

Waybill

Mid West Region NMRA –
Winter 2013



President's Report

By Paul Mangan, President, MWR



Paul Mangan

I'll begin this report by thanking Tom McCabe and the Rock River Valley Division (RRVD) for hosting the Midwest Region fall board of directors meeting. After the board meeting, most of the members stayed for the division meet that followed

and a tour of Bill Kirchmeyer's layout after the meet. It's always great to meet with members of the RRVD that I have met over the years through joint division meets and participation in their train show and sale each March.

At our board meeting we had a very spirited conversation about the 501(c)3 project that we restarted last spring. Vice President Steve Studley is heading the committee that is organizing all the paperwork that needs to be completed to achieve nonprofit status. Mike Yurjec who is on this committee and is also serving as NMRA At Large North American Director discussed the NMRA's investigation of how Vertical Integration could work for the Regions and Divisions. We have decided to take a wait and see approach until we hear more from headquarters on this subject.

In September at the Fox Valley Division meet and in October at the Rock River Valley Division meet, Past MWR President Gary Children presented some award plaques to some MWR members that had not received them when they were recognized for a modeling award. This award is called the Goat Award and is presented in honor of former WISE Division Superintendent Mel Andresen. The Goat Award is for any Great Northern model that earns the most AP points in the MWR Spring Convention model contest.

The winners of the Goat Award from the Fox Valley Division are, John Drozdak and Don Cook MMR, and from the Rock River Valley Division Tyrone Johnson. Congratulations to these great modelers on a job well done.

The leaves were changing color and falling all over the place when I went up north to the Winnebagoland Division (WLD) to attend their fall meet. I had the pleasure of attending the meet in Rhinelander WI with Gary Children from the WISE Division along with Mike Vivion and Bob McGeever from the SCWD. The WLD division meets are an all-day event usually starting at about 8:30 in the morning and finishing with a banquet in the evening. With all the activities that go on (clinics, rail tours, swap meet and banquet) you get the feeling you are at a convention. It was a wonderful time meeting division members and spending some time chatting with Superintendent James Cruthers. Currently, the WLD is making plans to host the MWR 2015 spring convention.

The Rhinelander Railroad Association (RRA)



opened their club layout for touring on this crisp autumn afternoon. The layout is located in the basement of an old Soo Line depot and is just outstanding. The folks at the RRA and the Three Lakes Model Railroad Club also played a large part in organizing the meet as well. Everyone I talked with had a very

good experience.

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Editor's Column

This issue has more pages than usual as it is the annual election issue. Please take a few moments to fill out the ballot on page 9 and return it to Don Cook. Remember, the region and division officers are all volunteers and it is nice to show them support for their commitment.

50 year Anniversaries

Several Divisions in the Midwest Region are celebrating anniversaries in 2013 and 2014. The anniversary date is the date their charters were issued. The oldest was the Central Indiana Division, which was chartered January 20, 1963.

Next was the South Central Wisconsin Division. They were chartered December 15, 1963, followed by the Winnebagoland Division on May 24, 1964.

The Illinois Valley division was chartered October, 18, 1964, followed by the Wisconsin Southeastern on January 9, 1966, Rock River Valley February 18, 1968, Dupage, February 28, 1971, Illinois Terminal February 25, 1973, Fox Valley April 27, 1974 and finally the Michiana September 13, 2009.

This does not include divisions that were chartered and were merged or broken up into other divisions.

Happy anniversary to those divisions that are or soon will celebrate an anniversary. Several are offering commemorative cars to celebrate the event. If you are interested, please see page 7.

Lake States Historical Association.

It is no surprise that I am very partial to Railroad Historical Societies, being president of the Soo line Historical & Technical Society. Most societies were set up to preserve and maintain the artifacts of their particular railroad and maintain some sort of archives.

Yesterday I visited the Lake States Historical Association in Baraboo Wisconsin. I was helping Jim Singer, a

director of the Burlington Historical Society who is setting up an archives in the same building as Lake States. We had transported a car load of boxes from the Newberry Library in Chicago. They are thinning their collection and offered the items to the Burlington Society.

