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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

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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

Constitution Changes

submitted by Bert Lattan

The members of the NMRA approved a new organizational structure and a new organizational document in 2004. The Regulations, as the new organizational document is called, require amendment of the organizational documents of all Regions and Divisions worldwide to conform with the Regulations. The NMRA has set a goal of completing this process by September 1, 2005.

Drafts of new Midwest Region documents (Constitution and Bylaws) were reviewed and approved by the Region's Board of Directors at its meeting on April 24, 2005 during the 2005 Spring Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. The Board further recommended that Region members approve the new Constitution by mail ballot this summer.

A ballot, the new Constitution and the current Constitution are included below. The new Bylaws are available on the Secretary's Page of the Region's website. Feel free to e-mail any questions you may have about the new Constitution to the Region Secretary.

*****New Constitution*****

Article I – Name, Authority and Purpose

1. The name of this organization is the Midwest Region (hereinafter the "Region") of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (hereinafter the "NMRA").

2. The Region is established under the Regulations of the NMRA (hereinafter the "Regulations") and is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the laws of the State of Illinois. This Constitution and the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures provided for in Article V below set forth rules regulating the affairs of the Region. Collectively these organizational documents constitute the Executive Handbook. In the event of a conflict between the Executive Handbook and the laws of the State of Illinois or the Regulations, the laws of the State of Illinois or the Regulations, as appropriate, shall govern.
3. The purposes of the Region, as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation, are to promote, stimulate, foster, and encourage by all manner and means the art and craft of model railroading and the preservation of the history, science, and technology thereof. The Region is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, and scientific purposes consistent therewith and within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article II – Members

1. Except to the extent otherwise provided in the Regulations, each member of the NMRA who resides in the Region's territory as defined in the Regulations shall be a member of the Region (hereinafter a "resident member").

2. Except to the extent otherwise provided in the Regulations, each member of the NMRA who does not reside in the Region's territory as defined in the Regulations may become a member of the Region pursuant to the Bylaws and/or Policies & Procedures (hereinafter a "non-resident member").
3. The members shall meet at least annually. Each resident and non-resident member shall receive notice of any meeting of members. Ten (10) or more members who are present in person shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at any meeting of members.

Article III – Officers and Directors

1. The officers of the Region shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and the Immediate Past President. The officers shall be elected or appointed and shall serve pursuant to the Bylaws and/or Policies & Procedures.
2. The directors of the Region shall consist of seven (7) Directors-at-Large and a Division Director for each Division in the Region. The Directors-at-Large shall be elected or appointed and shall serve pursuant to the Bylaws and/or Policies & Procedures. Each Division shall designate a Division Director to represent that Division.
3. The officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Directors (hereinafter the "Board"). The Board shall be responsible for the governance and administration of the Region between meetings of the

members. Five (5) or more members of the Board who are present in person shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at any meeting of the Board.

4. The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, which shall be responsible for the governance and administration of the Region between meetings of the Board. The Executive Committee may meet in person, by teleconference or by other electronic means. Three (3) or more members of the Executive Committee who are present for a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at any meeting of the Executive Committee.
5. The President, or a resident member designated by the President, shall serve as the Region's representative to the Regional Advisory Council established by the Regulations. The President shall designate a resident member as the Region's alternate representative to the Regional Advisory Council. If the Region's representative is unable to participate in the Regional Advisory Council, the Region's alternate representative shall represent the Region.

Article IV – Divisions

1. Pursuant to the Regulations, the Board may subdivide the Region into Divisions to facilitate the purposes of the Region.
2. The name and geographic area served by each Division shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

Article V – Bylaws and Policies & Procedures

1. The Board shall adopt Bylaws for the governance and administration of the Region. Bylaws shall conform with the Regulations and this Constitution. The Board may amend the Bylaws at any meeting of the Board, provided, however, that the proposed amendment is included with the notice of the meeting.
2. The Board may adopt Policies & Procedures to facilitate implementation of this Constitution and the Bylaws. The Board may delegate authority for adopting Policies & Procedures to the Officers and Standing Committees or Subcommittees that it establishes in the Bylaws. Policies & Procedures shall conform with the Regulations, this Constitution and the Bylaws.

Article VI – Amendments

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by any resident member by filing a proposed amendment with the Secretary by electronic or regular mail. A proposed amendment shall include the current wording of the Article and Section to be amended, the proposed wording and an explanation of the proposed change.
2. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a proposed amendment, the Secretary shall forward it to the Board by electronic or regular mail. The Board shall consider the proposed amendment at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The originator of the amendment shall be given an opportunity

during that meeting to present arguments in favor of the proposed amendment.

