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## Editor's Column

Summer, time for peanuts, pretzels and beer. Or is it railfanning, photography and relaxing. Whatever, summer is almost over as this is the fall edition of the Waybill.

My wife and I took a trip to east a few weeks past. I needed to do some research at the B&O Railroad Historical Society in Eldersburg Maryland and my wife wanted to see Washington DC. A great city for photography, as my shot of the Washington Monument on the right attests. She has the Spot-Hero app for parking and unknown to me, found a space directly behind Washington Union Depot, where I was able to take a number of photos before starting on our tours. See page 7 for more photos.

This is the first issue that I am using an updated version of my publishing software. If you are reading the paper version, you may not see many changes, but for the online version it makes things a whole-lot easier. My old version stopped printing in color about 2 years ago, so I had to email webmaster Jim Osborn all the photos and he had to insert them manually in my manuscript. I am still learning all the new features, but as i am working, it is slow going.

When I began assembling this issue, I got a chuckle reading the title of two of the articles, Walt Herrick's **A Bad Day of Model Railroading** and Eric Peterson's **I Had a Great Monday Because I am an NMRA Member**.

Speaking of articles, I am always looking for content, be it photos, articles observations or what have you. It seems the majority of content comes from the Fox Valley which seems unfair to the other divisions.

Nominations for Region officers are starting soon. if you have a desire to volunteer and meet some great people in the process, consider running. The Nominating Chairman position not filled, but I am certain if you contact Region President Steve Studley, he will be able to give you more information.

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With fall comes train shows and a startup of division activities. Why not see what other divisions are doing by attending a meeting?

The Michiana Division is holding its great Education and Training Conference & Workshop September 21 and 22nd at the Aloft Hotel in downtown South Bend, IN. It is entitled Modeling like a PROTOTYPE and is a great way to learn a lot in a short time at a nominal cost. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend as that is the weekend for the Soo Line Historical & Technical society convention in Stevens Point, WI.

Cover photo is of Pete Walton's Great Midwestern railroad. Photo by David Leider More photos inside

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## President's Report

Steve Studley President, MWR

The subject of the summer 2018 Waybill was the recently completed MWR convention; the subject for this issue's report will be about the National NMRA convention.

I'm writing this just prior to the start of this year's National Model Railroad Association's (NMRA) National Convention in Kansas City, MO. It has already been a great 24 hours since Penny and I arrived in Kansas City, checked in to the hotel, and picked up our convention registration packets. During that time we have scouted out the locations of the convention rooms and nearby restaurants. However, the clinics and the first of the tours won't begin for another two hours. So how is it that we've been here for a day, the convention hasn't yet begun, and we've still had such a great time? It's the three "Fs": Food, Fun, and Friends.

Don't get me wrong, trains are still the most important subject at a model railroading convention, but running a close second is the social interaction we experience when we get together with people who have like-minded interests. From the time we entered the hotel check-in line, we were standing with friends that we had met at previous National and Regional conventions. I always look forward to seeing these folks and catching up since the last time we were together. What a great way to start the convention!

I know there are many model railroaders who are thought of as "loners". I'd like to suggest those modelers get out of the basement from time to time, get some buddies together and attend model railroad activities. Attending these activities and interacting with other modelers will provide a way for you to learn new tips and techniques and to make new friends. It's a win – win situation.

It is now Monday night and we have made it through the first full day of the convention. Clinics began at 8:00am for both Penny and me. After missing clinics for the last five years, I managed to attend

eight of these learning opportunities today (I'm catching up quickly) before coming back to our room to finish this article. I learned something to increase my model railroading knowledge or skillset in each of the presentations. I also made a quick trip through the Celebration of Models (Contest) Room to see the early entries. There are some very fine model builders and photographers displaying their best work there. I'll go back tomorrow to see the newly entered items. It is a great way to get inspired to get back to the workbench.

At lunch today, I was talking to the spouse of a Midwest Region member. I told her that I was writing about friendships made while attending model railroad conventions and she recounted the following to me: A person had asked her why she attended these conventions when it was her spouse who was the model railroader. The woman remarked that she attends and will continue to attend because of the friendships she has established at the many conventions. Participating in the Non-Rail program at these activities, greeting, and being greeted by these friends, is very important to her. So, modelers, let your spouse know there is something enjoyable for her to do while attending our conventions.

