

Waybill



Mid West Region NMRA – Fall 2008

President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

Well it's the middle of summer and time flies. I hope you all had a good summer. I had a couple of firsts for myself this summer. I made an airline reservation on the computer and flew for the first time out to the National Convention on Midwest Airlines. There were no cookies on the way out, but had lots of them on the return trip. The convention was held in Anaheim, California.

There was a lot to do this year. Not only were their clinics some of the best I've seen so far (both men and women), but their informative clinics, how-to clinics hands-on, and craft clinics were great as well. Be sure to come to the 2010 convention in Milwaukee; our lady chair has many surprises for you!

I went to three prototypes tours in Cajun Pass where we saw a lot of trains. I also went to Tehachapi Loop the following day and the gods also sent us a train there as well. They were working on tracks near Tunnel 7 but they finished and broke for lunch. We were just about ready to leave when we heard a train horn. There was no way we were going to leave the area. What a sight to see; high horse power against the hill! The last prototype tour was at the West Colton yard, ex-SP, now Union Pacific. We also had a tour of the Hump Yard Tower where the cars are seen going down to the bowl which are the 49 yard tracks. Next we went on to the engine facilities to see the newest high horsepower engines. There were a lot of layout tours and clinics also to see while we were there.

The banquet on Friday night was good featuring a keynote speaker from Carolwood Pacific Historical Society. He spoke about preserving Walt Disney's railroad legacy. We were shown Walt's very own 1/8 scale railroad in his backyard as well as the full sized one that runs around Disneyland.

At any convention there is always a need for volunteers in all positions. For instance, registration desk, company store, tour desk, transportation area, tour guides for layout tours, prototype tours, general tours, auction room, clinic office, non-rail functions, and the volunteer desk are good places to start. Come and renew old friendships, make new friends and help make the 2010 convention the best ever. Everyone who signs on for a minimum of a half day will receive a limited edition convention t-shirt. Go to the volunteer section WISE Division website, wisedivision.org, and sign up today.

Last year, I mentioned about the end of the line when one of our members passes on. This came to light this year with the passing of very good friends, Hank Brown and Mike Ziegler. I hope you listened last year when I said to make a list of model railroad equipment and prices for your loved ones can deal with your train equipment.

Please enjoy what's left of the summer and I hope to see you in a fall division meet. I had a good time at the SCWD picnic. They held it out at the Riverside and Great Northern Railway in Wisconsin Dells. If you have time, make a day of it and take a ride on the Riverside and Great Northern Railway. They are working on a lot of new equipment for you. Also, try to attend the WISE Division picnic at the Milwaukee Zoo. There are trains that come from the shops up at Riverside and Great Northern Railway.

I am looking forward to next spring when the Midwest Region Convention meets in Rockford. Look for upcoming details in the Midwest Waybill as well as your local division's newspaper. In 2011, Madison will hold the spring region convention. There will be no convention in 2010 because of the national NMRA convention in Milwaukee. There will be an annual business meeting held at one of the division meetings. This will be posted in the Waybill when a date is set.

You may also know that my time is up as your president. Open positions will be: president, vice president, and three directors at large. If you would like to run for one of these positions, please send something about yourself and any names you would like to nominate to the Nominating Committee with a picture to Jim Spice at jimjet@comcast.net.

We are also looking for a new Waybill Editor. Barb Rothwell has done an excellent job over the years. I wish her luck in her new endeavors and a big thank you for all that she has done.

I hope to see you sometime in the fall at your division meeting. I enjoy coming to different meetings to see different clinics and layouts. Please try to attend the 2010 convention in Milwaukee. We are planning a lot of good things including Gemuetichkait. Have a good time, and remember model railroading is fun!

