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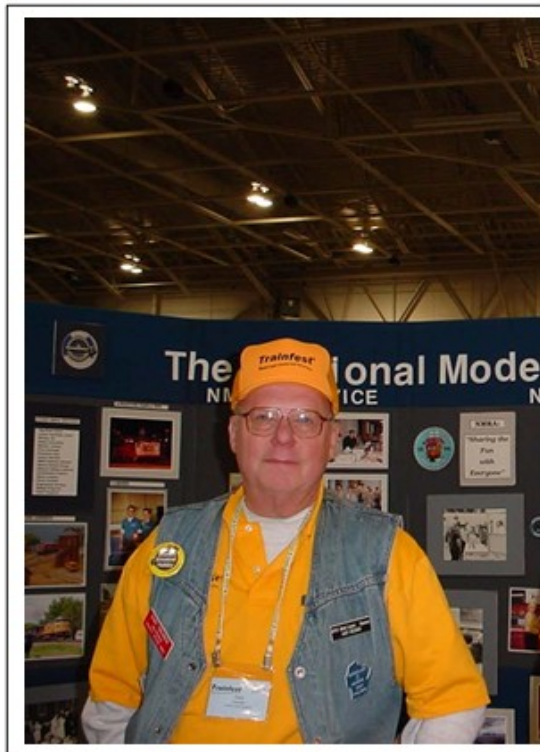
Mid West Region NMRA



**MWR President Dick Cecil Presents Al Kohut with the AP certificates for Dispatcher, Scenery and Electrical while visiting the Noblesville Meet.
Left to right: Bill Myers, AP Chair, Al Kohut & Dick Cecil**

It's Regional Board Election Time again!

Following are the photos and bios of the 2005 election candidates in the order that they appear on the ballot.



Gary E. Children – Candidate for position of President of Midwest Region of NMRA
My name is Gary E. Children and I'd like to tell you a little about myself. I am a married 62 year old S Scaler and life member of the NMRA since 1964. I've been active in the region since 1989. I have been a DAL for about eight years, a Model Contest Chairman, and am finishing up my second term as Midwest Region Vice President. I am also a BOD Member, Boy Scout Merit Chairman for railroading and Assistant Membership Chairman in the WISE

Division. I have done clinics at the division, regional and national levels.

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There have been many changes in the region since 1989. I work with a group of good people, DALs and presidents. Our last president got our newsletter, *The Waybill*, out in a timely manner with an editor that holds to a timetable, so the region's membership knows what is going on. Work is going on to get 501©3 for nonprofit with the IRS. This will help us in the way we work. The long-term plan that was voted on by the NMRA membership hopes it works to make things easier between the regions and national.

With the help of DALs, past presidents and a good secretary, I hope to keep improving the region. The region is not the work of one person, but a group of people working together to improve and get a lot done within the region and bring it to the next level. If you have an idea or complaint, bring it up to the board. Also, bring some ideas on how to fix any problems. With

support, as your president, we can work together, division to region.

One of the things that I got to do at the WISE Division's Trainfest is to bring the Boy Scout Merit Badge Switching Game. This is for the next generation of model railroaders to learn how to handle a transformer and move engines and cars around to the right place on the board. Those that did well got a car kit or a Walther's train catalog. This generated a lot of interest and a lot of the parents said that this is something the entire family can do together. I was thanked more than once for this little step that will start young kids on their way to model railroading. It was fun to see the kids, the future generation of model railroaders, moving cars around a small layout. I got asked a lot of questions on the switching layout, especially on the complexity of doing a switch layout. This is where I got to hand out a lot of information on the switching layout, which is relatively easy to make, as well as information on the region. The best feeling is knowing that the entire family can be part of model railroading and that they can do it together.

I am happy to see we have some people running for offices in the region. When you receive your ballot in the mail, please vote. This election is very important so we can keep improving the region.

Thank you,

Gary E. Children
Candidate for President of the Midwest
Region of the NMRA



Reid Kahrs - I joined the NMRA after the attending the 1985 convention held in Milwaukee. During the past 15 years, I have been a WISE Division board member serving as assistant superintendent (five years) and superintendent (four years). The last four years I have been the WISE Division chief clerk and also a delegate-at-large for the Midwest Region. My term as DAL will end in April, 2005. I was the chairman for the 2004 region convention, Milwaukee Express, and am currently serving as the NMRA Midwest region trustee with that term expiring in June. I am a member of the Milwaukee Road Historical Association and belong to Operations SIG.

My wife, Chip, and I usually attend region conventions, and enjoy getting together with fellow model railroaders and their spouses in the area. We also have attended many NMRA national conventions throughout the past 15 years or so. These travels have taken us all over the US, and while seeing the country, we have also seen a variety of modeling ideas and met some wonderful people.

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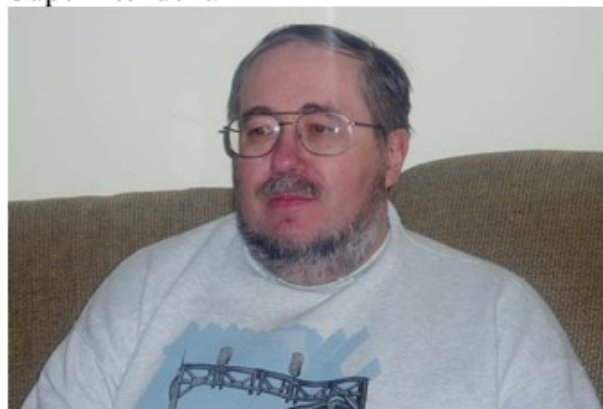
For 37 years I was employed by the City of Milwaukee as a civil engineering Technician. My retirement from the City took place in March of 2000. Since retirement from the City I have been employed by "Making the Grade, Inc.", a company that does construction layout. My wife and I lived in the City of Milwaukee until I retired and now live in Colgate, Wisconsin. During the years since moving here I have been preparing the basement for my layout. A big plus in my current job is that I don't work during the wonderful Wisconsin winter which gives me four months during which I can work on my railroad full time. I have been operating on three home layouts during the past 8 to 10 years until I can get my own layout running.

In the past I was an officer of a State-wide bowling tournament. I was the Secretary-Treasurer for 6 years, and scheduled the bowling, and collected and distributed all the money involved with the tournament. I served as an officer for another 6 years until I became President. I am also an avid auto race fan, enjoying watching and attending races. Another past time of mine is playing tennis two to three times a week. My wife and I have 5 grown children and 4 grandchildren with whom we enjoy spending time.

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My name is **Randy Williamson** and I am running for vice-president of the Midwest Region. I have been an NMRA member for 20 years and a life member for 12 years. I have been involved with the Winnebago Division for 19 years, serving various

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Joel Lebovitz – (No bio submitted)

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Bob Lehn – (No bio submitted)

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Lynn Jasch - I joined the NMRA in 2001 and have been active in the Winnebago Division where I am currently on the Board of Directors and Convention Chairman. I was also on the committee for the 2003 Spring Region Convention, TitleTown Express, in Green Bay.

At this time I am a member of the Wisconsin Michigan Model Railroad Club, Soo Line Historical & Technical Society and the Chicago & Northwestern Historical Society.

The one thing I am most noted for in the Region is making cookies, for those that know me I am the Cookie Lady.

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Barb Rothwell (Incumbent) – I have been an active member with the SCWD, (and the region), serving as a past and present editor of the Divisions' publication (the "BAD

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ORDER”), served 3 terms as SCWD Photo Contest Chair, worked on the past three SCWD roster/directories, served as Chair of the Rail School, and volunteered at the SCWD Rail Shows, and Swap Meets.

I’ve served as assistant Superintendent, taking over the reins as Superintendent in mid-year. I’ve also served as the Inside Committee Co-Chair for the 1997 NMRA National Convention.

I have always loved trains, whether they were the real things, or models. I never miss an opportunity to watch or ride trains, not to mention working on, or operating on layouts.

One of the best things about modeling is the ability to share the techniques and things I’ve learned about modeling with other modelers. I hope that you’ll be able to check out our layout when it’s open at the regional convention this April. Even if you’ve seen it before, there are a lot of new structures, scenery and track changes.

I’m currently a Director at Large for the MWR, working on the Youth Committee, MW Regional Waybill Editor, and I also chair the Publications Committee.

As this year’s Chair for the Lake Junction 2005 MWR convention I hope you’ll come to the convention, and also cast a vote for me to continue serving the MWR. Thank you.

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President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

I would like to thank all of you for electing me as your Region President.

Special thanks to our former President Richard Cecil, Region Secretary Bert Lattan, and Member Chairmen Ron Scharping, for their work on the proposed Region Constitution and By Law changes per NMRA National guide lines, within the timeline set by the NMRA.

Your board has been busy working on procedures to comply with national by September 1, 2005.

Please take time to look at our new listing of the Region's, Officer's Director's and Committee Chair's. Some of these people are

from your Division, and have taken the time to serve on the Region Board. Thank you!

If you have any concerns about Region activities, please let me, or your Superintendent know. We appreciate your concern, and hope that you can come up with ideas for changes, and also think about running in the next spring election.

Enjoy the summer rail watching, and maybe put something together for a Division clinic. If you have the time, attend the national convention. I hope to see you at a Division meet, and maybe you can attend another Division's meet. Just check the Waybill for the time and place. Also, send any division information to or Waybill Editor. Your Waybill is one way to check out what other Division's are doing .

Have a good summer Gary

LAKE JUNTION CONVENTION PHOTOS



Don Swinton in front of his layout.



Paul Mangan & Dennis Prox at the Rothwell's operating session.

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Convention Photos

Dick Cecil presents certificates to:



Barb Rothwell, AP-Author



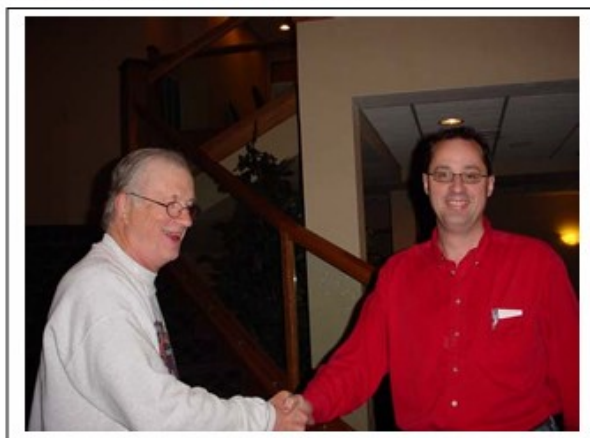
Bob Boomsma, AP – Volunteer



Sean Lamb, AP – Author



Dave Casey, President's Award



David Poquette, AP - Electrical



Gary Children reads the contest winners.

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Now that we are into the months when we spend more time inside, great for doing wiring on stop-n-go lights, or the campfire for the hobo camp for realism. Time to make it appear that the railroad cop can get there before the wooden trestle starts on fire.

I recently took a trip up to Rhinelander, for their one-day fall meet. They run a train to the paper mill, and we saw the ore train, which are only run in winter. The Winnebago Division put on a very good meet, including having five layouts open (an S scale and four HO gauge). They have some very good modelers in the North Woods. It must be the long winters.

The Rhinelander Railroad Club is located in the logging park, in the basement of the

Rhinelander Soo Line station. Their HO layout is based on Northern Wisconsin with Mil Rd, C&NW and Soo Line trains, with DCC operation. My thanks goes out to the Rhinelander Railroad Association, and the Winnebago Division for a good time.

Now, for some important news. Our 501(c)3 is in the last stage, and will be sent in shortly. No word from National on the latest plans for the regions and divisions on the *Waybill*. I have read some of the other divisions' newspapers. The *Waybill* was talked about at great length. This is the best way to get region news out to the membership, at the smallest cost possible to the region. Most regions still collect money for region dues. So, if you received your renewal, you'll see that there's a spot for you to renew the region membership. Right now, we're waiting for National to let us know how to handle dues.

Hank Brown receives his Master Builder Structures AP award



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Special Effort Awards.

Special thanks to Bert Latten, Regional Secretary, and Ron Scharping, Regional Membership MWR efforts.

Bob Wundrock receives his Model Railroad Engineer – Civil AP award



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Board Candidates



Sean Lamb

After railfanning around his native Southern California, Sean and his new wife Jennifer moved to the Midwest where they joined the NMRA in 1992. They moved to Madison, WI, in 1994 where they started attending the SCWD meets.

Sean has served on the SCWD's Board of Directors for a little more than half of the 11 years since then, and has also served as the division's clinic chairman, photo contest chairman and model contest chairman; he has remained the model contest chairman for the last four years. When the SCWD launched scwd-nmra.org in 2000, Sean became the webmaster and has continued in that capacity since then. Starting with the 2004 Spring Regional Convention, Sean has taken the model contest co-chairman position at the regional level. Sean can

often be seen exhibiting with the Capitol City "N" Gineers at several model railroad shows throughout the year, an organization where he also serves as Secretary and Webmaster.



Bob Lehn

I have been active in model railroading and a member of the NMRA for over 30 years. I am particularly interested in prototype and operations-based modeling and the application of the newer technologies (for example--DCC, computers, use of different materials for benchwork and scenery) to the hobby. I am presently modeling the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad's (C&EI) mainline from Chicago to Evansville in the 1950s in HO scale.

I have participated in Midwest Region events since 1978. During that time these regional events have taught me many useful things about this great hobby and given me many hours of enjoyment. I would like to contribute to this record of service to the hobby by helping to keep the Midwest Region the best in the NMRA.

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Dave Poquette

I joined the NMRA in 1989 while living in Appleton WI. Shortly after moving to Milwaukee in 1990, I began getting more involved at the Division level.

After helping out with the division membership book, I became Chief Clerk, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent, and my current position of Assistant Superintendent and webmaster of the WISE Division.

I started becoming involved at the Region level about 1999 when I took over the auction chair. Then in 2001, I in addition to my duties of auction chair, I became the region webmaster. After giving up my webmaster position in 2004, I remain the auction chair.

I am an HO scale modeler. My layout is an early 1950's freelanced layout based on the Fox River Valley Railroad that served Green Bay and the Fox Cities.

I have received AP Certificates in electrical and volunteer. I am currently working on my civil certificate. I firmly believe in the AP program and encourage everybody try it or at least participate in your division contest. I also believe in being involved. The more you put into something, the more you get out of it.



Chris Roeben

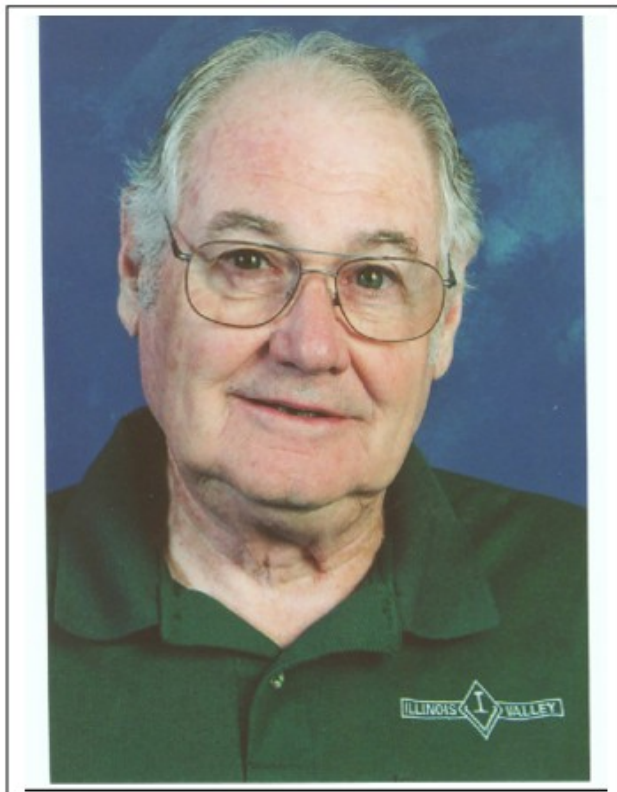
My name is Chris Roeben, I live in Madison, WI and I am a very active participant of the South Central Wisconsin Division. I have been a NMRA member since 1993. Currently I serve my division as

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Past Superintendent, Chief Clerk, and Audio Visual Chair. On the Region level I just took over the position of Contests Co-Chairperson. As a SCWD member I have served 6 years on the BOD as Member, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent, and Past Superintendent. I have served as Youth Group Co-Chair, and helped in the revitalization of the group to a thriving part of our division. On the Region level I aim to do that with the Contests.

As Director At Large I plan to use my experiences as a division member on the BOD to help guide the MWR. Many obstacles face us in the future. It is my hope that you will elect me to serve this great Region to help use my experience to overcome them. I am young and still have a lot of energy in me, and I look forward to using some of that energy serving you as a Director At Large.

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James F. Wise

I have been a member of the NMRA since 1957 and a Life Member for forty (40) years.

I was an active member in the 1950's and 1960's.

I was Co-chairman of the Region Convention held in Peoria in the spring of 1968.

I served on the Illinois Valley Division - First Board held - as Assistant Superintendent.

I became inactive in the NMRA for a number of years while owning my own printing company.

Since being retired during the last 10 years, I have become active again. I am serving on the Board of the Illinois Division as Train Master of Division 1. I have given several Clinics and have had a few Open Houses.

