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President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

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.

This newsletter will be out before we know what's going on from National. When we know anything, we will let you know as soon as possible. You should be able to get the information from your division meet as to what's going down.

If you have a computer, you can receive the *Waybill* free of cost electronically. All you need to do is download it, read it, or print it out and read it. (I print out two extra copies for two lifetime members who don't have access to a computer and who are on fixed incomes.)

To receive your copy of the *Waybill* electronically, send your e-mail address, name and NMRA number to:

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You can also visit the Midwest Region website at www.mwr.org for further information.

On another note, I guess since we are now in the computer age and driving down the information superhighway, it's hard to get kids involved in trains. When I was 5 years old, my parents bought me a Lionel train set. We set it up before Christmas on a 4 x 8 sheet of plywood. I ran it for three weeks, and then it got put away until the following year. When

you talk to young parents at train shows, they don't buy train sets for their children during Christmas. Nowadays, most kids get video games or computers. Even schools focus the children's attention on computers. If you go to the Museum of Science & Industry, you'll see a train railroad simulator next to the California Zephyr. So my friends, it is up to us to get the younger generations involved in the "real thing." If you go to train shows, invite your friends and neighbors and encourage them to bring their kids. If you have a layout that's not too hard to operate, invite them to try yours, or run your layout for them to see. We want the idea to get planted in the younger generations' minds before it's too late.

As I was reading one of the other division's newsletters I noticed there was some mention of model railroading SIGs. In response to your concerns, maybe National isn't fulfilling everybody's needs in certain areas, that's why SIGs were formed. They were formed to meet the criteria of some of the membership's needs. I am a member of the Industrial Railroad SIG. This SIG primarily deals in industrial related items that fit in with railroading. Last year when the convention was here in Milwaukee, we were able to get into some places where a larger group would not be invited. I guess this is just one of the things that National allows people to get into on a smaller scale. Some of the people use e-mail to communicate, but they also offer smaller informational newsletters that come out quarterly. I am not saying that this is the way to go, but it is an alternative way for people to get into smaller parts of the hobby.

Two of our divisions have programs where people receive kits or a 16 x 16 board to do with as they please. They receive it in the fall and they are supposed to bring it back in the spring to a division meet. There are also divisions with a young group, and more than one division has a make-and-take car for people to put together. Some divisions also do a railroad merit badge for their area. This is a good start, but we need to get more parents into the hobby because that's how it all starts. If the parents show an interest in the hobby and get involved, the kids already have exposure, which will hopefully go from generation to generation. I thank all of the divisions who put time and effort into these programs. There is a place for everything in this hobby. Model railroading is supposed to be fun.

The region board meeting was held at the SCWD meet. I extend my thanks to Hank Brown, the SCWD Superintendent for having our board meeting. After the meeting, the board was at their regular meet. A good time was had by all. Thanks again to the SCWD crew. Remember to attend the Spring Regional Convention taking place on April 28-30, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield Inn in Schaumburg, IL. If you have questions, let your division superintendent know so that he can send it in to the region secretary before the convention so that it can be put on the agenda.

I would like to offer my sympathies to Bert Lattan, Region Secretary, and John Tews, TrainFest Director, on the passing of their mothers, and send my condolences to you and your families.

The last thing I have to say is that there were two special awards given at the SCWD meet. One went to Bert Lattan, Region Secretary, and the other to Ron Scharping, Region Membership Chair. I thank both of you for the fine job you are doing.

I wish all of you a warm, safe and happy holiday season. And remember, model railroading is fun, enjoy it.

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Special Effort Awards.