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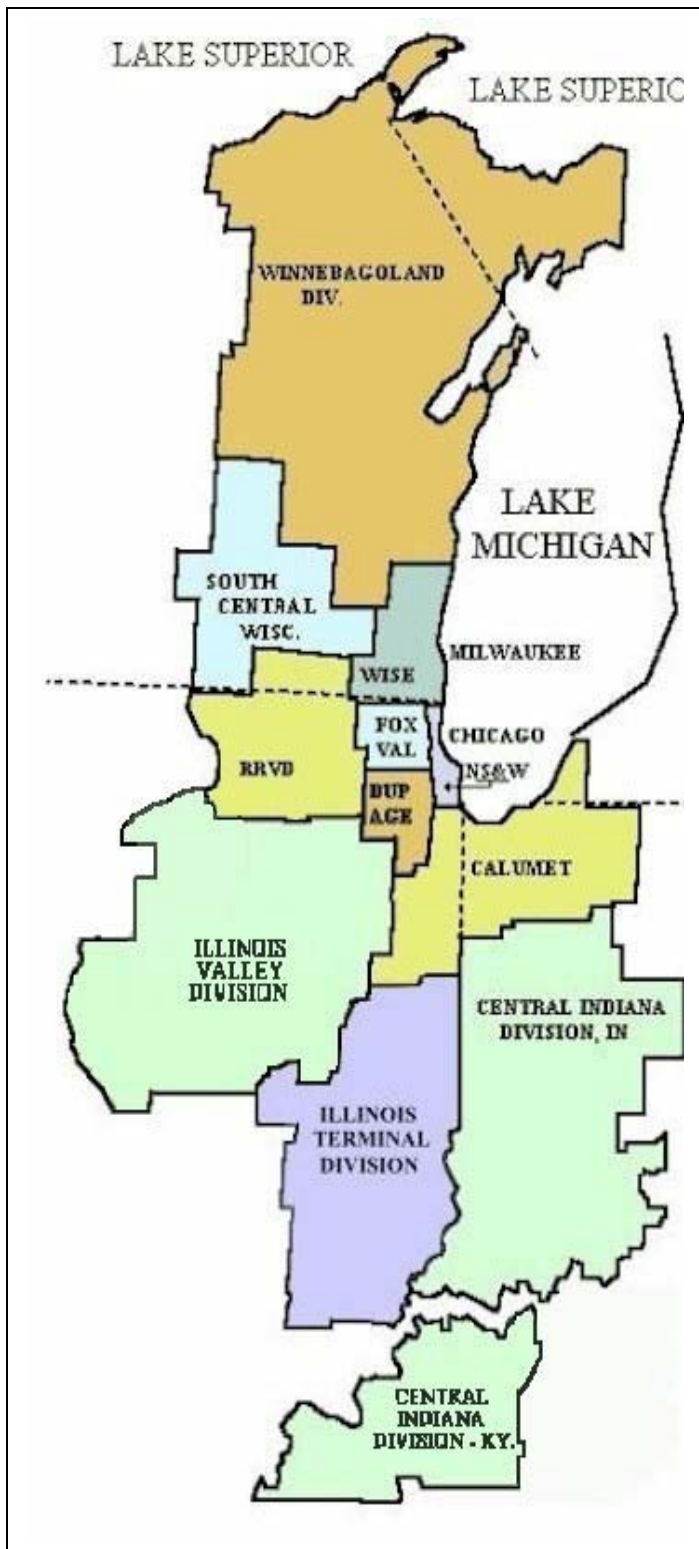
Well, the picture quiz was a real bust. Not one, repeat, not one, call or e-mail, or any other means of communication about the photos.

This leads me to believe that no one was really conscious during the regional convention, and the layout owners don't read the *Waybill*. Either that or no one out there really cares. At least the guy who sent me the photo admitted that he didn't have a pen with him at the time he took the photos and couldn't remember who's layout they were taken at, but they were nice layouts, and great photos.

The photo at the left was taken near Trempealeau, WI.

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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).

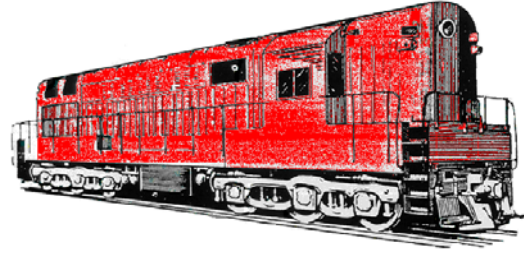
[If you have questions about the *Train Guyz*, please contact Mike Vivion at 608-271-3563.]

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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OP-Till-YOU Drop!!

by Bryan Lemonds

Wow!! I have been to a couple of operating sessions on other people's layouts and thought how easy this must be to pull one off but what I was actually seeing was years worth of work getting the layout built, operating, and seasoned. I did not realize how difficult it would be until Bob Lehnen asked me to get my railroad operating for CIRROPS at the Muncie Convention.

After a year of furious track building and several operating sessions to get the Utah ready, the big day came. Operators started coming in around 8:45 am and I had scheduled to start orientation at 9:00 am. The problem was that they were told to arrive by 9:30 so actually I was ahead of schedule. My first mistake of many. After getting operators assigned to the key posts of dispatcher, yard masters, and helper crews, we sent out our first crew to explore the railroad. They were a couple of veteran modelers

from the Buckeye state and they were assigned to a westbound slag train at Soldier Summit.

Approximately 30 minutes later they were still at summit with car cards in hand, their Schedule A giving them clearance, no opposing traffic, and they still hadn't moved. Just because you are a master modeler, it doesn't mean that you understand TT&TO operations. After a good ribbing by the dispatcher, they proceeded down the hill and then tied up in Grand Junction. Afterwards, they apologized profusely to me for not knowing what to do, and I even received a thank you note a week later still apologizing. Guys if you read this, you are more than welcome to operate on the Utah at anytime!!

