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Editor's Column

With summer on its way, its time to cover up the layout until fall. Unfortunately, I have not worked on it for 3 years. It seems that I have too many other projects. Lately I have been building resin kits. I can not resist buying them cheap at flea markets. My other addiction is doing research for articles and my next book and putting together clinics and talks. Some weekends find me speaking at two different events. But it is always a pleasure to give a clinic, especially when the response is good and I learn more about the subject than I knew before. I like to research obscure industries that relied on specialized equipment to move their materials. Pickles, vinegar and milk all had specialized cars dedicated to that service, most of which were private owners. Most of the cars were wooden and very few were preserved, so it takes a lot of digging to find photos and plans. But that is what interests me, even if it takes time away from working on or running my railroad.

I feel that if these industries, and their relationship to the railroads, are not researched and documented, the information will quickly disappear.

Due to space constraints in the last two issue, the Frugal Modeler series has been pre-empted. But do not fear, he will be back next issue.

Somehow I picked up a manila envelope with photos of IC locomotives and a slide of some work equipment. I did not find it until I unpacked my video projector a few days later. Please contact me if these are your items so I can return them. David Leider

Front Cover:

Top Walt Gabeheert's N scale Appalachion style empire

Bottom:

Bob Jackson's S scale Southern Pacific engine-house

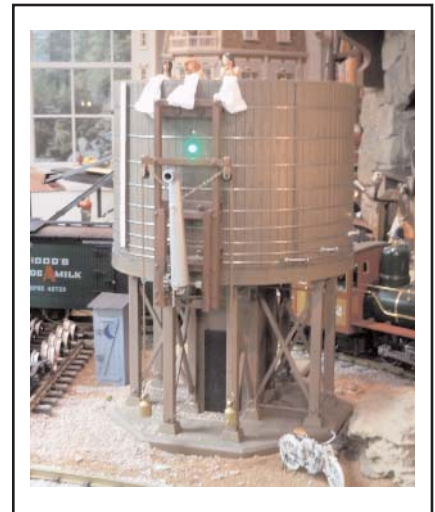
Midwest regional conventions

In case you did not travel to Springfield for Railsplitter 2012, you missed a great convention. The host was the Illinois Valley Division and they put on a great show.

It amazes me why more people do not attend the regional conventions. They are a fraction of the cost of the Nationals, yet just as much fun and instructive. You get to see many layouts you will probably never get to see. Next year the Central Indiana Division will host us. make plans to attend now. The dates will be forthcoming

I am sure two of the most common excuses for not attending are cost and lack of time. In order to address the first issue, the Fox Valley Division is grappling with ways to make the conventions more affordable, yet keep the level of excitement high.

Two people are stepping down after many years of service to the region. Dave Poquette has retired as Auctioneer for the regional convention and Calvin Krasonya as Estate Counselor. Thanks go out to both of them for their years of dedication and service to the region.



Above:

A bit of whimsy on Gene Heflin's G scale layout. All photos on page by Jim Osborn

President's Report

By Bill Litkenhous, President, MWR



I am writing this quarter's letter as summer appears to be coming. Last month we had record high temperatures and it seemed like summer was going to be very early this year, but recently they have dropped to late winter and early spring temperatures. With the temperatures near the freezing level and frost showing up occasionally it makes me wonder if we opened our swimming pool too early as the water is quite cool right now.

On March 2nd, the weather turned real nasty in this area with severe thunderstorms that spawned many tornadoes, including some in Scott County. The nearest ones to us were the tornadoes that hit Henryville, IN. Henryville is nine miles south of us and was heavily devastated by the tornadoes as was covered by the national TV networks. We pass the community often because it is adjacent to Interstate 65 and straddles US 31, both highways we use to get to the south. The devastation that we see as we drive by is unbelievable, some houses have been totally leveled, others have the roof completely blown off and others just have the windows blown out. The Catholic Church, a brick building seems to be relatively untouched by the winds with some roof damage even though it appears to have been in the path of the tornado. The frame house next door to the church looks like a giant bug took a big bite out of the center of it, probably a total loss.