3. If a majority of the Board members attending the meeting approve the proposed amendment, it shall be submitted to resident members for an electronic or regular mail vote. Balloting shall be conducted pursuant to the Bylaws and/or Policies & Procedures. If a majority of the resident members returning ballots favor the proposed amendment, it shall be adopted. Within thirty (30) days of the approval of an amendment, the Secretary shall forward a revised Constitution to the Board by electronic or regular mail and shall publish it on the Secretary's Page of the Region's Website.

Article VII – Dissolution

1. Upon the dissolution of the Region, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Region, dispose of all of the assets of the Region exclusively for the purposes of the Region in such manner or to such organization or organizations established and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the Board shall determine.

*****Current Constitution*****

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MIDWEST REGION OF THE NMRA, INC.

Believing that a Constitution should be the broad and basic source of parliamentary law and should not incorporate detailed rules and regulations, which are best written in the form of Bylaws, we the members of the Midwest Region, adopt this constitution. This Constitution is intended to establish:

1. The reason for the organization,
2. Who may be members,
3. The fact of an Annual Meeting,
4. The method of voting,
5. The eligibility and duties of officers,
6. The method of nominations,
7. The basic organizational structure, and
8. The method of amending.

It is further intended that more detailed rules and regulations must be made in the Bylaws, to eliminate the necessity and frequent amendments to this Constitution. The Bylaws of the Midwest Region shall be the day-to-day tool of operation, and shall establish clearly the means of carrying out the mandates of this Constitution.

ARTICLE I — NAME

Sec. 1. This organization shall be titled the Midwest Region (hereinafter known as the MWR) of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (hereinafter known as the NMRA) incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, _____, _____, Recorded in Volume _____, Page _____, of the Records of Incorporation at _____, _____ County, Illinois, Certificate # _____, and under the Constitution of the NMRA.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Sec. 1. The purpose of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc., as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, is to promote, stimulate, foster, and encourage by all manner and means the art and craft of model railroading and the preservation of the history, science, and technology thereof. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, and scientific purposes consistent therewith and within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Any member in good standing of the NMRA is eligible for MWR membership.

Sec. 2. No one who is not a member in good standing of the NMRA shall be eligible for MWR membership.

Sec. 3. Dues and classes of membership shall be specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV — MEETINGS

Sec. 1. There shall be at least one annual meeting of the MWR.

A. The exact date and location of the annual meeting shall be established as set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V — MANAGEMENT

Sec. 1. The general management of the MWR shall be vested in a Board of Directors (hereinafter known as the BOD).

Sec. 2. The BOD shall consist of the elected officers, all Directors-at-Large, and all

Divisional Directors as provided in this Constitution.

A. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the BOD, but shall have no vote.

Sec. 3. The BOD shall meet at least once a year at the annual meeting.

Sec. 4. The BOD shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. To approve the Bylaws of the MWR;
- B. To approve the yearly budget;
- C. To hold legal title of all property and monies of the MWR in trust for its members;
- D. To ensure that the Constitution and Bylaws of the MWR are strictly adhered to.

Sec. 5. Five (5) or more members of the BOD in personal attendance, after having received prior notice as defined in the Bylaws, shall constitute a quorum to conduct any and all business of the MWR.

Sec. 6. The direct management of the MWR shall be vested in an Executive Council (hereinafter known as the EC).

Sec. 7. The EC shall consist of the elected officers, all Directors-at-Large, and one or more Divisional Directors as provided in the Bylaws.

A. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the EC, but shall have no vote.

Sec. 8. The EC's duties and responsibilities shall be outlined in the Bylaws of the MWR, and it shall have such other duties as the BOD may direct.

Sec. 9. Written proxies by members of the BOD and EC shall be allowed unless specifically excluded by this Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI — DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. The Directors of the MWR shall be elected as follows:

A. Seven (7) Directors shall be elected at Large by the MWR membership.

1. The President, with the approval of the BOD, may appoint a person to fill a vacancy of a Director-at-Large. Such appointees shall serve only until the next election.

B. Each Division shall select a Divisional Director to represent that Division on the BOD.

Sec. 2. Each elected Director-at-Large shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

A. A Director-at-Large may not serve more than four (4) consecutive elective years.

B. The term of office for all MWR Directors shall begin with the opening of new business during the annual meeting.

Sec. 3. Each selected Divisional Director shall serve for a term not exceeding two (2) years.

D. There shall be no limit to the number of terms for a Divisional Director other than those established by the Division.

D. The term of office for all Divisional Directors shall begin with the opening of new business during the annual meeting.

Sec. 4. A Director may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) written vote of the entire BOD.

ARTICLE VII — OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The officers of the MWR shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Sec. 2. Should a Divisional Director or Director-at-Large be elected either President or Vice President, such Director shall be required to resign as a Director before assuming the elected position.

Sec. 3. The Secretary and Treasurer, who may not be Directors, and who may not be one and the same person, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the BOD.