At the end of the session, I asked them during debriefing if they had fun and it was a resounding YES. Even though the railroad did not operate like I wanted it to everybody had fun and we will be much better railroad for CIRROPS in three years.

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Railwork

by Bob Boomsma

I just got back from southeast Minnesota and thought you might like to see some photos I took on Aug. 5 of clean up and the start of bridge reconstruction, after the July 29 wreck on the IC&E in extreme southeast Minnesota, just north of Albin, IA.

Trains Newswire reported 28 cars were derailed and noted possible bridge failure was being considered as the cause. A crewman at the scene 8/5 indicated that a problem with a truck was then suspected.



You can see more of Bob's photos at:
<http://web.mac.com/bboomsma>



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“The Final Cure for Chipped Handrails”

by Marv Preussler

As I was doing some modifications to my motive power fleet, I noticed my handrails were losing more and more paint. The locomotives for my operations based layout are all custom painted Atlas or Kato products. I've tried the majority of the water based and solvent based paints. I also tried the Pactra RC racing paint, but nothing seemed to last. A friend of mine who was in the automotive refinishing business, and also a fine modeler, suggested I tried a product called plastic adhesion promoter. He told me it worked for him.

I went to my local automotive painting supply store and asked for the product. The man came back with a spray can and a specification sheet on how to use it and what it is compatible with. The product he gave me was Plastic Adhesion Promoter by Specialty Performance Products. The part number for this product is SXA 1050. This brand is carried by PPG Industries.(www.ppg.com) When I purchased this 13 ounce can it cost me about \$15.00. It seemed a little expensive to me, but I trusted my friend's advice.

I took the handrails off my Atlas C 424, scraped the remaining paint off of the handrails, and headed to my spray booth. The first thing I noticed is that this product has a very strong smell to it. Be sure to spray this in a very well ventilated area. Luckily, one only needs a little of this product to get the job done. I gave the handrails one light coat and then waited about 5 minutes. I then gave the handrails one more coat as per the instructions. I let this dry for about 10 minutes. I then came back and painted the handrails with my Pactra RC 5104 Basic Red Racing Finish paint. (www.testors.com)

The next day I checked the handrails and was really impressed. I twisted and bent them all around, but nothing cracked. I tried scraping the paint off with my fingernail, but I couldn't do it. I could just feel that this paint was not coming off anytime soon. I am

really impressed with this product. I will be bringing in the rest of my locomotive fleet to have their handrails repainted using this plastic adhesion promoter.



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AP News

by Marv Preussler-MWR AP MANAGER

The following is a list of certificates that were earned in the last couple of months:

Golden Spike Awards went to the following folks:

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2010 Convention: START PLANNING EARLY!

by Ken Jaglinski - Vice Chairman

The WISE division will be hosting the national convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 11 - 17th in 2010 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the

founding of the NMRA. We will be kicking off the week with a beer and brat fest that will be held in Ziedler Park, a short walk from the convention hotel. We are planning a great week for all both model railroader and non-rail attendees. Our goal as a committee is to have the best attended convention in NMRA history!

Not comfortable attending a national convention because you don't know anyone else attending? Never fear, at Brat Fest we will match you up with three other model railroaders who model in the same scale, or maybe the same prototype, or who are fellow freelancers. You may get to know some interesting people, get new ideas about the hobby, and have a great time.

Don't come alone. Bring your spouse, significant other or family along. You don't have to railroad every minute. There are lots of fun things to do in Milwaukee. We will have garden, shopping and site seeing tours for non-rails. Children and non-rails can find adventure at the Milwaukee Public Museum, the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Milwaukee County Zoo, the Eisner Museum of Advertising and Design, the Boerner Botanical Gardens, Discovery World and Pier Wisconsin, the Betty Brinn Children's Museum, and on the Schooner Dennis Sullivan. We also have the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Team who play at Miller Park with its retractable roof so the team plays and the fans are comfortable rain or shine! If you feel lucky, take a trip to the Potawatomi Casino. All of these attractions are in walking distance or a short bus ride from downtown.

Activities for the modeler include, operating sessions, how to clinics, layout tours, prototype and industrial tours, the contest room, the company store and a banquet featuring MR's Jim Hediger followed by music and dancing. These days we all need to mind our expenses. Keep costs down by car pooling and sharing rooms. Maybe your division can charter a bus. Now that sounds like a fun way to begin a great week! Hope to see you there!!

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WinnebagoLand Division (WLD)News

Sept. 20 - Iron River, MI - WLD Fall Meet

Nov. 1 - Stevens Point, WI - WLD Annual Operating Session

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