few of our meets even after moving to Bethel Home where he resided for the last 5 or 6 years. He was a member of the Oshkosh Model Railroad Club, The National Railroad Historical Society, (Northwoods Chapter), The Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, and served on the boards of the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay and the WLD. Mr. Foshay will be memorialized by the Division in the form of a special contest award at division meets.

WALLY ROGERS  
SUPER, WINNEBAGOLAND



1989 Fall

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**1990 Spring**

**Bill Ehlert runs for Central Area VP**



**MWR PRESIDENT  
RUNS FOR  
CENTRAL AREA VP**

Bill Ehlert MMR, MWR President, will be on the Spring National ballot for Central Vice-President. He is completing his second term as Region President and has served on the National level for 10 years as AP National Chairman.

He feels strongly that the National should develop closer ties with the Regions by developing program in education, dues, and better member support. It is only in this direction that the hobby of model railroading can be strengthened and become a hobby for all ages.

Bill feels that service on the Executive Council can be a means whereby some of his ideas and goals can be carried out. He would appreciate MWR members votes for Central Vice-President in the coming Spring election.

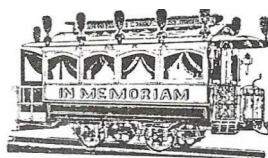


## 1990 Spring



At the Rocket to the Quad Cities Convention the Illinois Valley Division celebrated its 25th anniversary. Pictured right to left are Marion Brasher first IVD Super, Harold Krever, the present IVD Super, and Bill Ehler MWR Region President. Picture by P.B. Allodi.

## 1990 Spring



### IN MEMORIAM

We wish to bid farewell to our members who have reached the end of their run. Our sympathies to the families they left behind.

NOLL ANDREW	CHESTERFIELD, IN.
GEERT BELING	WAUKESHA, WI.
RIEFORD BUNCH	INDIANAPOLIS, IN.
EUGENE BURRELL	ELKHART, IN.
ROBERT FISHER	N. LIBERTY, IN.
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RICHARD SMITH	ORLAND PARK, IL.
DONALD SOVERN	INDIANAPOLIS, IN.
JOHN TOTTEN	RANTOUL, IL.
CHUCK WAGNER	BELOIT, WI.

### SPECIAL NOTE

Lyle Litzer was a member of the MWR BOD and Super of the Winnabagoland Division from May 1980 to April 1984 and a member of the Midwest Narrow Gaugers for many years. He was General Chairman of the Green Bay Convention.

Geert Beling was a charter member of the NMRA and a member of the Midwest Narrow Gaugers.

LARRY LEWIS  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



## 1991 Spring

## Running for MWR Office

### RESUMES

#### PALMER KLOSTER MMR (PRES.)

Palmer is a life member and has earned his MMR holding 8 certificates. At the Regional level he has been Director at Large and is presently Vice President as well as Editor of the WAYBILL for the last 4 years. He has judged at many contests and given clinics at all levels including National. At the Division level he has been Trainmaster, Chief Clerk, and is presently Paymaster. His Victorian Street portable layout has been seen at many Midwest shows.

Palmer would like to see more participation of the MMR members in Regional and Divisional activities. We are the largest Region in the NMRA and one of the two that does not have a dues structure. He hopes to keep it this way even though costs are rising rapidly. We must service "ALL" the members not just those who pay an extra fee. As your trustee on the National BOT, Palmer will work for reorganization to make the NMRA a closer nit and more meaningful group.

#### TOM MALADECKI (PRES.)

I've served at the Divisional level as Superintendent of the Rock River Valley Division, chairman of the 1990 spring convention, and recipient of a Golden Spike award. At the Regional level, I've served three terms as Director-at-Large, was Publications Chairman, Editor of the WAYBILL, have given clinics and judged various model contests. I teach model railroading courses at Kishwaukee College.

I love model railroading. NMRA can have a principle role in the model railroading hobby; acting as the primary conduit to meeting other modelers and sharing knowledge. Since the individual modeler is the backbone of the hobby, we must identify, define, and quantify the modeler's expectations and match those with NMRA capabilities to ensure modeler satisfaction. Our primary purpose is to create an environment that attracts and retains modelers to NMRA.

#### JERRY THOMPSON (DAL)

Jerry, a life member of NMRA, lives in Plymouth, WI, and works for the Aid Association for Lutherans. He is a member of the 1000+, the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society, the Plymouth Model Railroad Club, President of the Plymouth Part-time and Auxiliary Police Dept., President of the Sheboygan County Association of Life Underwriters, member of the Plymouth Library BOD, and the Plymouth Optimist Club.

We can no longer rely on chance that some of the general public will take a liking to model railroading due to his/her railroad experiences. We must promote our hobby ourselves. We all benefit from new growth. Encourage a friend to attend a club meeting or show your layout to a neighborhood boy. Remember, bonfires are started with just a single spark. Let's spark that new person with MODEL RAILROADING before another hobby gets a jump on us.

