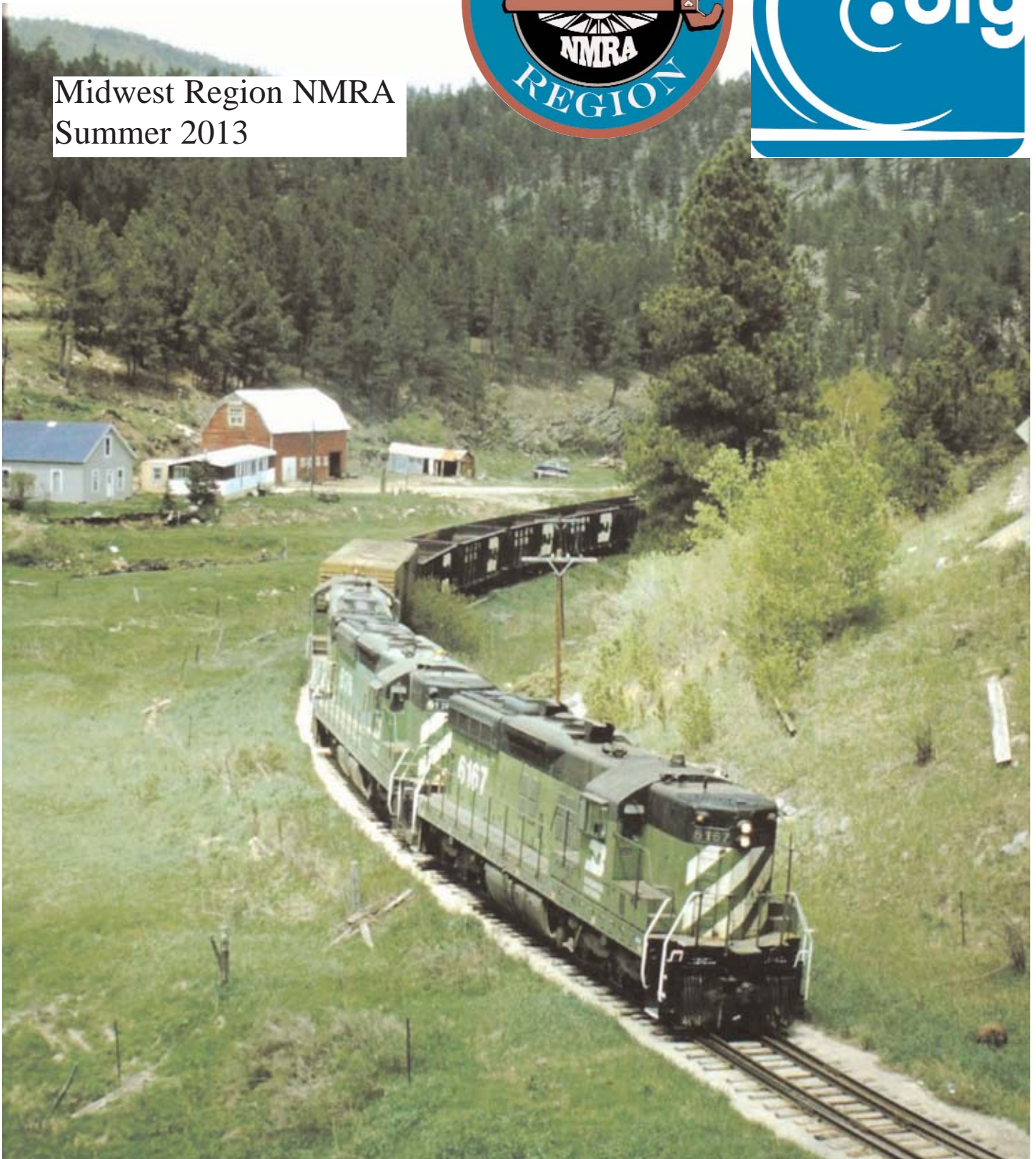


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Editor's Column

Another Regional convention has come and gone and all those that attended had a great time and saw some excellent layouts.

