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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 7 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.

Around the Midwest Region

This issue begins a new column by Walt Herrick entitled around the Region. If you are unaware, Walt is the official Midwest Region photographer and in his travels, he has been snapping pictures and submitting them along with some explanation. As you can see, he has been a very busy guy.

New AP Chair

There is a new chairperson for the AP (Achievement Program) He is Jim Landwehr of the Fox Valley Division. Jim has been the FVD AP chairperson for a number of years and knows how the process works. Welcome aboard, Jim.

I would like to thank Marv Preussler, MMR for his eight years of service as the previous AP chair. Marv helped me greatly in my quest for my MMR. I have known Marv long before he became chairperson and I wish him the best of luck.

Midwest Region Convention

The Winnebagoland Division will be hosting the 2015 regional convention. Full details are on page 11 and the registration form is on page 9. At \$40.00, this is one of the most affordable conventions I can remember. The Winnebagoland Division always hosts excellent meets. If the one in Waupaca a number of years ago is any indication, you will not be disappointed. Plus Manitowoc is a great little town with lots to do. Come and bring lots of contest entries!

Cover Photo

Fred Firkus photo of WC 3000 at the former C&NW yard in Manitowoc in January 2010.

I will be at Manitowoc talking about pickles. I get a plenty of puns when I start my talk, so be forewarned. I started researching the pickle and vinegar industry a number of years ago and have finally begun writing a book on the subject. Of course I am juggling that with reconstructing my layout. As I said last time, we have the house for sale. That meant I had to disassemble the layout. I carefully removed all the structures and put them in empty paper boxes I get at work. It is amazing how well they fit in the boxes.

Unfortunately the house did not sell, so I am without a layout with most of my stuff in paper boxes. Never-the-less I have started to rebuild the layout. I am using 4x3 foot modules to reconstruct it. I started with the two most critical modules as far as track work is concerned and have them completed up to the point I can start laying track.

The photo below shows my progress. I am using Micore 1600 instead of homasote and pink foam over 1/8" plywood for the balance. track will be handlaid on cork roadbed.



President's Report

By Paul Mangan, President, MWR

As I was beginning to write this report I received some news from Up North in Winnebagoland Division that long time Midwest Region Achievement Program chair



Marvin Preussler MMR is stepping down. Marv has been AP chair in the MWR for so many years that I can't remember when he wasn't there. Marv has done a fantastic job as chair and has helped organize a lot of paper work needed for MWR members so that they could qualify for their

AP awards. A lot of these AP awards that members earned were used toward earning their Master Model Railroader status. On behalf of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association I say Thank You Very Much Marvin for your service to our hobby and all the best to you. The search has begun for a replacement for this position.

This fall season has been very busy one for me. I have made a commitment to myself that I would travel around the region to visit as many divisions as I can. At the end of August I had the honor of being invited by Jeff Jarr of the Fox Valley Division to join them at their summer picnic. The event took place at Rochelle Railroad Park as we gathered for a great day of train watching, fellowship and Oh, did I mention food? There I just did. There was plenty of everything. There were brats, burgers with all the fixings, plenty of trains and a great bunch of people to hang out and chat with all day. We got a little rain but there was no dampening of the spirits here. We just moved into the shelter and were dry. Thanks to Jeff Jarr and the FVD for inviting SCWD Superintendent Bob McGeever and I down to spend the day. How could you not have a good time with good friends and trains?

September finally came to call and with this, most divisions begin their monthly meeting schedule or other functions that keep their members involved. The first SCWD meet of the season is always difficult to get to. It always falls on the same day as the Madison IRON MAN competition. Madison is always a bit hard to drive through but when you add bicycles and runners to the mix it is almost impossible. We always seem to find the opening to punch the car through to make it to the meeting. I found a

new route this year that took me through the bicycle route by finding a place where their path uses a bridge to go over the road. So I got there in plenty of time to enjoy a couple of good clinics and some layouts to tour and we were all good.