After helping Jim unload, I went over to Lake States and visited with President Dick Goddard. Dick is one of those rare individuals who not only make you feel at home but will bend over backwards to help.

I was interested in a set of books with legal documents from the Illinois Central. They are full information on the early history of the IC and its contracts with other railroads. I always find something of interest for the book I am working on.

As a whim, I asked Dick if he had any information on milk cars. Along with the pickle and vinegar industries, I am interested in the history of bringing milk into Chicago by the railroads. A quick computer search on their website brought up several entries for drawings. We got the call numbers and went over to the files and took a look.

The first was a lettering diagram for milk cars, circa 1896. It was a large original linen for the Chicago and North Western. It was a great find and the lettering was beautiful. There were also interior diagrams of several different cars, from 32 to 50 feet long, all from the C&NW.

Dick promised he would make copies for the next time I was up there, but I told him now I will have to write an article, using the new information.

If you want to get some idea of milk traffic on the Northwestern, see an article I wrote with Ron Christensen for the Chicago & Northwestern online magazine, Volume 6 #3.

I can not stress enough the importance of historical societies in preserving railroad history. If you are not a member of a society for your favorite road, join.

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This was not my first WLD meet. I had been to another one about four years ago. One thing I noticed back then is that their meets draw NMRA members from all over the Region, not just their own division and this year was no exception. Attending meets in other divisions and/or participating in their train shows as attendees or volunteers is always welcomed and appreciated.

The time of year is upon us when we need to check the membership status of all division officers and members in all leadership positions. Most important, we need to check those who have November / December renewal dates. The reason is for insurance purposes. The NMRA insurance is needed by any division that holds functions that allow the public to interface with us at shows, fairs or layout tours. I speak from a position of experience when I say the policy does work so when Bert sends the request out for the membership information please respond promptly.

The Midwest Region spring election is on the horizon. There are four candidates running for Director at Large positions. You can read about them here in the Waybill. Yes, there are only four candidates for the four positions available but it is nice when people send the ballots in to show support for the people who have committed their time to work with the board to make sure we can keep this hobby fun. Maybe you should take some time and think about running for election to the board of directors.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday season
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. Take a look at the following:

The following member received an AP Certificate:
Gregg Condon Greenville, WI Author

The following member received the Golden Spike Award:
Robert Knobbe Glendale Heights, IL

Hopefully there will be more activity in the AP in the next few months as the fall turns to winter, and a lot of modeling, shows, and activities start to ramp up again!

There are plenty of train shows and meets coming up 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.

Currently there are seven more certificate applications that I have sent to National for processing by members in our Midwest Region. A question that I have received from some of our members is "Where is my certificate?" Certainly a fair question and unfortunately one I can't give a great answer for. What I can tell you is that the folks in charge of the AP at the National level are basically running about three months behind in getting AP certificates out to our members. I just got one for one back in early November for one of our members dated for August 1st. I had sent in the paperwork for this member back on July 2. As I said, I just received his certificate from National in early November. I do not have a reason for this. I can only tell you to be patient. I know that we are all volunteers when it comes to this program. I, like many others, still work a full time job, have family commitments, etc. One thing I can tell you is that I process MWR AP paperwork on a monthly basis. I do not sit on paperwork for our members unless there is a question about some of the qualifications or documentation involved. 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 Chairman



Next Board Meeting

**Best Western Plus Schaumburg
Schaumburg, Illinois**

May 18, 2014; 10:30 am

Candidate Biographies for Director Positions

DAVID JOHNSON (Incumbent)



Hi – My name's M. David Johnson, and I'm running for re-election as a Midwest Region Director-At-Large.

During my first term (2012-2014) I:

- Attended every meeting of the Board of Directors,
- Ran a survey asking you about your ideas for improving the region's pro-

grams,

- Wrote three articles which were published in the MWR Waybill,
- Am serving as the MWR's Education Coordinator, and as the region's representative to the NMRA Education and Training Committee,
- Am the Layout Tours/Operating Sessions Coordinator (with Jeff Markey) for RailFun 2014, the MWR 2014 Spring Convention, and
- Continued to serve as a member of the MWR Nominating Committee.

