

Waybill



Mid West Region NMRA – December 2008

President's Report by Gary Children, President MWR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gary E. Children
Midwest Region President

The President relaxing
during a lul at Trainfest



2009 ELECTION

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



Bill Litkenhous (for MWR President)

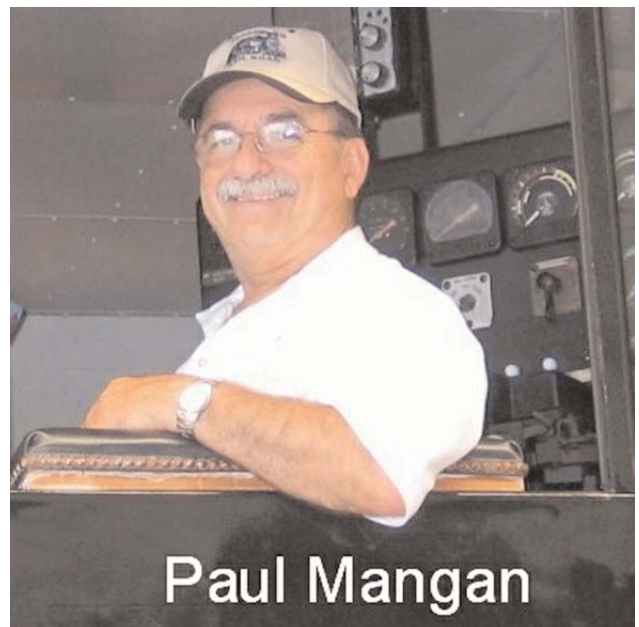
I have been interested in trains for as long as I can remember. I was given my first train set when I was 8 years old, a Lionel 671 turbine freight set. I still have this set plus several others I have collected. I started in HO in 1953 with my first kit, a Silver Streak Union Pacific boxcar. It hasn't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

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

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

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

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

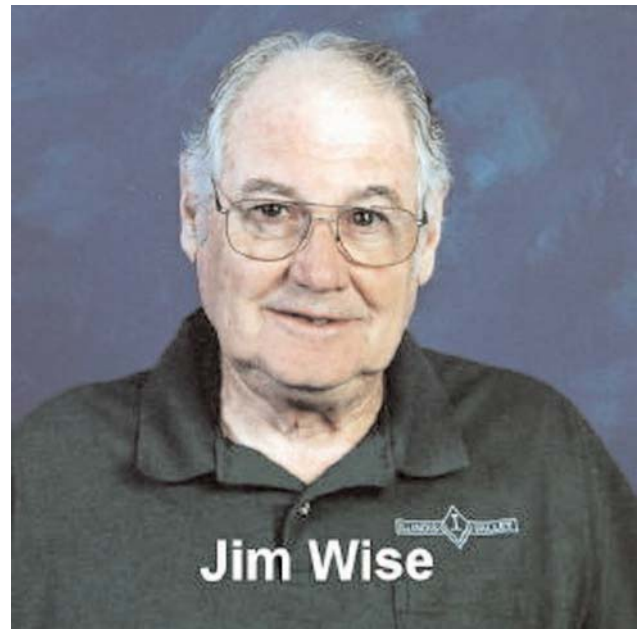


Paul Mangan (for MWR Vice President)