Once the season gets into full swing things do get a bit hectic especially when there are multiple events happening on the same week end. You can't be everywhere at the same time so choices need to be made. On September 14th Illinois Valley Division celebrated their 50th anniversary. Past MWR President Gary Children joined my wife Kathy and I as we spent the day at Spring Valley IL enjoying the celebration. Marion Brasher MMR organized the day with the Big 5-0 committee that kept everyone busy. Three clinics with two clinicians from IVD and a third clinician, John Mann from Rock River Valley Division were going on until midafternoon and then it was off to layout tours. Five great home layouts were open for us and I sat in the back seat so we didn't get lost.

When we returned back to Spring Valley we had an awards banquet at the Spring Valley Inn. Kathy and I had the opportunity to dine with Superintendent Mike Shockley and his wife. It was nice to see that no one left or fell asleep when I spoke at the banquet so I guess I wasn't too bad. Of course Gary and Kathy locked the door.

The 27th of September was the Winnebagoland Division fall meet up in Marinette WI. I was planning on going but I was getting worn down and picked up a bug and couldn't make the long drive up. On the 28th I was feeling a bit better and rode down to Monroe WI for the train show down there. I got to spend some time chatting with some long time acquaintances talking trains and about the hobby in general.

Trainfest was the next big show around here so I loaded up the modules and headed to Milwaukee as I show with Madison HoTrak and attended the show for my 20th time. The attendance looked good but I didn't hear what the final total attendance was.

On November 9th the Midwest Region Board of Directors held their fall meeting at Trainfest I'd like to thank Joe Russ, The Wise Division, Ken Jaglinski and the train show staff for hosting the meeting for us.

The last three months of the year are busy with administrative activities. I know this hobby is for the enjoyment of modeling trains and learning from others but, without a structure such as that of the NMRA, its Regions and its Divisions and people who are willing to volunteer their time for the administration aspect, we would only be a bunch of hobbyists without any organization. By the same token without a membership the NMRA would not be there with standards within gauges and communications between divisions just to name a couple of things.

That being said, this is the time of year that certifications of Regions and Divisions takes place. This process is about verifying that all Boards of Directors at all levels

are in fact NMRA members in good standing. I looked up the phrase "member in good standing" to find out what the real meaning is. I found this in more than one place. Too be a member in good standing involves more than just having a paid up membership. Anyone can have that but to be in good standing means that you are in support of and are complying with the constitution and the by-laws of the organization you are a part of. The fact is if your membership is expired then you are not a member. <http://definitions.uslegal.com/g/good-standing/>

Because of the certification process this is a very busy time for the Secretaries, Chief Clerks, Treasures, Paymasters Superintendents and Presidents. Thank you all for helping the to keep this organization one that we all can enjoy.

Have a great Holiday Season
See You by the Rails

Paul

Region News

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

This is a special report for me in that it will be my final one as Midwest Region AP Manager. Currently I am waiting for seven AP certificates of achievement to be returned to me from the folks at National. Some of these applications for certificates were sent in by me back in August. So again, the delays are at the National level. There has been no new paperwork for me to process since the last report published in the Waybill.

So as I stated this will be my last report as AP manager. I have decided to step down and let someone else take over the position. I took over for Bill Myers back in October of 2006. So after eight years, I felt it was time to let another member serve in this capacity. Due to time and other situations, I was not able to make all the Midwest Region meets, but the ones I did get to were excellent. I have nothing but good things to say about the region presidents and the treasurers I have had to work with. They all let me do my AP job without any troubles. It was fun to get to know a lot of region members through the AP Program. That certainly was a nice perk of this volunteer position.

The new Achievement Program manager is James Landwehr from the Fox Valley Division. James is from Arlington Heights, IL. I am certain that James will do an excellent job as the MWR AP Manager. His attention to detail is second to none and I think the transition to James taking over will be somewhat seamless. I will let James fill you in on his background in his first column for the Waybill. If you know James, be sure to congratulate him on his new

position in the Midwest Region. I am certain that our members will give him all the support that you have given me over the past eight years. It has been an honor to serve the NMRA Midwest Region as AP Manager and I would like to thank all those on the BOD, both past and present, and our members for the patience and support. Thanks again!