#### JOHN A. DROZDAK (DAL)

John is 35 and has been a NMRA member for the last 13 years. During this time he has served the North Shore & Western Division for 4 years as Program Chairman, 2 terms as Assistant Superintendent, and 1 term as Superintendent. During his term as Superintendent, he became more interested in working with the Board and helping other members of various Divisions around him. In 1983 he set up the entire layout tour for the Fall Region convention, and was co-chairman of the layout tour for the "Junction '90" convention.

Currently he is a member of the North Shore & Western, Fox Valley, and DuPage Divisions. He is also a 5 year member of the Rock Island Technical Society and helps at local shows and R.I.T.S. conventions.

### COVER

The Ceskomorska engine at the LaPorte Steam Historical Society at Hesston, In. is being coaled up by hand during one of its summer trips. Photograph by Palmer Kloster MMR.

#### LARRY LEWIS (DAL)

Larry, a Life Member, served the National as a member of the Promotion Dept. and Book Reviewer for the library. He has served the Midwest Region as Director at Large, Division Trustee, Chairman of the Membership and Rerail Committee, and as a model contest and Achievement Award judge. He has served as Superintendent, Chief Clerk, and Paymaster of the Calumet Division. Larry has given clinics at both Regional, and Divisional levels. He was awarded the Purdue Model Railroad Club's Bronze Key for outstanding service while attending the university and graduating as a Mechanical Engineer.

Larry would like to see the page count of the WAYBILL increased to 12 pages from the current 10 and previous 8. The last increase in our mailing costs makes the idea of a third issue unlikely at this time. In the last 3-1/2 years the average WAYBILL was 9 pages. More material needs to be sent to the Editor to make this page increase come about. The deadline for the Fall issue will be about July 15, 1991.

#### RAY SOMMERFELDT (DAL)

Ray is 32 years old and single. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville in the field of Agricultural Education in 1980. He is employed by Pioneer Hi-Bred at Janesville Research Station.

He has been in the hobby for 10, years and an NMRA member for the last 3 years.

#### JIM WILHITE (VP)

I have served four terms as Superintendent of the Central Indiana Division, and have been chairman and co-chairman of three successful "INDY" conventions. I have earned the "GOLDEN SPIKE" award, have given clinics at Division and Region levels, and had one article published in the "MODEL RAILRUADER".

I would like to help the organization serve the existing membership at all levels and attract new members to the organization and the hobby.

## 1991 Fall

**Palmer Kloster was elected MWR President. He was and had been the Waybill Editor for the past five years. Due to his new position, he is asking for someone to take over Editor duties.**

## 1991 Fall SERVICE AWARDS

HAROLD KREWER, CHAIRMAN



### SERVICE AWARDS SPRING 1991

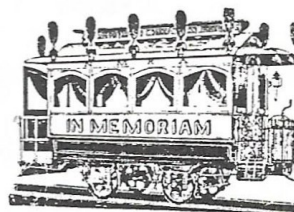
President, Bill Ehlert MMR, gave three Service Awards at the Banquet at the Milwaukee Spring Convention in May 1991.

JAN YOUNG, for many years of service in setting up and running the auction at each convention.

BOB MOSKAL, for all the years of helping and the excellent job of Treasurer of the MWR.

LARRY LEWIS, for the many hours spent and excellence in handling the Promotion duties of the Region.

## IN MEMORIAM



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PAUL CALLAHAM LAKE FOREST, IL  
W.L. ELMLUND MT. PROSPECT, IL  
WILLIAM L. ELROD PEKIN, IN  
GORDON S. JOHNSON CHICAGO, IL  
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LARRY LEWIS  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



## **THE DERAIL**

The Midwest Region starts a new year at an all time high in member-ship. With the December totals there are now 3080 in the Region. This still makes us the largest Region in the NMRA. This rise is due in large part to all those who helped with the recruitment at the Trade Show at the O'Hare Expo Center last November.

I was gratified with the response to my plea for a new editor for the WAYBILL to replace me. There were four responses. I chose Keith McMillen of the DuPage Division as he has a background in journalism and the equipment to handle the operation and most important the eagerness to do the job. I think he will be a great asset to the Region.

I appointed Jan Young of the WISE Division, officially, as the Region's auction chairman and Capt. Albert Nelson of the Winnebago Division as the Boy Scout Chairman. This last position is to work with the scouting model railroad achievement badge.

I wish to thank all those who worked at the DuPage Division's Fall Regional Convention last October. Those who attended had a good time.

If you didn't attend, attend the next one in Madison, Wi. this coming May. At these conventions is where you can get to meet others of your interest, see what others do with their model railroads, and learn from the clinics how to be better modelers. This is our service to you.

I hope that in this new year that you and your family will prosper and so will your modeling. See you at Madison this May and don't forget to vote.