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

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

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



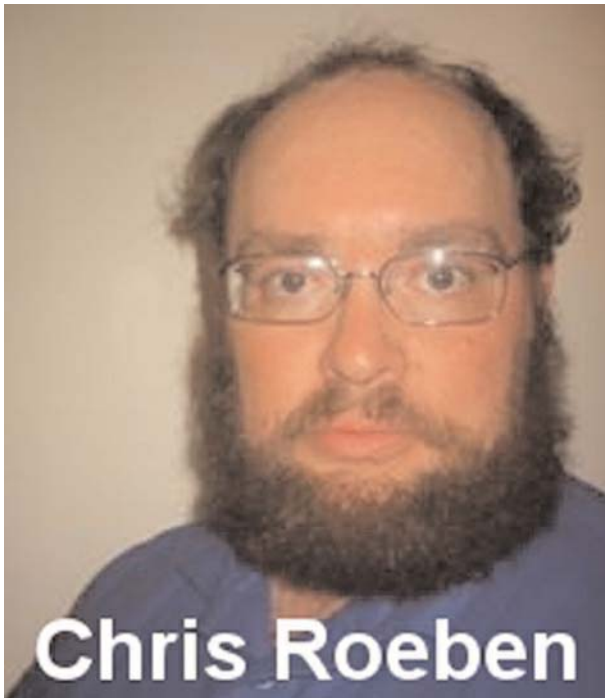
James F. Wise MMR (for MWR Director)

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

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

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

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



Chris Roeben (for MWR Director)

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

Annual Meeting of Members

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

Saturday, April 18, 2009



K.J. Duke Yerman (for MWR Director)

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

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

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



David Leider (Waybill Editor)

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

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

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

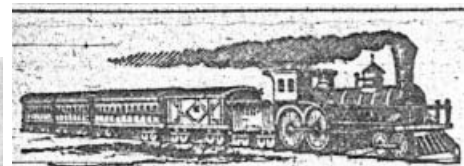
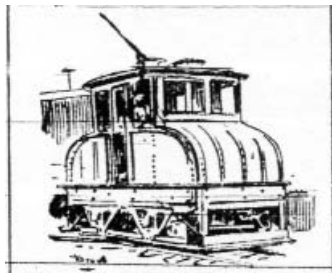
When I am not modeling, I enjoy gardening and work for a perennial grower northwest of Chicago. I am married to my lovely wife Audrone and have a teenage stepson, Kornelius.

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



Quiz
In what year were these printed?

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Postage Division.		
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Freight.....	10:50 a m	11:30 a m
Chippewa Falls Div.		
GOING WEST.		
Passenger.....	9:05 a m	9:15 a m
"	5:45 p m	5:55 p m
"	1:10 a m	1:20 a m
Freight.....		2:00 p m
Chelsea & Ashland Div.		
Passenger.....	9:05 a m	9:15 a m
"	1:10 a m	1:30 a m
GOING EAST.		
Passenger.....	10:20 a m	10:30 a m
"	2:00 a m	2:10 a m
Passenger.....	5:30 p m	5:50 p m
Freight.....		7:06 a m
"		11:50 a m



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

Midwest Region 2009 Ballot

President (Vote for One)

Bill Litkenhous []

Write-In _____ []

Vice President (Vote for One)

Paul Mangan []

Write-In _____ []

Director-At-Large (Vote for Three)

Chris Roeben (Incumbent) []

Jim Wise (Incumbent) []

Duke Yerman []

Write-In _____ []

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To validate your ballot, please print your:

Name _____

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Return address on next page. Your ballot must be received no later than February 28, 2009.

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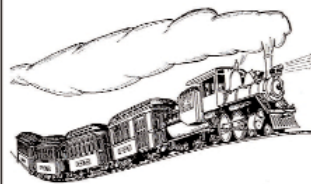
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Midwest Region Spring 2009 Convention

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April 17, 18, & 19, 2009

The members of the Rock River Valley Division are proud to host the 2009 Midwest Region Spring Convention. Once again, the convention will be held at the Clock Tower Resort and Convention Center, located off Interstate 90 at Business U.S. 20 (State St.) in Rockford, IL. The Clock Tower is only 60 minutes from O'Hare airport. The Clock Tower has several restaurants and lounges for your enjoyment, and a game room and indoor pool for the kids. New is the Coco Key Water Resort. A complete fitness center is also available to guests. Each room is equipped with a large color TV providing on-demand movies and Nintendo games. All rooms have hi-speed Internet Service.