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



Division Schedule

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Contact: Al Kamm Jr
815.469.2917

No meetings in December and January for
information call: 1-815-469-2917

Central Indiana Division:

Contact: Larry Gilbert
765. 779.4039

**GTE (Formerly GATS) January 7-8 2006 -
Indianapolis IN** - Indiana State Fairgrounds

**January 29, 2006 Meet and Auction
(Sunday) - Noblesville IN**

Hamilton County 4H Expo Center,
2003 Pleasant Street

April 23, 2006 (Sunday) - Danville - IN
4H Building, Hendricks County
Fairgrounds (Building may change)

DuPage:

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Location: Lisle Library
777 Front Street
Lisle, IL

December 4, 2005

Program: Holiday Gala Event ;
Ron Scharping: New Layout
Contest Photo - All NMRA categories

January 8, 2006

Program: Tim Schubert: Decaling
Contest: Tank Cars

February 5, 2006 – Auction

Meetings starts at 1:30pm

Fox Valley Division:

Contact: Richard Sweet
rsweet@pactiv.com.

11 Park Place Circle
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047
847.550.1399

Meeting Place (unless otherwise specified):

Gary Morava Recreation Center
110 W. Camp McDonald Road
Prospect Heights, IL 60070
(1 blk west of Camp McDonald
Road and Elmhurst Road Rt. 83)
Meeting times: 1:30 - 4:30 PM

December 18, 2005 – Member
Auction

January 15, 2006 – Clinic by David
Leider, Passenger car contest

February 19, 2006 – Clinic by Gray
Childers, Structures contest

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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

Date: **Jan 8, 2006** Springfield Area,
Petersburg, IL
March 12, 2006, Peoria ReMax
Bldg.
May 21, 2006 Utica, Knights of
Columbus Hall

(call for more information)

North Shore & Western Division

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Location: Glenview Public Library
1930 Glenview Rd
Glenview, IL

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

December 3-4, 2005 HO Scale Modular
Layout Display. Sat: 9 am-5 pm; Sun: 1-4 pm.
No Clinic or Contest

January 22, 2006: Monthly Meet
Clinic: Building the SKP
Contest: Steam Locomotives

February 26, 2006: Monthly Meet
Clinic: TBA
Contest: Freight Cars

These dates may change if they conflict with
Library events. See the Division website
(<http://home.comcast.net/~nswnmra/>) for
more information and changed dates, if any.

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.
Rockford IL Doors open at
12:30 with the meeting at 1:00.
Donation is \$2.00.

Dates:

December 4, 2005 – Garage Sale

January 8, 2006 – regular meet

February 5, 2006 – regular meet

South Central Wisconsin Division:

Contact: Hank Brown
608.839-4939

Location: Fitchburg Community Center
5510 Lacy Road
Fitchburg WI

Meeting times: 1-4pm

Date: December 4, 2005

Annual Auction

January 8, 2006

Rail School

February 5, 2006

Contests: Passenger Cars

Layouts: TBA

February 18&19, 2006

Mad City Railroad Show and Sale

Alliant Energy Center

Open: 9am-5pm

Illinois Terminal Division:

Contact: Joe Skamel
(217) 892-9740

Location: NA

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

Winnebago Division:

Contact: Tod Rebhahn
(920) 983-8384

Holding two meets each year. Spring meet usually includes a banquet and guest speaker, while the Fall meet is a less formal affair. All meets are open to everyone and NMRA membership is not required to attend. Check web site for more information:
<http://wld.trainstuffllc.com/>

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.

The Upper Michigan Central Model Railroad, located in Escanaba, MI. A 25' by 50' HO permanent layout, soon to be 45' by 50', with the acquisition of the U.P.Shortlines layout from Marquette, MI. We also have a 20' by 9' traveling layout and an 8' by 3' and growing N-scale layout. Located in the basement of the 8th Street Coffee House, 720 Ludington St., in Escanaba, MI. Meetings at 7:30 PM every Thursday. For info? Call Gary Stiles, 906-428-3472 or trainmaster@chartermi.net

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:

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262.392.9698

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

Meeting time: 12:30-4pm

Dates:

December 11, 2005
January 15, 2006
February 19, 2006

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.





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

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At the last Board of Director's meeting, the MWR Board approved the submission of advertising for placement in the Waybill.

Effective June 1st, advertising will be accepted for placement starting in the Fall 2004 Waybill. 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.