We just had the Thunder over Louisville air show and the nation's largest fireworks display being held with the temperatures in the fifties, not that comfortable for sitting out for six or seven hours if you went to see it in person. We did not, maybe next year.

The convention in Springfield was outstanding with lots of good layouts to see and interesting clinics to enjoy. I would like to particularly thank Mike Yurtec, chairman and Michael Shockley, Superintendent and all of the Illinois Valley Division for making this a success. I especially enjoyed being able to talk to Alan McClelland, Andy Sperandio, Tony Koester and Mike Brestel. The hotel was exceptional with good food available for breakfast and lunch. The convention dinner Saturday night was unique and the food was good. The program with the four superstars was a very good and interesting presentation. I am certain that most all of us came home with some different insights for model railroading because of the program.

The auction Saturday night was fun again but that may have been our last one. Dave Poquette has resigned from the Auction committee and no one has volunteered to take his place. The board decided to let the local convention committees determine if there will be an auction and if

so what format it will follow. If an auction is held it will be run by the local committee and the monies will stay local.

The train show on Sunday was a welcome addition as I had missed all the major shows in the Indianapolis and Louisville area this season. I saw many interesting models as I cruised around the facility. One that particularly caught my attention was the train with the wind turbines on flat cars ready to roll to the construction sites. These models were very intriguing but not suitable for my time frame. The turbines would not have been appropriate along side L&N Big Emmas. I did find some L&N Pine series 6-4-6 Pullman cars by Rapido that were beautiful, especially the Kentucky Pine car that made it into my automobile for the trip home.

I have been working on this letter for two weeks now and the weather has changed like a roller coaster, first temperatures in the 80s, then back to the 60s and then the 80s and now back to 60s. We have managed to work on the pool trying to get it ready for swimming but the weather is not cooperating. Work on the pool interferes with my railroading time and railroading money. It has been very time consuming trying to get it clean and clear and the chemistry balanced.

Since moving to Scottsburg I have not seen many prototype trains running, but last week I was lucky enough to see a Louisville and Indiana northbound train at Cementville and the two CSX Southbound trains the next two days.

The former Monon main line has again become a storage yard for CUY with a string of center beam type lumber cars on the Fogg siding just south of Salem. CSX has also sprayed the main for weeds recently as if they planned to do something.

I am still getting over to Salem occasionally to work on the museum layout and down to Jeffersonville for the Southern Indiana Railroad model train meetings. Last week I led a forum on DCC for the club and I think that we all gained some information from the discussion.

I think I have rambled enough with this letter and am going to wish all a very enjoyable summer.

Region News

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

I am happy to report that there has been some 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 member received an AP Certificate:

Paul Wussow Glen Ellyn IL Chief Dispatcher

The following member received the Golden Spike Award:

Paul Mangan, Oregon, WI

Now, more big news regarding the AP! We now have another brand new Master Model Railroader in our Midwest Region! It is my pleasure to announce that Donald Cook of Waukegan, Illinois is now Master Model Railroader # 479. Donald holds the Golden Spike Award and has Certificates in Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil, Electrical, Chief Dispatcher, and Volunteer. So if you know Donald or see him at a meet, be sure to congratulate him on this major achievement in the hobby. From everyone in the Midwest Region, congratulations Donald, on earning Master Model Railroader # 479! Be sure to pass on what you have learned to anyone interested in becoming a MMR!

It has been a busy time in the AP in our Midwest Region. I have been busy processing an average of 2-4 sets of paperwork per month for AP certificates for our members. Certainly the AP is alive and well in our region. With the spring and summer months coming up, I am sure there will be a little less activity in the AP as we head outdoors to enjoy the few weeks of the summer. So take a look at the NMRA website, and see what you may qualify for and set a goal.

As always, work with your division Achievement Program Manager first, and if there is a problem, feel free to contact me. Thanks!