I'm also the NMRA's National Data Sheets Program Manager. I've been a Life Member of NMRA since 1973. I hold AP certificates as Association Volunteer and as Chief Dispatcher. I'm a member of the Operations SIG, the Layout Design SIG, the Railroad Industries SIG, the Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society, and the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society.

I hope to be able to continue to serve you as an MWR Director-At-Large for two more years. If these qualifications seem good to you, then please vote for me.

MDJ

JAMES LANDWEHR

I have held continuous membership with the NMRA since 2006. Over the years of membership, I have had the opportunity to be increasingly involved in the NMRA. As a Fox Valley Division board member since 2007, my role allowed me to further develop the Achievement Program and monthly contests. My responsibilities afforded me the opportunity to assist members on their journey through the Master's Program and promote and increase the monthly contest participation. In this position, I created guidelines for monthly contests which has broadened the amount of entries and led to increased

turnouts for meetings each month.

As an avid train modeler, I have enjoyed building two layouts in my home. All of the elements in my layout were created or modified by hand.

Being a part of the NMRA has increased my knowledge in modeling and layout operations from other members in the region. I wish to take my passion and knowledge of the

NMRA to broaden my contribution to the organization as a candidate for the Director at Large position on the Regional Board. Thank you for your support and consideration as a candidate for the DAL.



FRED (ROB) ROBINSON

I solicit your vote to be the next director at large for the Midwest Region. I have modeled trains (played with) all of my life. A Marx set at 2, my first Lionel set at 4, and a switch to HO at 20.

I've built layouts in N, HO, O, and G. My new HO layout is under construction. I'm not sure what number it is. I can imagine completing this one. In a career spanning nearly forty years, I've moved over a dozen times, and owned eight homes, not counting government quarters, condos and apartments.

I am a Life Member of the NMRA. I was an annual member from 1965 until 1974 when I converted to life member status.

I belonged to the DuPage Division of MWR from 1980 to 1988. A job transfer took me to Oregon from 1988 to 1991. Another transfer brought me back to the DuPage division in 1992. Again a job transfer brought me to the WISE Division in Milwaukee in 1998. I was an active volunteer at "TrainFest" until my retirement in 2005. Then I joined the SCWD and have been active in the Madison division. Primarily I volunteer at the "Mad City Train Show".

This year I am also the SCWD Clinic Chairman. I think having been in three different divisions of the MWR gives a broad view. It's a view I can bring to the position of director at large.



PAUL WUSSOW

I have been in model railroading for more than 50 years. From Lionel to HO and HO_n3 through the NMRA since 1982 I progressed in scale modeling and operations.



Instructional Technology was my specialty at the University of Illinois Chicago where service over time from Chief Broadcast Engineer to Assistant Dean, Operations, in the College of Education. Leaving the UIC for private industry, I became the Global Director of Technology for a Private Equity firm. Retiring at the end of 2009 my wife and I purchased a home in Three Lakes, WI where I am the president of the Three Lakes Model Railroad Club, Wisconsin's first and only 100% NMRA club. www.tlmcrc.org I have served as the MWR Photo Contest Chair and Photographer. I also served as the Du Page Division AP Chair and hold a Golden Spike + 5 AP certificates; Volunteer, Electrical, Civil, Author, and Dispatcher. I have presented clinics for the MWR and at divisions and to the community via presentations at the libraries in the North Woods. NMRA@Home has published my articles on the national member's only web site.

As a DAL my relationships with model railroaders from diverse backgrounds would serve the MWR well.

Midwest Region 2014 Spring Convention

3 1/2 days of trains for 45 bucks!

The Fox Valley Division, along with assistance from the DuPage Division, will host Railfun 2014. Convention activities will be headquartered at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois on May 15-18, 2014.