I have received The Golden Spike Award and four (4) AP Certificates: Civil - Electrical - Scenery - Structure.

I operate the Losey \$ (Dollar) Western RR which is in its final stage - after about five (5) tries.

I feel that since I am retired I can contribute something good for the Region.

I am also concerned that our region is moving too fast into the electronic age and are leaving members out who are not in that age or perhaps 'don't want to be'.

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Roger Wurtzel

I have lived in the Midwest Region my entire life and have been a life member of the NMRA for over 30 years. I was born and raised in Freeport, Illinois in the Rock River Valley Division and have been affiliated with the Stephenson Society of Model Trainmen in Freeport since 1966.

In 1986 I moved to the Winnebago Division, where I have lived in Stevens Point, Howard, and now Plover. Since being in the WLD, I have served as a division BOD member for five years, Assistant Superintendent for six years, and Superintendent for four years. I am currently WLD Assistant Superintendent and MWR Director-at-Large. I was also Co-Chairman for the 2003 Spring Region convention, TitleTown Express, in Green Bay.

I was a charter member of the Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders and am currently a member of the Wisconsin and Michigan Model Railroad Club. I am also a member of Milwaukee Road Historical Association and a Director and Back Issues Sales Manager for the Soo Line Historical & Technical Society.



Gary really enjoyed his time at the NMRA table during Train Fest.



AP Award

Barb Rothwell received her Association Official AP Award



President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

Well here it is, 2006. I hope you all survived the holiday season and maybe even put a new something on your layout. Now that the holiday season is over, our region treasurer is preparing the tax papers, and the NMRA will be holding its winter board meeting the week of the 15th. The NMRA is just waiting for our Treasurer's address in order to send our part of the dues collected.

Now, here's some news from our region. The SCWD division had their rail school in January. It was very well done. Forty five kids learned about model railroading from a group of modelers showing them different parts of the hobby. The youth group chair had the kids build a car, add decals, weight it and do a test run.

The WISE division had a beginners meet with clinics showing participants how to do things as well as what is going on in the division. As I mentioned in my last report, we all have to get the younger generation and their parents involved in the hobby. I am also aware that other divisions do this during different times of the year. My thanks goes out to these divisions for doing their part. As NMRA members, please try and do what you can to get more people involved.

A lot of the divisions have train shows and this would be the perfect opportunity to recruit some new hobbyists. Some of the shows include: Trainfest in November for the WISE division, Mad City in February for the SCWD division, High Wheeler '06 for the Fox Valley division in March as well as the Rock River division model railroad show, also in March. All of these shows appear in the *Waybill* with their dates and times. All of our divisions work hard to put on these shows. Please show your

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support by attending and helping to get more people interested in the hobby. I will do my part to help out as well.

I got the opportunity to work with Reid Kahrs during the SCWD division's rail school. I also did a clinic for the Fox Valley Division and in return, one of their members did a clinic for the WISE division. We will also be doing a clinic for the spring convention.

As a member of the Badgerland S Gaugers, I helped the Waukesha Gandy Dancers with a Winter Fest display in Waukesha, WI. Lionel of Milwaukee was also there to show the difference in the scales. Badgerland S Scale had a display of box cars from Z to G gauge. This was rebuilt to add a Z gauge and G gauge to the display. It took some time to get a Z gauge and G gauge in rail box cars. All of this was prepared in order to show the different size scales people can work with. It's really a show-and-tell to get people to talk about their likes and dislikes, and even more so, just to get people talking. You'd be surprised by how many people out there who have train set ups in their attic or closet. This was the perfect opportunity to try and get people started back up in the hobby.

Don't forget to vote in the region election.

There are four positions available on the board of directors. These people are trying to help the region, so please vote. Also, the regional convention is this spring. This is a joint effort between the Fox Valley and DuPage divisions. Come and meet new people and have some fun. The convention committee has lined up a good program. Make sure to bring a model, or two, or three as well as some slides and pictures. We have two new co-chairs for the model contest. Let's give them a good work

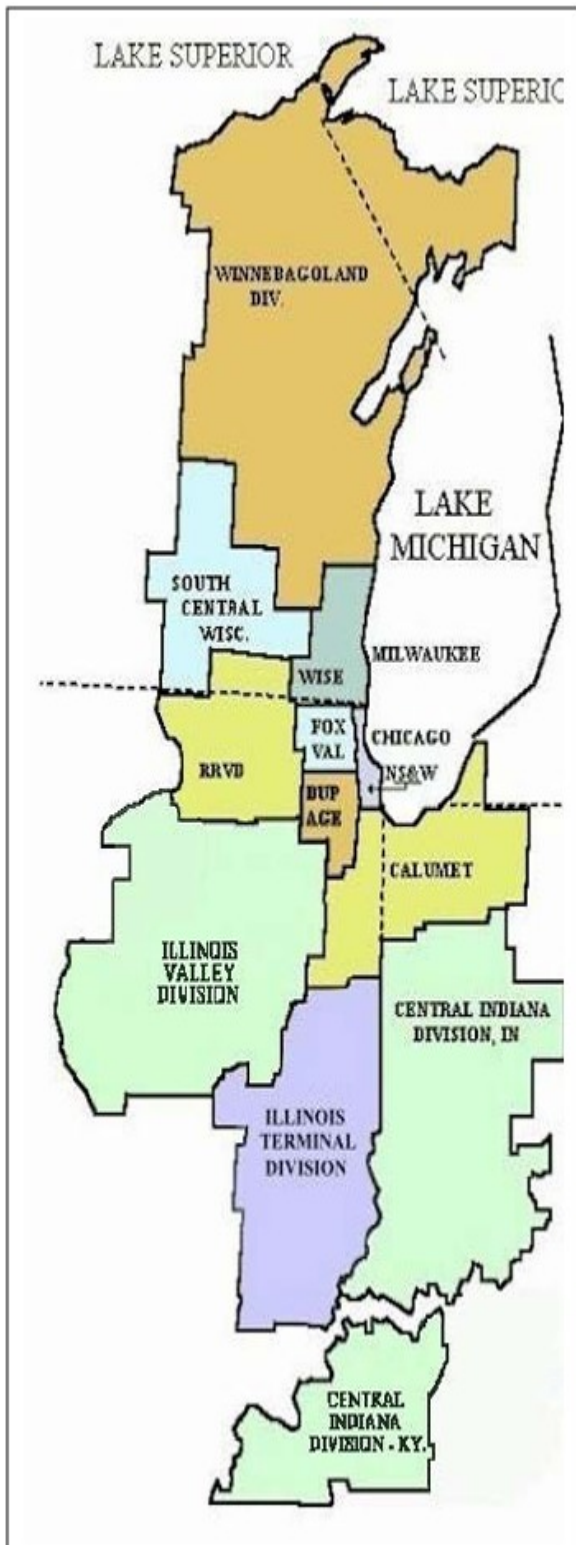
out, they need the work. There is no money in the budget for layoffs. If you can help out in judging, half of your registration fee will be refunded.

Remember, model railroading is fun. I finished up painting 75 Preiser people in s scale and I didn't lose it, not totally anyways, but it was fun. See you all at one of the shows or the regional convention!

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The Divisions of the MWR



That's Bert Lattan on the left, and Jim Spice, above;
and Hampton Rothwell, below, admiring the scenes.



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CONGRATULATIONS MMR #370 MARION BRASHER

certificate of all, at this convention. Bill presented Marion Brasher, his MMR, #370, plaque.



You don't see grins like that too often.

2006 Fall MWR Board Meeting



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MWR Achievement Program

by Bill Myers, MWR AP Manager

With this coming fall season, we hope the back-to-modeling fever brings a renewed interest in Achievement Program participation. At that same time, the administration of the region program will change as Marvin Preussler replaces me as the Region Program Manager. After the first day of September, all paperwork for Achievement Program Certification, all requests for Golden Spike Certificates, and all requests for Merit Award Certificates should be sent directly to Marvin.

I will re-emphasize some of the requirements for program participation. Participants might want to make a checklist to guide them in preparation. Of great importance is to familiarize yourselves with the requirements of each category of the program that you are interested. All categories are very well described and requirements are listed in the Achievement Program link at the NMRA website. This website also includes all forms needed for participation. If, by chance, you are one of the few members not having access to an online computer, either ask a friend to download and print the information, or ask Marvin to provide it to you. It is important that you use the latest forms available.

In filling out your forms, be sure to complete all entries. Be sure that you include your current NMRA membership number and the date it expires. Applications cannot be processed for persons not currently members. The national program manager has asked that at least two months membership remain at the time the applications are submitted. Also be sure that persons judging your entries or witnessing your applications provide a current (as the date they sign the forms) membership number.

Keep a copy of the entire package for yourself until your application is approved and your certificate has been received. Permanent files of your package will not be maintained at the region level and should the package become lost, you will have the only copy.

If you need assistance in interpretations or judging assistance, go to your Division AP Manager or to Marvin.

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I still have a few Merit Award Certificates to complete and return, (I have some help coming). I wish to thank each and every one of you for your patience during my tenure. Remember – as do all volunteers, the administering this program are doing so in their spare time, in addition to their work, family obligation, their own modeling, illness, vacations, etc., and are often spending their own money for supplies. Happy modeling!

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A reminder to all Region members.

This is a volunteer organization, and part of your responsibility to fellow members, is keeping up with, and communicating, meeting and events.

It's all up to you. To help defer some printing costs, the Region has stopped putting Division regular meet information in the Waybill. (*The Waybill will continue to print events that affect, or of interest, to all Region members.*)

As a Division member, you need to make sure that your Division web page is up to date. So take the time to check out your Division websites, and remind your Division webmasters, if you find out of date, or missing information.

None of us are getting any younger, and that, "Oh by the way", you casually mention at an event doesn't always imprint immediately in everyone's memory. So remember to follow up.

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It's that time again... 2007 MWR Candidates

For President:



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incorporated in Illinois and most of the officers live in Wisconsin, we have to have an Illinois lawyer file the papers. We have found one that also happens to be a model railroader. Through some of our Illinois board members the final wording will hopefully be completed by the end of this year. This has been going on for some time previous to my tenure. Hopefully it can be resolved in this term yet.

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I have been a member of the NMRA since 1957 and a Life Member for forty (40) years. I was an active member in the 1950's and 1960's. I was Co-chairman of the Region Convention held in Peoria in the spring of 1968. I served on the Illinois Valley Division - First Board held - as Assistant Superintendent. I became inactive in the NMRA for a number of years while owning my own printing company.

Since being retired during the last 10 years, I have become active again. I am serving on the Board of the Illinois Division as Train Master of Division 1. I have given several Clinics and have had a few Open Houses.



I have received The Golden Spike Award and four (4) AP Certificates: Civil - Electrical - Scenery - Structure.

I operate the Losey \$ (Dollar) Western RR which is in its final stage - after about five (5) tries.

I feel that since I am retired I can contribute something good for the Region. I am also concerned that our region is moving too fast into the electronic age and are leaving members out who are not in that age or perhaps 'don't want to be'.



Wishing you and yours,
the best of the holiday season.

Happy Holidays

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President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

By the time you receive this, the region election will be over. I hope you voted, because after all, it is your region.

As we all grow older, it's time to let a new generation of modelers step up to the plate. Many of your leaders hold down more than one job in their regions as well as divisions. Don't stay at home and criticize these people that are trying to make our region and division run. Attend your division meetings often and take an active part in your division.

As a member of the regional area committee, along with Bert, your regional RAC coordinator, we have voiced our concerns about division, regional and national matters. We are not the only ones trying to voice our concerns around the country. Other divisions and regions prepared a 98 page report for the national board for their winter meeting. I really hope they get the word about how we feel about things in the NMRA.

On the lighter side, I really hope you can attend the spring regional convention in Muncie, Indiana hosted by the Central Indiana Division on April 20-22, 2007. Those of you who have attended region conventions know the fun you can have. I'd like to send a personal invitation to our new members to come and see what region conventions have to offer. So come and enjoy me and the rest of the region convention and show your support for the Hoosier connection. Big thanks go out to Luana Wilhite for reminding me to sign my checks!

The work on my layout has been slow due to long hours at work. I will get more things on the layout in

time for the NMRA convention here in Milwaukee in 2010. Reid Kahrs, will be Chair, along with myself and Diane Gallegos as Co-Chairs for the convention. Things will be somewhat different this time around. But we still need help in many different areas. Please contact one of us if you can help in any way. I do realize it's three years out, but there's lots of work to be done. If you are at one of the conventions before 2010, the committee will have a display at the National Conventions. We will definitely need some help at this display so if you could spare a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated.

Remember your division needs your support. Please attend meetings, do a clinic or become part of your division leaders. If each division gets a new BOD each year, some of us older members can retire and let the next generation have a crack at it. And never forget, model railroading is fun!

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Just what was our region president doing at the Mad City Train Show?

Midwest Region Achievement Program News

by Marvin Preussler-MWR AP Manager

Seeing this is the first column that I have written for the *Waybill*, I guess an introduction would be in order. My name is Marvin Preussler, and I am the new MWR AP Manager.

I live in the Winnebago Division in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The first order of business for me is to thank Bill Myers for his efforts as the past AP Manager and for making things a somewhat smooth transition for me to take over this new "job". I received many ideas and tips from Bill on how things should be handled. Hopefully, I will be able to continue to perform my duties for many years to come. I look forward to working with our members and helping wherever I can.

A few things I would like to emphasize here is that accurate record keeping, by you, the member, is very important in the AP.

Keeping track of what you do, as you do it, is the very best way to go about getting a certificate. Trying to remember dates and getting signatures later on is usually a lot more work than if you would write the information down when you actually did it and get the verified signatures when the people are there.

All the record and validation forms are available at the NMRA website. So if you are thinking about going for a certificate, print out the forms and keep track of what you do as you do it. Also, the AP program only works if you get involved in it. I can't do it for you.

So if you are interested in getting involved with the AP or have a question, contact your division AP Manager first and work with that person. If your division does not have an AP Manager, then certainly contact me. I will try to answer any

questions that you have. I am also working on becoming an MMR with one more certificate to go

I got involved with the AP to try to become a better modeler. In the past years, entering our division contests have been very rewarding. My skill as a modeler has greatly increased because of my involvement in the AP. The constructive criticism from the judges are always a big help to show you how to improve. I know that I am a better modeler because of the Achievement Program. Hopefully you will have the same experiences.

In recent AP news, Rich Hanke, of Manitowoc, Wisconsin has received the AP Structures certificate # 793. Rich is a fine HO scale modeler and worked for the Green Bay & Western Railroad for a while. His was the first certificate that was processed by me as the MWR AP Manager.

There are a few other members that are working on getting certificates in my Winnebago Division, so I am happy to report that there is always some activity going on every month in the AP. Be sure to bring those models that you have been working on all winter to the contest at the MWR Spring meet in Indiana.

Happy modeling!



On the Passing Track

Memorial services were held on January 9, 2007 in Brookfield, WI for Gil Reid. Gil was best known for his long love of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was considered one of the greatest railroad artists of the 20th century. Gil was associated with Kalmbach Publishing, starting back in 1940, when his line drawing, of the PRR K4s, were first featured. Gil died at the age of 88.

Bob McMahon, DuPage Division passed away at age 80, on October 1, 2006



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There may be a problem here....

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MWR AP News

by Marvin Preussler-MWR AP Manager

I am certainly pleased to announce that there has been a great deal of Achievement Program activity since I wrote my last article for *The Waybill*. Our Midwest Region members have been busy over the winter, which is always an excellent time for modeling. Here is a breakdown of certificates earned in the past few months.

Don Kottke, Stevens Point, WI Chief Dispatcher	MWR # 794
David Leider, Prospect Heights, IL Author	MWR # 795
David Leider, Prospect Heights, IL Award	Golden Spike
Donald Cook, Waukegan, IL Electrical	MWR #796
Stephen Studley, Bloomington, IN Volunteer	MWR #797
James Spice, Beach Park, IL Official	MWR #798
James Spice, Beach Park, IL Volunteer	MWR # 799
Robert Guintier, Rockford, IL Author	MWR # 800
Donald Cook, Waukegan, IL Chief Dispatcher	MWR # 801
Reid Kahrs, Colgate, WI Official	MWR # 802
Reid Kahrs, Colgate, WI Volunteer	MWR # 803
Roger Kujawa, Morton, IL Author	MWR # 804
James Wise, Peoria, IL Chief Dispatcher	MWR # 805


Now, it is with great pleasure, that I can announce that James Wise of Peoria, IL has obtained Master Model Railroader status. James holds certificates in the following categories:

Master Builder-Cars
Master Builder- Structures
Master Builder- Scenery
Model Railroad Engineer-Civil

Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical
Chief Dispatcher
Association Volunteer

James is recognized as Master Model Railroader # 394 by the National Model Railroad Association. James accomplishment was recognized during the banquet awards presentation at the MWR meet in Muncie, IN this past April. If you know James, be sure to congratulate him. He is part of an elite group of modelers and has accomplished something that most of us just dream about. Again, on behalf of the Midwest Region, congratulations James, on becoming a Master Model Railroader!





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2008 Election

It's election time again! Following are the list of candidates - photo and bio - for you to review before filling out your ballot and MAILING it before the deadline of February 29, 2008. It won't count unless you mail it in to be counted. So fill it out today and mail it in, so you don't forget to vote.