Marvin Preussler, MMR
MWR AP Chairman

Candidate Biographies for Director Positions

Paul Mangan (Incumbent)

Since my childhood days watching the Boston and Maine in

Massachusetts and my move to Wisconsin with the USAF in the 60's I have loved trains. My activity in the hobby began growing in the late 80's and in the 90's I became an NMRA/SCWD member. I chose to



model the Boston and Albany RR and joined the Madison HoTrak modular group which can be found setting up at train shows in the Midwest. During the Lake Junction NMRA convention in 97, I opened my layout and volunteered at the convention center where I got my taste for National conventions.

Due to remodeling the basement my B&A had to come down. With hopes of a rebirth, the B&A is still in the shops while I have moved my trains to the yard (garden). At NMRA conventions, I was introduced to the world of Garden Railroading and in doing so became a member of the Wisconsin Garden Railway Association. This is another venue to promote the NMRA while meeting more train lovers.

In 2007 I was elected to Superintendent of the South Central Wisconsin Division and served 4 terms. I served as the Chairman of the Badgerland Express 2011 Midwest Region Convention. I have also been working with the Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale committee as the volunteer coordinator for the past 5 yrs.

Currently I am finishing my first term as Midwest Region President. During my first term we have had some challenges to overcome but your Board of Directors has met them head on. As always there is more work to be done and if re-elected I would be proud to represent the Midwest Region again as your President.

STEVE STUDLEY Vice President (Incumbent)

Hello. My name is Steve Studley and I am finishing my first term as Vice President of the Midwest Region. I was appointed to the position to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the former VP. In May of this year, I finished my second term as Superintendent of the Central Indiana



Division and am currently serving as Past Superintendent. Other duties include serving as chair of the Highball to Indy ,2016 National Convention that will be held in Indianapolis in July, 2016. At the Region level, I'm serving as the chair of the 501(c)(3) committee seeking tax-exempt status for the Region.

I've been retired now for three + years and have found that I am busier than ever. Fortunately, it is model railroading that has filled the time formerly "wasted" by work. I thoroughly enjoy modeling with our local club, serving on the Division and Region Boards of Directors, and chairing the 2016 National Convention host committee. I have recently earned two Achievement Program certificates for a total of four: Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, Association Official, and Model Railroad Author. I would appreciate your vote allowing me to continue to serve, you, the members of the Midwest Region for two more years as Vice President.

DAN BREWER Director at Large

Personal: My name is Dan Brewer, and I live in Granger, Indiana, am married, and have three grown children and two grandchildren.



Professional Background: In my capacity as an IT Procurement Specialist at the University of Notre Dame, I am responsible responsible for the procurement of technology products and services, managing RFP processes for the acquisition of enterprise applications, vendor contracting and relations, coordinating desktop and mobile computing specifications with the Office of Information Technologies and technical staffs in departments, FCC Licensing, and business processes related to IT Procurement.

Hobby Experience & Interests: My love of trains began in the 1950s with my father building a large Lionel layout in our basement, and taking evening rides with our family to the train tracks in Buchanan Michigan where we'd watch the trains. Over the past 10 years, I've worked on a large [Legacy control system] Lionel layout in my basement with the help of my brother Tim, and my grandson Jacob. I have also built a small N scale DCC controlled layout, and am now building modules that will become a two deck HO scale layout based on NS operations in north-central Indiana. Because of my technology background, my modeling always includes as much technology as makes sense. I enjoy layout design and am a member of the Layout Design SIG.

NMRA Experience: I joined the NMRA in March of 2012, and have held the office of Assistant Superintendent for two years. During that time I have managed registration for the two Michiana Division Education and Training Conferences, produced marketing materials for those events, and acted as division webmaster. I recently re-imaged our website to match the new NMRA website design.

I am interested in becoming a Midwest Region At-Large Board member so that I can continue to serve the NMRA as I am able, to increase my awareness of issues and opportunities facing the organization and our region, and to learn more about our organization and the hobby in general.

MINTON DINGS Director-at-Large

For many of us model railroading is a way of life. For me it has been a growing passion for the last fifty one years beginning with a pike, which folded down over my bed in my teen years, to the present half basement Green River Branch of the Illinois Central Railroad in 1957.



I have been a member of the NMRA at two different times, in the 1980's and since 2001. Presently I am the Assistant Superintendent of the Illinois Valley Division and the editor of the IVD's newsletter, the TIMETABLE. All areas of model railroading are of interest to me with a particular passion for scenery and a commitment to share what I have learned with other model railroaders. I feel education is essential to the mission of the NMRA and the Midwest Region.