The event features:

- * A unique backshop, behind the scenes tour of the Illinois Railway Museum -- including the private day run of the facility and train rides (Extra tour charge of \$7 for this event).
- * A tour of the Kloke Locomotive Works that has built the Leviathan and York Locomotives and currently working on the Lincoln Funeral train. Free to registrants.
- * 30 of the best Chicago Metro area layouts open for tours.
- * 12 layouts hosting 21 Opsig style Operating Sessions.

- * 19 rail and 5 non-rail one hour clinic slots – including 3 hands-on clinics.
- * NMRA judged model and photo contests.
- * A Popular Vote model contest.
- * Sunday morning Awards presentations and 2 special programs by professional train photographer Mark Llanuza.
- * Midwest Region Membership and Board of Director's meetings.
- * All 3 & 1/2 days of trains for only 45 bucks!

The hotel is located near major highways for easy access to tours with a variety of nearby restaurants and attractions. A special convention rate of \$89.99 + tax/night, including breakfast and the use of the hotel facilities has been arranged for those desiring lodging. No organized meals are planned at this year's event to maximize your hobby experience and minimize your convention costs.

All members are invited to attend and guests are welcome! Check out the Fox Valley Division's convention web site for the latest details of the event and see photos of the railroads on the tour and open for Operations. Registration forms are available on the website or on pages 11 thru 14 of this issue of the Waybill.

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

Jim Osborn, Public Relations Trainmaster,
Fox Valley Division 815-578-8315

**Annual Meeting
of Members
Best Western Plus Schaumburg
Schaumburg, Illinois**

9:15 am, Sunday, May 18, 2014

Midwest Region 2015 Spring Convention

The Winnebago Division will be hosting the 2015 spring Regional Convention in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The dates are April 17-19, 2015. The place is the Holiday Inn at 4601 Calumet Avenue Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220. More details as they become available

As the Central Indiana Division will be hosting the 2016 NMRA National convention in Indianapolis, there will not be a 2016 Spring Convention, although there will be an annual meeting.

For information on the 2016 convention, go to www.nmra2016.org or www.facebook.com/nmra2016.

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SCWD 50th Anniversary Box Car

This South Central Wisconsin Division limited-run box car will be available at the December 1, 2013 regular meeting. We'll be celebrating the founding of the SCWD 50 years ago in December 1963. The meeting will be held beginning at 1:00 at the Knights of Columbus hall at 5137 Verona Road in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. The Accurail car is dark red with yellow plug doors and white lettering.

Anyone interested in model railroading is welcome. If interested in obtaining one of these cars, either attend that meeting and purchase it for \$20, or, send a check made out to SCWD for \$25 (\$20 for the car and \$5 for shipping) to: SCWD 50th Boxcar, 2903 Robin Ct., Fitchburg, WI 53711-5187.

Cars will be shipped after December 1, 2013.

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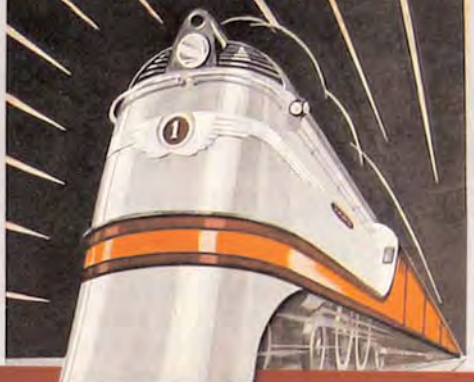
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Midwest Region 2014 Ballot

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- James Landwehr, Fox Valley Division
- David Johnson, Fox Valley Division (Incumbent)
- Paul Wussow, DuPage Division
- Fred Robinson, South Central Wisconsin Division
- Write-In _____
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- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____

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**Midwest Region Convention
Schaumburg, Illinois
May 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2014**

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Registration Form

Complete this form, print it & mail it to the Registrar together with your payment