Sean Lamb

I have been a model railroader since the late 1970s. In the 1980s I worked at South Bay Model Railroad Supply Company in Redondo Beach, California. I moved to the Midwest in 1992 and joined the Rock River Valley Division in 1992, then moved to Madison and joined the South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD) in 1994. I have been a member of the SCWD's Board of Directors for about 10 years now and have also served as the Clinic Chairman, Webmaster and, for the last 6 years as the Model Contest Chairman for the division. I first joined the Midwest Region Board of Directors as a Director at Large following the election in early 2006.\

Beginning with the 2007 Midwest Region Convention, I also now serve as the Region's Model Contest Co-Chairman.

As we all grow, both in age and modeling experience, the need to introduce and foster the hobby of model railroading among younger generations becomes more apparent. One of my goals with the organization is to bring in younger modelers and to help them grow in the hobby; toward that end, I have also been volunteering time with the SCWD Youth Group to both help supervise at the meetings and to present clinics for the youth members. I would like this opportunity to continue as Director at Large for the Midwest Region to further promote and work with our youth members to help them achieve success in this hobby.



Bob Lehen

During my first term as a Director at Large (DAL), I have organized and promoted model railroad operations in the Midwest Region. Model railroad operations events, where model railroaders run their model railroads more or less like the prototype, are a growing part of this great hobby and have been a source of many hours of enjoyment for me. I would like to continue promoting this part of the hobby by serving a second term as a Director at Large of the Midwest Region.

To share the fun of operations I started a Yahoo discussion group on railroad operations called **Central Indiana Railroad Operators** at cirrops@yahoogroups.com. The members of the group use this forum to discuss operations issues and learn about opportunities to operate. If you are

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interested in becoming involved in this part of the hobby, I hope you will join this group.

Additionally, I along with Al Kohut of the Central Indiana Division organized the operations night for the 2007 Midwest Region Convention in Muncie, Indiana. Some of you may have operated on my HO scale layout, based on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad's (C&EI) mainline from Chicago to Evansville in the 1950s. It was a pleasure for me to host other model railroaders from the region who enjoy running trains.

If you missed the 2007 spring convention, I hope you will come to Indianapolis in April 2008 for a weekend of operations. You will be seeing an announcement in the *Waybill* for **CIRROPS 08**, an operations weekend sponsored by the Central Indiana Division (CID), to be held April 4-6, 2008 in Indianapolis. Mark your calendar now. Our CID organizing committee is planning an outstanding operations experience. We hope to see our friends from the Midwest Region in Indianapolis having fun and running trains.



Jim Osborn

I have held a continuous membership with the NMRA since 1998. Retirement has recently afforded me the opportunity to become active and assist with local NMRA activities. As a Fox Valley Division board member since 2005, my responsibilities include public relations, as well as designing and maintaining the division website. I have also created a number of written/pictorial reviews of member layouts for the division and served on the 2006 regional convention committee. I am a member of the NMRA Operations SIG, as well as a contributing member of the C & NW Historical society.

Aside from my own layout and model construction, I have become actively involved in model railroad operations. Visiting and operating on a variety of layouts in the region has really expanded my knowledge as well as developed contact with others in the hobby. It is this association aspect while contributing to the NMRA that I wish to further broaden as a candidate for the Director at Large position on the Regional Board. Non-hobby but relevant qualifications include prior board of director positions for several, privately held business enterprises. Thank you for your support and consideration as a candidate for the DAL.

Dave Poquette

I joined the NMRA in 1989 while living in Appleton WI. Shortly after moving to Milwaukee in 1990, I began getting more involved at the Division level. After helping out with the division membership book, I became Chief Clerk, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent, and my current position of Assistant Superintendent and webmaster of the WISE Division.

I started becoming involved at the Region level about 1999 when I took over the auction chair. Then in 2001, I in addition to my duties of auction chair, I became the region webmaster. After giving up my webmaster position in 2004, I remain the auction chair.

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DAVE POQUETTE Cont.



I am an HO scale modeler. My layout is an early 1950's freelanced layout based on the Fox River Valley Railroad that served Green Bay and the Fox Cities.

I have received AP Certificates in electrical and volunteer. I am currently working on my civil certificate. I firmly believe in the AP program and encourage everybody try it or at least participate in your division contest. I also believe in being involved. The more you put into something, the more you get out of it.

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TRAIN FEST PHOTOS

Train Fest 2007 Photos



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TRAIN FEST PHOTOS



Did you catch this one?

This was coming down the road on the way home from Train Fest.

I wish I had been fast enough to catch the whole thing, but I had to grab my camera as fast as I could just to get the front end of this train.

Great way to end a day at Train Fest.

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President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

Well another year has come and gone. Hopefully you and your family enjoyed the Christmas season. The region election has passed and I hope you voted. This is your region, so let your voice be heard.

The SCWD put on another rail school in January. This is one way a division helps educate the community by showing everything that's done in the hobby. Good job SCWD!

This year the WISE division did a rail photo shot with a clinic and small portable layouts and how to use your cameras. There was also a clinic in building a Lionel layout in the basement that is four years in the making. It was nice to see something other than HO gauge. This is what model railroading is all about. Thanks to the WISE division.

I will be with the Badgerland Scales during the Mad City show in the information booth. Stop in and say hello. If I am not there I will be at the SCWD NMRA booth with the Superintendent Paul Mangan. Bring someone new with you and Paul and I will talk either him or her about why they should join the NMRA.

There will be two shows in March this year. The Fox Valley show will be March 15th and 16th at Harper College Sport Center in Palatine, IL and the Rock River Valley show will be at Jefferson High School. These will be very good shows so please try and attend at least one of them. Also, on April 26th and 27th, the WLD will have a show called Title Town Railroad Show. If you can't get to the March shows,

this one will prove to be worth the trip. The North Shore Western division had their show in December. They set up their modular layout display at the Glenview Public Library. The region convention will be held in Waupaca this year from May 9th through the 11th at the Best Western Grand Seasons Hotel. I certainly hope to see you there.

If anyone is at a railroad crossing and a pink box car comes through, you are not seeing things. The WSOR Railroad painted a 50 foot double door box car No. 503196 for making strides against cancer.

I model the Wisconsin Central Southern and Santa Fe in S scale. I did the three military cars and the safety car that WSOR did. They also did a pink box car. This goes back to the Lionel train in 1956 I believe. Lionel, eat your heart out.

On a more serious note, I went down to the Fox Valley division to help out with their new chair division for AP awards. I spent time helping several board members learn how to do the AP program including how to issue merit awards as well as recruiting and training several new local division contest judges. This was a great thing for me to help with something this important. Jim Landwehr is the new AP Trainmaster for the division and is busy with both encouraging new Golden Spike applications and shooting for two new MMR appointments from the Fox Valley division membership this year. He is teamed up with Marc Preussler and is actively keeping the AP paperwork process flowing. I thank Jim Osborn for this part of the report. Jim is also the new region web master. I also thank Randy for all of his hard work on the website and the work he does as vice president of the region and superintendent of the WLD division.

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Region AP News

by Marv Preussler-MWR AP MANAGER

There has been a lot of activity by our members recently. The following is a list of certificates that were earned in the last couple of months:

Golden Spike Awards went to the following folks:

Jim McQueeny-Rockford, IL
David Crement- Carpentersville, IL
Jim Landwehr- Arlington Heights, IL
James Osborn- McHenry, IL

Achievement Program Certificates Earned:

Donald Cook- Waukegan, IL – Volunteer-
MWR # 807
David Leider-Prospect Heights, IL - Scenery-
MWR # 808
David Leider- Prospect Heights, IL- Prototype
Models MWR # 809
David Leider- Prospect Heights, IL - Structures
MWR # 810
Ronald Lane- Columbus, IN Electrical
MWR # 811
Jim McQueeny- Rockford, IL Electrical
MWR # 812

Congratulations to all those earning awards and certificates. Keep up the good work!



James Bernard Perske June 25th 1929 - January 30th 2008



It's not often that we print information about other regions, but there are exceptions to the rules.

On January 30, 2008 one of the founding members of the Twin Lakes Region, James Bernard Perske, passed away.

Jim was born on June 25, 1929, and spent countless hours promoting the hobby and spreading his love of trains.

Jim could usually be seen passing out engineer certificates to young railroad enthusiasts at train shows in the TLC and the MWR.

Jim will truly be missed.

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RRVD NEWS

by rrvdss

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



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



SCWD/RRVD Meet

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



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

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



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Region Passings

It is sad that we have to report to major modeler's passing.

Harry W. "Hank" Brown – Cottage Grove, WI

Harry W. "Hank" Brown, age 65, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2008, after a three year battle with cancer. He was born on Dec. 7, 1942, in Hinsdale, Ill., the son of Harry W. and Dorothy (Lueders) Brown Jr.

Hank served in the U.S. Navy and in the Vietnam war. He married Carol Cutler on July 6, 1963, in Hinsdale, Ill. Hank worked for Madison Metro Bus Co. for 28 years, and owned and operated Shorewood Realty Co. for several years.

His passion was trains since he was a child. Hank was a member of the South Central Wisconsin Division of the National Model Railroad Association, serving as president twice and on the board of directors for more than 20 years. Hank spent many years encouraging modelers and perspective modelers in the love of trains.

He was also a member of North American Rail Car Owners Association and served on their board of directors for many years.

For the past 17 years, Hank and his wife, Carol, owned Wilderness Tours, organizing railroad motor car tours throughout North America. He and Carol enjoyed traveling the world, throughout their 45 years of marriage.

Upon his retirement in 1997, Hank started Train Guyz, building model railroad layouts in people's homes throughout the Midwest.

Hank is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Geoffrey (Lori) Brown of DeKalb, Ill; sister, Mary Beth Webster of LaGrange, Ill.; brother-in-law, John Tone of Des Moines, Iowa; two nieces and their families, Tracy (Barry) Hutchison of Alexandria, Va., and Catherine Tone of Des Moines, Iowa; stepsister,

Julie Webster; and other relatives and friends. A memorial service to celebrate Hank's life was held on June 21, 2008. Memorials may be made to Helping Hand, 9649 W. 55th St., Countryside, IL 60525 (Down's Syndrome charity) or to Jefferson Foundation, 925 Chestnut St., Suite 110, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (specify donation for Dr. Sato's work on ocular melanoma cancer).

Mike Vivion and Barb Rothwell are continuing Hank's dream of building train layouts, by finishing the current layouts under construction at the time of his death. Including the layout of the late Mike Ziegler, (see below).

[If you have questions about the *Train Guyz*, please contact Mike Vivion at 608-271-3563.]

Michael Robert Ziegler, Ph.D of Fox Point. Passed away peacefully on Monday, June 30, 2008, at the age of 65 years. Beloved husband of Sally F. Ziegler. Loving father of Susan Corbin, John (Melissa) Ziegler and Anne Ziegler. Proud grandfather of Ian, Karisa, Ty and Madison. Further survived by the Conowingo family and many friends. Mike retired in 1995 as Professor of Mathematics at Marquette University after 25 years of service. Currently he was still writing college level mathematics texts.

Mike had a passion for trains and was constantly working on his layout (Conowingo). He enjoyed operating sessions with friends and other train enthusiasts.

With the help of friends, and the Train Guyz, he was preparing his layout for the 2010 convention. Prior to his death Sally promised Mike that she would have his layout open for the convention. Work is continuing on that effort.

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President's Report
by Gary Children, President MWR

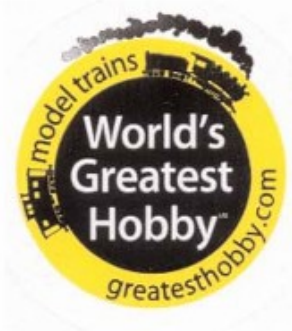
Well, here is fall with winter right around the corner. By the time you read this there have been two division meets already. If you don't receive your division newsletter contact your division superintendent. If you don't know who that is, go to the region website at www.mwr-nmra.org for that information. If you are a new member, e-mail our membership chair Ron Scharping at sue_ron_scharping@comcast.net. Ron can get you the right division information. There are some divisions that put on train shows, so please support them.

It takes a lot of work to put on a train show. If you are a member of one of these divisions, volunteer to help. This makes everyone's job easier. Our nominating committee has come up with the candidates for the 2009 election. When you get your Waybill, please vote. It's your region so don't complain if you don't vote.

Jim Osborn has done a great job on the region website. He's making upgrades and helping other divisions with their websites as well. I would like to extend my thanks to him for all of his hard work as well as Bert Lattan as secretary and Ron Scharping as the membership chair. Whenever a member has an issue, these guys have been here to take care of the problem.

Richard Sweet, audit committee, has been working with our new treasurer, Bryon Lemonds, on auditing the books for the region. Thank you Bryon, for taking over the job as region treasurer from Bob Sherman.

We also have a new region Waybill editor, David Leider. David has been very active in his Fox Valley division with clinics and programs trainmaster. He will be looking for



articles and schedules of events. Chis Roeben, it's time to step up to the plate. It's your newsletter so let's pull together and get your material to the editor so he has something to work with. This is not only for your division but for the region as well. Let him know what you're doing with your layouts, something from rail fanning, or what museum you visited. This way the Waybill will be full of good stories. So, please welcome him by sending him something you'd like to share. He can be reached at sooauthor@netzero.com.

As I did before the fall board of directors meeting was held at the DuPage division meet, I thank all of the region officers and directors as well as the committee chairmen who attended, including Superintendent Jim Schubert for having the board at the meet. Thank you again for what you have done. Jim also brought us some good news. After 20 to 30 years along with the good people who have worked on this, the 503c tax papers are very close to being done. Hopefully by the time I leave office it will be complete. I said before, if I did something as your president, it was to get this taken care of.

Have a safe and healthy holiday season and remember, model railroading is fun!

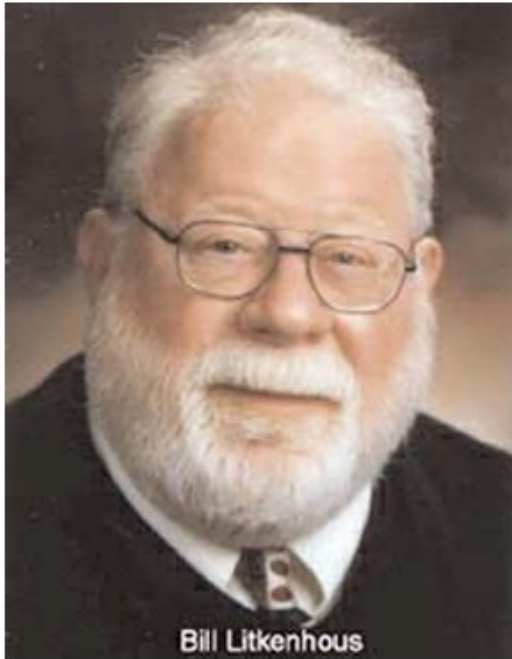
Gary E. Children
Midwest Region President

The President relaxing during a lul at Trainfest



2009 ELECTION

It's election time again! This year we are electing a new President and Vice president, as well as several Directors. Following are the list of candidates-photo and bio- for you to review before filling out and mailing your ballot before the deadline of February 28, 2009. Please vote for your choice. We promise there will be no negative campaign ads on the television and radio. Refer to the ballot on page 6.



Bill Litkenhous

Bill Litkenhous (for MWR President)

I have been interested in trains for as long as I can remember. I was given my first train set when I was 8 years old, a Lionel 671 turbine freight set. I still have this set plus several others I have collected. I started in HO in 1953 with my first kit, a Silver Streak Union Pacific boxcar. It hasn't stopped since.

I recently started my latest model railroad, The Bedford Industrial Railroad, a small switching layout to keep me occupied while I am planning my ultimate layout. I model the L&N and C&O with an interest in all of the railroads that operated into Louisville, KY, my hometown. I joined the NMRA in 1961 and have been a continuous member since. I have upgraded to a Life Membership. I joined a model

railroad group in Bloomington, IN some time ago and that is how I became interested in the Central Indiana Division. Someone from the C.I.D. asked if we would host a train show in Bloomington and I became the co-chairman of that show. While we were doing these shows I became a part of the C.I.D. board and have progressed through the ranks to become Superintendent.

Since becoming involved in the C.I.D., I have served as superintendent and on the Board of Directors. I am currently the co-chair of the Clinic Committee. I have been active on committees for hosting the Regional Conventions at Anderson and Noblesville, IN. I served as Chairperson of the 2007 Regional Convention in Muncie. I am currently a trainmaster on the CID Board of Directors and I am also a delegate at large for the Midwest Region, completing my fourth and final year.

I was married to my lovely wife Caroline for over 35 years before her untimely death and have two children, Linda and Michael. Our daughter has presented us with three wonderful grandchildren, Andrea, age 14 and Kendall and Kiley, age 11. Our son has two daughters, Paige, age 5 and Natalie, age 3. I am currently in a relationship with Sunny Tully, a wonderful lady who tolerates my model railroading. We are planning on getting married in Hawaii in January, 2009.



