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Mid West Region NMRA – Fall 2011





#### **WEB EDITION**



Nickel Plate Berkshire 765 steams past me with 17 cars at the start of an excursion on Friday morning to Bureau Junction. Built on September 8, 1944, it was first assigned to pull fast freights out of Bellevue, Ohio. Later it worked in Fort Wayne Indiana before its last revenue run June 14, 1958. It sat for many years in a park in Fort wayne before being beautifully restored, not once, but twice. It pulls excursions all over the midwest and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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#### **Editor's Column**

In my duties as editor. I am always on the lookout for articles and fillers for the Waybill.

If you have something you want to announce, send it my way. If I have the room, I will include it. If you are a budding author, but not sure how to get started, I will be glad to help. Just let me know of vour ideas. That is how Dave Nelson, the Frugal Modeler, got his start. An article he submitted even made it to the NMRA Magazine. Remember, all articles in the Waybill get 2 points per page (1200 words) out of the 42 needed toward an Authors AP award. In fact, my first AP was for Author.

Which brings me to another point, volunteering to give a clinic. In the Fox Valley Division I am in charge of finding clinicians. I am fortunate that I know some pretty interesting fellows who give great clinics, but the list is finite. (I have also given quite a few clinics myself, which is how I go the job in the first place)

If you know a subject well, are fairly comfortable speaking to a group and have something to tell, explain or show, you can do a clinic. Once again, clinicians can get credit towards both author and volunteer certificates.

- 1. A live clinic that is presented more than once earns Association Volunteer credits for each additional (the first presentation is credited toward Author) presentation at the following schedule:
- a. National Clinic 3 Time Units
- b. Regional Clinic 2 Time Units
- c. Divisional Clinic 1 Time Unit A person only needs 60 time units to get an AP.

You do not need to hold an office to get volunteer points. Opening your home to an NMRA group earns points, as does volunteering at NMRA sponsored train shows. In fact it is easier than people realize to get points. You only need to read and follow the requirements.

and reading the requirements intimidates some people, so the Fox Valley Division is having a short presentation at each meeting explaining the requirements and going over the forms needed for each award. Those who have gotten an AP in that particular category will explain what they did for their certificate.

Bottomline, I need articles for the Waybill and if you are interested in giving a clinic, let the person in charge of clinics for your division know. They will be glad to work with you. The old adage is true; the more you give, the more you will get out.

I had the opportunity to attend Train Festival 2011 held in Rock Island this summer. I am a big fan of steam, and although the weather was HOT, especially on Thursday's excursion, my wife and I had a good time. It was the first time that I had seen the two lowa Interstate steam engines. I had seen the NKP Berkshire many years ago; in fact it was the first steam engine I recorded on video, a big, heavy Panasonic that I borrowed from a friend. Must be at least 35 years ago.

The Burlington Zephyr was there, always a treat to see. They were busy preparing meals in the kitchen, as they were serving dinner that evening. The highlight was Friday morning as the skies cleared after a cleansing rain and the two steam powered excursions departed.

I want to invite everyone to attend the joint Winnebagoland/ Historical Societies meet on October 1 in Sheboygan. Six different historical societies will be attending, with sales tables and clinics. The meet is only five bucks (\$25 with banquet) a definite bargain. A registration form is on page 7 in this issue.

Ron Christensen of the CNWHS and I had talked about a joint Soo/CNW meet for several years, hoping to get the other societies to join. Dale Kuehn took hold of the idea along with Mark Preussler and the Winnebagoland Division folks. They were able to get several more historical societies to attend, partly as a Unfortunately going to the website result of the success of the Winnebagoland Spring joint Soo/NMRA meet. As newly elected president of the SLHTS, I hope this idea takes hold in other divisions. It is a great way for the historical societies to get some exposure and perhaps a few new members, and vice versa.

Things got confused in the prior column about Forster Mini-Sticks and Loew Cornell's "Woodsies" Mini Dowels. The inch symbol (") sometimes became the foot symbol (') for the scale dimensions, plus a photo was accidentally left out. The Mini-Sticks in HO are 7 inches by 7 inches by 19 feet. In N they are 1 foot by 1 foot by 35 feet. In O they are 3 inches by 3 inches by 10.5 feet. For the Mini Dowels, in HO they are 6.5 inch diameter by 18.5 feet; in N they are 11 inches in diameter and 34 feet long; in O they are 11 inches in diameter and 10.25 feet long.

The article had a photo that showed the Mini Dowels used as light utility poles in HO, but it also said a photo showed the Mini Dowels used as utility poles near an N scale truck and house to show the proportions. That photo went missing. I just shortened the length, so the bracket for the wires is oversized for N scale, but the Mini Dowels are actually well-proportioned N scale utility poles. N scale friends tell me they feel left out of many project-type articles so I particularly wanted that photo to appear. Here it is.