Thomas G Hoback of Indiana Rail was the guest speaker at the banquet. He is the President and CEO of Indiana Rail Road. He gave a very interesting presentation on the history of Indiana railroad. It got its start in 1986 when he and a group of investors purchased some little used trackage from the IC that ran between Indianapolis and Newton Illinois. In 2006 he acquired the former Milwaukee road trackage in Indiana, giving him access to the Chicago gateway as well as Ohio River ports at Louisville Kentucky. The railroad has been a great success, increasing its business an average of 13% a year. In the fourth quarter of 2011, the railroad moved its 2,000,000th revenue carload of freight.

His presentation was a nice blend of the past, showing the railroad in IC days, as well as the success it has in moving coal today.

The convention was a great time for all. The layouts were exceptional, and although I was only there on Saturday and Sunday, the clinics that I saw were top notch. I was a bit disappointed with the poor showing in the model contest. I hope you consider bringing something to Railfun 2014 next year in Schaumburg.

The best way to improve your modeling skills is to have it judged by the officials and talk it over with your peers. You first timers do not have to worry about competing with the masters, as there is a novice category where you are judged with your peers.

Every time I have had a model judged, I learn something that I can apply to make my work that must better. Competition is essential to honing your modeling skills.

Cover Photo by Don Cook
He won an award for it at the convention

Constitutional Amendment

NMRA members, who are resident in the Midwest Region, have or will receive an amendment to the Region Constitution and a ballot. Please mail in your ballot so that the Election Committee receives it no later than Monday, July 1, 2013.

2017 NMRA Convention

The Sunshine Region is asking for your help. They are finalizing their proposal for the NMRA 2017 National Convention. They are seeking your input and would appreciate if you could complete a short 10 question survey about attending the NMRA National Convention.

<http://Survey.SunshineRegion.org/takeSurvey.asp?SurveyID=3M2753KM9632G>

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Below, Thomas Hoback and the plaque that was presented to him by the CID 50 Committee. Photo by Jim Osborn



President's Report

By Paul Mangan, President, MWR

I'll begin my first report by thanking Bill Litkenhous for serving as Midwest Region President over the past four years and for his service to the NMRA and our hobby. I also want to thank Bryan Lemonds for serving as Midwest Region Treasurer as well as Bert Lattan. Bert's service as Region Secretary over the years has been extraordinary. I am very happy that he is continuing on.

I also want to welcome to the Board our new Vice President Steve Studley and new Treasurer Keith Thomsen. Also welcome to our new DAL, Linda Sukup and welcome back to Jim Allen and Dave Leider MMR. Congratulations to Mike Yurcec for being appointed to DAL North American Region NMRA.

The Milepost 50 convention! Wow! Even though we had a lot of business to take care of at the BoD meeting we did find plenty of time to enjoy the convention. The MP50 convention staff had all hands on deck to make sure that all attendees had a wonderful experience. I believe they surpassed the expectations of the 190 + attendees. When someone asks me "what were the highlights of the convention?" I will need to ask them how much time they have to listen.

Thanks go out to Steve Studley, Tom Cain, Richard Seymour and all the staff from Central Indiana Division for hosting such a fine Regional Convention. Oh! And Happy 50th anniversary to the CID as well!

So, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Paul Mangan and I'll be serving as your MWR President. I have been an NMRA member since the early nineties in the South Central Wisconsin Division. I served four years as SCWD Superintendent and have worked with the staff of the Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale as volunteer coordinator. What I would like to talk about is what all of the people above have in common; the spirit of volunteerism.

I've had the privilege of working with so many fine volunteers over the past six years that it would make one's head spin. The NMRA is a great organization of wonderful modelers but to keep the organization running smoothly it needs volunteers at every level to perform the tasks that keep it a great organization. The problem we have is that age is creeping up on us. Unlike on our layouts, time does keep moving on. While being elections chair in the SCWD and trying to recruit members to run for the Board of Directors I was hearing that line we have all heard, "been there, done that". To which I respond "then you know how

to do it so why not do it again?" sometimes it works.

At our fall MWR Board meeting we began talking about making some improvements in the way we recruit new members and how to do a better job at retaining old members. This is not just a local problem but a national one as well. NMRA President, Charlie Getz is taking this issue very seriously. He is also looking for new ways to recruit and retain members. Trying to recruit young people is very hard work and planting the seeds with as many young people that we can and hope for a good harvest later may be all we can do as they head for their X boxes, video games and social media on the computer. So then the question is 'who are the people we believe are the most likely to be interested in the

hobby?' We decided it was those who are getting ready to retire. They now have the time and most likely the resources to get into the hobby; they just may be looking for some education on the basics.