Name:		NMRA #:
Names of Companion/Family Member(s):		
Street (Mailing) Address:		Division: Region:
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	E-Mail Address:	
Primary Scale (Check One): Z ___ N ___ HO ___ S ___ O ___ G ___ Other ___		
Primary Gauge (Check One): Standard ___ Narrow: n2 ___ n3 ___ n30 ___ nOther ___		

Registration Fees

<i>Pre-Convention (See Note)</i>	<i>On-Site (May 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2014)</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Member ___ x \$45.00	Member ___ x \$55.00	
Non-Member ___ x \$55.00	Non-Member ___ x \$65.00	
Companion/Family Mbr(s) ___ x \$20.00	Companion/Family Mbr(s) ___ x \$25.00	
<i>Note: Pre-Convention Registrations must be received by the Registrar on or before May 2, 2014</i>		<i>Sub-Total</i>

Prototype Tours

	<i>Amount</i>
Illinois Railway Museum Behind the Scenes Tour <i>Friday, May 16th, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm.</i> <i>Leave hotel at 12:00 noon. Drive yourself or car pool.</i>	Number ___ x \$7.00
Kloke Locomotive Works <i>Friday, May 16th, 10:00 am – 11:30 am.</i> <i>Leave hotel at 9:00 am. Drive yourself or car pool.</i>	Number ___

Extra Fare "Hands-On" Clinics

	<i>Amount</i>
Airbrush Workshop by Alan Houtz <i>Saturday, May 17th, 8:30 am – 9:30 am</i> <i>Limit: 20 Participants</i>	Number ___ x \$5.00
Airbrush Workshop by Alan Houtz <i>Saturday, May 17th, 9:45 am – 10:45 am</i> <i>Limit: 20 Participants</i>	Number ___ x \$5.00

Extra Fare "Hands-On" Clinics (Continued)

Scratch Building Trees by Fred Henize Saturday, May 17th, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Limit: 20 Participants	Number _____ x \$5.00	Amount	
Kitbash an Accurail Reefer by Tyrone Johnson Friday, May 16th, 7:00 pm – 9:15 pm Limit: 20 Participants	Number _____ x \$5.00	Amount	
The kitbashing clinic requires certain tools that you must bring. See http://www.foxvalleydivision.org/railfun2014/clinics2014.html for a list of the required tools.			
While the extra fare "hands-on" clinics do not conflict with each other, they are scheduled opposite other clinics. See http://www.foxvalleydivision.org/railfun2014/schedule2014.html for the scheduling of other clinics/clinicians.			
Do NOT remit payment for these clinics with your registration form. If your registration for one or more of these clinics is accepted, you will be notified. The clinic fee(s) will be collected when you pick up your registration packet at the convention.			

Model & Photo Contests

I plan to enter the following contests. Please check applicable categories. Judged models <u>cannot</u> be entered in popular vote contests and vice versa. See http://www.foxvalleydivision.org/railfun2014/contestinfo2014.html for contest rules and entry forms.			
Judged Model Contest		Popular Vote Model Contest	
Judged Photo Contest		Popular Vote Photo Contest	

Operating Sessions

I plan to participate in the following operating sessions. Please check each day as applicable.			
Thursday		Friday	Saturday
Scale Preference (Check One): HO _____ HO3n _____ O _____ No Preference _____		I would like to operate with:	

Total Fees NOT Including "Hands On" Clinics

Total Enclosed	Amount
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Special Requests:

Make check payable to Fox Valley Division NMRA . Mail your check and registration form to: <p style="text-align: center;"> RailFun 2014 Bert Lattan, Registrar 145 Heathrow Ct Lake Bluff, IL 60044-1922 </p> for receipt on or before May 2, 2014. Questions about registration? E-Mail: nswnmra@comcast.net Phone: (847) 295-7959	Hotel Information: <p style="text-align: center;"> Best Western Plus Schaumburg 1725 East Algonquin Road Schaumburg, IL 60173 (847) 397-1500 </p> The convention room rate is \$ 89.99 per night plus tax. Discounted convention rate room reservations must be made by directly calling the local hotel telephone number indicated above by May 2, 2014. Use the reservation code RAILFUN 2014 – NMRA.
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Mail pages 1 & 2 with your check or money order. Keep pages 3 & 4 with your copy of your registration.