# The Frugal Modeler by David Nelson



This is the photo I forgot to include last time. I hope I did not offend too many "N" scalers. The editor.

This issue's project deals with an often-ignored bit of freight car detail. At the BNSF yard in Galesburg IL this June I noticed that about one out of every 30 or so covered hoppers have hatches that are sealed with a plastic sheet, making the hatches more watertight and dirt-proof. and protecting the powder, chemical, food, or plastic pellet loads from contamination. The prototype photos show the plastic sheeting on a trough hatch, as well as the morecommon round hatches. A U.S. Department of Agriculture website dealing with fumigation of bulk grain and rice in transit calls for the following: "Spray the opening of trough type hopper cars with a sticky adhesive and place a plastic film (not less than 4 mil. thickness) over the opening when fumigating in transit. The plastic film is not required for hatch type hopper cars provided the gaskets on the covers are intact." Another website on unloading polymer resins calls for venting the hatches by removing any plastic film beneath the hatch cover. I conclude that plastic film is used for many commodities. I do not know when this began.





Several of photos of prototype hatches showing the plastic film. All photos by the author





above: applying glue to a hatch right: hatch with film glued in place, awaiting trimming Below: Clamp to hold it while the glue dries



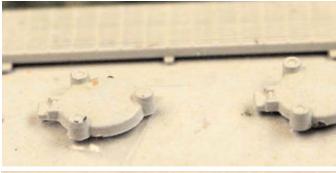
To model the sheets I needed a semi-transparent plastic that was thin yet slightly inflexible, not limp and clingy like kitchen plastic wrap. And, of course, I did not want



to pay for it. The plastic (sometimes misnamed "glassine") in windowed envelopes is slightly stiff and not totally clear. True "glassine", actually a

transparent specialty paper product, would also work, if you have a supply.

On the prototype, the plastic is placed between the inside surface of the hinged lid, and a close-fitting rim or seat on the car itself. This usually forces the outside edges of the plastic sheets to bow upwards when the lid is closed and sealed, as you can see in the prototype photos. I am not aware of any commercial castings for model hatches in HO or N that have separate hatches and seats, so on a model I place the small square of plastic film beneath the entire hatch casting where it would lie flat. To replicate the visual appearance of the prototype sheets, make the edge of the hatch sticky with a tacky glue so that the plastic sheet adheres and lifts upward in the way the prototype does.







# **Region News**

# Midwest Region Convention Upcoming Board Meetings and Conventions

Please put theses dates on your calendar for the future.

#### 1. Fall 2011 Board Meeting

Saturday, September 10, 2011; CID host. University Plaza Hotel, 3001 Northwestern Avenue West Lafayette, Indiana; 10:AM start time

- 2. **Spring 2012 Convention**, including the Annual Meeting of Members and the Spring Board Meeting. Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 9, 10 & 11, 2012; President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Illinois; http://www.mwr-nmra.org/convention/conventions.html Amtrack is offering discounted fares, See the site above. Hosted by the Illinois Valley division
- 3. **Spring 2013 Convention**, including the Annual Meeting of Members and the Spring Board Meeting (Tentative) Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 19, 20 & 21, 2013; Marriott Indianapolis East Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana; CID host.
- 4. **Spring 2014 Convention**, including the Annual Meeting of Members and the Spring Board Meeting (Tentative) Chicago.

Other Divisions should start thinking about hosting the 2012 and later Fall Board meetings and the 2015 and later conventions. It might improve attendance at these events if we could get the Fall 2012 Board Meeting on the calendar at the Fall 2011 Board Meeting and the Spring 2014 convention on the calendar at the Spring 2012 convention.

#### Lake Shore Model Railroad Association OPEN HOUSE

December 2, 2011-Friday 5-9:30
December 3 and 4, 2011 Sat and Sun 12-4
Place: Calumet Park Fieldhouse
Park entrance 9500 S Ewing Avenue or
103rd and Ewing Avenue Rt 41
Free Admission, wheelchair accesible
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# President's Report By Bill Litkenhous, President, MWR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I would also like to put in a plug for our spring, 2012 Convention, which includes our Annual Meeting and Spring Board Meeting. The convention is being hosted by the Illinois Valley Division and will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 9, 10 & 11, 2012. Please put this on you schedule. I will look forward to seeing you there. A lot of information on the Convention is showing up on the internet now. Plan now to attend. It looks like it is going to be a good one.