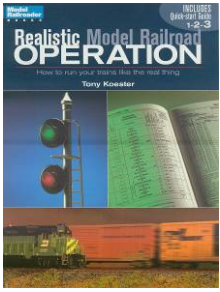
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Full page	\$100.00
Half page	75.00
Quarter page	50.00
Business Card size	25.00

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Book Review

by: Mark N. Goedert



Title: “Realistic Model Railroad Operation”
Author: Tony Koester
Publisher: Kalmbach
ISBN: 0-89024-418-9
Retail Price: \$19.95
Pages: 96, Pictures: Color

“Realistic Model Railroad Operation” is a new look at how we can incorporate what real railroads do on our model railroads. This book, by Tony Koester, a well known author and modeler, covers the wide ranging aspects of train and model operations.

The book is a fresh look at model train operations and not a compilation of magazine articles. Overall the book is aesthetically pleasing with a lot of color pictures of prototype and model trains, a good portion from the author’s former train layout, the “Midland Road”. The photography throughout the book is excellent and is one of the reasons why I purchased the book. This is not to say that the book focuses on eastern railroading, the topics and photos covered cover most eras and railroading from coast to coast.

The book covers topics ranging from waybill and time table train orders, to the use of staging and classification. The range of the material is fairly broad to appeal to different styles of operating a layout. I like the second chapter, which presents the reader with a quick-start guide to operations. It is a nice overview of operations and it is done on a small layout that could be built on a piece of plywood. This is encouraging to modelers with a small space because it illustrates that

you don’t necessarily need a large train layout to enjoy operations.

The chapter on car forwarding is well done, touching upon the use of switch lists, car markers and waybills to generate movement on a model railroad. I like the way he presented the use of waybills because the samples are well documented and clear. The text describing how the waybills work may take a bit of concentration, but you need to walk through the entire life cycle of a waybill and freight car to really understand how it works.

After reading this book I learned that one of the the key factors to operating your layout is initially knowing where your railroad is geographically located and which railroads connect to it. Tony presents a small map at your fingertips to determine which railroads operated in different parts of the United States. You could use this map to get a rough idea on which railroads could connect to your model empire. Once you have your location figured out the rest of the operating scheme seems to fall into place.

Tony also makes a point on the importance of interchange and staging yards. When looking at the waybill examples the cars are moving on and off the layout as though they are interacting with other railroads across the United States. Having a staging yard or interchange track is critical to the illusion that you are moving freight and equipment to other destinations “beyond the basement”.

Overall I really like this book, I am biased in the fact that I model an eastern road however this aside the text does stand on its own very well. If you want to learn “How to run your trains like the real thing” this book is essential in getting started.



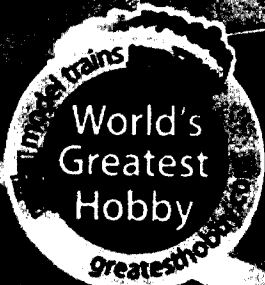
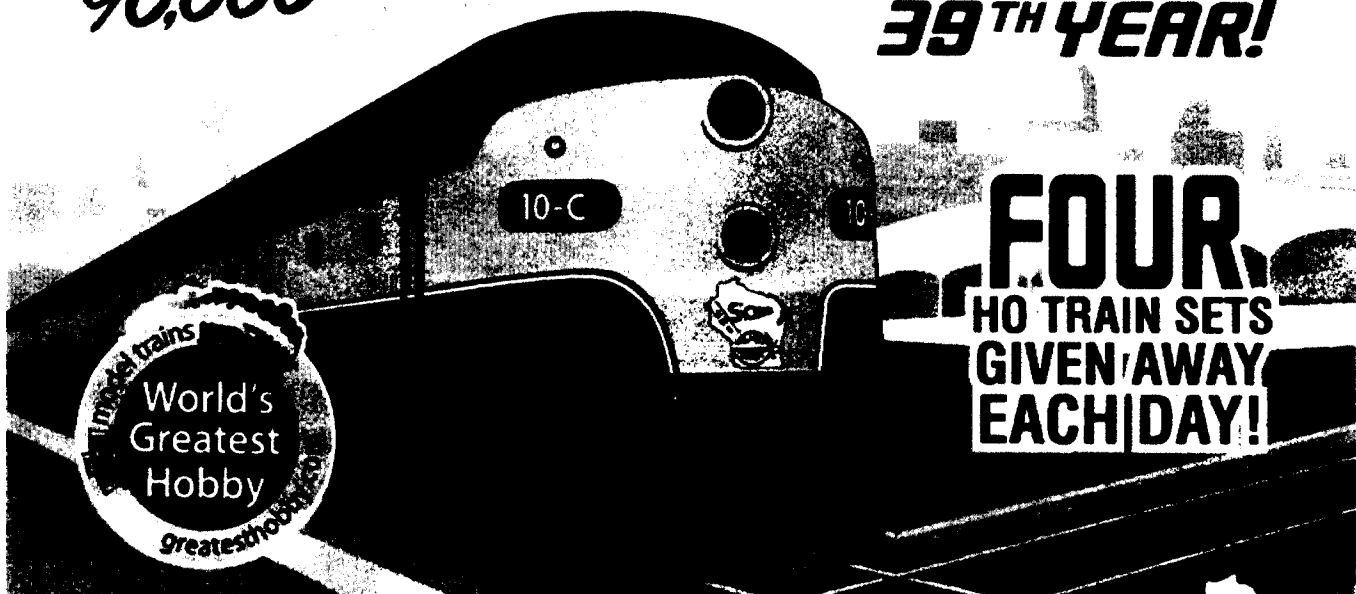
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RailFun 2006