Trying to find out who these new people are is yet another task. It is a bit easier if they join the NMRA first. What I have been doing is reading the Region monthly membership listing and search for those who have just signed on. Most important are those on the Rail Pass program. I circle their names and grab the phone (not email) and call them. I then welcome them and discuss our meetings. Following that I check to make sure they are getting the division newsletter and NMRA magazine. These conversations have been very interesting and fruitful indeed. Trying to remove that feeling of isolation at a meeting is what Charlie had mentioned in his report in the February NMRA Mag. It's not really hard to do.

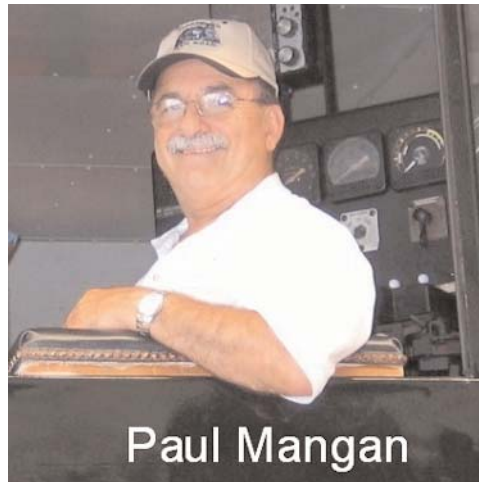
Here is an example of what I'm trying to say. I met a gentleman at one of our SCWD meets that I hadn't noticed in the past and we talked a bit. I was taking orders for name badges and he asked this question, "members get to have one of those don't they?" I replied yes indeed. He then said "I'll take one then as I got my card in the mail yesterday". A few weeks later, at the Mad City Show and Sale, he was talking with me and another member at our NMRA booth. The next thing you know he was manning the booth and stayed after the show for tear down and move out.

These are the people we need to bring in and retain. Always open up to the new folks for they are the future volunteers and members that will keep the hobby growing.

I hope you have a great summer and get to see or ride a lot of trains. I'll be camping by the tracks twice this year first at Glen Haven WI and then Trempealeau WI.

See you by the Rails

Paul



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 members received **AP Certificates**:

Michael Hirvela	Waukegan, IL	Volunteer
Kenneth Hojnacki	Madison, WI	Chief Dispatcher
Edward Brown	Utica, IL	Volunteer
Michael Yurtec	Sherman, IL	Volunteer
David Piskorik	Sherrard, IL	Volunteer

The following members received the **Golden Spike Award**:

Kenneth Hojnacki	Madison, WI
Paul Balfe	Whitewater, WI

As you can see, there has been a good deal of activity from our members. It was a long winter here in the upper Midwest so it is good to see the time was being used wisely to get the paperwork done for the various award certificates. Hopefully there will be more activity in the AP in the next few months as we have the 2013 Midwest Region meet behind us. There are still plenty of train shows and meets going on in the spring to get one motivated. So get going on those modeling projects and take a look at the NMRA website, to see what you may qualify for and set a goal. Hopefully you will be able to use this past MWR meet to motivate you to get that model finished up and to get going in the Achievement Program.

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

Minutes 2013

Minutes, Annual Meeting of Members, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 4, 2013

President Bill Litkenhous called the meeting to order at 7:58 pm at the Marriott Indianapolis East Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. Bill thanked Tom Cain, Steve Studley and the Central Indiana Division for hosting the 2013 Spring Convention.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Members that was held on March 10, 2012 were unanimously approved as

written and published in the Summer 2012 issue of the Waybill.

Reports

Bert Lattan summarized Region finances. As of December 31, 2012 the General Fund and the Youth Fund had combined assets of \$42,841.39. For the year then ended, income, primarily from Waybill subscriptions and the NMRA dues rebate but offset by one-half of the 2012 convention loss, was \$4,544.23; expenses, primarily for the Waybill, were \$3,307.81 and net income was \$1,236.42.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Bill Litkenhous announced the winners of the recent election:

President Paul Mangan, South Central Wisconsin Division
Vice President Mike Yurtec, Illinois Valley Division
Directors-at-Large Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division
David Leider, Fox Valley Division

Linda Sukup, Wisconsin Southeastern Division

Subsequent to his election, Mike Yurtec accepted appointment as the North American Director of the NMRA. As a result, he cannot serve as the Midwest Region Vice President. Accordingly, Paul Mangan will appoint Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division, as Mike's replacement during the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, May 5, 2013.