If you weren't able to attend either "Capitol 400" or "Kansas City 2018" this year, here is your chance for next year. Our NMRA Regional neighbors to the north and west, Thousand Lakes Region, will co-host with the MWR a dual-Region Convention on May 16-19, 2019 in La Crosse, WI. As the schedule for the dual-Region Convention is firmed up, additional information will be added to the MWR website.

Click on the Conventions tab at the top of the home page. Check back often to learn the latest. <http://www.mwr-nmra.org>  
In the meantime – back to the layout!

Steve

# Region News

## Midwest Region Achievement Program Report by Jim Landwehr- MWR AP Manager

I am happy to report that there has been a lot of activity from our members. They continue to take part in the Achievement Program all over the Midwest Region.

The following members received awards:

Don Kirby	Princeton, IL	Volunteer
Thomas Cain	Indianapolis, IN	Dispatcher
Minton Dings	Havana, IL	Official

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

Thanks

Jim Landwehr, MWR AP Manager

## Around the Midwest Region

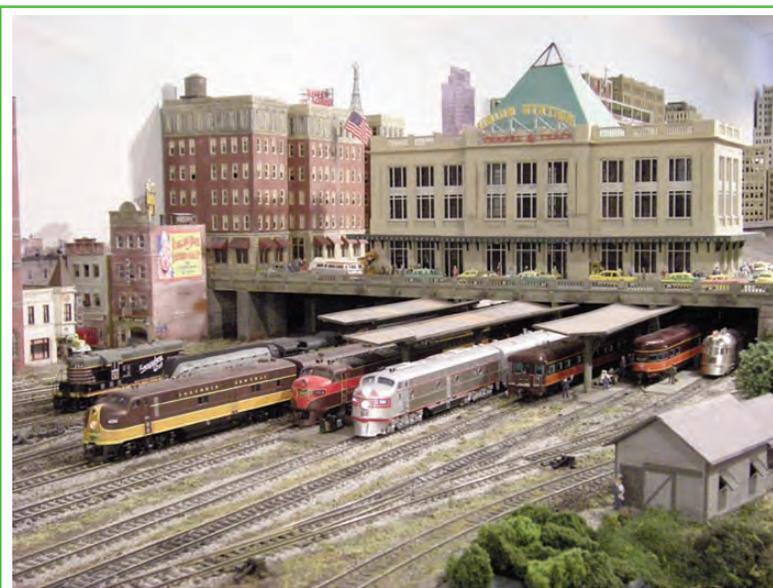
### A Bad Day Model Railroading.... by Walt Herrick, FVD

A bad day model railroading? Are you kidding me? Unfortunately no, I'm not. I had several of them two weeks ago while helping to tear down my good friend Pete Walton's world class model railroad, the Great Midwestern. What took Pete about 14 years to build, six or seven of us tore down in less than a week. On August 28 Pete and wife Luann are moving to Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin to be near Pete's new job. Retired for 15 years as an executive with American Family Insurance, Pete "un-retired" himself two years ago to go work for his son Peter's large American Family agency in Mt. Horeb as their customer service specialist. Pete loved his new job but did not love commuting two hours up and back to Mt. Horeb from his home in Sun City Huntley, Illinois. So he decided to finish his dream layout (which he did) and pick up and move. The decision was not made lightly, but he was having too much fun at his new job, and the prospect of living closer to his son and his family

Steve Miazga's Missabe Junction railroad was featured in the September issue of Model Railroader. His 18 x 22 layout is in N scale and Jim Osborn, who has operated there many times, says "it is a terrific display of all the aspects of modeling".

Steve is the Owl Car editor and director-at-large for the WISE Division as well as a director of the Soo Line Historical & Technical Society.

Good work, Steve



ABOVE

Before: the "Union Station" scene on Pete Walton's Great Midwestern layout.

BELOW

After: the Union Station scene used to be on the wall to the right.



Bottom photo: A dumpster full of a great model railroad.

All photos by Walt Herrick.



was definitely attractive.

