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## President's Report

Steve Studley President, MWR

When I receive each new issue of the NMRA magazine, one of the first things I do is turn to the Achievement Program (AP) listings in the NMRA Bulletin section of the magazine. I scan through the listings looking for headers that note there has been an AP certificate earned by a modeler from the Midwest Region (MWR). On those months when there are listings for certificates newly earned by members of the MWR, I'm always happy to see that our talented modelers are receiving credit due them for their modeling abilities or service to the NMRA. Over the past two years (as Jim Landwehr, MWR AP Chair, reported in the Waybill from fall 2016 to fall 2018) we have had 51 certificates (including "Golden Spike" awards) earned by 35 members – about two certificates a month. While that number is a pretty good showing for the Region, I do believe we can do better.

Our region membership numbers a bit under 1500. The 35 members who earned a certificate in the last two years amount to a bit over 2% of the membership. Two percent seems like a small number. Can you help the region increase that number? I suspect there are probably quite a few of you who are currently working toward completing the requirements for their next certificate. That's great! Keep at it! If you can set aside some time on a "somewhat" regular basis (I realize life gets in the way of our hobby time), you should be able to complete the requirements relatively quickly. While you are working toward this goal, let your modeling buddies know what you are doing. Suggest they get involved in the AP. You can help each other as you continue working on that next, or last, model needed to complete the work.

Remember, when you enter models for assessment in the Achievement Program, you are enabling a way for you to become a better modeler. If your model didn't earn a merit award, study the assessment sheets to see where you can work on the

model to gain more points. Learn to build without having gaps where there shouldn't be gaps, keep the use of glues to a minimum so there aren't visible globs of glue, make sure your models are square and plumb, and the finishes are applied neatly and properly. Learn to fill out the NMRA National Contest Judging Form (NMRA Form #902) ensuring there is enough information provided to allow the assessment team to know how you built your model. If you can hone your skills, you should be able to make the journey through the AP a more pleasant endeavor.

If you are interested in either getting started in the AP or picking up where you left off in the past, I'd suggest you contact a fellow modeler who you know is involved in the program. Talk to them to find out what they have done as they have progressed through the program. If you are not sure who that might be or you have other questions about the Achievement Program, contact your Division's AP manager. You should find contact information for the AP manager listed on the Division's website or in the newsletter. If you can't find that information, contact your superintendent.

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 "The Grand Crossing", on May 16-19, 2019 in La Crosse, WI.

<https://www.thousandlakesregion.org/events>

As the schedule for the dual-Region Convention is firmed up, additional information can be found on the above website and 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

# The WAYBILL

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## Editor's Column

With the cold weather seeming to come earlier this year, my indoor activities have started again. Last year I did no modeling, nothing. I was too engrossed in research for my book and article projects. This year I got the modeling bug thanks to Ron Fedor who dropped off a resin kit for me to assemble. I thought since I was doing his, I would do one of my own.

Unfortunately it has been so long that I put anything together that both of my bottles of ACC had turned to syrup, too thick to use. I like Sinbad ACC because it lasts a long time in the bottle. Mine lasted 5 years. Unfortunately they no longer display at Trainfest. A quick search online and I was able to buy some from the manufacturer.

I was also afraid that my stash of Floquil paints would have a similar fate. Luckily the first bottle I tried was fine. I had even cleaned my airbrush the last time I fired it up, so I was in business.

The layout is another story. As you may recall I am rebuilding it in modular form in preparation of our move south. Since I do not know what size room I will have, It seems pointless to continue building sections that I might not be able to use. I guess this will be the year of the resin car. I might finally build that Westerfield pickle car I bought about six years ago..

This year the region is partnering with the Thousand Lakes Region to put on a Joint meet. If you have never attended a region convention, this would be the time. Gerry Miller, from the Thousand Lakes Region, has been hard at work to make this a success. See his remarks on page 6. The registration form is on page 11 and 12.