Sec. 4. The term of office for all MWR officers shall be for two (2) years or until their successor takes office.

A. The term of office for all MWR officers shall begin with the opening of new business during the annual meeting.

Sec. 5. Any vacancy occurring in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President as defined in the Bylaws.

Sec. 6. Any vacancy occurring in the office of Vice President shall be filled by appointment of the President, subject to the approval of the BOD.

Sec. 7. The duties of the MWR officers shall be those normally associated with their titles as defined in the Bylaws.

Sec. 8. An officer may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) written vote of the entire BOD.

Sec. 9. Only Resident Members of the MWR shall be eligible to hold office in the Region.

ARTICLE VIII — ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. The election of the President, Vice President, and Directors-at-Large of the MWR shall be by mail ballot to the entire membership in a manner defined in the Bylaws.

Sec. 2. The President, Vice President, and three (3) of the Directors-at-Large shall be elected in the odd-numbered years, and four (4) of the Directors-at-Large shall be elected in the even-numbered years.

A. Additional Directors-at-Large shall be elected to fill any vacancy.

Sec. 3. Candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

A. In the event of a tie, elections shall be decided by the BOD as defined in the Bylaws.

B. The candidate(s) elected to fill the one-year (1) vacancy(ies) shall be the elected candidate(s) receiving the least number of votes.

Sec. 4. Nominations for President, Vice President, and Directors-at-Large shall be made as follows:

A. The President shall appoint a Region Nominating Committee composed of a

chairperson and at least two (2) other members, each of whom are from different Divisions of the Region.

1. No current Region Officer may serve on that Committee, nor sit with it during its deliberations.

2. The Committee shall report the nominations to the Secretary.

B. Any member wishing to place a name in nomination may do so by mailing a formal petition signed by ten (10) or more members of the MWR and the nominee to the MWR President at least sixty (60) days prior to the election deadline.

C. The final list of nominees for the ballot shall be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the election deadline.

Sec. 5. The right to write in names not otherwise on the ballot shall be preserved.

Sec. 6. Members of all classes and subclasses shall have the right to vote in Region elections.

ARTICLE IX — SUBORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 1. Suborganizations of the MWR may be established.

A. Suborganizations which are based on geographical areas shall be known as Divisions.

1. Divisions formed as provided above shall be organized, chartered, and operated in a manner consistent with this Constitution and the Bylaws of the MWR.

B. Suborganizations which are based on other than geographical areas shall be known as Guilds.

1. Guilds formed as provided above shall be organized, chartered, and operated in a manner consistent with this Constitution and the Bylaws of the MWR.

ARTICLE X — BYLAWS

Sec. 1. Bylaws shall be established and adopted by the BOD for the government of the MWR.

A. The Secretary shall maintain an up-to-date register of all current Bylaws.

B. The Bylaws and subsequent revisions and additions thereto shall be published in the next issue of the official MWR publication after their adoption.

Sec. 2. Bylaws of the MWR may be adopted or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the BOD or their official proxies in attendance at a meeting of the BOD. Where meetings of the BOD are called for the purpose of amending these Bylaws, the written notice of such meeting shall contain detailed information regarding all such amendments as shall be considered and acted upon, and no others shall be adopted at said meeting unless included in the announcement thereof.

ARTICLE XI — AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be made by mail ballot sent to all members of the MWR.

Sec. 2. A majority of the returned ballots voting in favor of an amendment shall be sufficient to ratify that amendment.

Sec. 3. The method of originating, distributing, collecting, tabulating, and publishing the result of amendment ballots shall be as follows:

A. Any member of the MWR may submit in writing an amendment to this Constitution.

1. Such motion to amend shall be addressed to the Secretary with a copy to all members of the BOD.

2. Such motion must include the Article and Section to be amended with the exact wording as it now stands and the exact proposed wording.

3. The originator of such amendment shall appear at the next BOD meeting to present their case.

4. The originator shall be notified by FIRST CLASS MAIL of the time and location of the next BOD meeting at which the case will be presented.

B. The BOD shall take action upon the proposed amendment within sixty (60) days after having heard the presentation and, if approved, the proposal shall be presented to the membership at the time of the election ballot.

C. The membership shall have the right to have any amendment submitted to the membership for a vote at any election by petition as provided for in the By-Laws.

1. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes received on actions or propositions submitted to the membership shall adopt such action or proposition.

D. The distribution, collecting, tabulating, and publishing of the amendment shall be the same as defined in the Bylaws for elections.

ARTICLE XII – DISSOLUTION

Sec. 1. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

As amended through April 27, 2002

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New Constitution

Vote "Yes" Today!

Midwest Region Constitutional Amendment Ballot

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Approve

Disapprove

the new Constitution as published in the Summer 2005 issue of the *Waybill*.