Professionally, following the normal 1960's stint in the military, college and graduate school, I was a pastor for

eighteen years, a paramedic for twenty two years and fire-fighter for forty two years during that time. For twenty years I was a State of Illinois approved educator of fire-fighters and EMT/Paramedics.

I would be honored to serve the Midwest Region as a director at large, supporting its programs and activities, especially in the areas of member recruitment and education.

REID KAHRS Director-at-Large

I joined the NMRA after attending the 1985 convention held in Milwaukee. I've been a (WISE) Wisconsin Southern Division board member, serving as a Division Director, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent and Chief Clerk. During the twenty five years on the WISE board I've helped at Trainfest with setup, during the train show and take down. I have served the Midwest Region as delegate-at-large for two terms (four years) my term ending in April, 2005. Currently I serve as region convention committee chairman. My wife, Chip, and I have regularly attended regional and national conventions during the past 25 years. I was the chairman for the 2010 NMRA convention held in Milwaukee. I am a member of the Milwaukee Road Historical Association and belong to NMRA Operations SIG.



I retired from the City of Milwaukee and now live in Colgate, Wisconsin. During the years since moving here I have been preparing the basement for my layout. I have been operating on many home layouts and with operations sig groups during the past 8 to 12 years.

I would like to serve you as a MWR Director-At-Large. I enjoyed my previous terms and would like to be elected again to the MWR board.

**Annual Meeting
of Members
Holiday inn
Manitowoc, Wisconsin**

8:00 pm, Saturday, April 18, 2015

Midwest Region 2015

Spring Convention

The Lake Shore Limited



The WinnebagoLand Division will host the Lake Shore Limited, the Midwest Region's spring convention. Convention activities will take place at the Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, Wisconsin on April 17-19, 2015.

The convention will include:

1. Nine layouts between Manitowoc and Two Rivers, WI hosting Operating Sessions on Friday including morning (9-12), afternoon (1-4), and evening (5-8) sessions. Space is limited so early registration is recommended.
2. Rail clinics: Two clinics Friday night and 18 clinics Saturday morning and afternoon.
3. Non-rail: Project Linus (three sewing machines provided – bring yours if you are able).
4. Non-rail clinics
5. Vendors and Swap Meet open Saturday
6. Saturday evening banquet (buffet style); dietary concerns will be directed to the hotel banquet manager.
7. More than 14 layouts open for tours on Sunday, 4/19/15 in a variety of directions from Manitowoc.
8. NMRA judged model and photo contests.
9. A Popular Vote model contest.
10. WinnebagoLand Division and Midwest Region Membership Meeting Saturday evening following the banquet speaker and MWR Board of Director's meeting Sunday morning.
11. Wisconsin Maritime Museum and USS Cobia tour: The Wisconsin Maritime Museum is offering Lake Shore Limited convention attendees the opportunity to tour both the maritime museum and the USS Cobia for a per person price of \$10 (paid at the museum) during the convention. You must show your convention badge for the deal. For more information about this visit their website at: www.wisconsinmaritime.org.

The Holiday Inn Manitowoc, 4601 Calumet Ave, Manitowoc, WI 54220; (920)682-6000, was completely remodel in 2014, is located off Interstate 43 and Hwy 151 with easy access to the operating session layouts and layout tours as well as a variety of nearby restaurants. A special discounted group room rate of \$99.00 (1-4 people per room) + tax/night. Guests should call the hotel direct at 920-682-6000 to make reservations. Please reference Group Code: National Model Railroad Association when making reservations. Reservations must be received by

March 19, 2015 or Holiday Inn will not be able to guarantee the holding of these rooms. All members are invited to attend and guests are welcome! Go to the Winnebago Land Division's website for the latest details of the event and see photos of the railroads on the tour and open for Operations.

Non-Rail Activity:

Project Linus: Join us for a day of fun, creativity and feel-good service at the Project Linus room. Come for an hour or the day. We will have at least two sewing machines, fabric and tools to create beautiful quilts and pillowcases. If you are able, bring your own sewing machine, and favorite quilting tools. Sign up for Project Linus on the registration form.