The Clock Tower Resort has reserved a block of rooms and is offering a special convention room rate of \$104. Reservations can be made by calling the Clock Tower at (815) 398-6000, or by mail at P.O. Box 5285, Rockford, IL 61125. You may also reserve via the Internet. You must enter Group Code "NMRA" (note there are 2 "R's") when you reserve.

Clinics

We have lined up some very fine clinics this year. Several clinics will be offered twice. As we go to press, the following clinics have been scheduled:

Jim Baker	Painted Backdrops
Marion Brasher (MMR)	Freelanced Model Railroad
Glenn Guerra	Etched Brass Kits
(Mullet River Model Works)	
Mike Schafer	Modeling Passenger Trains
(White River Productions)	
John Drozdak	Modeling B-units in the Long Hoods
Ingrid Drozdak	Trees for Every Scale
Jerry Pyfer	In Dreams
Rich Mahaney	TBD
Ralph Wehlitz (MMR)	Valley Line of the Milw Rd.

Friday Night Operating Sessions

There will be five layouts open for Friday night operating sessions:

1. C&NW; HO, Galena Division, 1950-1960's steam/diesel, Digitrax (radio and walkaround), 6-8 operators
2. C&NW; HO, Sterling Division, 1945-1958, signals, 70% scened, Digitrax, 8 operators
3. Waukon, Mineral & Addison, HO, Free-lanced mid-west; 1915 steam; dispatcher; 20% scened; DC (walkaround and radio) throttles, 12-15 operators
4. Chicago, Champaign & Southern, HO, Free-lanced, 1964, 1st & 2nd generation diesel; new layout - limited scenery, Rail Command radio throttles, 12-15 operators
5. CGW, HO, 1965, Dubuque, IA to German Valley IL, diesel, Digitrax, 8 operators

The operating sessions will be limited to the first 45 operators who register. Indicate your layout preference and the Registrar will make every attempt to get you to the one you want. A wait-list will be established for registrants who don't make the cut.

Layout Tours

We have layout tours planned for Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday afternoon. There will be 20-25 layouts open for your enjoyment as we go to press. About half are fully scened. Most layouts are diesel; some are steam.

Non-Rail Activities

The first stop on this year's expedition will be to the Burpee Museum of Natural History, home of Jane, the Tyrannosaurus Rex. After four years of preparation, Jane is now on display as the centerpiece of a new exhibit at Burpee Museum. Jane: Diary of a Dinosaur. Come discover what happened during the 66 million years she lay buried, visit the expedition's Montana base camp, and view Jane's fully restored 21-foot skeleton. You'll also see a 2 story Carboniferous Coal Forest, an exhibit about the Ordovician Sea that once covered Illinois, and exhibits about the first people to inhabit this area, including the wildlife of the Illinois wilderness.

The next stop is the Rockford Art Museum. RAM houses an extensive collection of American art from the 19th century through today, with a focus on work by historic and contemporary regional artists as well as American Masters, American Photography, Contemporary Glass Art, Modern and Contemporary Art, and Outsider Art.

Collection artists include Ansel Adams, Roger Brown, Harry Callahan, Dale Chihuly, Thornton Dial, Walker Evans, Ulrica Hydman-Vallien, Belle Emerson Keith, Roy Lichtenstein, Harvey Littleton, Pauline Palmer, Ed Paschke, George J. Robertson, Hollis Sigler, Lorado Taft, and Bertil Vallien.

If time permits, the Midway Village Museum is also nearby. The main museum building holds a number of permanent exhibits reflecting Rockford's history and culture that include The Girls of Summer: Rockford Peaches of the AAGPBL, Queen City of the Prairies: Rockford's First 20 Years and The Missing Link: Socks, Monkeys and Rockford's Industrial Past.

Admission fees to the museums will be subsidized. Transportation and lunch are on you. **For our planning purposes**, please indicate on the registration form if you are interested in the Non-Rail Tour.