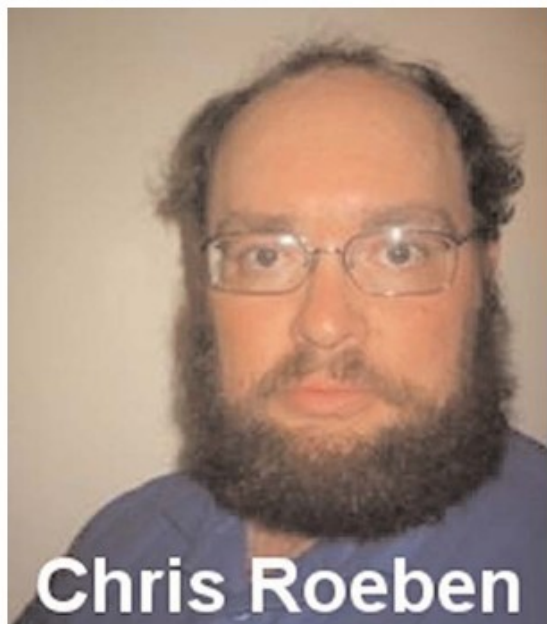
Paul Mangan

Paul Mangan (for MWR Vice President)

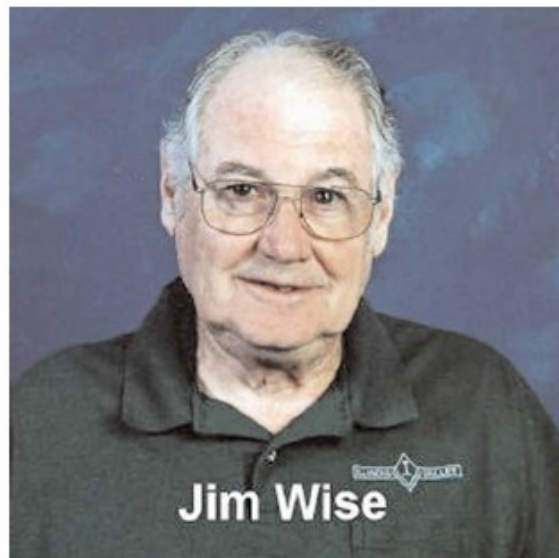
I would like to tell you a bit about myself. I have been in the hobby off and on since I received my first American Flyer train for Christmas in the early 1950's. As time moved on, I was in and out of the hobby as most of us have done as we grow thru life. In mid 80's I came back to stay. I joined the South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD) and the NMRA in the 90's and volunteered to help out at the

Mad City Show and Sale along with the National Convention in 97. Along with starting a home layout, I joined the Madison HO Trak module group and started participating at shows in other divisions.

Currently I'm serving in my second term as Superintendent of the SCWD and while serving at the Mid West Region level will present new challenges, I believe I can bring a positive can do attitude. I will work with the board of directors to handle what ever challenges are put before the board. Representing the membership to ensure that the hobby remains enjoyable for all is goal number one. I do truly believe that this is "The Worlds Greatest Hobby". Thank you very much Paul.

**Chris Roeben (for MWR Director)**

Greetings, I am Chris Roeben from the South Central WI Division. I am running for re-election to the position of Director- At- Large. As one of the youngest members of the MWR BOD I feel it's my responsibility to learn as much as I can about the inner workings of the region. Some day when those ahead of me in age pass on, I'll be able to pass on the knowledge that has been handed down to me. The hobby is not getting any younger. Its people like me who are young, energetic, and willing that will help ensure the future of the hobby for our kids and grandkids. I hope you will support me in my quest to help ensure the future and re-elect me to another 2 year term as a DAL. Thanks.

**James F. Wise MMR (for MWR Director)**

I have been a member of the NMRA since 1957 and a Life Member for forty (40+) years. I was an active member in the 1950's and 1960's. I was Co-chairman of the Regional Convention held here in Peoria -Spring of 1968. I served as Assistant Superintendent on the first Illinois Valley Division Board held. I became inactive in the NMRA during the years I owned my own printing company.

Since being retired during the last 11 years, I have become active again.

I have served on the Board of the Illinois Division as Train Master of Division I. I have given several Clinics and have had numerous Open Houses. I have personally worked on getting my AP Certificates. I am the recipient of the Golden Spike Award and last year received my Master Model Railroader Award.

I operate the Lousy \$ (Dollar) Western RR - which is now in its final stages after about five (5) starts and rebuilding over the years. Since retiring, I feel I can contribute something good for the Illinois Region. I feel that I have just gotten my feet wet during this first term as Director at Large in NMRA Illinois Division. I would like to continue for another term.

Annual Meeting of Members

**Clock Tower Resort &
Conference Center
Rockford, Illinois**

Saturday, April 18, 2009



K.J. Duke Yerman (for MWR Director)

I have been a member of the NMRA for several years and recently shifted my membership to the Mid West Region. Being retired I will be able to spend time in helping our Division.

For many years I have worked on several different HO layouts. Currently I am shifting my focus to N scale due to space constrictions and I look forward to that challenge. In Louisiana I was heavily involved with the Boy Scouts of America at all levels. Living near a North/South KCS yard I was able to help my troop earn their Rail Road Merit Badge. I enjoy attending many Ops Sessions and fellowshiping with the great modelers in our area. Currently I am a member of the Illinois Great Northern Model RR Club in Zion, IL and serve as the club Secretary.

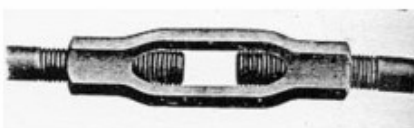
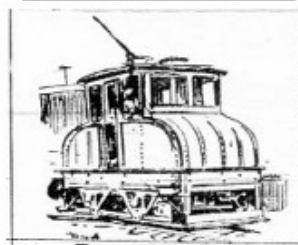
My firm belief is in TEAM Work where Together Everybody Achieves More. I would appreciate your support with my running for Director at Large.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL NEW CHICAGO DEPOT.

Central Station, Park Row and
Twelfth Street.

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LINE			
Arrival and departure of trains from Stevens Point.			
Portage Division.			
	Arrive.	Depart.	
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Freight	10:00 a m	11:30 a m	
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Cheese & Ashland Div.			
Passenger	9:00 a m	9:15 a m	
Freight	9:10 a m	1:20 a m	
GOING EAST.			
Passenger	10:20 a m	10:30 a m	
Passenger	2:00 a m	2:10 a m	
Passenger	9:20 p m	9:30 p m	
Freight	11:30 a m	7:00 a m	

Quiz
In what year were
these printed?



David Leider (Waybill Editor)

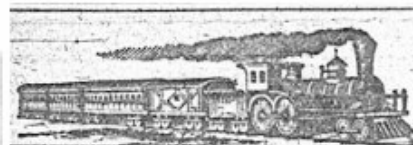
Hello fellow Midwest Region members. Although the Waybill editor is a volunteer position, I may as well include my photo and bio here.

My name is David Leider and I am taking the reins as Waybill editor. This has been quite a year for me, as my railroad was featured in Model Railroader in June and I got my MMR certificate in August. I am number 413 and justifiably proud.

I live in Prospect Heights Illinois, a northwest suburb of Chicago. I grew up in Des Plaines and the Soo Line was in my backyard, which accounts for my interest in trains and the Soo Line in particular. I am a trainmaster for the Fox Valley division, secretary of the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society and a member of the C&NW and Milwaukee Road historical societies, the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society and Lexington Group. I have written a number of articles for the SOO magazine and various modeling magazines as well as a book, so am not afraid to put pen to paper.

When I am not modeling, I enjoy gardening and work for a perennial grower northwest of Chicago. I am married to my lovely wife Audrone and have a teenage stepson, Kornelius.

My goal is to include content from all divisions, which is where you come in. Tell me what is going on in your division, who is a phenomenal modeler or which model railroad merits attention. Maybe you make custom decals, detail parts or something else you would like the rest of the division to know about. As they say, this is Your Division, lets hear Your input.



C.M. & St. P. Ry Time Table.

2009 Spring

ACHIEVEMENT NEWS

There has been constant activity in the Achievement Program. With the winter months here, members seem to have been even more active than usual. Certainly with all the snow and poor weather here in the midwest area, this is a great time to get things done on your layout and in the AP. The following people have received the Golden Spike Award:

Ronald Weyher- Iron River, WI

Michael Havens- Greencastle, IN

The following people have earned AP certificates:

Fred Henize- Channahon, IL- AP Official - MWR # 838

Jack Andrews- Delevan, IL - AP Volunteer- MWR # 839

Gary Loiselle- Rockford, IL AP Electrical- MWR # 840

Michael Havens- Greencastle, IN AP Scenery MWR # 841

Congratulations to all those who have earned certificates. Just remember to keep track of what you do as you do it. It is always easier to record activities as you do them, than to have to go back and look through a lot of paperwork to get proof of what you have done. The majority of questions can be answered by your division AP manager, so work with that person if there are any questions. Remember that all the forms and requirements are listed on the NMRA website. Keep on modeling!

Marvin Preussler

Midwest Region AP Manager

2009 Spring

School On A Sunday the Kids Will Enjoy?- The SCWD says You Bet!

By Chris Roeben

The South Central WI Division recently held their annual **Rail School** at the Fitchburg Community Center on January 11th.

What is a Rail School?

Rail School is a free event put on every January to educate the public about the many facets of model railroading. Clinicians from the SCWD come in and put on live demonstrations on different topics such as scenery, decal application, background painting, and locomotive maintenance.



Mike Vivion demonstrating scenery techniques with foam.



Al Potts showing how to renumber rolling stock with decals.

There are also those with static displays that talk to attendees. All clinicians will gratefully answer any question an attendee has.



Charlie Sleep discussing layout planning and design.

Also going on during the school is a Make-n-Take for the kids. Here the kids go through four stations from ballasting track, building a rail car, making a tree, to putting their new rail car behind the Youth Groups locomotive for a couple of laps around a circle of track.



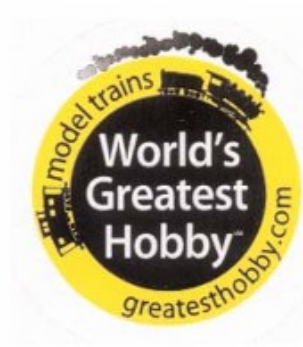
Lucas Meyer helping a new engineer man the throttle.

Everyone in attendance had fun, and a lot of questions were answered at this family event.

If you wish to come witness the next Rail School, then mark your calendars for January 10th 2010. Hope to see you there.

Waybill

Mid West Region NMRA –
Summer 2009



President's Report

By Bill Litkenhous, President, MWR

Yes, that is a new name at the top of this report. By this time you know that I have been elected to succeed our very capable past president, Gary Children. I am looking forward to this new challenge for me.

As I sat down to write this report, I heard the horn of our daily train working its way thru the city of Bedford and I compare it to me starting to work my way thru this presidency. For those of you that don't know, I live in Bedford, IN, a community in southern Indiana and in the most southeastern part of the Midwest region.

I recently returned from the region's spring convention in Rockford, IN and had a great time at this well run event. Before I even arrived in Rockford, I did some railroading by stopping at Rochelle for about an hour and a half. Several trains passed through while I was there, including a Union Pacific train with engines 2001 and 2002 at the lead. These were the two locomotives that the UP did a special paint on for the Olympic Torch Relay for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Both locomotives looked like they had just been painted, they were that clean.

I participated in as many of the activities as I could. After registering Friday night, I operated on Bill Kirchmeyer's outstanding Chicago Champaign & Southern Railroad, having the opportunity to run 4 trains, including the Millvale turn towards the end of the session. I was told that almost no one is able to complete the turn and I was no exception. I didn't even make it to Millvale before the session ended. It was a very enjoyable evening. I attended as many of the excellent clinics that I could get to; there is never enough time to attend all that you would like to see.

In the afternoon Tom Cain, Superintendent of the Central Indiana Division and I visited five layouts. We started at Chas. Wickhorst's and then went to Bob Jarrett's N gauge layout. We were particularly impressed with Bob's signals on this well done layout.

We went to Dennis Blunt's Omaha Road next. This layout was impressive with the many buildings and scenery. While leaving Dennis's house, his wife asked us if we were going to Bill Teeter's house to see his layout. We had mistakenly thought that he was not open on Saturday we had not had this on our list but after finding that we only had to walk through his back yard to get to Bill's we went there. Bill's Pekin & Peoria Union Terminal Railway was again a very impressive layout to view. Also, while Tom and I were talking to Bill, he mentioned that he had lived in this house for ten years before he knew he had a neighbor in model railroading. A small world!

Our last layout visit was Mike Schafer's Illinois & St. Louis Railroad in Lee, IL. Mike's track work was impressive, especially all the diamonds at the State Line Tower. After taking many photographs of Mike's layout, Tom and I made a beeline back to the convention center. I enjoyed a good dinner with good conversation at the table. After dinner we had a very good auction with some spirited bidding. Sunday morning was the board meeting where at the end of the meeting Gary turned the gavel over to me.

It was an excellent convention and if there are any members of the region that have not had the pleasure of attending one of our conventions, I would heartedly recommend that you give it some serious consideration.

After the board meeting I wrapped up some items for the region relating to my new office and then took off for Bedford. Since it was over seven hours driving back to southern Indiana, I did not tour any more of the layouts. The following weekend was no easier for me, as I was the chairperson for the joint Annual Bedford Kiwanis Club and Central Indiana Division spring show. The set up went smoothly and the dealers and attendees all seemed to enjoy themselves.

That is enough of the conventions and shows. I am going to try to get in some modeling during the next few months. Remember, model railroading is supposed to be fun.

2009 Summer

2010 Election

Petition Deadline Is July 30, 2009

Although the 2010 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2010 we will elect four (4) Directors-at-Large.

Sean Lamb from the South Central Wisconsin Division, Bob Lehn from the Central Indiana Division and Dave Poquette from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division, three of the four incumbent DALs, will complete their second two-year terms in 2010 and under the Bylaws will not be eligible to run for another term in 2010. Thanks to Sean, Bob and Dave for their dedicated service. Jim Osborn from the Fox Valley Division will complete his first two-year term and will be eligible to run for another term in 2010.

There are two ways that your name can be placed on the ballot. The first is by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Board of Directors. To be considered by the Nominating Committee (Chairman Jim Spice from the North Shore & Western Division and Members Reid Kahrs from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Jim Osborn from the Fox Valley Division), you must submit a biography/candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo to the Committee with a copy to the Region Secretary (Bert Lattan) as soon as possible, but no later than July 30, 2009.

The preferred method of delivery is electronic mail. (While e-mail is not required to serve on the Board, it is highly desirable since the Board conducts pre and post meeting activity by e-mail.) If you do not have e-mail, you may mail your bio/photo to Bert Lattan, who will convert it to an electronic format and send it to the Committee. Addresses and e-mail addresses for the Committee and the Secretary are on the Region website (www.mwr-nmra.org).

The second method is by petition signed by at least ten (10) current, resident NMRA members. The petition form is available on the Region website or it may be requested from Bert Lattan. Your petition must be accompanied by a biography/candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo. It must be received by Bert Lattan no later than July 30, 2009. He will convert it to an electronic format and forward it to the Committee.

The Committee will submit its recommendations and the names of all resident members nominated by petition to the Board of Directors for review and approval during its next meeting, which will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2009 in Fitchburg, Wisconsin.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the Winter 2009 issue of the Waybill. The results of the election will be announced during the 2010 Annual Meeting of Members.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee or the Secretary. —Jim Spice

Minutes, Annual Meeting of Members, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 18, 2009

President Gary Children called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center in Rockford, Illinois. Gary thanked the Rock River Valley Division for hosting the 2009 Spring Convention.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Members held on May 10, 2008 were unanimously approved as written and published in the Summer 2008 issue of the Waybill.

Reports

In Bryan Lemonds absence, Bert Lattan reported on Region finances. As of December 31, 2008 the General Fund and the Youth Fund had combined net assets of \$33,569.14. For the year then ended revenues, primarily from Waybill subscriptions and the NMRA dues rebate, were \$9,923.11; expenses, primarily for the Waybill, were \$6,362.65 and net revenue was \$3,560.46.

Gary Children presented several Service Awards.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Gary Children announced the winners of the election:

President	Bill Litkenhous
Vice President	Paul Mangan
Directors-at-Large	Chris Roeben, South Central Wisconsin Division Jim Wise, Illinois Valley Division Duke Yerman, North Shore & Western Division

Gary Children said that because the 75th Anniversary NMRA National Convention was being held in Milwaukee in 2010, the Midwest Region would not hold a 2010 Spring Convention. The 2010 Annual Meeting of Members and the Spring 2010 Board of Directors meeting will be held on a date and at a place that will be determined at the Fall 2009 Board of Directors meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Lattan
Secretary

IN MEMORIAL

HAMPTON ROTHWELL, past Superintendent of the South Central Wisconsin Division passed away on May 2, 2009. He was born on July 8, 1930 in Santiago, Chile. He moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, and graduated from North Carolina State in Electrical Engineering. After serving in the Army, he worked for General Electric in NY, where he also received his MBA. Later he worked for ITE in Germany, and Siemens International as a regional manager for 21 years on both the East and West Coasts. Upon retiring from Siemens, Hampton became the Director of Business Development for the State of Wisconsin. Hampton retired from state government after 16 years in 2005.