The DuPage and Fox Valley Divisions jointly invite you to attend RailFun 2006, the Midwest Region's annual convention to be held at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield in Schaumburg, Illinois, 28-30 April. We'll be featuring the area's collection of fine layouts for both tours and operating sessions, along with clinicians from across the country. We also will offer a noteworthy non-rail program for those whose interests lie in directions other than the rails.

As has become customary in our area, we will offer a Sunday brunch rather than a Saturday banquet, giving you the chance to check out Chicagoland's fine dining establishments. In addition to the hotel restaurant, there are three restaurants across the parking lot. Woodfield Mall, the world's largest indoor mall at the time it opened, is across the street, with a number of other restaurants within and surrounding it.

Of course, we'll have the usual activities for a Midwest Region convention: the model contest, the photo contest, and our time-honored auction. Bring down all those extras you've been accumulating and see if you can get a few bucks for them!

Circumstances in the lives of various volunteers have prevented the convention web site from being completed before this issue of the *Waybill* goes to press, but it will be available very soon, (maybe even by the time you're reading this). Link to the convention site from the region's web site (www.mwr-nmra.org) to keep up with the latest information.

We're looking forward to having you join us in April. Updates will be posted on the convention web site, as well as in the next issue of the *Waybill*. In the meantime, if you have any questions contact Dave Liesse at NMRADave@comcast.net (preferred) or (630) 554-2755.

RAIL FUN '06 (28-30 April 2006)

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	<u>Early</u> ¹	<u>Regular</u> ²	<u>#</u>	<u>Total</u>
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One Day	\$40	\$40	_____	_____
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Non-Member Fee ³	\$10	\$10	_____	_____
Sunday Brunch	\$18	\$18	_____	_____
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Number that wish to participate in Friday night operating sessions _____

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- ¹ Early registration rate applies if postmarked BEFORE 1 Mar 2006
- ² Regular registration rate applies if postmarked ON OR AFTER 1 Mar 2006
- ³ Non-Member Fee applies if primary registrant is not an NMRA member

Operating session information and signup sheets will be sent to those indicating interest once the list of hosts is confirmed. Priority will be based on postmark of this registration form.

For hotel reservations, contact the hotel directly: Hyatt Regency Woodfield, 1800 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173-5004 at 847-605-1234 or 800-233-1234 (fax 847-605-0328).

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 Lehen

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.



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.