To validate your ballot, please print your

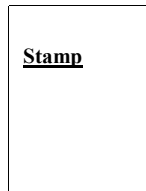
Name _____

NMRA Number _____

Your ballot must be received no later than June 30, 2005.

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2006 Election

submitted by Bert Lattan

Petition Deadline Is July 28

Although the 2006 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2006 we will elect four (4) Directors-at-Large.

Three of the four incumbent DALs will complete their second two-year terms in 2006 and under the Bylaws will not be eligible to run for another term in 2006. They are Bob Ginter from the Rock River Valley Division, Mike Hurlburt from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Ron Scharping from the DuPage Division. Our thanks to these members for their dedicated service. Roger Wurtzel from the Winnebagoland Division will complete his first two-year term and will be eligible to run for another term in 2006.

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 Wilhite from the Central Indiana Division and Members Reid Kahrs from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Jim Spice from the North Shore & Western 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 28, 2005.

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 page 2 of the *Waybill*.

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 28, 2005. He will convert it to 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 September 11, 2005 in Fitchburg, Wisconsin at the Fitchburg Community Center.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in either the Winter 2005 or Spring 2006 issue of the *Waybill*. The results of the election will be announced during the 2006 Annual Meeting of Members, which will be held on April 29 during the 2006 Spring Convention in Schaumburg, Illinois.

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



Waybill Subscriptions

submitted by Bert Lattan

The members of the NMRA approved a new organizational structure and a new organizational document last year. The Regulations, as the new organizational document is called, provide for a unified dues structure beginning September 1, 2005. With a few exceptions, this means that members of the NMRA will automatically be members of the Region and the Division where they live.

This also means that Region dues will be a thing of the past. However, the NMRA recognizes that Regions have costs that must be recovered. As a result, the NMRA permits Regions to charge fees such as convention fees, publication subscription fees, etc.

While a printed version of the *Waybill* will continue to be available to those members who pay an annual subscription fee (formerly annual dues), the Region has been exploring the feasibility of delivering the *Waybill* electronically. The primary advantage of electronic delivery is *free* delivery. There will be no subscription fee for those members who provide their e-mail addresses to the Region. Other advantages include more timely delivery after publication, the ability to use color and color photographs in the *Waybill* and the ability to embed links to

railroad, model railroad and other websites in the *Waybill*.

The Region conducted a very successful test of the electronic delivery concept in March and has decided to make electronic delivery available to members. The remainder of this article addresses the following questions about the electronic delivery process and about subscriptions to the printed version of the *Waybill*:

- How does electronic delivery work?
- How do I sign up?
- I don't have a computer. How can I take advantage of electronic delivery?
- I prefer a printed copy of the *Waybill*. How do I subscribe?
- I have paid Midwest Region dues for life or for a year or more. What happens now?
- How do I determine my current subscription status?

Q. How does electronic delivery work?

A. The *Waybill* is published in the Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter and is usually distributed in late February, May, August and November. When the *Waybill* is published, *html* and *pdf* versions will be made available on the Region website (<http://www.mwr-nmra.org/>). Electronic subscribers will receive an e-mail notifying them when an issue of the *Waybill* is available for viewing and/or downloading. A link to the Region website will be included in the e-mail.

Q. How do I sign up?

A. If you received an e-mail in March inviting you to participate in testing of the electronic delivery concept or you subsequently provided the information requested below in response to a letter from Ron Scharping, the Region Membership Chairman, you are already signed up. No further action is needed on your part unless you change your e-mail address. If you change your e-mail address, please notify Bert Lattan, the Region Secretary, at mwrsecy@comcast.net. Please use the subject "E-Mail Address Change" and include the following information:

- Your first and last names.
- Your new e-mail address.
- Your NMRA number.
- Your Division.

If you did not receive an e-mail in March or you did not respond to a letter from Ron Scharping, you do not have a valid e-mail address on file with the Region. To subscribe to electronic delivery, send an e-mail with the subject "Electronic Delivery Subscription" to Bert Lattan at mwrsecy@comcast.net. Include your first and last names, your e-mail address, your NMRA number and your Division.

Q. I don't have a computer. How can I take advantage of electronic delivery?

A. Although you may have to sign up in advance for a time period, most public

libraries provide free access to the Internet. Library policies regarding charges for printing of Internet pages vary from library to library. Please check with your library to find out about its policies.