**PALMER KLOSTER MMR  
MWR PRESIDENT**

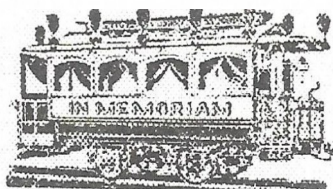


# NMRA Scouting Merit Badge

Capt. Albert D. Nelson

The Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge program is underway in the Midwest Region. After correspondence with Mr. Belding H. McCurdy, National Coordinator and discussion with MWR President Palmer Kloster and Achievement Program Chairman Alan Potts, the Board of Directors meeting of Oct 13, 1991 witnessed the creation of a "Scouting Merit Badge" ad hoc committee. Yours truly will be serving as regional coordinator, and as such will be committee chairman. I did not seek this position at the time I first wrote to Mr. McCurdy. I was interested in becoming a merit badge counselor, but Mr. McCurdy suggested I might help in the organization job ahead and informed me that he would transmit this suggestion to Mr. Potts. The regional convention in October soldered the connections with the above accomplish-

ment



## In Memorium

We wish to bid farewell to our members who have reached the end of their run. Our sympathies to the families they left behind.

Allen Bollmeier

Harry E. Bondurant

Charter Member

Ralph S. Hutton

R. F. Kern

Donald J. Lower

Gordon D. Odegard

Ralph W. Smith

Belleville, IL

Wauwatosa, WI

Indianapolis, IN

Caledonia, WI

Hampshire, IL

Waukesha, IL

Hickory Hills, IL

It is my turn to call for help. Many of you have family members, neighbors and friends that are presently serving our youth as Scoutmasters or Cubmasters, Girl Scout or Brownie leaders, camp counselors and advisors in scouting and other organizations. Now is the time for model railroads of the Midwest Region to stand and be recognized. Better yet, sit and write a short note to me if you are interested in becoming a division coordinator and/or merit badge counselor. At this writing date (Nov. 13, 1991) we need a division coordinator for each division except for South Central Wisconsin Division. We need local counselors throughout each division for close proximity and availability to work directly with the scouts. This can be a very gratifying experience and also rewarding because you will earn points toward your association volunteer certificate, relative to the time and effort involved. Position duties and point awards as follows:

Division Coordinator - 1 point per month.

- a. Establish counselor listing for division and keep up to date with monthly additions and deletions.
- b. Verify counselor points and forward to region coordinator for records.

Counselor - 1 point per month and 2 points per scout certification.

- a. Certify scouts for merit badge.
- b. Report certification to local scout office and division coordinator.

The following is taken from the Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Counseling pamphlet. "Your job is to satisfy yourself that each scout who comes to you meets all the requirements for the merit badge. In this sense you are an examiner. But, your larger opportunity lies in coaching - helping the scout over the different hurdles of the requirements and making him aware of the deeper aspects of the subject from your knowledge and experience."

Now, that doesn't sound too difficult does it? Believe me, it is neither difficult nor excessively time consuming. For a more in depth background on this article please refer to page 6 of the Sept. 1991 issue of the NMRA Bulletin. Boy Scouts need your help! Take time today or tonight. Drop me a line. I will answer letters in order of receipt with further information. Advise me of the position you are interested in, your division and of course your address and phone number. Thank you.

Send your responses to:

Capt. Albert D. Nelson

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Manitowoc, WI 54220

**1992 Fall**

**It was announced by MWR President Palmer Kloster that  
Treasurer Bob Moskal unexpectedly passed away.**

**1993 Spring**

**Bob Moskal AWARD**

**New Award Created**

The Midwest Region of the NMRA has announced the formation of the Robert Moskal Memorial Award. The award is actually two awards, one for each of the region conventions. The spring award will be for excellence in modeling and the fall award will be for photography. A special fund has been established to support these awards. The first award, for excellence in modeling, will be given at the Spring '93 convention, SmilePost '93, in Arlington Heights. Bob's widow, Judy and his son, Robert will be the judges for the special award.

Anyone wishing to help support this award can make a donation to the Moskal Memorial Fund. Contest Chairman Tom Boyd's wife Sandy is handling the fund through a special account at the McHenry State Bank, where she works. You may send your donations to:

Sandy Boyd  
3117 Bretons Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Attn: Moskal Award

The checks should be made out to:  
Moskal Memorial Fund.



## **1993 Spring    RALPH WEHLITZ BECOMES AN MMR!**



### **MWR Welcomes New MMR**

Ralph Wehlitz, front center, is the Midwest Region's newest Master Model Railroader. In this photo he is surrounded by other MMR's. From left to right Bill Ehlert, Don Manlick, Thomas Eckstein, Al Potts, Palmer Kloster.

Also William Leider and Charlie Dyxin were awarded Master Model Railroader status since the spring '92 convention. Congratulations to all Achievement Program participants.

**As of the date of compiling this Waybill history, I, John Coy, current President of the MWR (2025), have no 1994 Waybills.**