#### NMRA NATIONAL NEWS

By Gerry Leone MMR
NMRA Communications Director

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

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

The Howell Day Museum is planning a new release of its extremely popular Commemorative Car #3 -- the Gorre and Daphetid bobber cabooses -- except this run will feature two new road numbers, #3 and #5. As you may know, John Allen was very fond of these cabooses and ran a fleet of them on his G&D railroad. Pricing will be \$19.95 for one car, or \$34.95 for the set of two. W atch for the announcement of their availability at www.nmra.org, or keep your eyes open for the ad which will appear in NMRA Magazine. Again, many of the clinicians at the Sacramento convention have uploaded their handouts or full presentations as PDF files to the x2011 website at www.x2011west.org. Anyone can download them. Just look for the Clinics tab, then Clinic Handouts.

The Board of Directors selected Portland, Ore. as the site of the 2014 National Convention. Details and exact timing of the convention will be announced in the coming months. For a complete summary of the Board of Directors meeting, visit the homepage of our website at www.nmra.org. The report will also be published in NMRA Magazine in the near future.

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

am happy to report that there has been a lot of activity from our members. Members continue to take part in the Achievement Program all over the Midwest Region. It is always fun to help answer questions and to guide our members in the AP. Take a look at the following:

The following members received AP Certificates:

Jochen Drechsler, Milwaukee, WI - Cars

Bill Drzal, West Chicago, IL- Scenery

James Wise, MMR, Peoria, IL- Of ficial

Barbara Rothwell, Fitchburg, WI - Scenery

Robert Lehnen, Indianapolis, IN Author

The following members received the Golden Spike Award: Robert Landwehr, Arlington Heights, IL Jim Allen, Lake Villa, IL Bill Drzal, West Chicago, IL

It has been a busy time in the AP in our Midwest Region. I just got done sending out the Merit Awards from the MWR Convention back in April. My thanks to Sean Lamb for providing me the results from the model contest. I have been busy processing an average of 4-5 sets of paperwork per month for AP certificates for our members. Certainly the AP is alive and well in our region. One issue that has come up lately is the questions "where is my certificate and when can I expect to get it?" I can assure you that I process the paperwork on a monthly basis. I do not sit on paperwork from our members. It seems the problem is at the National level from the dealings that I have with those in charge. I always want everyone to remember that we are all volun-

teers in this organization. I work a full time job, and have family responsibilities just like the majority of all of you. I know that the National AP Chairman, Paul Richardson, is also a very busy person with his job duties as well. It seems like the National AP folks are running about two months behind on processing AP certificates. It also seems to take a lot longer to get replacement certificates made, seeing the NMRA no longer has a "Calligraphy" person in charge of doing the printing on the AP certificate. So just don't panic and keep in mind that we all work hard to keep things going smoothly, and it is never a problem to ask about it.As soon as I receive the AP certificate from the National AP Chairman, I usually send the certificate directly to that member the next day, many times with an e-mail letting the person know that the certificate is on the way.

Right now there are another eight AP certificates at National pending approval. There are more on the way yet after that so our members are certainly active in the AP, which is a great thing! As always, work with your division Achievement Program Manager first, and if there is a problem, feel free to contact me.

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Place: The Cisco Center 325 N Eldon St. Cisco, Illinois

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#### **CLINICIANS and PRESENTERS:**

David Leider, MMR The Vinegar Industry on the Rails James Dick- Stillwater, MN- A Place To Model Larry Easton- Trail of Old Kate Jim Singer- Images of the CB&Q Dennis Eggert- Modeling the C&NW Alco Line Emory Luebke- Industries You Can Model Rich Hanke- The GBW- All Access

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JoeDeGroot-Brass Loco Running Improvements
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Don Manlick, MMR Great Lakes Carferries
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(Subject to Change)

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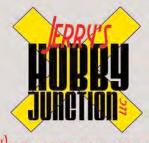
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Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged, NMRA Member  • Signature event of the conference.  • Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.  • NO Clinics.  • NO other events.	\$30	\$40
NO other events,  Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged, NON – NMRA Member  Signature event of the conference. Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.  NO Clinics. NO other events,	\$40	\$50
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Layout Tours Only  Map Book for Layout Tours.	\$10	\$15

Other events may be added as they become available.

## EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2012.

Please – DO NOT mail your registration AFTER March 1, 2012; Register at the door.



## RAILSPLITTER 2012

March 8 - 11, 2012 - Springfield, Illinois

#### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Select	Early Registration - BEFORE January 31, 2012	
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	Non Rail - Companion Fare (Includes all Non Rail & Companion activities and Saturday Night Event)	\$30
	Layout Tours Only (No Clinics and no Saturday Night Event)	\$10

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Hotel rooms need to be reserved by February 10, 2012

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# **Photo Section**







Some shots at Train Festival Yes, that is my lovely wife standing next to Leviathon.











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