You have at least three choices for accessing the electronic version of the *Waybill* from a library:

- Periodically check the Region website for a new issue. The Internet address is: <http://www.mwr-nmra.org/>.
- If you regularly access the Internet through your library, sign up for a free web-based e-mail account. A Google search on "free e-mail" will list a large number of providers including Google's Gmail, Yahoo! Mail and MSN Hotmail. After you establish an e-mail account, subscribe to electronic delivery by e-mailing the information requested above (name, e-mail address, NMRA number and division) to Bert Lattan at mwrsecy@comcast.net.
- Subscribe to postcard notification. If you subscribe to postcard notification, you will receive a postcard shortly after the *Waybill* is published. Upon receipt of the postcard, you can go to your library and access the Region website as described above. Postcard notification costs \$3.00 for a two-year subscription. To subscribe make your check for \$3.00 payable to "Midwest Region, NMRA" and send it and your name, address, NMRA number and division to:

Ron Scharping
Region Membership Chairman
6145 Plymouth St
Downers Grove, IL 60516-1783

Please write “Postcard” on the memo line of your check. A subscription form is included in this issue of the *Waybill*.

Q. I prefer a printed copy of the *Waybill*. How do I subscribe?

A. For a one-year subscription, make your check for \$6.00 payable to “Midwest Region, NMRA” and send it and your name, address, NMRA number and division to:

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Region Membership Chairman
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For a two-year subscription, send \$12.00. Please write “Waybill” on the memo line of your check. A subscription form is included in this issue of the *Waybill*.

Q. I have paid Midwest Region dues for life or for a year or more. What happens now?

A. If you have paid Midwest Region dues for life or for a year or more, you will continue to receive a printed version of the *Waybill* without paying a subscription fee until such time as your current dues term expires. However, if you have an e-mail address, you can help the Region reduce its operating costs by agreeing to forego a printed copy of

the *Waybill*. You can opt out of printed delivery by sending an e-mail with the subject “Printed Delivery Opt Out” to Bert Lattan at mwrsecy@comcast.net. Please include your name, e-mail address, NMRA number and division in your message.

Q. How do I determine my current subscription status?

A. You can determine your current subscription (dues) status by referring to the first line of your address information on the last page of this issue of the *Waybill*. There are four possibilities:

- **Subscription Does Not Expire.** You are a Midwest Region Life Member. You will continue to receive a printed *Waybill* unless you opt out as described above.
- **Subscription Expires *Date*.** Your subscription expires on the stated date. Switch to electronic delivery or renew before that date to avoid missing an issue.
- **Subscription Expired *Date*.** Your subscription expired on the stated date. Subscribe to electronic delivery or renew now to avoid missing the next issue.
- **Sample Copy. Subscribe Today!** You have never subscribed. Subscribe to electronic or regular delivery now to avoid missing the next issue.

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City, State, Zip Code:

NMRA Number:

Division:

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Waybill subscription for one year

\$ 6.00

Waybill subscription for two years

\$12.00

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Minutes, Annual Meeting of Members, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 24, 2005

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

President Richard Cecil called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Quality Inn & Suites in Madison, Wisconsin.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Members held on May 15, 2004 were unanimously approved as written and published in the Fall 2004 issue of the *Waybill*.

Reports

Bob Sherman, Treasurer, reported on Region finances. As of December 31, 2004 the General Fund and the Youth Fund had combined net assets of \$30,812.97. For the year then ended, revenues, primarily from dues, were \$8,392.81; expenses, primarily for the *Waybill*, were \$7,539.32 and net revenues were \$853.49.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

President Cecil announced the winners of the recent election:

President	Gary Children
Vice President	Randy Williamson
Directors-at-Large	Lynn Jasch
	Bill Litkenhous
	Barb Rothwell

Announcements

On behalf of the DuPage and Fox Valley Divisions, Dave Liesse invited everyone to attend the Region's 2006 Spring Convention at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield in Schaumburg, Illinois from April 28 to April 30.

Chuck White from the North Central Region invited everyone to attend Great Lakes Express, the NMRA 2007 National Convention in Detroit, Michigan. The dates are July 22 through July 28.

President Cecil read the badge numbers of convention participants who had not claimed their door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Lattan
Secretary

2006 Spring Convention

Hyatt Regency Woodfield
Schaumburg, Illinois

April 28 – 30, 2006

AP Awards

by Bill Meyers

04 Scenery
Richard Bougerie, MWR 756
Noblesville, IN

06 Electrical
David Poquette, MWR 754
Whitefish Bay, WI

09 Volunteer
Bob Boomsma, MWR 758
Madison, WI 53704

Rick Rickaby, MWR 757
Marinette, WI

10 Author
Sean Lamb, MWR 755
Madison, WI



Secretary's Page

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Division Schedule

Calumet Division:

Contact: Al Kamm Jr
(815)469-2917

Call for information regarding meets

Central Indiana Division:

Contact: Larry Gilbert
(765) 779-4039

Date: June 11-12, 2005, Indianapolis IN
Allegheny & Western Model RR Club Open House

Date: July 22-24, 2005

By Air, By Rail Festival (call for details)

For More Information: Carl Tomamichel,
317-786-1183 <http://www.naptownrr.org>

DuPage:

Contact: Rob Schiavone
(630) 690-3262
robert_s_60188@yahoo.com

Location: Lisle Library
777 Front Street
Lisle, IL

Meetings starts at 1:30pm. Call for more information on meets.