Pete hoped to sell the house and his model railroad together as a package deal, but that did not happen. He got several feelers from prospective buyers, but no offers. He didn't even get an offer to purchase just the layout. This in spite of the fact that the Great Midwestern was just featured in Kalmbach's 2018 Great Model Railroads, and had also been featured in a half dozen YouTube videos. Dave Rickaby, who wrote the article for GMR and did its photography and a couple of promo videos for Model Railroader Magazine and MRVP, said the Great

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Midwestern was the nicest layout he's seen. That was a huge compliment considering the number of layouts Dave has seen and written layout articles about for MR and RMC. But, as nice as the Great Midwestern was, it wasn't enough to save it from the wrecking ball.

Pete got a full price offer for his house as soon as it went up for sale. Unfortunately the new owner did not want a model railroad in his new finished basement. What he did want down there was a big, professional pool table. Pete was able to keep the layout in tact for a Fox Valley Division layout tour on July 21, but on July 22, the tear down began with the removal of locos, rolling stock, vehicles, figures, detailing and a few structures. On Monday, July 23, the tear down began in earnest. By that Saturday, the Great Midwestern was another fallen flag model railroad. A couple of nice scenes, many structures, detail parts, vehicles, some scenery items and some electrical components were salvaged and will be used on other layouts. Pete will be selling the rest of his structures, bridges, and rolling stock at train shows or perhaps on ebay. He's saved a few items from the Great Midwestern, but does not plan to start a new model railroad in Mt. Horeb. To me that's a double dagger to the hobby. Losing a great model railroad is one thing; losing a great model railroader is quite another.

**I Had a Great Monday Because I am an NMRA Member.**  
by Eric G. Peterson, Life member L01922

Monday I got together with two new friends I met through NMRA. We all have a common interest in modern signals. I have been working on building signals for O scale and they are interested in HO. We each had some items to show each other and we worked together to talk about what could be done and how to do it. We were able to try out some different

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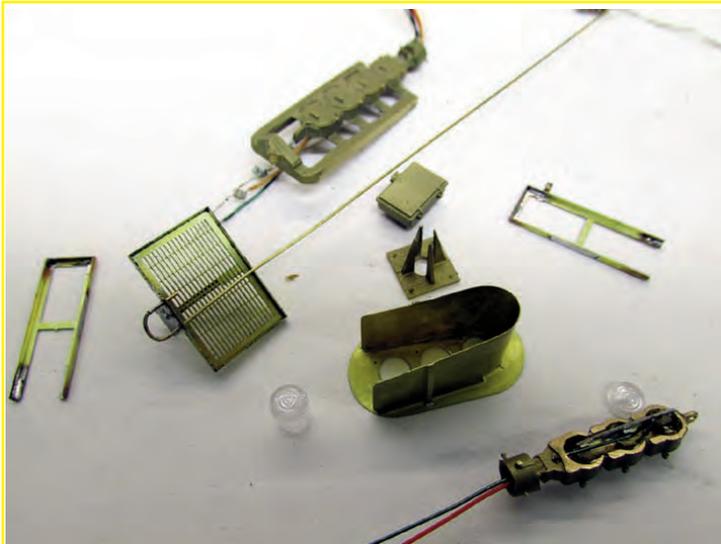
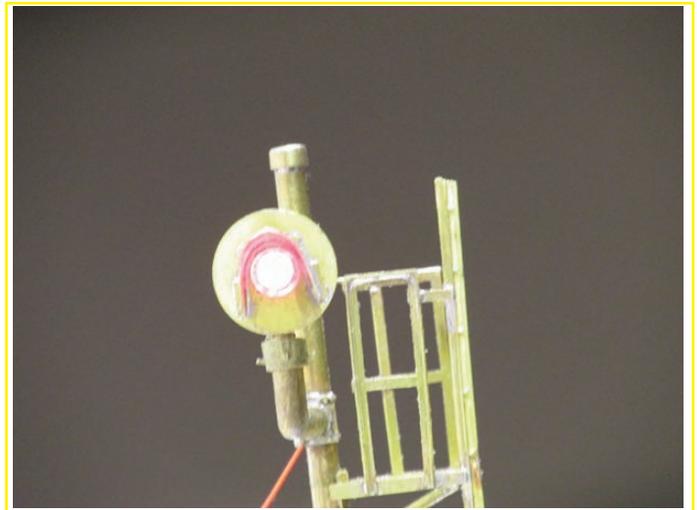
We moved from Florida to Carmel, IN in 2017 and my O Scale 2 rail layout built in sections is being expanded, rewired and set up in our 4th basement after leaving the 2nd garage. It is a lot of work but I expect to be able to run some trains next year but that is not what this article is about. What makes model railroading the most fun is other people.