RAILFUN 2014 TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Fox Valley Division of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association is hosting RailFun 2014, the Midwest Region's 2014 Spring Convention. RailFun 2014 is hereinafter referred to as the "convention" and the organizing group is referred to as the "convention committee".

By registering and paying registration fees for the convention all attendees, guests, and visitors agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Payment of Fees:

- a. Cash, check or money order will be accepted during *on-site* registration. **CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED.**
- b. All *pre-convention* registration fees must be paid by check or money order. **CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED. DO NOT MAIL CASH!**
 - i. All *pre-convention* registration forms must be received by the registrar by May 2, 2014. Do not mail any registrations after April 25, 2014.
 - ii. Except as otherwise provided by the registration form, full payment of all fees must accompany the registration form. Please, do not staple your check or money order to the registration form.
 - iii. A registration acknowledgement will be sent to the registrant by electronic or regular mail within ten (10) business days of receiving a registration form. The registrar is not responsible for any lost or delayed applications.
 - iv. Checks returned for insufficient funds will not be resubmitted for payment and will be returned to the registrant and the registration will be cancelled. Any further *pre-convention* registration must be paid by money order.

2. Cancellation of Registration & Refunds: The following policy governs cancellations and refunds:

- a. All cancellation requests must be submitted by electronic or regular mail to the registrar. The registrar will provide notification of an accepted request within five (5) business days. Any requests to other convention committee members will not be considered valid and will be ignored.
- b. If a registrant elects to cancel his or her registration on or before April 18, 2014, a 100% refund of registration fees will be made.

- c. If a registrant elects to cancel his or her registration on or before May 2, 2014, a 50% refund of registration fees will be made.
 - d. If the registrant elects to cancel his or her registration after May 2, 2014, no refund of registration fees will be made.
 - e. On a case by case basis, other refund amounts may be made at the discretion of the convention committee.
 - f. The convention committee reserves the right to cancel any registration at any time and shall refund the full amount of the registration fee to the registrant. Registrants who fail to attend the event without making prior arrangements will not receive refunds.
 - g. Unless otherwise notified by the convention committee, refunds will be processed within three weeks after the convention.
3. **Hotel & Transportation:** All registrants are responsible for their own hotel reservations and transportation to, from and during the convention.
 4. **Convention Program:** The convention committee reserves the right to make any changes to the convention program at any time and as necessary.
 5. **Prototype Tours:** These tours may be cancelled or substituted at any time without notice. Any applicable advance payment tour fees of a cancelled tour will be refunded to the registrant within three weeks after the end of the convention.
 6. **Non NMRA Members:** Registration as a non-member will not enroll the registrant as an NMRA member.
 7. **Release of Liability:** All attendees agree to hold harmless in any capacity or measure the Fox Valley Division of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association for any and all damages while attending the convention.
 8. **Limitation of Liability:** IN NO CASE, EVENT, CONDITION, OR CIRCUMSTANCE SHALL THE LIABILITY OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, OR THE MIDWEST REGION, OR THE FOX VALLEY DIVISION, OR THE MEMBERS THEREOF EXCEED THE AMOUNTS ACTUALLY PAID BY AND/OR DUE FROM THE REGISTRANT OR THE REGISTRANT'S COMPANION/FAMILY MEMBER(S). IN NO EVENT SHALL THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, OR THE MIDWEST REGION, OR THE FOX VALLEY DIVISION, OR THE MEMBERS THEREOF BE LIABLE TO ANYONE FOR ANY INDIRECT, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR OTHER DAMAGES OF ANY TYPE OR KIND (INCLUDING LOSS OF DATA, REVENUE, PROFITS, USE OR OTHER ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE) ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE CONVENTION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE USE OR INABILITY TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION, EVEN IF THE PARTY FROM WHICH DAMAGES ARE BEING SOUGHT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

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