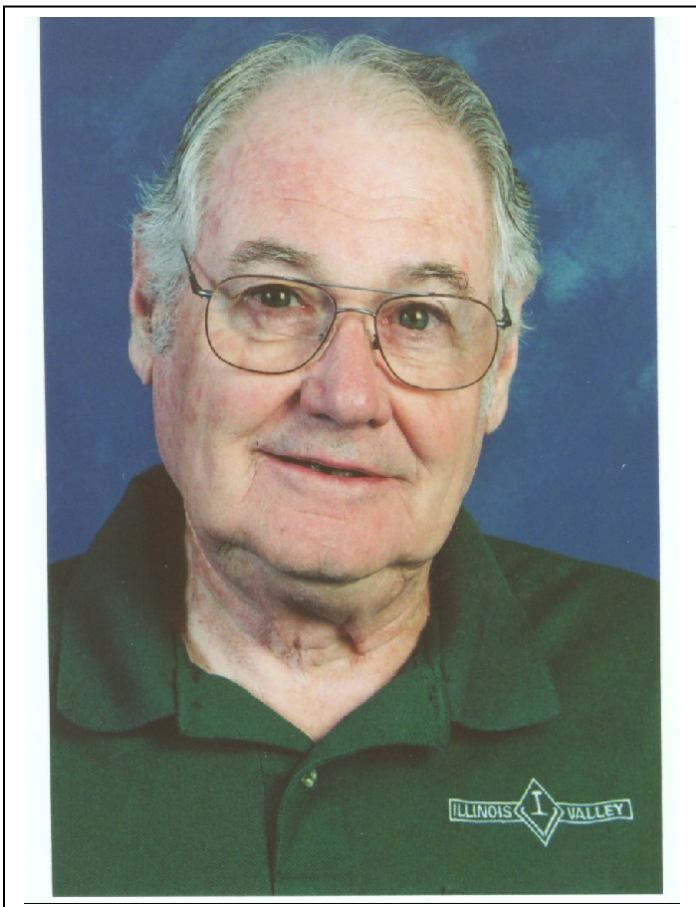
Chris Roeben

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

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.

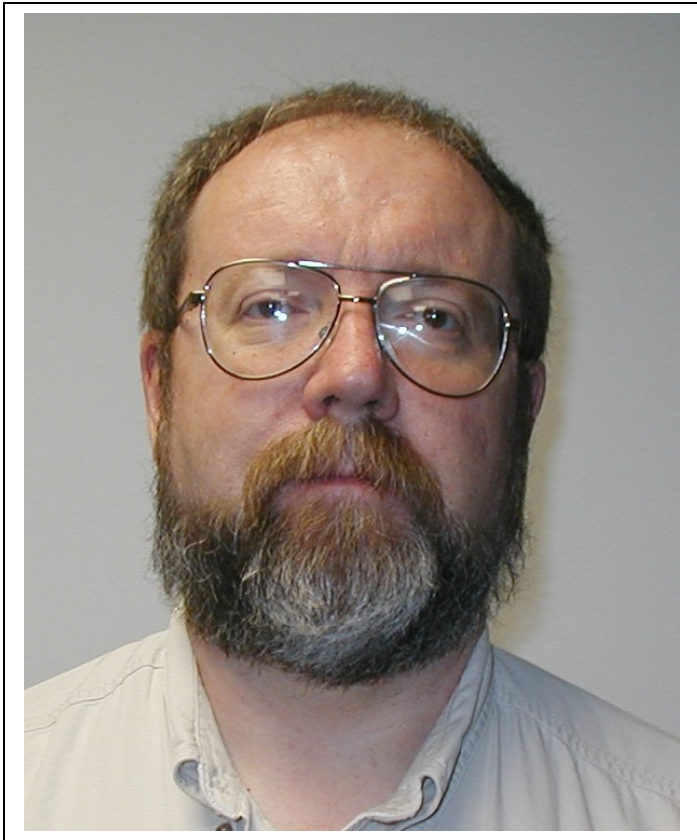
I have received The Golden Spike Award and four (4) AP Certificates: Civil - Electrical - Scenery - Structure.

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 Land 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



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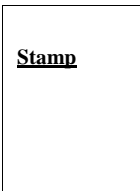
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