After I retired from working in the railroad business in 2008 I was able to again go to some of the NMRA national and regional conventions. I was part of a great group of modelers that developed during our 24 years in Florida. I learned a great approach to others when I started attending NMRA national conventions. Each time I sat down in a clinic room, on a tour bus, or at a meal or banquet I intro-

duced myself. LEDs and lens as well as sketch out some new ideas for surface mount LEDs on custom etched circuit boards.

We later went to the nearby hobby shop and ate dinner out before calling it a day. We all had a great time. Our enthusiasm and interests feed on each other and it was just fun. We had no special plan for the day but had talked about our interest at a Regional meeting.

As I said these are new friends. They are both involved in the Central Indiana Division of the Midwest Region. I have been a member of the NMRA since the 1960's but have only recently discovered that it is the people that make the NMRA the most fun, not just the models.



Several photos of the signals that Eric is building. All photos by the author

duced myself. "Hi, my name is Eric Peterson from Jacksonville, FL and I model in O Scale two rail." Bus ride conversations are some of the best times at conventions.

When we moved I saw a notice on the MW Region web site they were looking for Regional Board member candidates. I volunteered as this forced me to attend the Regional meetings and also I started attending the Central Indiana Division meetings. I immediately got to meet some really nice people with many common interests and knowledge I expect will help me with problems and questions in the future. It also gives me a way to help others. That led to the great Monday described above. NMRA people can make the best days.

Eric G. Peterson, Life member L01922

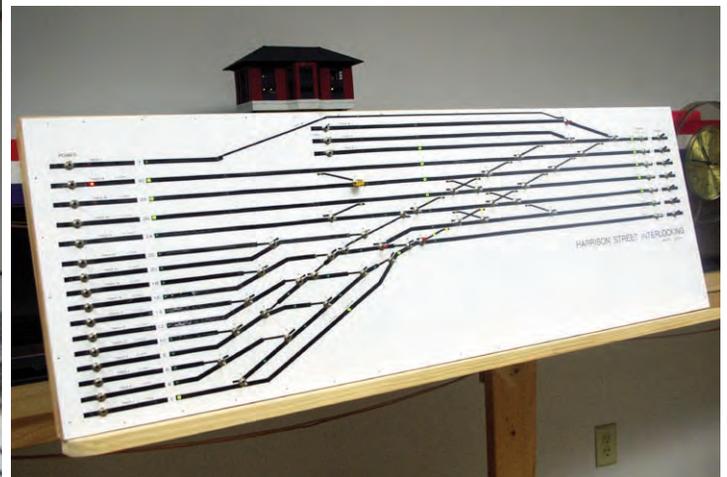
## Fox Valley Division Summer Layout Tour by David Leider MMR

This summer the Fox Valley Division decided to do something different for our Summer Outing. In past years we have gone to the Rochelle Railroad Park, East Troy Trolley Museum and other outside places. This year we decided that a layout tour was in order, spurred on by the fact that Pete Walton's superb layout was going to be torn down the following day (See Walt Herrick's article on page 3). Here are some shots I took during the tour.

Right: Another photo of Pete Walton's Great Midwestern railroad



Top: Fred Soop and his Chicago Amtrak layout. That's Union Station in the background and Fred controlling a train to the left. A closeup of the interlocking board is to the right.



Below: The KV&EC club's outdoor layout in Huntley, IL. There is also an N, HO and O scale layout in the clubroom.



Left: Steve Field's LITH Lines railroad is a showcase for his electronic wizardry with lots of lights and effects.





Left: exterior of Washington Union Station

Below: interior



Left: Our parking spot butted up against the right of way. I could easily take photos through the fence. Here a train is leaving Washington Union Station



Left: Another photo from the parking lot Here a train is approaching Washington Union Station. I saw about 15 trains in and out in 15 minutes.

Below: Grandt Line is closing shop, but here is a handy chart comparing Tichy with Grandt Line

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