On the Cover:  
Photo taken at this years Trainfest by David Leider

Several items from the Fall Board of Directors Meeting:  
They have decided to eliminate the Slide Category from the photo contest due to declining interest. (In case you have not heard, Kodak is making Ektachrome slide film again. Time to dust off that old SLR).  
There was also a proposal made to add a popular vote category for kit-built models.

I am always looking for content. If you want to write a short piece about your layout or what your club is doing, send it to me. Photos are always welcome.

The accompanying drawing shows the idea



of the new form of rapid transit, wherein each man is to run his own train and (if the report is true that he can run it at 40 miles an hour) trust in Providence to protect him against rear end collisions or breakage in the track.

Here is an interesting mode of transportation from Railway Age of 1893. Apparently they were going to build a number of these fences near Chicago so that people could bicycle to downtown. I guess it was an early Divvy Bike. The only danger I see is getting your beard stuck in the spokes.

# 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:

John Coy	Avon, IN	Golden Spike
John Coy	Avon, IN	Electrical
John Coy	Avon, IN	Author
Roderic Thomson	Stevensville, MI	Structure

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

Thanks,  
Jim

## NMRA MIDWEST REGION CONVENTION La Crosse, WI on May 17-19, 2019

Gerry Miller sent this regarding the convention:

Our joint convention with the MWR will be in La Crosse, WI on May 17-19, 2019 at the Days Inn. Registration will start Thursday afternoon. Thursday night will have layout tours and clinics. Thursday meals are on your own. The Freight House Restaurant in downtown La Crosse has \$3 burgers. The restaurant is in the restored Milwaukee Road Freight House.

Friday we will start out with early clinics then will board the bus to tour The Stella Jones railroad tie treating facility in Rockland WI. We will also tour L.B. White, manufacturer of heating units for agriculture buildings, Dahl Auto Museum, and tour the Railroad display in Copeland Park. Lunch will be provided at

### Annual Meeting of Members

**Days Inn Convention Center  
101 Sky Harbour Drive  
La Crosse, Wisconsin  
date and time TBD**

the Cedar Creek Country Club in Onalaska. Dinner is on your own Friday night. Layout tours and clinics will be available in the evening.

Saturday we will have clinics running all day. Lunch will be provided at the hotel restaurant. The banquet and Chinese auctions will be in the evening. At the time this article is being written we are working on operating sessions with the local layouts. The modeling with the masters clinics are also in planning stages.

To get all the updates when they become available sign up on the TLR Web site <https://www.thousandlakesregion.org/> wait for the never miss an update box to come up and enter your email address.

Non rail events for Saturday include tours of The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Rose Convent Chapel, The Hixon House, and Riverside Museum. (There will be a small additional charge for these tours.) If time allows we will also do some shopping at La Crosse's beautiful downtown. We will return back to the hotel for lunch (included in registration cost). These tours will be via car pool!

**Spring Board of Directors Meeting  
VFW Post 9759 Loves Park  
2018 Windsor Road  
Loves Park, Illinois 61111**

**May 5, 2019, 10:am**

*Happy Holidays to you and yours*

## Election Biographies for 2019 candidates

Yes, it is once again election time. Up for election are President, Vice-president and three positions for Director-at-Large. Please vote to show your support for the region. The ballot is on page 13.

### Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division incumbent

Hello. It's Steve Studley once again asking for your support in the upcoming Midwest Region (MWR) election. I am finishing my first term as Region President and am seeking a second term. During the past two years, the Region has moved forward with scheduling a dual-region convention with the Thousand Lakes Region for spring 2019. We are also looking forward to a tri-region convention in 2022 with the North Central and Mid Central Regions.



Penny and I continue to enjoy our retirement years. With this freedom we enjoy traveling to the region conventions and board meetings and being able to spend some extra time exploring the host cities. We were able to attend the National Convention in Kansas City this summer. I enjoyed attending clinics and Penny was busy with the Non-Rail program and it's always a joy to visit with our friends at these events. In a previous bio I mentioned that I have earned four Achievement Program (AP) certificates. Hopefully (hope springs eternal) there will be time to continue work on other AP certificates.