Hampton fell in love with trains as a child in Chile, where his father bought Pullman equipment for WR Grace & Co. in Chile, and spent a lot of years traveling by train whenever he could. Hampton was a member for over 20 years of the South Central Wisconsin Division of the National Model Railroad Association, and served on several boards related to international and business development. It was through that love of trains, travel and business that he gained a wonderful network of friends and deep friendships, all of whom were of great comfort and support during his last days. Hampton loved life and was an inspiration to many.



He loved to travel, a love that he shared with his wife Barbara.

On May 2, 2009, Hampton, surrounded by loved ones, passed away peacefully at his home. He was a wonderful loving husband, father, and friend. He will truly be missed by his family, and friends.

2009 Winter



Santa Train at Plymouth Wisconsin December 2008

Editor's Column

In Region news, the Board of Directors of the Midwest Region voted to establish a new division, named the Michiana Division. (MD-2815) It consists of Berrien County in Michigan and Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Saint Joseph, and Starke Counties in Indiana, all formerly in the Calumet Division and some areas of the North Central Region. The portion in Illinois was added to the Dupage Division.

Jim Six has agreed to serve as the first superintendent, with Chris Thompson as assistant superintendent and Mark Plank Chief Clerk and paymaster.

How to attract and retain members is a problem faced by all the divisions. Getting them to attend meetings is the first step. Jim has several novel ideas in this regard. As he stated in the official Yahoo-group for the division (NMRA Michiana Division) "They will not be meetings, but seminars, clinics, workshops, etc. He wants to "make being an NMRA member worth the price of admission."

The yahoo-group will be used to transact all official NMRA business; Treasurer's report, next meeting, etc., leaving the meetings to be fulfilled, learning experiences. He realizes that people

without a computer will feel they are left out, but anyone can go to a library or friends home to get computer access.

Anyone can join their Yahoo-group and follow along with them. For now, anyone can join, but in the future it will be limited to NMRA members.

As of this writing, November 12, the first get-together has not been planned, but they want to get going as soon as a meeting place has been arranged.

In National news, Gerry Leone MMR reports:

Those driving to the 75th Anniversary Convention in Milwaukee next summer who have some extra time may want to check out the Milwaukee Area Railfan Guide (MARGE) at <http://alturi.com/bj3r>. The guide points out many railfan sites, hobby shops, and other points of interest.

After five years of research and planning, the NMRA and California State Railroad Museum (CSRM) have announced the signing of an agreement authorizing the development of a 3,500 square foot model railroading exhibit at the CSRM. The exhibit will be housed in the museum's gallery, which is visited by more than 600,000 people annually.

Election Time

Yes, It is once again election time. Up for election are four seats for MWR director. Believe it or not, we have six candidates for the four seats. This may be a tight race, so please vote for the four you feel are best qualified. The ballot can be found on page 12.

Their Biographies follow

Fred Henize



I have been a member of the NMRA since April of 1988, at least this time around. I have been active in the DuPage Division most of that time as clerk, assistant superintendent, superin-

tendent, and as division newsletter editor. As division superintendent I also served on the Region Board of Directors. Currently I am serving once again as division assistant superintendent. For the past four years I have also served as the NMRA National Ballot Committee Chairman.

I model in N-scale, having a layout about 18 x 28 feet on two levels. It is about 80 % complete in terms of the final scenery. No model railroad is totally "complete" as long as you are able to continue working on it. I am also very active in the Heritage N-trak Group, and have 14 modules that are part of a large layout we take to many shows each year.

As assistant superintendent, one of the most difficult jobs is lining up enough clinics and speakers for a year's worth of programs. I have often wished there was a speakers bureau, perhaps on a Regional level, of everybody who had programs, clinics, etc. that they would be willing to share.

The "Frugal Modeler", David Nelson, is taking some time off for the holidays. He will return next issue.

Mike Hurlburt

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 31 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 two 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

David Leider MMR

My name is David Leider and I live in Prospect Heights Illinois. I have been a member of the NMRA since 1995. I got my MMR in 2007.



2009 Winter

ELECTION TIME AGAIN

I have been a Trainmaster for the Fox Valley division for five years and the editor of the Midwest Region's Waybill for a year.

I model in HO and am working on a depiction of Waupaca Wisconsin as it existed in 1947. I enjoy research and have written several books and numerous articles for the Soo Line magazine about various subjects. I have also written articles for all the model railroad publications and my layout was featured in Model Railroader. I enjoy giving clinics and have been a presenter at Naperville for the Prototype Modelers for a number of years as well as several divisions and the Midwest Region of the NMRA.

I am secretary for the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society as well as Chairman of the fundraising committee for its archives. I am also a member of the Chicago and Northwestern and Milwaukee Road Historical Societies, The Railway and Locomotive Historical Society and the Lexington Group.

I find that the more you can contribute to an organization, the more you get in return, be it friendship, camaraderie as well as knowledge.

Jim Osborn



As the incumbent Director-at-Large since 2008, I have carried out various tasks for the region at the request of the Superintendent. They have included assuming the Internet Committee Chairmanship and managing the region's Web site as well as

assisting the Waybill editor, the Secretary and the 2010 National Convention Chairman. Significant activities during that period include writing and publishing an Internet Committee policy and procedure, creating a cost sharing agreement with the Fox Valley Division for web site hosting, managing the region website, authoring three, 2010

convention layout tour text and photo articles for Scale Rails and serving on the Region nominating committee.

As a Fox Valley Division board member since 2005, my responsibilities are division public relations, assistant High Wheeler Train Show Chairman, as well as designing and maintaining the division website. I have also authored a number of written/pictorial reviews of member layouts for the division publication and served on the 2006 regional convention committee. I am a member of the NMRA Operations SIG as well as a contributing member of the CNW Historical society. Non-hobby but relevant qualifications include prior board of director positions for several, privately-held business enterprises. Thank you for your support and consideration! I hope to continue as a Director-at-Large for the Midwest Region.

Ingrid Drozdak

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Ingrid Drozdak. My nickname is TreeLady and I am a Z scaler. When I tell most modelers that, the comment I usually get is how can you see that. My response is "I can Z it very well. Do you like my new glasses." Kidding

aside. I have been around trains since the age of 6 or 7. It started out with my cousins Lionel set. I would shoot rockets at him and he would try to zap me with the controls. We did get the train to run around the layout many times. He and I had a blast. Skip many years, and I got a new boyfriend. He was into model trains. It was a good thing. Well that boyfriend became my husband.

A few year had passed and I started my Z scale empire and have a coffee table layout, and I am in the process of designing the Sierra Summit Line (it is not in a coffee table). I became an active member with the NMRA in the mid 1990's. I have done clinics for the National Conventions in 1997, 1999 and in 2003. I have also done clinics for North Shore and Western Division, Calumet Division, DuPage Division, Fox Valley Division, Illinois Valley Division, Rock River Valley Division, South Central



Wisconsin Division and Wisconsin Southeastern Division. I am currently holding the office of Chief Clerk for North Shore and Western Division and also the Photo Contest Chairperson for the Region.

I look forward to serve as a Director-at-Large.

BARB ROTHWELL



I joined the NMRA/SCWD in 1990, and has been an active volunteer member for the past nineteen years. I started working at the old SCWD's Swap Meets, then at the SCWD Railschool, SCWD auction, and the Rail Show. I have served the SCWD as editor of the

SCWD BAD ORDER, photo chair, Company Store Chair, Estate Planning Chair, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent. I have been on and off both the SCWD and MWR Board over the last 15 years, and enjoy working with both Boards to help promote the hobby. I have also 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 am the registrar for the upcoming 2011 regional Convention. I have served as a MWR Director-at-Large for 2 terms and was the editor of the MWR's Waybill. I am working on my MMR (3 more certificates to go). I like wood prototype modeling in HO, when I'm not doing backdrops, working on layouts, or getting together with friends for operating sessions. I would really appreciate your vote for Director at Large.

2010 Spring

in the photo. Start adding disposable plastic packaging to your scrap box and you might be surprised by the no-cost modeling possibilities that come to mind.

CLINICS AT NMRA '75 LOOK FORWARD AND BACK

Would you like to learn how to create a modern CTC panel for your layout using CATS? Or maybe you'd like to find out more about building kits made from brass etched parts, or increase your knowledge about chapel cars. Did you even know there were such things as chapel cars?

You can learn about these topics and many more by attending the clinics at NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association convention for 2010. This year the NMRA celebrates its 75th anniversary, so its altogether fitting that our national convention be held in Milwaukee Wisconsin, the city where it all began. The dates are July 11th through the 18th.

While NMRA 75 will take an affectionate look back at our hobby's days of old, it will also be looking ahead to the fresh and new. This year's clinic program reflects that idea very well. Of the 163 clinics scheduled to be presented, 123 are brand new and never before presented at an NMRA national convention. These new clinics will cover everything from scenery to structures to the newest trends in Digital Command Control. So if you're looking for fresh new ideas to enhance your modeling, NMRA 75 is the convention you must not miss!

But not all the new clinics at NMRA 75 are about fresh new ideas. You can look forward to a couple of them that look back. Clinician Paul Hobbs will present Seventy-Five Years Of Development And Achievement In Model Railroading. Paul will review events, processes, inventions, companies and individuals that have made significant contributions to the hobby over the past 75 years. You might also want to see Steve Stewart's new clinic, Seventy-Five Years Of Railroading. Steve examines prototype railroading from what was in 1934 to what will be in 2011. And what could be more appropriate to bring the list of new clinics to an end than one about the history of Milwaukee Road Cabooses?

As an added bonus, many of the new clinics at NMRA 75 will be presented by some of the best-known names in model railroading. Names like Jack Burgess, Bruce Chubb, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill Schaumburg, Andy Sperandio, Tony Thompson and Wayne Wesolowski.

Of course NMRA 75 is about much more than clinics. To

find out everything you need to know, visit our website at www.nmra75.org. You can even register online.

Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer in Milwaukee!

Oh and in case you were wondering, no actual cats were harmed in the making of that CTC clinic.



RPM REVS UP AT NMRA 75.

It started 75 years ago in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders intent in setting interchangeability standards for motive power, rolling stock, and track formed the National Model

Railroad Association or NMRA.

It started 25 years ago at the 50th Anniversary NMRA convention in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders interested in the contemporary scene formed The Modern Prototype Modelers. Over the years the emphasis changed to prototype modeling from all eras. As a result the name changed too, and the group became known as Railroad Prototype Modelers or RPM.

Over the years both the NMRA and the RPM continued to grow and now 25 years later, both are meeting once again in Milwaukee.

The event is NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association's 75th anniversary convention. From July 11 through the 16th, RPM modelers and NMRA members from all over the world will join together to celebrate the accomplishments of two great organizations.

Just as NMRA standards spawned innovations that have changed the hobby, so too has the innovative modeling of RPM members. In fact the level of detail and the technical excellence of today's models owe much of their origins to the NMRA and the RPM. No doubt about it, there is much to celebrate, which is why you should come to this party!

An entire room will be devoted to RPM models from all over the world and you're invited to bring yours to display as well. The room will be open from Wednesday to Friday during convention week.

In addition to the RPM exhibit, NMRA 75 will offer a huge array of tours, clinics programs, and special events designed for model railroaders and their non-modeling family members. That means NMRA 75 makes for an ideal family vacation this summer!

Get all the details by visiting our website www.nmra75.org. You can even register online. So join the party.

2010 Spring

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

I am happy to report that there has been a great deal 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:

Randy Williamson	Larsen, WI	Official
Thomas Cain	Indianapolis, IN	Author
Marvin Preussler	Sheboygan, WI	Official
Marvin Preussler	Sheboygan, WI	Master Model Railroader # 432

If you know these folks personally or see them at your next train show, be sure to congratulate them on their achievement. I hope to be able to process more certificates in the near future as the National convention draws near. As always, work with your division Achievement Program Manager first, and if there is a problem, feel free to contact me. Thanks!

Marvin Preussler, MMR
(Note that our AP chairman has gotten MMR # 432. Be sure and congratulate him when you see him. editor)

2010 Summer

MMR EARNED MARVIN R. PREUSSLER EARNS MMR #432 by Marvin Preussler, MMR

I was introduced to model railroading by my father, Merlin, at a very young age. He had a Lionel O 27 layout that he set up on a ping pong table every year around Christmastime. My older brother, Mark, decided that HO scale was more prototypical. Dad then bought a Lionel HO scale train set and we set that up on a more permanent table. My dad had a co-worker who was also a great model



Don Manlick, MMR #56 and the most recent MMR from the Winnebago Division, Marvin Preussler, MMR #432.

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2010 Summer

railroader whose name is Herb Weiss. Seeing Herb's excellent layout was really a big influence for me. It was the first HO scale prototype based model railroad that I had ever seen. Seeing Herb's layout for the first time was what really got me hooked into the hobby.

Merlin, Mark, and I took down the small HO scale train set and started construction on a new layout that took up the entire basement at my parents house. Herb had some really nice contest quality custom painted locomotives. There was an NMRA division meet going on nearby, so I did a locomotive, entered it into the model contest, and failed miserably! The NMRA contest judge, Dave Allen, pointed out and made notes as to what I could do better the next time. I took his advice and custom painted and detailed a new locomotive model and took my first Best of Show award in the model contest. I was 23 at the time, so this was a pretty big accomplishment for me in my mind.

After that I met Rich Hanke from Manitowoc, WI. He is a life member of the NMRA and was our WinnebagoLand Division AP Chairman at that time. Rich was giving a clinic on the AP Program at one of our meets, so I listened and got interested in it. Rich encouraged me to join the NMRA and get involved with the AP. I did both and started earning AP certificates for the work that I did on my section of the layout at my parent's house.

It was a lot of fun entering the model contests in our WinnebagoLand Division because my brother Mark would enter a model in the same contest. Mark is an extremely talented prototype modeler who is also going to be a MMR soon too. So we always had a friendly competition going at these meets. I am younger than Mark by just a few years, so I always kind of looked at what he was doing and wanted to do that too. Of course, I wanted to do it better. That is how it works with brothers! So during the rides to our Division meets, I would be telling Mark how

bad I was going to beat his model, and he would be giving me reasons why his model was superior to mine! We certainly became better modelers because of the rivalry and getting involved in the Division model contests.

I moved out and got my own house and started my own operations based prototype HO scale layout based on the Green Bay & Western Railroad. I earned more certificates along the way due to the building of this layout and the limited number of models available at the time for the GB&W. After the layout was operable, Mark created our own operating group called LAPM. (Lakeshore Area Prototype Modelers) One of the members in our group is Don Manlick from Manitowoc, WI. Don is MMR #56 and he is the best modeler that I have ever met. Don has encouraged me and shared a lot of his knowledge of the AP and modeling in general with me. Don had worked for the C&NW so he gained a lot of knowledge from his job that he could apply to modeling. His attention to detail when it comes to modeling is second to none in my opinion. Don was our WinnebagoLand Division AP chairman, so when he stepped down, I took over that position. I then got more involved going to Midwest Region meets. I met Bill Myers at a Midwest Region meet. He was our MWR AP Chairman. I enjoyed working with him for many years. Due to health concerns, Bill asked me if I wanted to be the Midwest Region AP Chairman. So, in 2006, I took over as the MWR AP Chairman and am presently serving the NMRA in that capacity.



Don Manlick, MMR #56 and the most recent MMR from the WinnebagoLand Division, Marvin Preussler, MMR #432.

Getting involved in the NMRA and the AP was a great opportunity for me. I never set out to be a MMR, but I figured as long as I was doing these various things, I should just fill out the paperwork and get the credit for it. I have definitely become a better modeler due to my participation in the AP. I can say that I have enjoyed the hobby also by helping others working in the AP. It has also been a great pleasure to meet so many fine modelers along the way. I would like to thank Rich Hanke for getting me involved in the AP. I would also like to thank Dave Allen, our WinnebagoLand Division contest chairman, who is a fantastic modeler, for all his insight and advice through the years. Also, big thanks to my brother Mark, Don Manlick, Joe DeGroot, Dale Krueger, Ivan Ver Gowe, and of course my dad Merlin, who started this all, and my mom Marilyn who put up with it!

I have earned the following certificates: Model Railroad Author, Chief Dispatcher, Volunteer, Master Builder-Motive Power, Master Builder- Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical, and Model Railroad Official.

2010 Fall

TWO MORE MMRs

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Jim McQueeney, Rockford, IL	Chief Dispatcher
MWR Certificate # 869	
Harold Helland, Hawthorn Woods, IL	Electrical
MWR Certificate # 870	
Mark Preussler, Sheboygan, WI	Structures
MWR Certificate # 871	
John Wolfe, Kenosha, WI	Electrical
MWR Certificate # 872	
Mark Preussler, Sheboygan, WI	Electrical
MWR Certificate # 873	
David Allen, Marquette, MI	Motive Power
MWR Certificate # 875	
Harold Helland, Hawthorn Woods, IL	Scenery
MWR Certificate #876	
David Leider, MMR- Prospect Hts, IL	Electrical
MWR Certificate # 877	
Robert Wundrock, Verona, WI	Motive Power
MWR Certificate # 878	
Ronald Lane, Columbus, IN	Prototype Models
MWR Certificate # 880	

The following member received the Golden Spike Award:

Michael Hirvela, Waukegan, IL

There is even more good news! We now have two more Master Model Railroaders in the Midwest Region! They are:

Mark R. Preussler : Master Model Railroader # 442

Robert Wundrock: Master Model Railroader # 446

Mark and Robert are excellent model railroaders and are very active in the NMRA in their divisions. They were presented with their MMR certificates at the banquet at the National Convention in Milwaukee this past July.