Model/Photo Contest

Models will be judged in the Master and Novice classes. The Master class is for those modelers who have won a 1st place in the category at the regional level. The Novice class is for those who have not won a 1st place yet. The following categories will be judged: steam locomotives, diesel locomotives, traction, passenger cars, freight cars, cabooses, on-line structures, off-line structures, on-line displays and off-line displays.

The photo contest will include Model and Prototype in Black and White, Color Slide, and Color Print.

And don't forget the Bob Moskal Memorial Award for models and the Mick Grimsby award for best all-around N-scale model.

Tentative Timetable

Friday, April 17, 2009

4pm - 10pm	Registration
7pm - 10pm	Clinics
7pm - 11pm	Operating Sessions
6pm - 11pm	Hospitality Suite
6pm - 9pm	Layout Tours
7pm - 9pm	Contest Entry (Model)*
8pm - 10pm	Auction Entry

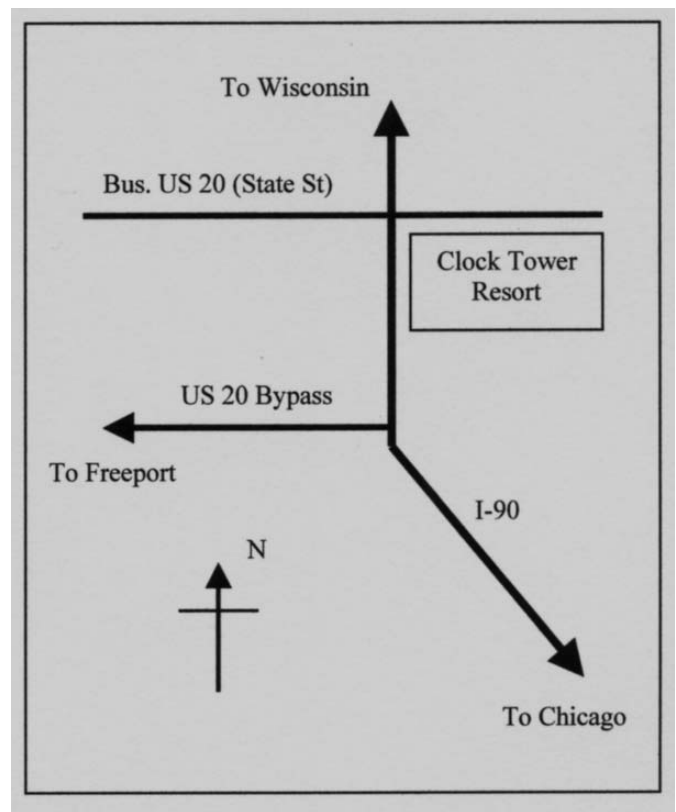
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Saturday, April 18, 2009

8am - 12pm	Registration
8am - 12pm	Clinics
8am - 10am	Contest Entry
(photo/model)	
8am - 10am	Auction Entry
10am - 4pm	Non-Rail Tour
1pm - 5pm	Layout Tours
5pm - 6pm	Attitude Adjustment
6pm - 9pm	Banquet
9pm - ????	Auction

Sunday, April 19, 2009

9am - 11am	MWR Board Meeting
10am - 5pm	Layout Tours



Midwest Region NMRA 2009 Spring Convention "Ride the Line - 2009" Registration Form

April 17, 18, & 19, 2002

<u>FARES</u>	NMRA <u>Member/Spouse</u>	Non-NMRA <u>Member/Spouse</u>
<small>(Spouse of a member will qualify for the member price)</small>		
Full Fare (Includes Banquet)	\$50	\$60
Convention Only (No Banquet)	\$40	\$50
Banquet Only	\$30	\$30

Activities Registration

■ Friday Night Operating Session (indicate your preference, i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5):
(Not a "layout tour;" you are expected to operate)

CNW : Galena Div _____ Sterling Div _____

WM&A _____ CC&S _____ CGW _____

■ I'm interested in the Non-Rail Museum Tour: # attending: _____

Enter Desired Meal Choice in the "Meal" column: B = Beef, C = Chicken, S = Special Diet

Circle One

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