I would appreciate your vote allowing me to continue to serve, you, the members of the Midwest Region for two more years as President. I look forward to working with the other Board members while carrying out the business of the Midwest Region.  
Steve Studley

### Reid Kahrs, Wisconsin Southeastern Division Incumbent

I joined the NMRA after attending the 1985 NMRA National convention held in Milwaukee. I've been a (WISE) Wisconsin Southeastern Division board member, serving as a Division Director, Chief

Clerk, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent. During the twenty-five years on the WISE board I've helped at Trainfest with setup and during the train show.

Currently I am the Midwest Region Vice President and served previously as director-at-large for two terms (four years). Also, I serve as region convention committee chairman. My wife, Chip, and I regularly attend regional and national NMRA conventions. 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 operate on many home layouts and with opsig groups during the past 10 to 12 years.

I would like to continue serving you as your MWR Vice President. I enjoyed my first term as Region Vice President. Thank you for your vote.



### Jim Landwehr, Fox Valley Division

Hi. My name is James Landwehr and I'm running for Midwest Region Director-at-Large. As a previously elected DAL officer (2014-2018), I attended every Board of Directors meeting. In the fall of 2014 I also accepted the position as Midwest Regional Achievement Program Manager, which I still hold, to help assist members on their journey through the achievement program.



I've been a member with the NMRA since 2006. Over the years of membership, I've had the opportunity to be increasingly involved in the NMRA and have been a board member of the Fox Valley Division since 2007 as the Achievement Program & Contest Trainmaster. My responsibilities afforded me the opportunity to assist members of our division on their way through the Achievement Program, and promote the monthly contest participation.

I would be honored to serve the Midwest Region as a Director-at-Large.

## **Jerry Peterson, Michiana Division**

**Personal:** My name is Jerry Peterson, and I live in Stevensville, Michigan. I am married with three children and five grandchildren.



**Professional Background:** I retired in 2017 after 32 years working at the Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Michigan. During my time there, I was a Plant Operator, a Senior Administrative Compliance Coordinator, a Senior Project Engineer and finished my career as the Procedure Program Owner. Prior to working at Cook, I spent fourteen years in the Nuclear Navy serving on various submarines and support ships.

**Hobby Experience & Interests:** I started with my 1948 American Flyer train set, which still runs around our Christmas tree. In the mid 1970's my eldest son and I constructed an 8ft by 8ft HO layout capable of running 3 trains simultaneously. We moved this layout from Groton, Connecticut to Virginia Beach, Virginia to Berrien Springs, Michigan. The layout currently resides in Bellevue Nebraska with my son. Currently, I am building an N scale layout with the help of my grandchildren. This is also my first adventure into DCC.

**NMRA Experience:** I have been an NMRA member since March of 2013 and currently the Michiana Division Achievement Program Manager. I am interested in becoming a Midwest Region Director-at-Large, so I can continue to serve the NMRA 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.

## **Gary Children, Wisconsin Southeastern Division Incumbent**

I am a candidate for Director-at-Large of the Midwest Region of the NMRA. I was appointed to fill this position for the person who was elected to fill another position. I would like to run another term as Director-at-Large. In the past I have been regional president, Vice president, and model and Photo Chair for the region.

There are several things between the region and division that need to be worked out. National also

has come up with certain things such as the 501c3 tax exemption that need to be addressed. We, as a region, can work these things out with the help of all regional people.

I am a life member of NMRA and I model the Wisconsin Central, Southern and Santa Fe in S gauge. I have been railroading since age 5 with a Lionel train set given to me for Christmas. At age 15 I changed to HO gauge and at age 55 I changed to S gauge. I also enjoyed helping restore car #26 at the East Troy Trolley Museum. At this time I am also the AP director of the W.I.S.E. Thank for your support.