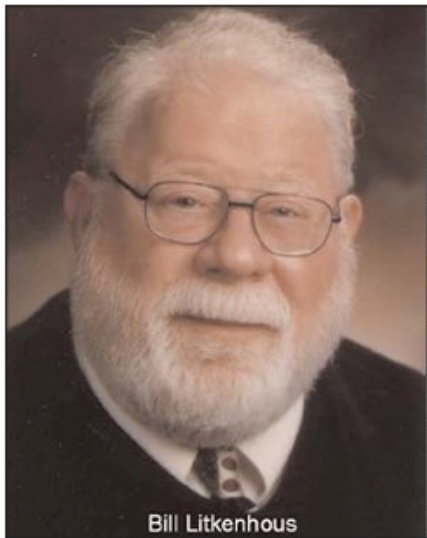
Above: Mark receives his MMR # 442

Below: Bob is awarded MMR #446

As a side note, I have known both of these gentlemen for many years and both are excellent modelers. They are also members of the Soo Line Historical & Technical Society and I spoke with them and fellow MMR's Ralph Wehlitz MMR #191, Marvin Preussler, MMR #432 and Les Breuer, MMR #387 at our annual convention in Neenah. Unfortunately I forgot to get us all together for a group portrait. editor



Bill Litkenhous, President



Bill Litkenhous

I am currently serving as your President and seeking re-election for a 2nd term. I joined the NMRA in 1961 and have been a continuous life member since. My active NMRA involvement started years ago, when someone from the C.I.D. asked if we would host a train show in Bloomington and I became the co-chairman of

that show. Since becoming involved in the C.I.D., I have served as superintendent and on the Board of Directors. I have served as chairman of various committees and have been active on the Regional Conventions committees at Anderson and Noblesville, IN. I served as Chairperson of the 2007 Regional Convention in Muncie. I am also the chairman of the committee for the joint Kiwanis Club/C.I.D. train shows at Bedford. I have done this for 14 years now.

In addition to NMRA activities, I am active in the Salem, Indiana Depot Museum helping to build an operating HO layout depicting the Monon Railroad in the Washington County area. I usually volunteer there two days a week.

My modeling interests are focused on The Bedford Industrial Railroad, a small switching layout to keep me occupied while I am planning my ultimate layout. I model the L&N and C&O with an interest in all of the railroads that operated into Louisville, KY, my hometown. These include the Southern, B&O (which is my son's favorite line), Illinois Central, the New York Central, the Pennsylvania and last but not least the Monon RR. I have been recently remarried and currently residing in Bedford, IN.

Paul Mangan, Vice-President



Paul Mangan

Currently I am nearing the end of my first term as the National Model Railroad Association's Midwest Region's (NMRA-MWR) Vice-President. It has been a very enjoyable experience to work with our region's, President Bill Litkenhous and the entire Board of Directors. I would certainly look forward to serving another term if re-elected.

I'm in my fourth term as the Superintendent of the South Central Wisconsin Division and I always bring a positive attitude and "can do" spirit to the table. I will continue to work with the NMRA-MWR's board of directors, do my best to represent you and do my part to handle what ever challenges are put before the board. I will continue working to ensure that the hobby remains enjoyable for all members. I truly believe that this is "The World's Greatest Hobby".

Thank you very much
Paul



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2010 Winter

Election News

Jim Allen



I have been involved in model railroading on and off for more than 50 years. It started with a battery-operated tinplate 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 corpo-

rate 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, Walther's, 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 and Master Builder – Motive Power. Articles that I have authored have appeared in Model Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman and Mainline Modeler.

My wife and I retired in 2008 and I now have the time to start building the model railroad that I have been planning for the past 6 years. The 13'x19' layout will be a Chicago based theme concentrating on IC and CSS&SB operations. Of course this all depends on the length of my wife's honey-do list. My other interests include restoring a 1956 Penn Yan 14' cedar strip runabout, architectural photography, and researching heavy industry.

Fred Henize

I have been a member of the NMRA since April of 1988, at least this time around. I have been active in the DuPage Division most of that time as clerk, assistant superintendent, superintendent, and as division newsletter editor. As division superintendent I also served on the Region Board of Directors. Currently I am serving once again as division assistant superintendent. For the past four years I have also served as the NMRA National Ballot Committee Chairman.

I model in N-scale, having a layout about 18 x 28 feet on two levels. It is about 80% complete in terms of the final scenery. No model railroad is totally "complete" as long as you are able to continue working on it. I am also very active in the Heritage N-trak Group, and have 14 modules that are part of a large layout we take to many shows each year.

As assistant superintendent, one of the most difficult jobs is lining up enough clinics and speakers for a year's worth of programs. I have often wished there was a speakers bureau, perhaps on a Regional level, of everybody who had programs, clinics, etc. that they would be willing to share.



David J. Leider MMR

I live in Prospect Heights Illinois and have been a member of the NMRA since 1995. I got my MMR in 2007. I have been a trainmaster for the Fox Valley division for 6 years and am the editor of the Midwest Region's Waybill. I model in HO and am working on a depiction of Waupaca Wisconsin as it existed in 1947. I enjoy research and have written several books and numerous articles for the Soo Line magazine about various subjects. I have also written articles for all the model railroad publications and had my layout featured in Model Railroader. I enjoy giving clinics and have been a presenter at Naperville for the Prototype Modelers for a number of years as well as several divisions of the NMRA.

I am secretary for the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society as well as Chairman of the fundraising committee for its archives. I am also a member of the Chicago and Northwestern and Milwaukee Road Historical Societies, The Railway and Locomotive Historical Society and the Lexington Group. When not chasing trains I like to garden. I am married to my wife Audrone and have a stepson.



2011 Spring

Waybill

Mid West Region NMRA –
Spring 2011



President's Report

By Bill Litkenhous, President, MWR

Another quarter has come and gone and I am again at the keyboard trying to prepare an interesting and informative letter. As most of you are aware being an officer entails attending two board meetings a year to administer to region business. In reviewing last year's meetings I noticed that both were in Bloomington. The Spring Meeting was held at Bloomington, Indiana in conjunction with the Central Indiana Division Bedford Meet and Annual Meeting which I reported on in an earlier letter. The Fall Meeting was held in Bloomington, Illinois hosted by the IVD. This was an excellent meeting and IVD President Mike Shockley did a superb job of making the arrangements for the MWR. The meeting went very well and the provisions for us to have lunch after the meeting made it a lot more enjoyable for those of us that came from some distance away. There was a division show following the MWR board meeting and I understand that it was an excellent event. I was riding with our treasurer Bryan Lemonds and we needed to leave early to head back to Bloomington, IN. Thank you IVD and Mike for the good job.

Another event that took place last quarter that I neglected to mention was the CIRROPS. I know there was a report on this event in the Waybill but I was involved with part of the operation and want to give my point of view. I assisted Bryan Lemonds with his outstanding Utah Division of the Denver and Rio Grand Western Railroad. Bryan had a full house and I believe all there had a lot of fun running trains. I know I did. Normally I assist as the yardmaster in the Provo and Salt Lake City yards at the west end of the layout. We were able to stay up with the trains coming and going enough so that I was able to take a train out on the road, something that I have not been able to do in the past. Needless to say I had a lot of fun. I would recommend that if you get a chance the next time CIRROPS is scheduled join up and have fun operating on the excellent layouts that are involved.

Other events that have been going on in this end of the Region were the Central Indiana Division's participation in the GTE show in Indianapolis the first week end after the New Year. They usually set up a booth to advertise the NMRA and its activities. I have been told that it was a busy

week end with many visitors looking into the benefits of the NMRA.

The annual Noblesville train show and auction was held the last Sunday of January and again was a huge success with the many admissions to the show. I always like this show as a dealer because you have a lot of customers come by your tables and a lot of them are buyers. The auction this year was quite beneficial to me as one of the items offered was a commercial ceramic model of the unique B&O depot that was in New Albany, IN. The station was built in a triangular shape to fit in between all the railroads serving the area. And I was lucky enough to purchase this interesting item.

In the February, 2011 issue of the Railroad Model Craftsman there is a very interesting article on building the Waupaca-Green Bay Railway engine house. It looks like our editor has been busy working on his railroad and also in showing the rest of us how to do it. If you didn't see the article, be sure to find a copy and read it. You'll be glad you did. Thank you, David!

As I have written before one of the railroads that I model is the C&O RR as it ran between Ashland and Louisville, KY. Recently I have been working to recreate the George Washington Passenger Train as it ran during the late 50s and early 60s. While I was attending the University of Louisville I would occasionally take a break from class and run downtown to the Central Station where the George would start its easterly journey. It was an interesting train that during that period of time would often be pulled by one or two BL2s that were originally ordered by the Pere Marquette Railroad. It ran into Louisville with the head end cars on the back of the train as the C&O had no easy provisions to turn the train. There was just a small turntable to turn the BL2s when only one had been on the head end. I am hoping to get this train complete yet this year so that I can put together a clinic on adapting commercial models into accurate representations of the cars for the train.

I make this comment because being the co-chair of the clinic committee for the CID, I know that there is always a need for new and informative presentations. So if you have a skill or a project that you have completed or are working on, please contact the clinic chair in your area and let them know that you would be willing to make a presentation.

2011 Summer

MMR's at the Joint Winnebago/SLHTS meet,
left to right: Mark Preussler, Don Manlick, Bob
Wundrock, Marvin Preussler, David Leider
Not pictured: Ralph Wehlitz and Bill Elhert



PHOTO SECTION MIDWEST REGIONAL CONVENTION



Ingrid Drozdak announces the winners



Marv Preussler MMR, talks about the AP with a member.

2011 Fall

President's Report

By Bill Litkenhous, President, MWR

I have reported on my activities with the Salem Depot Railroad Museum several times in this report and I am doing so again. If you would like to see what goes on at the Museum get a copy of the August issue of Railroad Model Craftsman. **The Monon in Washington County** is a very nice article on the model railroad in the basement of the museum. The article is illustrated by several excellent photos of the railroad. The lead photo of the Monon F3s approaching the semaphore signal is particularly striking and I wish I had taken it. Cecil Smith, the founder of the museum and John Campbell, the project coordinator did a very good job with the article.

In July I was invited to Tom Cain's Santa Fe model railroad for an operating session. I have been to Tom's house several times and have watched the progress of the construction. It is now in operation and the scenery is partially completed. Tom uses the track warrant system for operation and the layout ran very smoothly. I was initially assigned a local to run and then a through freight. Both trains ran beautifully. The evening was very enjoyable. Speaking of layouts, my layout, the Bedford Industrial Railroad has been relocated. It is now resting on its side in my new train room. I moved it virtually intact from Bedford to my new house in Scottsburg. It did suffer some damage in the move. Some of the track was ripped off by the movers but it will be easy to replace. After all, I built this layout using the same method the prototype sometimes uses, panel track. Yes, my current layout was constructed using Atlas snap track.

Since the layout is no longer located in Bedford, I am not sure that I will retain the Bedford Industrial Railroad name. However, I am not too wild about calling it the Scottsburg Industrial Railroad which just doesn't quite have the ring to it that the BIRR has. By the name it is obviously a switching layout. It is based on an 'L' shaped layout published in one of the Atlas layout books. It has all the features required to apply for the Golden Spike certificate. It will also be the basis for my application for the AP Award in Electrical Engineering.

I am planning on getting it upright in the next few weeks, just as soon as the 90 degree weather in the area subsides. My train room is a detached two and one half car garage of which I get a one and one half car portion. The building is not yet insulated or heated or air conditioned.

While I am working on the Golden Spike certificate and the Electrical Engineering AP Certificate, I will also pull out all my information to prepare for the Dispatcher AP Certificate. I have all the operating hours; I just need to put together the paper work for the certificate.

I am now making a conscious effort to acquire all of the AP Certificates that I need for the MMR. I recommend that all of you consider the same.

The Southern Indiana Railroad model railroad club in Jeffersonville, Indiana of which I am a member, is preparing for our annual show as part of the Sellersburg Celebrates. On Thursday evening, August 25, we will move our sectional layout to the Moose Lodge in Sellersburg and set it up for operation. On Friday we will run the layout for the public from noon to eight o'clock and again on Saturday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. Also on Saturday we will have dealers tables set up for sales. This has been a successful event for us in the past and we hope it will be again this year.

A major upcoming event for the Midwest Region is our fall board meeting. The meeting is being held September 10, 2011 at the University Plaza Hotel, 3001 Northwestern Avenue, West Lafayette, IN. The meeting will start at 10:00 am. We always welcome visitors to the meetings. Come and learn about the operation of the Region's Business.

And that is just the start of September. The rest of the fall season seems to be just as active.

I would also like to put in a plug for our spring, 2012 Convention, which includes our Annual Meeting and Spring Board Meeting. The convention is being hosted by the Illinois Valley Division and will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 9, 10 & 11, 2012. Please put this on your schedule. I will look forward to seeing you there.

A lot of information on the Convention is showing up on the internet now. Plan now to attend. It looks like it is going to be a good one.

NMRA NATIONAL NEWS

By Gerry Leone MMR

NMRA Communications Director

Jim Zinser, MMR, and Fred Bock, MMR, have asked me to run this item again: If your Region or Division gives adult or family classes on model railroading, Fred Bock, the NMRA's Education Department Assistant Manager, is looking for ideas. Whether your program runs as a one-day seminar or multi-week course, Fred would like to know what your program is about and is looking for lesson plans or other course material. Please email Fred at fbockLSRDiv6@aol.com. Use "Adult Education" as the subject of the email.

The dust has barely settled from the Sacramento convention, when the folks in Grand Rapids are revving up for next year's get-together. In fact, registration for Grand Rails 2012 is well underway. Members can visit the website at www.gr2012.org and either register online or download a mail-in form. Note that currently registration only covers the costs of attending the convention. Furniture City Flyers Club members will receive the complete list of tours, activities, and merchandise in December, followed by advance registrants, then all other members.

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 pro-

fession, 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.

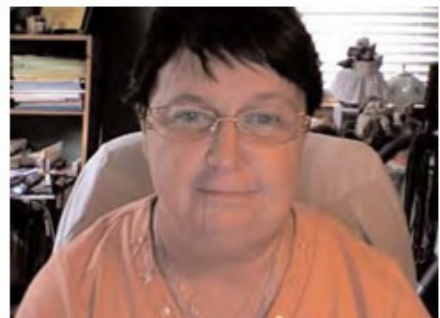
I hold AP certificates as an Association Volunteer and as Chief Dispatcher. I'm a member of the Operations SIG, the Layout Design SIG, the Railroad Industries SIG, the Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society, the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society, and the National Railway Historical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

Happy Holidays to you and yours



Some shots from Trainfest 2011

Editor's Column

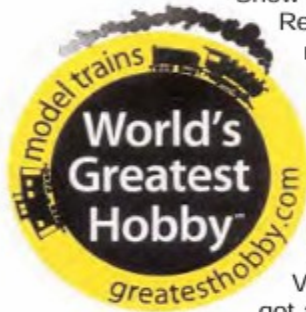
TRAIN SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

WORLDS GREATEST HOBBY on tour

This year the world's greatest Hobby Show came to the Renaissance Center in Schaumburg. As booths were free to non-profits, the Fox Valley Division got a booth for the NMRA and I got a booth for the Soo Line Historical Society. The show, with generous advertising, drew an enormous crowd, over 32,000. Of course the big attraction was a free ride on Thomas. Sunday morning I saw people running to be first in line, pushing their strollers at breakneck speed to be first. That line, by the way, stretched for yards, meaning an hour wait for the train. Parking was free, but as Jim Osborn quipped, he had to take a taxi from the parking lot to the show as he had to park so far away.

I was amazed at the interest in trains by the youngsters. The booth next to mine was selling wooden Thomas track and accessories and was always crowded. And the prices were not cheap. The show also contained a vendor area as well as a nice assortment of modular railroads. I am hoping that at least some of the 32,000 attendees left with a spark of an interest in model railroading. It is up to us to promote the hobby. Many of us started with 3-rail Lionel. Maybe the future generation is starting with wooden Thomas track. Hopefully that will translate into more members for the NMRA and historical societies. (Now I know what the new NMRA logo is about, it was based on Thomas the Tank!-same color blue)

Jeff Jar has an article on page 6 regarding how he and several other modular groups combined their railroads to create a mega-modular design for the show.



I also attended the Mad-City Train show last weekend. They had a great turnout and business was brisk at the Soo Line booth. I can not remember the last time they had two perfect days for the show. Usually it snows at least one of them.

The next train show on my calendar is Highwheeler in Palatine. See their add on page 4. This is a great show for the kids, with lots for them to do.

The following week is the annual Midwest Regional Convention. I hope to see you there. If you have not registered, do it soon!

I will be giving two clinics. The first will be on using a static grass applicator. It is not just for static grass. I will show how you can make some realistic trees with it also. The second clinic is on how to get an MMR, based on how I got mine.

Following that is the Springfield Train Show, held on the Sunday after the convention.

Speaking of train trains, I want to welcome a new advertiser, the Cisco Junction Model Railroad Group who will be putting on a train show March 17-18. Their add is on page 4.