Fox Valley Division:

Contact: Richard Sweet
rsweet@pactiv.com

11 Park Place Circle
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047
(847) 550-1399

Division meetings are held from September through May generally on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 1:30 until 4:30 at the Gary Morava Recreation Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070. The center is 1 block west of the Camp McDonald and Elmhurst Road intersection. Monthly meetings feature a program discussion or clinic, plus a modeling category contest.

2005 meeting schedule:

September 18 - Caboose contest - Bring your cabooses to display and compete.

October 16

November 13 - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm FVD excursion to the Milwaukee Trainfest. Reservations are required.

December 18 - Member's auction.

Illinois Valley Division:

Contact: Marion Brasher
(815)663-3411

Email: valleyrnhouse@aol.com

Location: Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL

IVD Meets are conducted using the following format - Doors open at 12 noon, there is space and tables for members to set up swap tables, the meet starts at 1 PM and tours of model railroads in the area follow the meet (usually around 3 PM). The cost to attend our Meets is \$1.00 for all attendees

Dates: September 11, 2005 Spring Valley

North Shore and Western Division:

Contact: Jim Spice
(847)-662-7267
Location: Glenview Public Library
1930 Glenview Road
Glenview IL

The Division meets regularly from September to May, frequently on the fourth Sunday of the month. Meetings are held from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm in the Maynard Room of the Glenview Public Library. From time-to-time, meets are followed by layout tours from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Rock River Valley Division:

Contact: Joe Whinnery
815-398-8973
Location: Midway Village and Museum Center, 6799 Guilford RD, west of Perryville and State St.
Doors open at 12:30 with the meeting at 1:00. Donation is \$2.00.

Date: June 5, 2005 – Junket
July 10, 2005 Picnic
Call for details

South Central Wisconsin Division:

Contact: Hank Brown
608.839.4939
Location: Fitchburg Community Center
5510 Lacy Road
Fitchburg WI

Meeting times: 1-4pm
Next Meet: September 11, 2005

Southern Illinois Division:

Contact: Joe Skamel
(217) 892-9740

Location: NA
Anyone interested in helping Joe start some activities, please contact Joe directly.

WinnebagoLand Division:

Contact: Tod Rebhahn
(920) 983-8384
Dates: Call for more information

WinnebagoLand Division Club Meets:

Cedar Creek Railroad Club

Weekly meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the Train Room at Lamm's Garden Center
2708 Sherman Road
Jackson, WI

Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders, Ltd. - Stevens Point/Plover WI Area

HO and N-scale modular layouts. The clubhouse is located in the basement of a restored Wisconsin Central Railway's depot in the Portage County Historical Society's Heritage Park, Plover. Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call the clubhouse at 715-342-7300 on meeting nights. You can also email Jerry Rohlinger or phone him at 715-341-2069, or call Don Anderson at 715-344-8545.

Clipper City Model Railroad Club - Manitowoc

Iron Horse Barn - Expo Grounds - I43/ US 151
Meets 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. - For more information contact: Joe Lallensack

Fond du Lac Model RR Club - Fond du Lac

Green Bay Area Model Railroaders Club (Newer Industries) - Green Bay WI

Hub City Model Railroaders - Marshfield

- Meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month except June, July and August, at 7:00 p.m. The clubhouse is located at 709 N. Chestnut Ave. For more information contact Keith Meacham or Gene Greenwald.

Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers Railroad Club, Inc.

137 B North 6th Ave. West Bend, WI 53010

Machickanee & Splinter Creek Model RR Club – Marinette, WI

Meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 1729 Stephenson Street, Marinette, WI. A new layout is under construction. For more info e-mail Norman (Chic) Hartert.

Neenah-Menasha Model RR Club - Neenah

323 West Forest Avenue. Open visitation the first Wednesday of the month, other Wednesdays by invitation only. For more info call 414-725-3967.

Paper Valley Model Railroad Club - Kaukauna, WI

The clubhouse is located at W2221 Block Road, Kaukauna, WI. Club hours are Thursday 7pm - 9pm and Saturday 1pm - 4pm.

Plymouth Model RR Club - Plymouth WI

Rhineland RR Association - Rhineland WI

Meets at various locations on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. HO scale layout depicts the railroad operations in and around Rhineland from 1930 to 1950. Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Club President Tom Foerster at 715/479-4988.

Rothschild, Schofield, & Weston Model Railroad Club- Rothschild, WI

The club meets every Wednesday night at 7pm in the basement of the Hobby Connection in Rothschild, WI. The club layout is open to visitors every Saturday afternoon until 5pm.