Non-Rail Clinics:

Cindy Ellenbecker of Bleating Heart Haven (Saturday). Since 1985 Cindy has been raising Sheep, Angora goats, and Angora bunnies for their fiber/fleece. She will allow clinic participants to see up close the fibers and run their hands in among the fibers to feel the difference. (Angora goats are where mohair comes from). She will show and explain how the fleece is "skirted" (picked through after shearing before being washed), explain the scouring and picking process (hand operated equipment that opens up the fibers), show the carding process using hand carders (the old-fashioned way) and a drum carder that is cranked. Next will be a demonstration of the spinning and dyeing process and finally everyone will be able to see the finished yarn product. For more information about Bleating Heart Haven visit her website at: <http://www.bleating-heartheaven.com/>
 Stress Management and/or Mindfulness Presentation
 Master Gardener Presentation (not yet confirmed)
 Some other things to do during the convention:

Kohler Design Center and Factory (Kohler is about 30 miles from Manitowoc). The Kohler Design Center is a showplace for their one of a kind fixtures. The Design Center offers guests three floors to tour, the Kohler History Museum, their product floor, and a mezzanine with designer bath displays. Offered Monday through Friday the tour starts at 8:30 AM and runs three hours with a walking distance of 2 1/2 miles (must be at least 14 year of age for the tour). There is no charge for the tour but if interested in this option you MUST register at least two weeks in advance. If you are interested in participating in the Kohler Factory tour call 920-457-3699 to register. For more information about the tour visit their website at: www.americanclubresort.com/activities/tours/kohler/factory.

Rahr West Art Museum: If you have time and are interested in art, the Rahr West Art Museum is a great place to visit. Several years ago USA Today cited the Rahr West as one of the best art museums in a small town. During the convention the museum will be hosting three separate exhibits, their permanent collection, a local high school art exhibit and the local home school art exhibit. Admission is free. For more information about the Rahr West visit their website at: www.manitowoc.org/index.aspx?nid=1006

Spring Board Meeting








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Sunday, April 19, 2015; 9:00 am

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Around the Midwest Region part1

by Walt Herrick

Here's what has been happening in some of our divisions around the Midwest Region this past quarter.

The Illinois Railway Museum's Frisco decapod #1630 returned to service this summer after seven long years of repairs and FRA upgrades. Here she is on IRM rails just west of the IRM's Spaulding Tower and East Union depot on May 25th.



On August 23rd, the Fox Valley Division held its second annual Rochelle (railfanning) Outing to Railroad Park in Rochelle. MWR President, Paul Mangan, attended the event and is shown talking with the MWR Secretary Bert Lattan, and the FVD's Mike Hirvela, and Bob McGeever Superintendent of the SCWD



On September 12th and 13th, the Michiana Division hosted its annual Edutrain Conference and Workshops in Middlebury, Indiana. Bob Blake from the Michiana Division introduces David Neff and his clinic "Design Considerations for Locomotive Terminals".

For more, see Walt's article on pages 16 and 17



The DuPage and Fox Valley Divisions alternate hosting an NMRA booth each month at the large Great Midwest Train Show held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois. September was the DuPage Division's month and DuPage Super, Alan Busic (left) along with his "assistant", Jerry Howard, did a great job promoting the NMRA at the show then.

Midwest Region 2015 Ballot

(This ballot is for use only by resident members of the Midwest Region)

President (Vote for/Check One)

Paul Mangan, South Central Wisconsin Division

Write-In _____

Vice President (Vote for/Check One)

Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division

Write-In _____

Director-At-Large (Vote for/Check Three)

Minton Dings, Illinois Valley Division

Reid Kahrs, Wisconsin Southeastern Division

Dan Brewer, Michiana Division

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

To validate your ballot, please print your:

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Division _____ or Division Code* 28 / _____

* From your membership card. Also, you can go to:

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“Midwest” is not your Division!!! It is your Region.

If you do not provide the above information, your ballot will not be counted.

Return to Midwest Region Election Committee, c/o Don Cook, 2500 Tenth St, Waukegan, IL 60085-7050. Your ballot must be received no later than January 31, 2015.