All proceeds from the show are used in the restoration of their 1874 depot, a very worthwhile cause.

If you are at any of the upcoming shows, stop by and say hello..



Jim Osborn and Mike Hirvela man the NMRA booth at the World's Greatest Hobby Show in Schaumburg. All photos by David Leider

Region News

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

I am happy to report that there has been tons 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:

Marion Brasher, Spring Valley, IL	Prototype Models
Mark Plank, Syracuse, IN	Volunteer
James E. Six, Millersburg, IN	Author
Bryan Lemonds, Bloomington, IN	Official
Bob Lehnen, Indianapolis, IN	Scenery
Jim McQueeney, Rockford, IL	Prototype Models
Gary Children, West Allis, WI	Author
Gary Children, West Allis, WI	Chief Dispatcher
Roger Blocks, Three Lakes, WI	Volunteer
Donald Cook, Waukegan, IL	Civil Engineer
Jim Osborn, McHenry, IL	Official
Jim Osborn, McHenry, IL	Scenery
Jim Osborn, McHenry, IL	Electrical
Jim Osborn, McHenry, IL	Civil Engineer

The following member received the Golden Spike Award:

William Boyd, Evanston, IL

NEW MMR JIM MCQUEENY #477

Now, more big news regarding the AP! We now have a brand new Master Model Railroader in our Midwest Region! It is my pleasure to announce that Jim McQueeney of Rockford, Illinois is now Master Model Railroader # 477. Jim holds the Golden Spike Award and has Certificates in Cars, Prototype Models, Civil, Electrical, Chief Dispatcher, Volunteer, and Author. So if you know Jim or see him at a meet, be sure to congratulate him on this major achievement in the hobby. From everyone in the Midwest Region, congratulations Jim, on earning Master Model Railroader # 477! Be sure to pass on what you have learned to anyone interested in becoming a MMR!

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 winter months in full swing, 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 taking place in March in Illinois. So take a look at the NMRA website, and see what you may qualify for and set a goal.

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

Marvin Preussler, MMR - MWR AP Manager

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The following member received an AP Certificate:

Paul Wussow Glen Ellyn IL Chief Dispatcher

The following member received the Golden Spike Award:

Paul Mangan, Oregon, WI

Now, more big news regarding the AP! We now have another brand new Master Model Railroader in our Midwest Region! It is my pleasure to announce that Donald Cook of Waukegan, Illinois is now Master Model Railroader # 479. Donald holds the Golden Spike Award and has Certificates in Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil, Electrical, Chief Dispatcher, and Volunteer. So if you know Donald or see him at a meet, be sure to congratulate him on this major achievement in the hobby. From everyone in the Midwest Region, congratulations Donald, on earning Master Model Railroader # 479! Be sure to pass on what you have learned to anyone interested in becoming a MMR!

It has been a busy time in the AP in our Midwest Region. I have been busy processing an average of 2-4 sets of paperwork per month for AP certificates for our members. Certainly the AP is alive and well in our region. With the spring and summer months coming up, I am sure there will be a little less activity in the AP as we head outdoors to enjoy the few weeks of the summer. So take a look at the NMRA website, and see what you may qualify for and set a goal.

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

Marvin Preussler, MMR - MWR AP Manager

2012 Fall

Midwest Regional Convention

MILEPOST 50, Indianapolis Indiana,
May 2-5, 2013

Come to Indianapolis next May for the 2013 Midwest Region Convention and help us celebrate. The Central Indiana Division charter was granted in 1963, so 2013 marks the CID's 50th anniversary. We are coming along nicely with our planning. We plan to have 27 layouts for you to visit and some of those will also be providing Operation opportunities. Warner Clark has an exquisite Proto 48 O scale layout that you have already seen if you have been looking at your NMRA calendars. Jack Simpson has a Monon Railroad layout that fills his basement. You can go to your October 2010 copy of Model Railroader to see Matt Hewitt's Shadowton Ridge Coal Country layout. His layout was on the cover and the feature article of that magazine. We will also have Jim Munns' HO Christie Division CNW layout that was in the April 2011 Model Railroader magazine. Both Matt's and Jim's layouts were shown in videos on the Model Railroader website. We will have HO, N, O, S, and Garden scale layouts on tours.

Current clinics planned include: Bob Lehnert on Operations, Bill Litkenhous on Traction, Chuck White on Railcars, Dan Goins on Ceiling Tile Scenery, John Eagen on the Milwaukee RR in Southern Indiana, and Charles Malinowski on researching for the prototype. Other clinicians who are scheduled include Jim Six, Mont Switzer, Dan Racke, and David Leider.

Non-rail activities will include Bingo at the hotel. Our Non-rail Clinic Activity Manager, Marge Clark, is looking at clinics for the ladies on gardening, Therapy Dogs, Wine tasting and hopefully a clinic to be done by a Chef from the Marriott Hotel. We are also looking at tours at the Children's Museum, the Eiteljorg Museum, and other Indianapolis venues.

Prototype opportunities will be either a tour of the Amtrak Big Four Shops, the Indiana Transportation Museum, or both.

Our Hotel for the convention will be the Indianapolis Marriott East located at 7202 E. 21st Street. This hotel has had a recent remodeling project making it completely up-to-date. It is a full service hotel. The rates at the hotel will be \$114 for double occupancy rooms. The Marriott also owns hotels adjacent both East and West of their facility. You may also book at the Fairfield Inn and Suites for \$94 or at the LaQuinta Inn for \$74. We think that these options benefit our attendees. It should also be noted that parking at all three hotels is FREE.

For information on registration, go to the Central Indiana Division Website at:
<http://cid.railfan.net/>

You will see more information and registration forms.



Above: Bob Lehnert's C&E HO Layout

Below: Matt Hewitt's Shadowton Ridge Coal Company layout



2012 Winter

PHOTO PAGE



Enjoying a respite after the WinnebagoLand Spring Meet
left to right: Emory Luebke, Joe Degroot, Mark Preussler
MMR, Marvin Preussler MMR, David Leider MMR, Larry
Easton

2013 Spring

Congratulations to the newly elected
Midwest Region officials, and a thank you
to those who took the time to vote:

President	Paul Mangan
Vice President	Mike Yurtec
Director at large	Jim Allen
	David Leider MMR
	Linda Sukup

They will be installed at the MWR board of
directors meeting on May 5 in Indianapolis

2013 Spring

A Word About Constant Contact E-Mail

In mid February, the NMRA sent a test Constant Contact e-mail to members who have reported e-mail addresses to find out if the member's e-mail address is valid. In the near future, the NMRA plans to start sending an eBulletin to members. And, you will continue to receive e-mails through the Constant Contact system from the Midwest Region. Additionally, a few Divisions in the Region also use this communication tool.

Each Constant Contact e-mail includes links to update or unsubscribe your e-mail address. Please do not use these links. If you unsubscribe using the Constant Contact link, your e-mail address will be removed from the NMRA membership database, from the Midwest Region e-mail database and probably from your Division's records. If you get an e-mail that you don't want, just hit the delete key. While we don't yet know how many e-mails the NMRA will send in a year, the number sent by the Midwest Region will probably continue to be about a half dozen (four Waybill announcements and occasional news that may be of interest to members).

If you use the update link, your change may not be timely posted to the NMRA membership database. Instead, the NMRA has created a new way for you to update your personal information. See <http://www.nmra.org/member/content/member-info-update>.

If you have any questions about the Midwest Region's use of Constant Contact, please feel free to e-mail me at: mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org.

– Bert Lattan

2013 Summer

Below, Thomas Hoback and the plaque that was presented to him by the CID 50 Committee. Photo by Jim Osborn



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The following members received **AP Certificates**:

Michael Hirvela	Waukegan, IL	Volunteer
Kenneth Hojnacki	Madison, WI	Chief Dispatcher
Edward Brown	Utica, IL	Volunteer
Michael Yurtec	Sherman, IL	Volunteer
David Piskorik	Sherrard, IL	Volunteer

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

Kenneth Hojnacki	Madison, WI
Paul Balfe	Whitewater, WI

As you can see, there has been a good deal of activity from our members. It was a long winter here in the upper Midwest so it is good to see the time was being used wisely to get the paperwork done for the various award certificates. Hopefully there will be more activity in the AP in the next few months as we have the 2013 Midwest Region meet behind us. There are still plenty of train shows and meets going on in the spring to get one motivated. So get going on those modeling projects and take a look at the NMRA website, to see what you may qualify for and set a goal. Hopefully you will be able to use this past MWR meet to motivate you to get that model finished up and to get going in the Achievement Program.

As always, work with your division Achievement Program Manager first, and if there is a problem, feel free to contact me. Thanks!
Marvin Preussler, MMR - MWR AP Manager

2013 Fall

Waybill

Mid West Region NMRA –
Winter 2013



President's Report

By Paul Mangan, President, MWR



Paul Mangan

I'll begin this report by thanking Tom McCabe and the Rock River Valley Division (RRVD) for hosting the Midwest Region fall board of directors meeting. After the board meeting, most of the members stayed for the division meet that followed

and a tour of Bill Kirchmeyer's layout after the meet. It's always great to meet with members of the RRVD that I have met over the years through joint division meets and participation in their train show and sale each March.

At our board meeting we had a very spirited conversation about the 501(c)3 project that we restarted last spring. Vice President Steve Studley is heading the committee that is organizing all the paperwork that needs to be completed to achieve nonprofit status. Mike Yurgesc who is on this committee and is also serving as NMRA At Large North American Director discussed the NMRA's investigation of how Vertical Integration could work for the Regions and Divisions. We have decided to take a wait and see approach until we hear more from headquarters on this subject.

In September at the Fox Valley Division meet and in October at the Rock River Valley Division meet, Past MWR President Gary Children presented some award plaques to some MWR members that had not received them when they were recognized for a modeling award. This award is called the Goat Award and is presented in honor of former WISE Division Superintendent Mel Andresen. The Goat Award is for any Great Northern model that earns the most AP points in the MWR Spring Convention model contest.

The winners of the Goat Award from the Fox Valley Division are, John Drozdak and Don Cook MMR, and from the Rock River Valley Division Tyrone Johnson. Congratulations to these great modelers on a job well done.

The leaves were changing color and falling all over the place when I went up north to the Winnebago Land Division (WLD) to attend their fall meet. I had the pleasure of attending the meet in Rhinelander WI with Gary Children from the WISE Division along with Mike Vivion and Bob McGeever from the SCWD. The WLD division meets are an all-day event usually starting at about 8:30 in the morning and finishing with a banquet in the evening. With all the activities that go on (clinics, rail tours, swap meet and banquet) you get the feeling you are at a convention. It was a wonderful time meeting division members and spending some time chatting with Superintendent James Cruthers. Currently, the WLD is making plans to host the MWR 2015 spring convention.

The Rhinelander Railroad Association (RRA)



opened their club layout for touring on this crisp autumn afternoon. The layout is located in the basement of an old Soo Line depot and is just outstanding. The folks at the RRA and the Three Lakes Model Railroad Club also played a large part in organizing the meet as well. Everyone I talked with had a very

good experience.

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2013 Fall

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This was not my first WLD meet. I had been to another one about four years ago. One thing I noticed back then is that their meets draw NMRA members from all over the Region, not just their own division and this year was no exception. Attending meets in other divisions and/or participating in their train shows as attendees or volunteers is always welcomed and appreciated.

The time of year is upon us when we need to check the membership status of all division officers and members in all leadership positions. Most important, we need to check those who have November / December renewal dates. The reason is for insurance purposes. The NMRA insurance is needed by any division that holds functions that allow the public to interface with us at shows, fairs or layout tours. I speak from a position of experience when I say the policy does work so when Bert sends the request out for the membership information please respond promptly.

The Midwest Region spring election is on the horizon. There are four candidates running for Director at Large positions. You can read about them here in the Waybill. Yes, there are only four candidates for the four positions available but it is nice when people send the ballots in to show support for the people who have committed their time to work with the board to make sure we can keep this hobby fun. Maybe you should take some time and think about running for election to the board of directors.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday season

See you by the Rails

Paul

you may qualify for and set a goal. Hopefully you will be able to use this past MWR meet to motivate you to get that model finished up and to get going in the Achievement Program.

Currently there are seven more certificate applications that I have sent to National for processing by members in our Midwest Region. A question that I have received from some of our members is "Where is my certificate?" Certainly a fair question and unfortunately one I can't give a great answer for. What I can tell you is that the folks in charge of the AP at the National level are basically running about three months behind in getting AP certificates out to our members. I just got one for one back in early November for one of our members dated for August 1st. I had sent in the paperwork for this member back on July 2. As I said, I just received his certificate from National in early November. I do not have a reason for this. I can only tell you to be patient. I know that we are all volunteers when it comes to this program. I, like many others, still work a full time job, have family commitments, etc. One thing I can tell you is that I process MWR AP paperwork on a monthly basis. I do not sit on paperwork for our members unless there is a question about some of the qualifications or documentation involved. As always, work with your division Achievement Program Manager first, and if there is a problem, feel free to contact me. Thanks!

Marvin Preussler, MMR

MWR AP Chairman

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The following member received an AP Certificate:
Gregg Condon Greenville, WI Author

The following member received the Golden Spike Award:
Robert Knobbe Glendale Heights, IL

Hopefully there will be more activity in the AP in the next few months as the fall turns to winter, and a lot of modeling, shows, and activities start to ramp up again!

There are plenty of train shows and meets coming up to get one motivated. So get going on those modeling projects and take a look at the NMRA website, to see what



Next Board Meeting

**Best Western Plus Schaumburg
Schaumburg, Illinois**

May 18, 2014; 10:30 am

2013 Winter

50 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

50 year Anniversaries

Several Divisions in the Midwest Region are celebrating anniversaries in 2013 and 2014. The anniversary date is the date their charters were issued. The oldest was the Central Indiana Division, which was chartered January 20, 1963.

Next was the South Central Wisconsin Division. They were chartered December 15, 1963, followed by the Winnebago Land Division on May 24, 1964.

The Illinois Valley division was chartered October 18, 1964, followed by the Wisconsin Southeastern on January 9, 1966, Rock River Valley February 18, 1968, Dupage, February 28, 1971, Illinois Terminal February 25, 1973, Fox Valley April 27, 1974 and finally the Michiana September 13, 2009.

This does not include divisions that were chartered and were merged or broken up into other divisions.

Happy anniversary to those divisions that are or soon will celebrate an anniversary. Several are offering commemorative cars to celebrate the event. If you are interested, please see page 7.

2013 Winter

ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES

PAUL WUSSOW

I have been in model railroading for more than 50 years. From Lionel to HO and HO_{N3} through the NMRA since 1982 I progressed in scale modeling and operations.

Instructional Technology was my specialty at the University of Illinois Chicago where service over time from Chief Broadcast Engineer to Assistant Dean, Operations, in the College of Education. Leaving the UIC for private industry, I became the Global Director of Technology for a Private Equity firm. Retiring at the end of 2009 my wife and I purchased a home in Three Lakes, WI where I am the president of the Three Lakes Model Railroad Club, Wisconsin's first and only 100% NMRA club. www.tlmrc.org I have served as the MWR Photo Contest Chair and Photographer. I also served as the Du Page Division AP Chair and hold a Golden Spike + 5 AP certificates; Volunteer, Electrical, Civil, Author, and Dispatcher. I have presented clinics for the MWR and at divisions and to the community via presentations at the libraries in the North Woods. NMRA@Home has published my articles on the national member's only web site.

As a DAL my relationships with model railroaders from diverse backgrounds would serve the MWR well.



- * 19 rail and 5 non-rail one hour clinic slots – including 3 hands-on clinics.
- * NMRA judged model and photo contests.
- * A Popular Vote model contest.
- * Sunday morning Awards presentations and 2 special programs by professional train photographer Mark Llanuza.
- * Midwest Region Membership and Board of Director's meetings.
- * All 3 & 1/2 days of trains for only 45 bucks!

The hotel is located near major highways for easy access to tours with a variety of nearby restaurants and attractions. A special convention rate of \$89.99 + tax/night, including breakfast and the use of the hotel facilities has been arranged for those desiring lodging. No organized meals are planned at this year's event to maximize your hobby experience and minimize your convention costs.

All members are invited to attend and guests are welcome! Check out the Fox Valley Division's convention web site for the latest details of the event and see photos of the railroads on the tour and open for Operations. Registration forms are available on the website or on pages 11 thru 14 of this issue of the Waybill.

<http://www.foxvalleydivision.org/railfun2014/welcome.html>

Jim Osborn, Public Relations Trainmaster,
Fox Valley Division 815-578-8315

**Annual Meeting
of Members**

Candidate Biographies for Director Positions

DAVID JOHNSON (Incumbent)



Hi – My name's M. David Johnson, and I'm running for re-election as a Midwest Region Director-At-Large. During my first term (2012-2014) I:

- Attended every meeting of the Board of Directors,
- Ran a survey asking you about your ideas for improving the region's pro-

grams,

- Wrote three articles which were published in the MWR Waybill,

- Am serving as the MWR's Education Coordinator, and as the region's representative to the NMRA Education and Training Committee,

- Am the Layout Tours/Operating Sessions Coordinator (with Jeff Markey) for RailFun 2014, the MWR 2014 Spring Convention, and

- Continued to serve as a member of the MWR Nominating Committee.