Sheboygan Society of Scale Model RR Engineers -Sheboygan WI

Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Railroad Lodge, 1001 N. 10th Street. 38 by 46-foot HO and HOn3 layout with double-tracked mainline and a 60-foot hidden staging yard. Visitors are always welcome and membership is open. For more information write to Club Secretary, Dick Pool at the above address or call the club on Tuesday evenings at 920-452-0166.

Seymour Model Railroad Club - Seymour WI

209 Depot Street. Open house first & third Sunday of each month from 1-3 p.m. HO Scale. The layout is located in the former Green Bay & Western depot which was moved across the street and restored. For more info contact David Fairbanks, 323 Washington Street, Seymour WI 54165-1331.

**Tri-City Railroader's Association -
Wisconsin Rapids WI**

Meets at the Lowell Senior Center, 330 8th Street South on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from September through May. HO scale layout. For more information contact Club President John Sawaska at 715-421-4610 or send e-mail to [Dick Hoekstra](mailto:Dick.Hoekstra).

**UP Shortlines Model RR Club -
Marquette, MI**

The UP Shortlines Model RR Club meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Jacobetti Veteran Hospital in Marquette. The club owns a 9' by 55' HO scale traveling layout as well as a real LS&I U25c, an ore car and ex-MoPac caboose which are displayed at Presque Isle Park in Marquette.

For more information contact Richard Cooke at 906-225-5468, or email to ljlrcr@aol.com

**Waupaca Area Model Railroaders -
Waupaca** More info: 715-258-5842.
Meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Wisconsin & Michigan Model RR Club -
Marinette WI**

Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Elk's Club in Marinette, WI. The semi-permanent HO scale layout is 26' by 6'. Visitors are always welcome and membership is open. For more information contact, Dave Rickaby at 1031 Marinette Avenue, Marinette WI 54143 or call 715-732-1318.

WISE Division:

Contact: Bonnie Janke janke@execpc.com
262.392.9698

Location: Best Western Midway Hotel
5105 S Howell, Milwaukee, WI
(unless otherwise noted)

Meeting time: 12:30-4pm

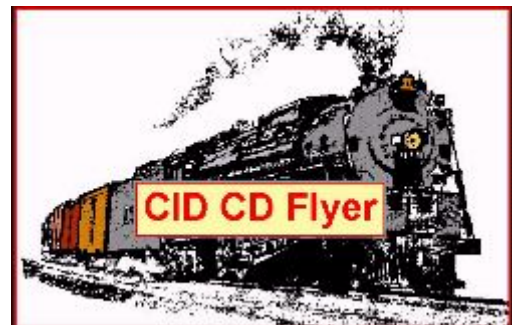
Dates: Call for information

The WISE Division sponsors monthly meets throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. Meets are on Sunday afternoons, and the public is always welcome. You'll be able to attend clinics on model railroading skills, enter modeling and photography contests, find a treasure or sell your railroad items at the SWAP meet, tour layouts at members homes.



CID CD Flyer

The first ever **CID CD** has been created. This is available **free** to any **CID** member by simply showing your **NMRA** membership card at a **MEET**. Anyone living outside of the drive time to the Meet areas may request one by mail or e-mail from the **Chief Clerk** or **Rusty Spike Editor** (see **CID Info page** for addresses). Be sure to include your name and address and **NMRA** membership number. Non **NMRA** members may purchase one at Meets for \$5.00. It is also available to anyone joining the **NMRA** at one of our Meets or at our booth at **GATS** shows.



Any interesting railfanning, or layouts you've seen lately?

Have you gotten your AP award for author yet?

Here's your chance to put the two of them together, and provide an article for the Waybill.

Check the Waybill deadline in the next column, so you'll have plenty of time to send in your article for the next Waybill.

Remember, if you can write an article, you shouldn't be afraid of a little more paper work, to get those AP points.



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The deadlines for camera ready ads will be the same as the copy deadlines stated above, (*please submit by e-mail if possible in MS Word format*). If you need ad composition, please contact the Waybill editor. Railroad related advertising only, will be accepted for publication.

Advertising rates/year are as follow:

Full page	\$100.00
Half page	75.00
Quarter page	50.00
Business Card size	25.00

Trustee's Report

by Reid Kahrs

The next National Board meeting will be held in September, 2005. Information from the previous meeting was printed in the last *Waybill*.

If you would like information regarding the National NMRA meetings or activities, please e-mail me rkahrs@charter.net or call at 262-628-8489.