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| Phone: | E-Mail Address: | | |
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| <i>Pre-Convention Early Bird Rate – Before April 1st</i> | <i>Postmarked after April 1st (includes on-site registration)</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
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Will you be participating in the Project Linus non-rail activity? yes no; Will you bring a sewing machine? yes no

Operating Session

The Operating Session will be held Friday, April 17, 2015 and we will offer three sessions, morning, afternoon, and evening. Participation will be based on the number of people signing up for the session against the number of layouts that are available. **Place a check mark for the sessions you wish to attend.** To participate in the Operating Session your registration form **MUST** be postmarked on/before **March 15, 2015.**

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The Winnebagoland Division of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association is hosting Lake Shore Limited, the Midwest Region's 2015 Spring Convention. Lake Shore Limited 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:

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- b. All **pre-convention** registration fees must be paid by check or money order. **CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED. DO NOT MAIL CASH!**
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- b. If a registrant elects to cancel his or her registration on or before March 17, 2015, a 100% refund of registration fees will be made.
- c. If a registrant elects to cancel his or her registration on or before April 1, 2015, a 50% refund of registration fees will be made.

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- d. If the registrant elects to cancel his or her registration after April 1, 2015, 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.
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3. **Hotel & Transportation:** All registrants are responsible for their own hotel reservations and transportation to, from and during the convention.
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 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 WinnebagoLand Division of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association for any and all damages while attending the convention.

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Around the Midwest Region part 2

Michiana Division's 2014 EduTrain Conference and Workshop

By Walt Herrick, FVD

This year's Michiana Division EduTrain Conference and Workshop was held September 12 and 13 at the beautiful Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center in Middlebury, Indiana in the heart of northern Indiana Amish country. This is the second straight year the conference has been held at Essenhaus's Inn and Conference Center and attendees enjoyed the excellent Amish inspired accommodations and friendly service provided there. A Southeast Michigan Free-mo modular layout and modeling displays were also available for attendees to view and participate in at a nearby Middlebury Senior Center.

As with past conferences, the 2014 two day conference was packed with informative and inspiring seminars, hands on clinics, presentations, and model displays. Model Railroader Magazine's, Cody Grivno, gave two presentations, "Working at Model Railroader" which was Friday night's banquet entertainment, and Saturday afternoon's "MR's Wisconsin and Southern Project Layout: From Concept to Finished Railroad". Cody's second presentation was particularly interesting and informative as he outlined with numerous slides, the extensive research he and other MR staffers undertook in preparing for the series. The nearby prototype WSOR's motive power, rolling stock, physical plant and industries served



The Michiana Division's Assistant Superintendent, Dan Brewer (left) and Paymaster, Jim Temple, man the 2014 Michiana EduTrain Conference and Workshop registration desk.



Above: Jim Six hands-on clinic on modifying Accurail underframes.

Below: Dave Schroedel offered "hands on" rolling stock weathering clinics throughout the conference.



Above: Cody Grivino's presentation on the Wisconsin Southern.

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were thoroughly covered, as well as what elements of the WSOR became part of the 22 x 33 foot, two wall shelf layout which parallels Kalmbach's large MR&T layout. The WSOR provides the MR&T with a logical, "home town", and modern day interchange partner.

Clinicians joining Cody in this year's conference were Jim Six, Bill Gawthrop, Gary Evans, Bob Blake, Bill Neal, Rich Mahaney, David Neff, Alan Bell, and Dave Schroedel. They covered modeling topics ranging from signaling and operations, to rolling stock weathering, scenery planning, scratch building structures and layout design. All the clinics were given using the EduTrain clinic format or something similar which made for organized,



Above and Below:
The Mineral Point Zinc Company was a massive diorama depicting the plant in Mineral Point Wisconsin and how Zinc was mined and refined. The model is the fine work of Rod Thompson. He lives in Stephenville, Michigan.



easily-to-understand, well presented clinics. "Iron Man" Dave Schroedel offered hands on rolling stock weathering clinics throughout both days of the conference, and on Saturday, Jim Six presented a two part, hands on clinic



Above: An attendee takes in some operating on the Southeast Michigan Free-mo modular layout

on kit-bashing more accurate under frames for Accurail box cars and reefers.

This was my first Michiana Conference and it won't be my last. There was really excellent stuff there, great people, a great facility all at a great price. Nice job Michiana Division!

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