Marvin Preussler, MMR - MWR AP Manager

2013 Election Petition Deadline: August 2, 2012

Although the 2013 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2013 we will elect a President, a Vice-President and three (3) Directors-at-Large.

Bill Litkenhous and Paul Mangan will complete

their second two-year terms as President and Vice-President, respectively. Under the Bylaws, Bill will become the Immediate Past President and Paul will not be eligible to run for another term as Vice President in 2013. Thanks very much to Bill and Paul for their dedicated service.

Jim Allen from the Fox Valley Division, Fred Henize from the DuPage Division and David Leider from the Fox Valley Division, the three incumbent DALs, will complete their first two-year terms and under the Bylaws will be eligible to run for another term in 2013.

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 Barb Rothwell from the South Central Wisconsin Division and Members Dave Johnson from the Fox Valley Division and Lou Venema from the Central Indiana 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 August 2, 2012.

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 the Region website (www.mwr-nmra.org).

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 August 2, 2012. He will convert it to an 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 Sunday, September 16, 2012 in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the Winter 2012 issue of the Waybill. The results of the election will be announced during the 2013 Annual Meeting of Members, which will be held during the 2013 Spring Convention, May 24-26, 2013 at the Indianapolis Marriott East in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

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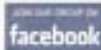
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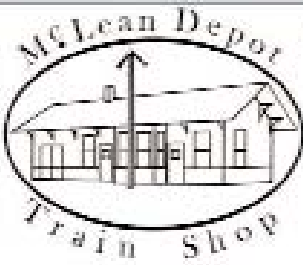
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Minutes, Annual Meeting of Members, Midwest Region, NMRA, March 10, 2012

President Bill Litkenhous called the meeting to order at 8:23 pm at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. Bill thanked Mike Yurtec, Michael Shockley and the Illinois Valley Division for hosting the 2012 Spring Convention.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Members held on April 16, 2011 were unanimously approved as written and published in the Summer 2011 issue of the Waybill.

Reports

Bryan Lemonds summarized Region finances. As of December 31, 2011 the General Fund and the Youth Fund had combined assets of \$41,604.97. For the year then ended, income, primarily from Waybill subscriptions and the NMRA dues rebate, was \$8,788.18; expenses, primarily for the Waybill, were \$6,163.85 and net income was \$2,624.33.

Old Business-none

New Business

Bill Litkenhous announced the winners of the recent election:

Directors-at-Large Ingrid Drozdak, Fox Valley Division
Mike Hurlburt, WISE Division
Dave Johnson, Fox Valley Division
Barb Rothwell, SCWD

Tom Cain discussed preliminary arrangements for Milepost 50, the 2013 Spring Convention, which is being hosted by the Central Indiana Division. The convention dates and hotel are May 2-5, 2013 and the Marriot Indianapolis Hotel, respectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Lattan, Secretary

Upcoming Board Meetings and Conventions

Please put these dates on your calendar for the future.

Fall 2012 Board of Directors meeting

Date: Sunday, September 16, 2012

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Best Western Plus Midway Hotel, 1005 South Moorland Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin

Host: Wisconsin Southeastern Division

Spring 2013 Convention, including the Annual Meeting of Members and the Spring Board Meeting Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2013; Marriott Indianapolis East Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana; CID host.

The logo is a yellow rounded rectangle with a black border. At the top left, it says 'MILEPOST' in large black letters, followed by '50' in a large font. Below that, it says 'Midwest Region Convention 2013'. On the right side, there is a circular logo with 'CID' inside, and text that reads 'Central Indiana Division 50th Anniversary'. At the bottom, it says 'Indianapolis Indiana May 2-5'. There are also two smaller logos: one for the Midwest Region NMRA and one for nmra.org. At the very bottom, it says 'Join Us As We Celebrate 50 Years!' and provides contact information for Tom Cain and Steve Studley.

Spring 2014 Convention, including the Annual Meeting of Members and the Spring Board Meeting Chicago area, details to follow.

Other Divisions should start thinking about hosting the 2013 and later Fall Board meetings and the 2015 and later conventions.