I'm also the NMRA's National Data Sheets Program Manager. I've been a Life Member of NMRA since 1973. I hold AP certificates as 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, and the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society.

I hope to be able to continue to serve you as an MWR Director-At-Large for two more years. If these qualifications seem good to you, then please vote for me.

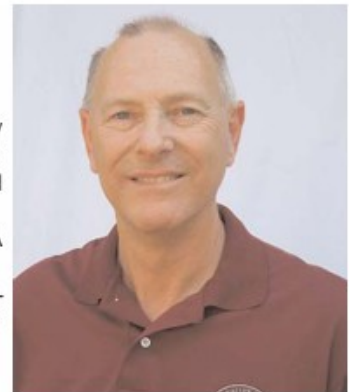
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JAMES LANDWEHR

I have held continuous membership with the NMRA since 2006. Over the years of membership, I have had the opportunity to be increasingly involved in the NMRA. As a Fox Valley Division board member since 2007, my role allowed me to further develop the Achievement Program and monthly contests. My responsibilities afforded me the opportunity to assist members on their journey through the Master's Program and promote and increase the monthly contest participation. In this position, I created guidelines for monthly contests which has broadened the amount of entries and led to increased

turnouts for meetings each month.

As an avid train modeler, I have enjoyed building two layouts in my home. All of the elements in my layout were created or modified by hand. Being a part of the NMRA has increased my knowledge in modeling and layout operations from other members in the region. I wish to take my passion and knowledge of the NMRA to broaden my contribution to the organization as a candidate for the Director at Large position on the Regional Board. Thank you for your support and consideration as a candidate for the DAL.



FRED (ROB) ROBINSON

I solicit your vote to be the next director at large for the Midwest Region. I have modeled trains (played with) all of my life. A Marx set at 2, my first Lionel set at 4, and a switch to HO at 20.

I've built layouts in N, HO, O, and G. My new HO layout is under construction. I'm not sure what number it is. I can imagine completing this one. In a career spanning nearly forty years, I've moved over a dozen times, and owned eight homes, not counting government quarters, condos and apartments.

I am a Life Member of the NMRA. I was an annual member from 1965 until 1974 when I converted to life member status.

I belonged to the DuPage Division of MWR from 1980 to 1988. A job transfer took me to Oregon from 1988 to 1991. Another transfer brought me back to the DuPage division in 1992. Again a job transfer brought me to the WISE Division in Milwaukee in 1998. I was an active volunteer at "TrainFest" until my retirement in 2005. Then I joined the SCWD and have been active in the Madison division. Primarily I volunteer at the "Mad City Train Show".

This year I am also the SCWD Clinic Chairman. I think having been in three different divisions of the MWR gives a broad view. It's a view I can bring to the position of director at large.



President's Report

By Paul Mangan, President, MWR

I'll begin my first report by thanking Bill Litkenhous for serving as Midwest Region President over the past four years and for his service to the NMRA and our hobby. I also want to thank Bryan Lemonds for serving as Midwest Region Treasurer as well as Bert Lattan. Bert's service as Region Secretary over the years has been extraordinary. I am very happy that he is continuing on.

I also want to welcome to the Board our new Vice President Steve Studley and new Treasurer Keith Thomsen. Also welcome to our new DAL, Linda Sukup and welcome back to Jim Allen and Dave Leider MMR. Congratulations to Mike Yurges for being appointed to DAL North American Region NMRA.

The Milepost 50 convention! Wow! Even though we had a lot of business to take care of at the BoD meeting we did find plenty of time to enjoy the convention. The MP50 convention staff had all hands on deck to make sure that all attendees had a wonderful experience. I believe they surpassed the expectations of the 190 + attendees. When someone asks me "what were the highlights of the convention?" I will need to ask them how much time they have to listen.

Thanks go out to Steve Studley, Tom Cain, Richard Seymour and all the staff from Central Indiana Division for hosting such a fine Regional Convention. Oh! And Happy 50th anniversary to the CID as well!

So, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Paul Mangan and I'll be serving as your MWR President. I have been an NMRA member since the early nineties in the South Central Wisconsin Division. I served four years as SCWD Superintendent and have worked with the staff of the Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale as volunteer coordinator. What I would like to talk about is what all of the people above have in common; the spirit of volunteerism.

I've had the privilege of working with so many fine volunteers over the past six years that it would make one's head spin. The NMRA is a great organization of wonderful modelers but to keep the organization running smoothly it needs volunteers at every level to perform the tasks that keep it a great organization. The problem we have is that age is creeping up on us. Unlike on our layouts, time does keep moving on. While being elections chair in the SCWD and trying to recruit members to run for the Board of Directors I was hearing that line we have all heard, "been there, done that". To which I respond "then you know how

to do it so why not do it again?" sometimes it works.

At our fall MWR Board meeting we began talking about making some improvements in the way we recruit new members and how to do a better job at retaining old members. This is not just a local problem but a national one as well. NMRA President, Charlie Getz is taking this issue very seriously. He is also looking for new ways to recruit and retain members. Trying to recruit young people is very hard work and planting the seeds with as many young people that we can and hope for a good harvest later may be all we can do as they head for their X boxes, video games and social media on the computer. So then the question is 'who are the people we believe are the most likely to be interested in the

hobby?' We decided it was those who are getting ready to retire. They now have the time and most likely the resources to get into the hobby; they just may be looking for some education on the basics.

Trying to find out who these new people are is yet another task. It is a bit easier if they join the NMRA first. What I have been doing is reading the Region monthly membership listing and search for those who have just signed on. Most important are those on the Rail Pass program. I circle their names and grab the phone (not email) and call them. I then welcome them and discuss our meetings. Following that I check to make sure they are getting the division newsletter and NMRA magazine. These conversations have been very interesting and fruitful indeed. Trying to remove that feeling of isolation at a meeting is what Charlie had mentioned in his report in the February NMRA Mag. It's not really hard to do.

Here is an example of what I'm trying to say. I met a gentleman at one of our SCWD meets that I hadn't noticed in the past and we talked a bit. I was taking orders for name badges and he asked this question, "members get to have one of those don't they?" I replied yes indeed. He then said "I'll take one then as I got my card in the mail yesterday". A few weeks later, at the Mad City Show and Sale, he was talking with me and another member at our NMRA booth. The next thing you know he was manning the booth and stayed after the show for tear down and move out.

These are the people we need to bring in and retain. Always open up to the new folks for they are the future volunteers and members that will keep the hobby growing.

I hope you have a great summer and get to see or ride a lot of trains. I'll be camping by the tracks twice this year first at Glen Haven WI and then Trempealeau WI.

See you by the Rails

Paul



2014 Summer

Official Regional Photographer

MWR Secretary Bert Lattan has announced that Walt Herrick has accepted the long vacant position of Region Photographer. He will be in charge of taking photos of the model enteries at the contests and at other functions. Welcome aboard, Walt.

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President's Report

By Paul Mangan, President, MWR



Paul Mangan

"Time and Tide wait for no man!" 2014 just feels like it is rushing by so quickly I feel as if we are all on a fast clock. It just feels like yesterday that we held our Regional Convention in Schaumburg and now we are looking at the fall season approaching. The NMRA National Convention has

come and gone and all indications say it was a good one. Due to circumstances out of my control my wife and I could not make the NMRA Convention in Cleveland this year but our sights are set for Portland in 2015. After that in 2016 the Central Indiana Division of the Midwest Region is hosting the Really Big Show right in our own backyard.

In July I needed to take a trip up to Manitowoc to meet up with MWR Youth Chair Captain Al Nelson to conduct some business for our youth group in the South Central Wisconsin Division. We just happened to get to town in time for lunch so we went to a restaurant and had a good meal with Al and his wife Diane. After the meal we stopped at the Clipper City Model Railroad club. The club has done a lot of work since the last time I was there and the place looked wonderful. Returning back to Capt. Nelson's house we went right to the basement to see what was new on his layout. Al then said the line that so many of us have said, "it's almost done, all I need to do is"! (We all know that a model railroad is never really done). Both of these layouts will be open for the 2015 MWR Spring Convention.

As you may or may not know the Winnebagoland Division will be hosting the 2015 Midwest Region Spring Convention. The convention name is The Lake Shore Limited. The convention hotel is the Holiday Inn in

Manitowoc WI. We stopped by the hotel while we were on the way home just to look at it as I have never been there before. I was impressed when I learned that WLD has had events there in the past. I made our reservation for the convention and the registration went very smooth as I just mentioned the National Model Railroad Association (key words for the discounted rate).

The Lake Shore Limited committee is lining up a great offering of clinics rail and non-rail, a swap meet/train show, layout tours and much more. Registration forms will be available soon in the Waybill and in your division newsletters.



July 19th 2014 was quite an interesting day in Marshall Wisconsin at Little Americka Park. This day just happened to be Whiskey River Railway day. All steam locomotives were fired up and running throughout the day. Another thing that was going on was the South Central Wisconsin Division's summer picnic. I think the count was 90 members and guests were on site for the barbeque and fellowship. As a bonus to the day, past Midwest Region President Gary Children was on site working at the Operation Life Saver table educating people about safety when around trains. Even at the park people learned that safety takes no holiday!



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Gregg Condon Earns Master Model Railroader # 537

By Marvin Preussler, MMR

I am proud to report that we now have another new Master Model Railroader in our Midwest Region. This past May, it was my honor to present Dr. Gregg Condon with his Master Model Railroader plaque and certificate. Gregg earned Master Model Railroader number 537. Gregg is a member of the Winnebago Division and currently resides in Greenville, Wisconsin with his wife Pat. Gregg is currently serving as the Winnebago Division Assistant Superintendent. He has had a book published and many construction articles published in the national magazines. Gregg has the Golden Spike Award and holds Achievement Program certificates in the Author, Electrical, Civil, Prototype Models, Scenery, Structures, and Cars categories. Gregg is an excellent modeler and a fine gentleman. If you know Gregg, be sure to congratulate him on



Gregg Condon MMR (left) accepting his plaque from Marv Preussler MMR. Photo by Marv Preussler.

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JIM LANDWEHR BECOMES AP MWR CHAIRMAN

New AP Chair

There is a new chairperson for the AP (Achievement Program) He is Jim Landwehr of the Fox Valley Division. Jim has been the FVD AP chairperson for a number of years and knows how the process works. Welcome aboard, Jim.

I would like to thank Marv Preussler, MMR for his eight years of service as the previous AP chair. Marv helped me greatly in my quest for my MMR. I have known Marv long before he became chairperson and I wish him the best of luck.

Candidate Biographies for Director Positions

Paul Mangan (Incumbent)

Since my childhood days watching the Boston and Maine in Massachusetts and my move to Wisconsin with the USAF in the 60's I have loved trains. My activity in the hobby began growing in the late 80's and in the 90's I became an NMRA/SCWD member. I chose to



model the Boston and Albany RR and joined the Madison HoTrak modular group which can be found setting up at train shows in the Midwest. During the Lake Junction NMRA convention in 97, I opened my layout and volunteered at the convention center where I got my taste for National conventions.

Due to remodeling the basement my B&A had to come down. With hopes of a rebirth, the B&A is still in the shops while I have moved my trains to the yard (garden). At NMRA conventions, I was introduced to the world of Garden Railroading and in doing so became a member of the Wisconsin Garden Railway Association. This is another venue to promote the NMRA while meeting more train lovers.

In 2007 I was elected to Superintendent of the South Central Wisconsin Division and served 4 terms. I served as the Chairman of the Badgerland Express 2011 Midwest Region Convention. I have also been working with the Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale committee as the volunteer coordinator for the past 5 yrs.

Currently I am finishing my first term as Midwest Region President. During my first term we have had some challenges to overcome but your Board of Directors has met them head on. As always there is more work to be done and if re-elected I would be proud to represent the Midwest Region again as your President.

STEVE STUDLEY Vice President (Incumbent)

Hello. My name is Steve Studley and I am finishing my first term as Vice President of the Midwest Region. I was appointed to the position to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the former VP. In May of this year, I finished my second term as Superintendent of the Central Indiana Division and am currently serving as Past Superintendent. Other duties include serving as chair of the Highball to Indy, 2016 National Convention that will be held in Indianapolis in July, 2016. At the Region level, I'm serving as the chair of the 501(c)(3) committee seeking tax-exempt status for the Region.

I've been retired now for three + years and have found that I am busier than ever. Fortunately, it is model railroading that has filled the time formerly "wasted" by work. I thoroughly enjoy modeling with our local club, serving on the Division and Region Boards of Directors, and chairing the 2016 National Convention host committee. I have recently earned two Achievement Program certificates for a total of four: Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, Association Official, and Model Railroad Author. I would appreciate your vote allowing me to continue to serve, you, the members of the Midwest Region for two more years as Vice President.

DAN BREWER Director at Large

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



Professional Background: In my capacity as an IT Procurement Specialist at the University of Notre Dame, I am responsible for the procurement of technology products and services, managing RFP processes for the acquisition of enterprise applications, vendor contracting and relations, coordinating desktop and mobile computing specifications with the Office of Information Technologies and technical staffs in departments, FCC Licensing, and business processes related to IT Procurement.

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 small N scale DCC controlled layout, and am now building modules that will become 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.

NMRA Experience: I joined the NMRA in March of 2012, and have held the office of Assistant Superintendent for two years. During that time I have managed registration for the two Michiana Division Education and Training Conferences, produced marketing materials for those events, and acted as division webmaster. I recently re-imaged our website to match the new NMRA website design.

I am interested in becoming 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.

MINTON DINGS Director-at-Large

For many of us model railroading is a way of life. For me it has been a growing passion for the last fifty one 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 different 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 essential to the mission of the NMRA and the Midwest Region.

Professionally, following the normal 1960's stint in the military, college and graduate school, I was a pastor for

Minton Dings continued:

eighteen years, a paramedic for twenty two years and fire-fighter for forty two years during that time. For twenty years I was a State of Illinois approved educator of fire-fighters and EMT/Paramedics.

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

REID KAHRS Director-at-Large

I joined the NMRA after attending the 1985 convention held in Milwaukee. I've been a (WISE) Wisconsin Southern Division board member, serving as a Division Director, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent and Chief Clerk. During the twenty five years on the WISE board I've helped at Trainfest with setup, during the train show and take down. 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 have regularly attended regional and national conventions during the past 25 years. 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 operations sig groups during the past 8 to 12 years.

I would like to serve you as a MWR Director-At-Large. I enjoyed my previous terms and would like to be elected again to the MWR board.

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Around the Midwest Region part 2

Michiana Division's 2014 EduTrain Conference and Workshop

By Walt Herrick, FVD

This year's Michiana Division EduTrain Conference and Workshop was held September 12 and 13 at the beautiful Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center in Middlebury, Indiana in the heart of northern Indiana Amish country. This is the second straight year the conference has been held at Essenhaus's Inn and Conference Center and attendees enjoyed the excellent Amish inspired accommodations and friendly service provided there. A Southeast Michigan Free-mo modular layout and modeling displays were also available for attendees to view and participate in at a nearby Middlebury Senior Center.

As with past conferences, the 2014 two day conference was packed with informative and inspiring seminars, hands on clinics, presentations, and model displays. Model Railroader Magazine's, Cody Grivno, gave two presentations, "Working at Model Railroader" which was Friday night's banquet entertainment, and Saturday afternoon's "MR's Wisconsin and Southern Project Layout: From Concept to Finished Railroad". Cody's second presentation was particularly interesting and informative as he outlined with numerous slides, the extensive research he and other MR staffers undertook in preparing for the series. The nearby prototype WSOR's motive power, rolling stock, physical plant and industries served



Above: Cody Grivno's presentation on the Wisconsin Southern.

All photos by Walt Herrick

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The Michiana Division's Assistant Superintendent, Dan Brewer (left) and Paymaster, Jim Temple, man the 2014 Michiana EduTrain Conference and Workshop registration desk.



Above: Jim Six hands-on clinic on modifying Accurail underframes.

Below: Dave Schroedel offered "hands on" rolling stock weathering clinics throughout the conference.



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were thoroughly covered, as well as what elements of the WSOR became part of the 22 x 33 foot, two wall shelf layout which parallels Kalmbach's large MR&T layout. The WSOR provides the MR&T with a logical, "home town", and modern day interchange partner.

Clinicians joining Cody in this year's conference were Jim Six, Bill Gawthrop, Gary Evans, Bob Blake, Bill Neal, Rich Mahaney, David Neff, Alan Bell, and Dave Schroedel. They covered modeling topics ranging from signaling and operations, to rolling stock weathering, scenery planning, scratch building structures and layout design. All the clinics were given using the EduTrain clinic format or something similar which made for organized,

easily-to-understand, well presented clinics. "Iron Man" Dave Schroedel offered hands on rolling stock weathering clinics throughout both days of the conference, and on Saturday, Jim Six presented a two part, hands on clinic



Above and Below:

The Mineral point Zinc Company was a massive diorama depicting the plant in Mineral Point wisconsin and how Zinc was mined and refined. The model is the fine work of Rod Thompson. He lives in Stephenville, Michigan.



Above: An attendee takes in some operating on the Southeast Michigan Free-mo modular layout

on kit-bashing more accurate under frames for Accurail box cars and reefers.

This was my first Michiana Conference and it won't be my last. There was really excellent stuff there, great people, a great facility all at a great price. Nice job Michiana Division!



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