Waybill Schedule

Waybill current schedule:

Fall (September, October, November)
Winter (December, January, February)
Spring (March, April, May)
Summer (June, July, August)

Deadline for submission to each issue is listed for the month previous to publication:

*August 15th for the Fall issue
November 10th for the Winter issue
February 10th for the Spring issue
May 15th for the Summer issue.*

Send submissions to: cvwrails@charter.net

Lake Junction 2005 Layouts/Operating Sessions



Don Swinton in front of his layout.

**Want to be a Judge for the
Modeling and photo Contest at
the regional Convention?**

**As an incentive, part of your
convention fee will be
reimbursed in return for
judging.**

Contact:

Gary Children – 414.327.1666 or
Ingrid Drozdak –
ingridtreelady@aol.com



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

Lake Junction 2005 Contest Results

Photo Contest Winners

Prototype Black & White:

- 1st: Marion Brasher – Narrow Gauge Freight
- 2nd: Donald Cook – GMO E-unit

Prototype Color Photo:

- 1st: Donald Cook = Marion at night
- 2nd: Sean Lamb – Tacoma Rail Shops
- 3rd: Robert Supinger – Double Headed Steam

Prototype Color Slide:

- 1st: Grant Law – Sunset at Union Ave
- 2nd: Grant Law – “Did he just fart?”
- 3rd: Donald Cook – Via Train 93 at Duphin, MB

Model Black & White Photo:

- 1st: Marion Brasher – Goose in the High Country
- 2nd: Marion Brasher - Helper on Sandy Grade
- 3rd: Barb Rothwell – Detown Pier

Model Color Slide:

- 1st: Donald Cook – Great Northern Reefer

Robert J Moskal Memorial Award Photo Contest: Grant Law – Sun set at Union Ave

Model Contest Winners

Best of Show Master: Donald Cook – GN E7A #512

Best of Show Novice: David Casey – C&NW GP151 #4422

Diesel & Other Locomotives: David Casey – GP 38-2 C&NW #4701

Cabooses: David Casey – C&NW x26154

Freight Car:

1st: Donald Cook – GN Express Reefer #2021

2nd: David Casey – 42’ C&NW with load #41755

3rd: David Casey – 72’ Depressed C&NW #48019

Structures On Line: Rad Becker – Freight House

Structures Off Line:

1st: Donald Cook – Mooney Plumbing

2nd: Donald Cook – Cook Orchards

Display On Line: Jan Whitcomb – Strutter Vant Mil RD Depot

Robert J Moskal Memorial Award: David Casey – GP15-1 C&NW #4422

President Award: David Casey – GP-15-1 C&NW #4422

Thanks to Judges: Richard Cecil, Rob Schiavone, Hank Brown, Sean Lamb, Chris Roeben



Next MWR Board Meeting

Community Center
Fitchburg, Wisconsin

September 11, 2005; 10:30 am

Convention Photos

Dick Cecil presents certificates to:



Barb Rothwell, AP-Author



Bob Boomsma, AP – Volunteer



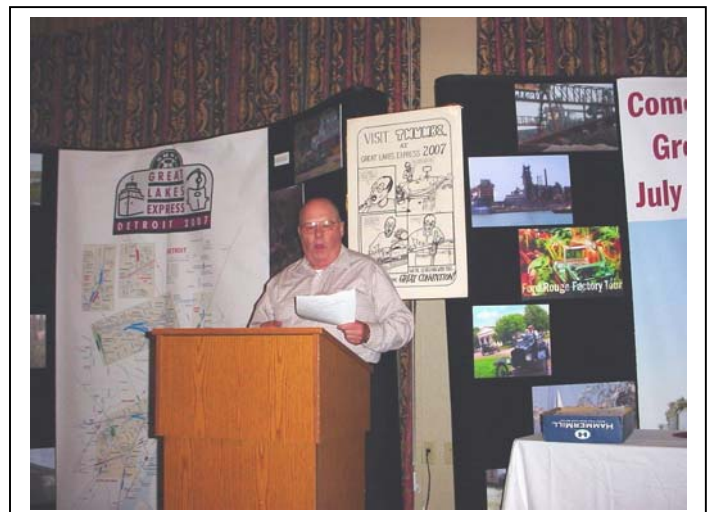
Sean Lamb, AP – Author



Dave Casey, President's Award



David Poquette, AP - Electrical



Gary Children reads the contest winners.



The banquet food may not have been the best, but the company was great!

Editor's Note:

As we all know, the summer season brings about rail fanning trips, railroad related conventions, and general travel. Why not take your camera along, and take a few rail photos along the way?

The *Waybill* editor would greatly appreciate any, and all contributions, for the Fall issue. All you have to do is send them via e-mail, and it won't cost you a lot of money or time, (good way to get some AP points for you Author certificate). Deadline date is August 15th.

If you don't have a digital camera, just have a friend scan them and send them.

If you're not on the road, remember basements are a great way to beat the heat! Have a great summer.

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