Director-At-Large

by M. David Johnson mdj@bds-soft.com

As your newly elected and installed MidWest Region (MWR) Director-At-Large, I want to be sensitive to your concerns, and to your perceptions of where the MWR is headed. I'd also like to hear about any improvements you'd like to see. There are three specific questions which I'd like to place before you.

This past March, 121 members attended the Railsplitter 2012 MWR Convention in Springfield, IL. That's just 7.7% of our total membership of 1568. It was a fun event, with several excellent clinics, layout visits, and contests. But, in the current tight and tough economy, I can understand why many find it difficult to justify the cost of attending traditional conventions.

Question No. 1: What are your ideas for programs and events which will draw us together without costing an arm and a leg? Jim Osborn of the Fox Valley Division has suggested the idea of holding a one-day mini-con instead of the traditional 3-day convention. How do you feel about that?

On the subject of membership, the MWR is still the fifth largest region in the NMRA, following the Mid-Eastern Region (2041 members), Northeastern Region (1817), Pacific Northwest Region (1632), and Mid-Central Region (1595). And the NMRA's total current membership of 19,306 is about 10% of the most conservative estimate of about 200,000 total model railroaders in the USA.

Of course, that conservative estimate is most likely too small. I suspect it doesn't count kids with Lionel sets running around the Christmas tree, for example. But, even

if the number is actually five times that amount, i.e. 1,000,000 model railroaders in the USA, that's still only about 0.3% of the current US population of over 300 million.

In this age of video games which tax and develop manual dexterity, quick thinking, and hand-eye coordination, I think there should still be a place for hobbies like model railroading which tax and develop fine motor skills, introspection, strategic planning, tactical operations, and logical design.

Question No. 2. What are your ideas for how we can increase interest in model railroading in general, and enhance membership in the NMRA and the MWR in particular?

The position of Education Coordinator for the Region has been vacant for several years. The Education Coordinator is actually appointed by the NMRA National Education Department. According to the NMRA Executive Handbook, the Education Department includes the following activities:

- A. Youth education that could include the scout merit badge program and similar.
- B. National Model Contests.
- C. Education clinics.
- D. Achievement Program.
- E. Modeling with the Masters.

Now, many of these activities are already covered by other MWR committees: Achievement Program (Chair: Marvin Preussler, MMR), Clinic Clearing House (Chair: Mike Hurlbert), and Youth (Chair: Capt. Al Nelson).

I have already contacted John M. Lowrance, MMR, the Manager of the NMRA Education Department, to solicit his opinion regarding the specific responsibilities of a Region Education Coordinator. I'm looking forward to his response.

The position of MWR Estate Counseling Chair is also currently vacant.

Question No. 3: What is your opinion concerning these two vacancies? Should the MWR actively pursue filling these positions? Should it simply leave them vacant until someone expresses interest in filling them? Or, should it abolish these two positions?

On these three questions, or on any other issues you'd like to address, please contact me by email at mdj@bds-soft.com, on my cellphone at 708-476-6882, or via the U.S. Postal Service at 442 Michael Manor, Glenview, IL 60025-4636. I look forward to serving you.

I can't promise that every idea you send me will be implemented, but I also can't champion your ideas if I don't know what they are

NMRA National News

•Fundraising has begun for the "Magic of Scale

Model Railroading" gallery at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, CA. As your members will probably recall, this gallery will introduce the Museum's 600,000 annual visitors to the hobby, as well as give them a sense of its history. One of the highlights of the gallery will be actual portions of the finest model railroads ever built. The Museum has donated the space rent-free to the NMRA for the purpose of promoting the hobby. It's estimated that the cost to build the exhibit will be approximately \$750,000, and no NMRA dues or monies will be used; instead, it will be entirely funded by donations. To date, over \$100,000 has been raised, and an anonymous donor has agreed to match donations, up to \$250,000.