## **John Coy, Central Indiana Division**

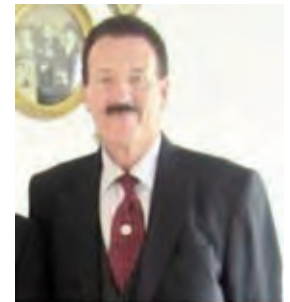
I have always promoted and shared the hobby with others. I joined the NMRA because its goal is to promote and share the hobby.

Railroading is in my blood and my passion! Many family members were railroad men. My love of the hobby began in 1964 at Christmas when my parents gave me an American Flyer wind-up toy train. I ran that train until its spring broke! Years later, 1970s, I became involved in HO. In 2011, I changed to O scale and created 'The Glacier Line' which is a highly realistic 3-rail layout.

The GL is on the front cover of CTT-- November 2018. The Glacier Line has been featured in other publications as well two professional videos. It has its own YouTube channel.

I am proud to say upon joining the NMRA I encouraged my wife and crew to join as well. We are all members now! I'm already involved in the AP and am currently writing articles or the NMRA. I'm on multiple Internet sites promoting the hobby and often meet with local people.

It would be my honor and privilege to represent you as a MWR Director-at-Large Thank you.



BERLIN--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

GE Transportation (NYSE:GE) announced today at InnoTrans 2018 a new high-speed diesel engine program, which will serve the locomotive, marine and power generation segments. The engine platform will provide improved fuel efficiency and reliability, as well as lower lifecycle costs.

"This new, high-speed engine will be a game changer for our customers," said Dominique Malenfant, Vice President of Global Technology for GE Transportation. "They will enjoy reduced operating costs and increased availability with this engine. It will generate annual savings for customers of up to \$12,000 in diesel and \$4,000 in services."

Compared to similarly sized locomotive engines, GE Transportation's high-speed engine will offer a 5 percent better total cost of ownership. It will be 5 percent more fuel efficient, saving customers more than 6,000 gallons of diesel per year. The engine also will reduce maintenance costs by 10 percent and provide 184-day service intervals. Overhauls will be on 10-year intervals.

"We are leveraging our expertise and technology in the medium-speed engine segment to create a smaller, power-dense engine platform for products such as shunters and light-weight locomotives," said Malenfant. "This new program will open up new segments for our business."

The combination of a powerful engine at a smaller size and weight makes the platform ideal in regions like Asia, Africa, South America, Australia and New Zealand, which require lighter locomotives. Kazakhstan Temir Zholy (KTZ) will be the first to use the new engine to power the 300 shunter locomotives ordered earlier this year. GE Transportation will deliver the first shunter to KTZ in 2019.

"GE technology is the primary driver for developing Kazakhstan's rail industry," said Kanat Alpysbayev, Chairman of KTZ. "The high-speed engine will provide our new shunter fleet with the performance and maintainability needed to conduct our operations in a cost-effective manner."

GE Transportation is developing the platform for application in multiple segments. The company is designing the high-speed diesel engine in 12- and 16-cylinder configurations with a maximum-rated horsepower of 2,500 and 3,300 respectively. At 7.40 lbs. per horsepower, the design will be 40 percent more powerful per pound compared to a medium-speed engine. It also will be digitally ready with remote prog-

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Add that appeared in the Chicago Tribune in December, 1947. I was not born yet, but I seem to remember that you could go to the electric company and buy toys.

nostic capabilities to improve performance and reliability. Additionally, the engine design will meet the emission standards for both the European Union's Stage III A/B and the International Union of Railways' UIC Stage I/II.

The core architecture of the engine platform was jointly developed with GE Distributed Power, incorporating decades of high-speed engine experience across the Jenbacher and Waukesha product lines. GE Distributed Power is targeting a serialization of the technology to introduce a range of stationary gas engine operating potentially as soon as 2020.