Jim Osborn discussed preliminary arrangements for Rail Fun 2014, the 2014 Spring Convention, which is being hosted by the Fox Valley Division. The convention dates and hotel are May 16-18, 2014 and the Best Western Plus Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois, respectively.

Paul Mangan presented a plaque to Bill Litkenhous that recognized Bill's four years of service as President of the Region.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Lattan

Secretary

Next Board Meeting

**Midway Village
Rockford, Illinois**

October 6, 2013; 10:00 am

RAILFUN 2014

This year the Central Indiana Division's Milepost 50 showed 190 NMRA members a great Midwest Region convention with plenty of both rail and non-rail-related activities. In 2014, the annual event moves to the Chicago area. The Fox Valley Division, with assistance from the DuPage Division, will host Railfun 2014 in Schaumburg, Illinois on May 16 - 18. All NMRA members are invited. The convention format will be similar to Milepost 50 with clinics, layout tours, operating sessions, prototype tours, model and photo contests as well as non-rail activities. Check in with the Fox Valley Division's convention web site for details of the event as they evolve.

<http://www.foxvalleydivision.org/railfun2014/welcome.html>

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2014 Election

Petition Deadline Is August 22, 2013

Although the 2014 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2014 we will elect four (4) Directors-at-Large.

Ingrid Drozdak from the Fox Valley Division, Mike Hurlburt from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Barb Rothwell from the South Central Wisconsin Division, three of the four incumbent DALs, will complete their second two-year terms in 2014 and under the Bylaws will not be eligible to run for another term in 2014. Thanks to Ingrid, Mike and Barb for their dedicated service. Dave Johnson will complete his first two-year term in 2014 and will be eligible to run for another term.

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 (cvwrr@charter.net) with a copy to the Region Secretary (Bert Lattan) as soon as possible, but no later than August 22, 2013.

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 Board of Directors page of the Region website (www.mwr-nmra.org).


The second method is by petition signed by at least ten (10) current NMRA members who live in the Midwest Region. 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 22, 2013. 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 is scheduled for Sunday, October 6, 2013 in Rockford, Illinois.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the Winter 2013 issue of the Waybill. The results of the election will be announced dur-

ing the 2014 Annual Meeting of Members, which will be held during the 2014 Spring Convention. The convention, RailFun 2014, will be hosted by the Fox Valley Division and will be held on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 16, 17 & 18 at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois.

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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NMRA National News:

Home Depot / Holiday Project / National Model Railroad Month

This concept is for the design and implementation of a multi-city holiday campaign titled BUILD A MEMORY.

This project would be the building of a Holiday Train that families can create together to have a lasting holiday memory. The concept is simple; the NMRA designs a build packet that includes all specs (lumber, wiring, track layout, suggested scenery, etc.) that local Home Depot patron can watch being built as part of their Saturday Build Workshop series. The patron would then take plans home and build them selves. (We are in discussion with National retailers and publication for sponsorship.) We would like the Divisions to build a set of in progress layouts (like a cooking show) so the patrons do not have to be at Home Depot for more than an hour. We would also recruit local

hobby shops to partake.

The NMRA Marketing department would contact the local regions and divisions to man the selected Home Depot stores and also work with a local market hobby shop to help with awareness of hobby materials.

We need Divisions from the following areas to partake in this campaign. (SE states, NE states, Upper Mid states, Lower Mid States, SW states, Pacific Northwest) These events will be filmed for local news. If interested, please contact Page Martin at marketing@hq.nmra.org

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You will find those addresses at www.nmra.org on in the NMRA Magazine.