Any NMRA member (or non-member, for that matter) who would like to donate to the funding of the gallery should send his or her tax-deductible donation to NMRA Headquarters at 4121 Cromwell Road., Chattanooga, TN 37421-2119, and mark it "Gallery donation."•In the February edition of the InfoNet News we reported the agreement of cooperation between the NMRA and the Hasea.com Model Railroad Association of China. This July we'll be seeing the first fruits of that "Hands Across The Ocean" agreement as a group of teenage Chinese modelers and railfans visits California with the purpose of seeing layouts, prototype trains, and the California State Railway Museum. Several Pacific Coast Region members are helping to organize this 2-week event.

•Grand Rails 2012, the upcoming NMRA national convention, has announced their commemorative convention car. Grand Rapids, Michigan, was once known as The Furniture Capital of the World, and appropriately the model was inspired by a postcard photograph of a turn-of-the-last-century furniture manufacturer's wood-sided boxcar. This replica, produced by Accurail, comes complete with a Grand Rails 2012 logo "poster" which can be applied by the modeler. Visit www.gr2012.org to see a shot of the prototype.

•The folks at Grand Rails 2012 have posted a preliminary clinic schedule for the convention in PDF format, downloadable at their website. Among the clinicians are NMRA Worldwide Director Tony Koester, Jim Six, Jim Sacco, and a group of clinics by the Layout Design Sig.

•Grand Rails 2012 is looking for volunteers who'd be willing to donate an hour or two of their time at the convention doing things like contest room security, helping with registration check-in, silent auction set-up and tear-down, and bus loading. If you're interested and have an hour or two you'd like to donate, contact Mark Baldwin, Vice Chair of Volunteers. Just use the "Contact Us" link on the Grand Rails 2012 website at www.gr2012.org.

•Ms. Kara Yanacheck, PR and Advertising Specialist at Walthers, has contacted me looking for photos of (to use her words), "people enjoying model railroading, whether they are modelers themselves, or just observing." Walthers plans to put these photos into a new section of

the upcoming 2013 Walthers Catalog which will encourage new modelers to get into the hobby.

Specifically, they'd like to see NMRA-sanctioned events. These can be from anywhere in the world, and must have been open to the public.

•The deadline for sending her photos is June 15. Not much time, but hopefully your members have some shots from events in the past that they can share.

The photos must be clear, focused, well-lit, and at least 2 megabytes in size. The larger the better. And please have your members be mindful of her time and only send her their good ones, not everything in their collection! Photos should be sent to Kara at: karab@walthers.com .

This is a great public relations opportunity for the NMRA and your Region or Division! So dig deep... but dig quickly!

Any questions, give me a holler. I'll be at the TLR convention this coming weekend, but will try to get to email if time (and wi-fi) permits.

And if you're changing email addresses, please let me know at this email address: NMRA-infonet@earthlink.net

-Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director

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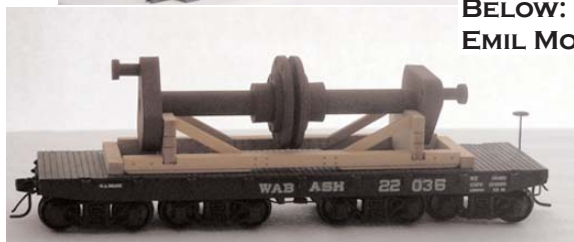
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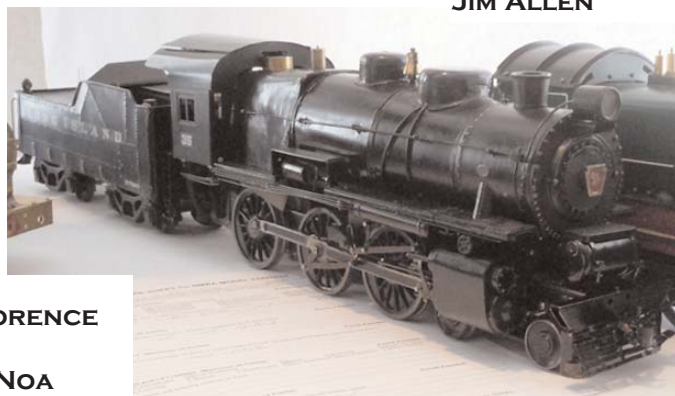
BOTH MODELS:
 JAMES WISE



ABOVE:
 MICHAEL SHOCKLEY
 BELOW:
 EMIL MOSNEY



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LEFT
 BILL LORENCE
 RIGHT:
 ERNIE NOA

Ingrid Drozdeck, photo judge along with Sean Lamb and Gary Children, contest judges.