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# Did you know?

**NMRA National Convention Clinics in the Members Only section on the NMRA's Website**

Numerous videos were made of clinics at several recent National Conventions. These 85 videos, initially available on DVDs from the NMRA Library, are now becoming available in the Members Only section of the website. You can browse and view them either from the Education menu or the "Watch Convention Videos" button on the Member Home Page.

**You can watch a National Convention Clinic - AT HOME.**



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**Room Rate \$67**

Note: You must be a member of the National Model Railroad Association to attend. **Membership will be checked.**

Spouses or significant others do not need to be NMRA members to attend the Friday tours, Saturday night banquet or Non-rail events.

A 9-month "rail-pass" membership is available to new members for \$20. **See below.**

If you have ever purchased a NMRA RailPass Membership , you cannot do that again. You must sign up for a full NMRA membership to attend this year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA # (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Check if this your first MWR or TLR convention.

Event	Price	Total
Member Registration (postmarked before April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019) Includes all clinics, rail tours (limited to the first 168), and Saturday lunch and Banquet	\$97	
Spouse or Guest Registration Includes all clinics, rail tours (limited to the first 168), and Saturday lunch and Banquet	\$97	
Registration postmarked after April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	\$107	
Modeling with the Masters info on page 2	\$25	
9 Month NMRA RailPass for Non-NMRA members	\$20	
	<b>Total</b>	

**Please indicate which events you will attend**

	Member				Guest			
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Local Industry Tour					Non Rail Tours			
Operating sessions see page 2					Saturday Lunch			
					Saturday Banquet			

List any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Send form and check to (checks payable to Thousand Lakes Region):

Gerry Miller  
1040 Hawkeye Dr.  
Dubuque, IA 52001

2019mwrTLRconvention@gmail.com

If you are signing up for the operating sessions or modeling with the masters this sheet needs to be filled out and returned with your registration form.

MODELING WITH THE MASTER: Below are 3 clinic day/time choices. Select your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> preference and circle your scale choice. There will be 25 modelers per session, limited to 75 modelers. There is an additional cost of \$25.00 to cover the cost of the model.

Tool list for the clinic is on the TLR web site please look over so what you will need to bring along to build your model.

Friday, May 17, 7:00 – 10:00 am Build a small, puddle jumper bridge with styrene and wood

HO N

Saturday, May 18, 7:15 – 11:30 am Build a DPM building HO N

Saturday, May 18, 1:00 – 5:00 Introduction to building a laser wood kit N HO S O

### Operating sessions:

Please check the day or days you would like to operate. Layouts will be posted on the website when more information becomes available. If multiple layouts are available, you will be contacted pick which layout/layouts you would like to operate.

Thursday Night

Friday Night

Saturday

**Any questions send them to [2019mwrtlrconvention@gmail.com](mailto:2019mwrtlrconvention@gmail.com)**

## MWR-TLR Joint Convention in La Crosse, WI in 2019 Contest

Kennedy Gauger, TLR Contest Director

This is the first in a series of email messages to provide information to encourage your participation in the various types of contests, or as the NMRA now calls them, Celebrations. They are calling them Celebrations because, in addition to the judged model contest, there are other areas of the hobby and skills of our members and their family members in which to participate and share their talents. I will be up front here. I would like to see more participation by our membership in this element of our convention. That said, I realize many do not want to be judged by others or they are concerned that the criteria for judging are not uniform. I'll have more to say about the judged model contest in a future email. For this email, let's understand what options for participation there are.

In the following table I present the areas that comprise potential entries at the convention.