If the person holding a region or division office changes, or their email address changes, please contact me at tcdraider@aol.com with the corrected information

Regards,

Tom Draper "HLM, DSA, FA Director" Support Services

Latest Update from the Peachtree Express 2013 NMRA Convention

A special note on our tours: While we are offering tours to please every taste, we cannot afford to operate tours that fail to meet minimum break-even levels. If you are interested in any of the tours - either layout, prototype or general interest - please reserve them now. We must notify our bus provider by June 12 if any tours are to be canceled, so please don't depend on buying tour tickets at the convention. If people don't show interest by the cut-off date, we have no alternative other than to cancel.

The Atlanta Convention Committee has been hard at work for the last several years preparing a great schedule of events for your enjoyment and education. There is truly something for everyone. For the rail-oriented group:

- You can choose from over 200 clinics covering a wide array of topics and including sessions covering basic to advanced topics, even "Modeling with the Masters" clinics.
- Over 60 outstanding layouts in all scales will open their doors for your touring pleasure.
- The silent auction will be filled with bargains in all scales as well as books and railroadians.
- The model celebration and contest is shaping up to be one of the best, so bring what you've been working on to just show it off, or have it evaluated for AP points.
- A Company Store will feature our unique HO and N scale convention cars, numerous items of logo apparel, and many other rail-related goodies.
- The convention banquet will feature professional family-friendly entertainment in the side-splitting "Lucy and Desi tribute show" along with Door Prizes.
- The National Train Show is shaping up to be one of the

best. All the major manufacturers and vendors will be there, plus modular layouts in all scales.

Atlanta is rich in railroad heritage and we plan to highlight many local attractions. Prototype tours include:

- Visits to CSX Tilford and Hulsey yards and CSX railfanning (pending CSX confirmation).
- The unique operations of short line Georgia Northeastern
- NS intermodal operations and railfanning
- Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit (MARTA) heavy rail maintenance facility
- A ride over the famed L&N "Hook & Eye" route on our very own charter train
- Re-living the Great Locomotive Chase featuring a professional Civil War historian and visits to many of the actual locations where the civil war skirmishes occurred. You'll also be up close and personal with the actual "General" locomotive.
- A look into the future of transportation takes you to American Maglev's test facility and a ride on their prototype maglev train.
- Airplane buffs will not want to miss the tour to the Delta Museum, which is now planned to include a look at the Delta World Ops Center and training simulators.
- Opportunities to visit Atlanta's two premier rail museums-- Southern Museum of Locomotive History and Southeastern Railway Museum.

Atlanta is a great family fun location, so bring the family. General Interest Tours include:

- An extensive array of non-rail clinics, a special ladies luncheon, an "open early-close late" hospitality suite, continuation of the Project Linus quilting activities, evening movie events featuring "Gone With the Wind" and other southern-flavor classics.
- A special evening at Stone Mountain Park to enjoy all the attractions and culminating in the fabulous Laser & Fireworks Spectacular.
- Tours to the Georgia Aquarium, CNN Center, World of Coke, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Atlanta Cyclorama, Carter Library, Martin Luther King birthplace and others. Our convention venue is convenient and affordable.
- Located outside of downtown Atlanta, The Renaissance Waverly is the convention hotel. Your \$139.00 convention rate includes FREE parking and the hotel is directly connected to the Galleria Centre, site of the rail clinics and tour departures.
- You'll enjoy air-conditioned comfort throughout the entire Waverly/Galleria complex.
- The complex also features a covered walkway to Cumberland Mall, home to 140 stores and numerous restaurants.

For additional convention details, visit: www.nmra2013.org.
Joe Gelmini Peachtree Express Convention Chairman