Both photos by David Leider

Some of the awards that were presented



MODEL CONTEST AWARD WINNERS

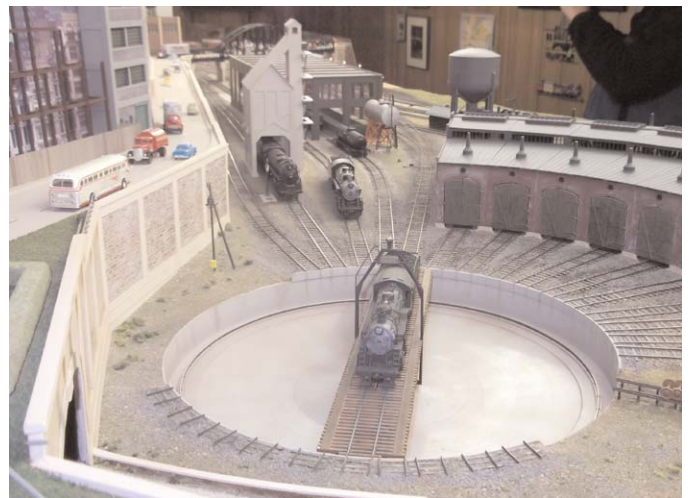
Category	Award	Modeler	Description	Points
Steam locomotive master	1st place	Michael Shockley	N&W 4-8-2	33
Steam locomotive novice	1st place	Ernie Noa	LIRR 4-6-0	88
Steam locomotive novice	2nd place	Ernie Noa	Sir Sam Foy 2-6-0	83
Diesel locomotive, master	1st place	Jim Allen	On3 work motor	88
Diesel locomotive, master	2nd place	Bill Lorence	gas-electric inpection	74
Freight car, master	1st place	Jim Allen	hot metal car	95
Freight car, novice	1st place	Emil Mosny	Wabash 4-truck flat	66
Freight car, novice	2nd place	Jeremy Bubb	CB&Q gondola	40
Non-revenue, master	1st place	Jim Allen	On3 tank car	96
Non-revenue, novice	1st place	Emil Mosney	SR&R crane car	69
Caboose, novice	1st place	Emil Mosny	C&S caboose	88
Structures, master	1st place	James Wise	apple cider mill	59
Structures, master	2nd place	James Wise	boiler & welding shop	50
Presidents Award		Jim Allen	hot metal car	
Best of Show Overall		Jim Allen	On3 tank car	
Best of Show Novice		Emil Mosny	Wabash flat car	