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<b>Non-Judged People's Choice (these have limited paperwork)</b>	<b>Evaluated by Volunteer Judges (these have more formal paperwork)</b>
Model Showcase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Complete or,</li><li>•In-process models or,</li><li>•Railroad-oriented projects</li></ul>	Models: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Complete or,</li><li>•In-process models or,</li><li>•Railroad-oriented projects</li></ul>
People's Choice Favorite train Photo Match Photos	Photographs to include a digital photograph category
Arts and Crafts	Modules
	Passes

You can see that there are many non-judged categories, each with limited paperwork requirements. If you prefer, you can enter in other categories that are judged, which have more detailed paperwork requirements. I'll have more to say about the various categories and paperwork needs in future emails. Please seriously consider making an entry in the 2019 convention next May. The convention is eight months away so you have plenty of time to work on an entry and may already have several completed.

### Paperwork Associated with the People's Choice Awards

During this email, I would like to introduce the topic of NMRA paperwork requirements. These are relatively simple, and not onerous, certainly no more complicated than completing drivers license paperwork. The form is the NMRA Contest Entry Form, NMRA Form 901:

[https://nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/contest/nmra\\_contest\\_entry\\_form.pdf](https://nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/contest/nmra_contest_entry_form.pdf). If you don't have a computer with printer and are interested in obtaining an NMRA Form 901, you may request it from the TLR Contest Director, Kennedy Gauger. His complete contact information is in the TLR Fusee. As noted below, you will

We will discuss the categories for the People's Choice awards here, whereas, in a later email the Judged models will be discussed. The Judged Models have some other paperwork requirements which are not complicated but are somewhat more involved.

## **People's Choice Award Categories**

### **A. Model**

- a. Favorite Train
- b. Locomotive (steam, diesel, or traction)
- c. Rolling stock (freight, passenger, non-revenue)
- d. Caboose
- e. Structure
- f. Display

### **B. Arts & Crafts**

- a. General
- b. Needlework
- c. Railroadiana

### **C. Photo** (B&W or Color)

- a. Model Print
- b. Phototype Print

### **D. Special Award Categories**

- a. Photo Match. We sought a description as to what this category entails. It "...is for models that are displayed along with a photo of them. The decision to be made [by popular vote] is how well did the modeler match his model to that photo."
- b. Thumbs (this is a humorous/whimsical model flat car or gondola car with load described in an earlier email).

An NMRA Form 901 accompanies each entry and includes the name and other, primarily contact, information at the top, Contest Events in the middle, which are primarily boxes to be checked along with an Entry Name. The entry name is important. At the bottom of the form, required conditions needing to be met are listed and at the bottom of the form is an entrant/modeler signature line. When Form 901 is entered at the convention, the Contest Director or designee will provide a claim number/check so the model can be picked up afterwards.

Paperwork is cited by some as an obstacle to participating in the convention contests. For all entries all that is required by the entrant is an NMRA Form 901 to be completed. For Judged Categories, NMRA Form 902, the NMRA Contest Judging Form is also required. More will be discussed for Judged Model entries in the next email message, but my key advice is that you take notes as you build your model. Its relatively easy to remember how you are doing something in the present that how you did something in the past. Until next time, have fun with your People's Choice and Judged modeling projects!

## Midwest Region 2019 Ballot

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

### **President** *(Vote for/Check One)*

[ ]        **Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division**

[ ]        **Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Vice President** *(Vote for/Check One)*

[ ]        **Reid Kahrs, Wisconsin Southeastern Division**

[ ]        **Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

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

[ ]        **Jim Landwehr, Fox Valley Division**

[ ]        **Jerry Peterson, Michiana Division**

[ ]        **Gary Children, Wisconsin Southeastern Division (*Incumbent*)**

[ ]        **John Coy, Central Indiana Division**

[ ]        **Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

[ ]        **Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

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*To validate your ballot, please print your:*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**NMRA No.\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Division** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Division Code\* 28 /** \_\_\_\_\_

*\* From your membership card. Also, you can go to <http://www.mwr-nmra.org/mwr2016/mwr.divisionmap.html> to look up your Division assignment based on your Zip code. "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 Jim Osborn, 2202 Bay Oaks Dr. McHenry, IL 60051-3710. Your ballot must be received no later than Thursday, January 31, 2019.*

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