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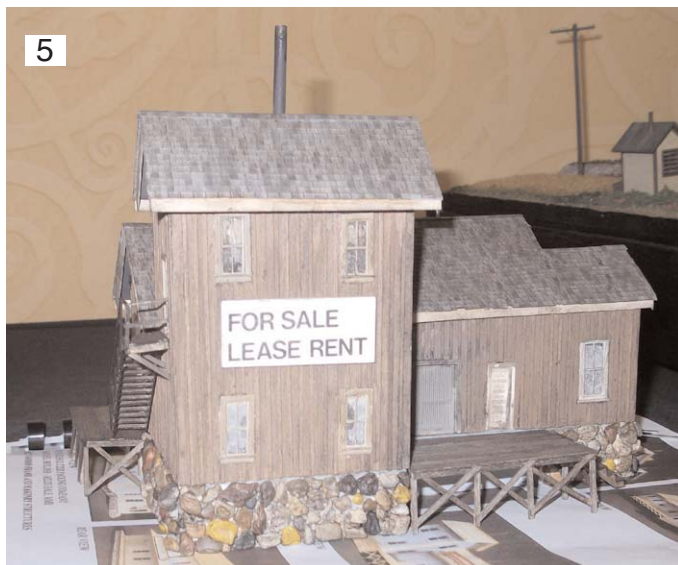
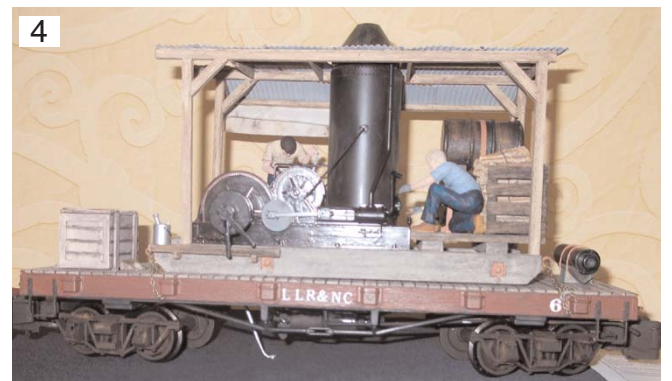


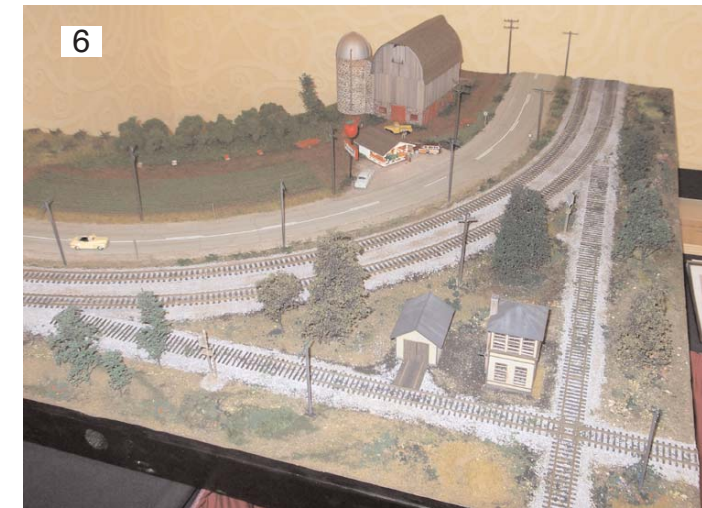
AWARD WINNERS

Category	Award	Modeler	Description
Steam locomotive	1st place	Jim Allen	On3 Singletruck Shay
Freight car	1st place	Rick Ware	Flat car with Steam Donkey
Freight car	2nd place	Jim Allen	Flat car with Crane Load
Structures, off-line	1st place	Jim Wise	For Sale
Structures, on-line	1st place	Jim Osborn	C&NW Engine House
Structures, on-line	2nd place	Jim Allen	Flying Gas Station
Display, on-line	1st place	Jim Allen	Waiting for Local
Display, on-line	2nd place	Jim Wise	Tap and Die
Display, on-line	3rd place	Jim Allen	Machine Shop
Module	1st place	Jim Allen	Prado's Farm
Presidents Award		Jim Osborn	
Moskal Award		Jim Allen	
Best of Show Master		Jim Allen	
Best of Show Novice		Jim Allen	
Best of Show Model		Jim Allen	

Award winners and some of the contest entries:

- 1: Jim Osborn's C&NW Engine House
- 2: Jim Allen's Waiting for the Train
- 3: Jim Allen's Flat car with crane load
- 4: Rick Ware's Steam Dummy engine on Flat Car
- 5: Jim Wise's Structure for Sale
- 6: Jim Wise's Tap and Die





More award winners and some layouts

- 1 Jim Wise's Machine Shop
- 2 Roger Norris' On3 Rio Grande Southern
- 3 Warner Clark's Proto 48 Maumee Basin O scale
- 4 Matt Hewitt's Shadowtown Ridge North RR.
- 5 Jim Allen's Flying Gas Station
- 6 Jim Allen's Best of Show Module



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