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AWARD WINNERS

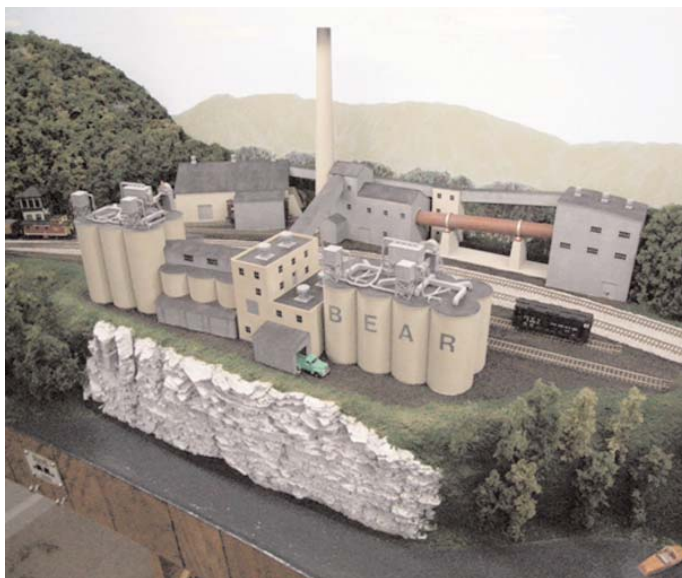
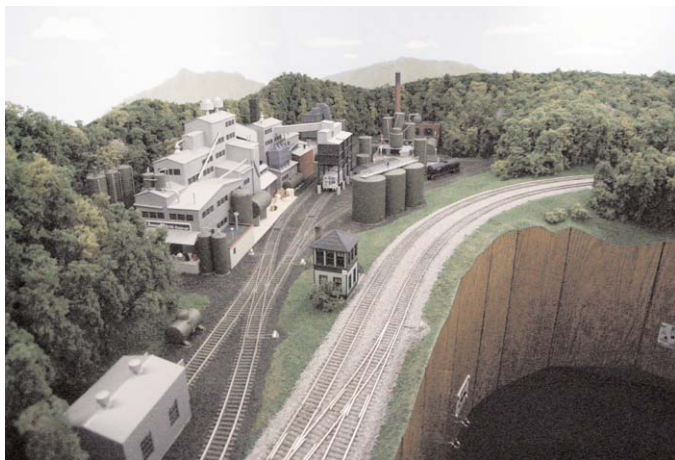
Category	Award	Photographer	Description
Prototype B&W	1st place	Jim Allen	Engines at fuel dock
Prototype B&W	2nd place	Marion Brasher	Last train from Chama
Prototype B&W	3rd place	Jim Allen	Fireman on tender
Prototype Color	1st place	Don Cook	Are you sure
Prototype Color	2nd place	Jim Allen	4449 Run by
Prototype Color	3rd place	Jim Allen	Front face of 103
Prototype Color Digital	1st place	Grant Law	Returning to Proctor
Prototype Color Digital	2nd place	Don Cook	Brrr...its cold
Prototype Color Digital	3rd place	Mike Yurjec	SD40-2 on main
Model Color Photo	1st place	Marion Brasher	Goose in the highway
Model Color Photo	2nd place	Marion Brasher	Meet at Quinnamont
Model Color Photo	3rd place	Marion Brasher	Helper on Sandy Grade
Moskal Award		Don Cook	Passing Through Olds Jct



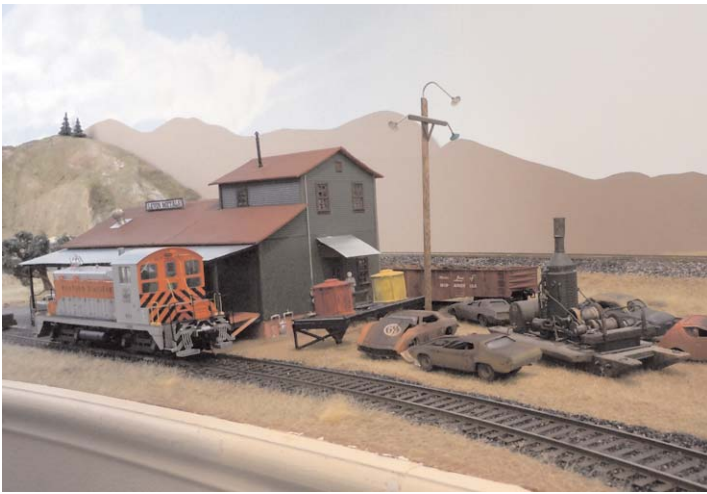
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Springfield Model Railroad Club, HO scale.
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Rich Sorenson HO scale, photos, Jim Osborn



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Mike Luepke HO scale
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Below
Gene Heflin Heflin G scale
photo Jim Osborn



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Mike Yurjec HO scale
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Above: Bob Jackson S scale
Below: Gene Heflin G scale



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Below: Walt Gabehart N scale



Both Below:
Bob Jackson's S scale pike



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