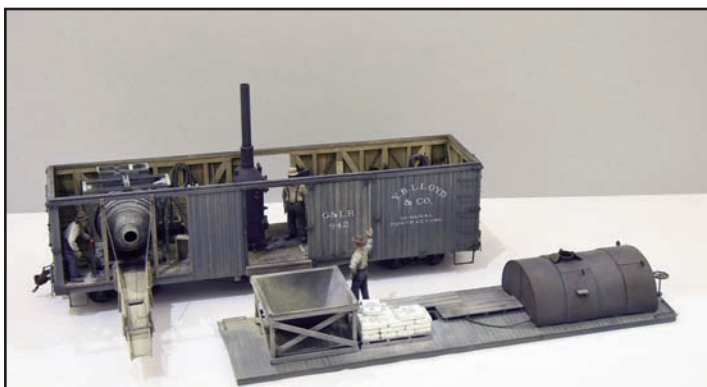


Waybill

Mid West Region NMRA –
Summer 2022



Convention Issue



Sam Swanson Best of Show



Rod Thompson
Favorite Display
and Display Best of
Show



Denna Dramm Best of Show
Arts and Crafts



Jim Allen MWR First
Place, Display



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Editor's Column

This issue is mainly devoted to the convention. There were 82 models, ten displays, 36 photos and eight arts and craft entries, a total of 136 entries. Forty-five merit awards were earned. Obviously I could not show all the winners, but I have included some first place and popular choice winners. You can see all the contest entries in large photo format on the MWR website at: <http://www.mwr-nmra.org/mwr2016/mwr.contestphotos.html>

COLOR. For those of you who receive a printed version of the Waybill, I hope you were pleasantly surprised when you received your last issue. I asked the BOD if I could print in color, as all the other regions were doing. My request was approved so from now on you will see the Waybill as I see it, in color.

The Waybill is a little late this year, as I was on vacation in Europe for a few weeks. I found the people very friendly and willing to help 4 lost American tourists find their way. The food was excellent, never a bad meal and the beer was always cold.



The transportation system was amazing, be it the London Tube, busses or high speed trains. Imagine going from Amsterdam to London in 4 hours, without a change of trains. Right: St Pancrass Station, London
Above: Maze of wiring outside the door of the London tube.
More on page 9.



Saturday-Sunday, June 18 - 19, 2022 32st Annual Strawberry Fest Model Railroad Show.

A fun filled family event featuring activities for children as well as adults. Operating model train layouts, demonstrators, exhibitors and vendors from throughout the upper Midwest will be on hand to entertain, answer questions and sell you the latest in model railroading fun. Enjoy the food and strawberry short cake at Virgie's Railroad Diner. Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM. at the Waupaca Recreation Center, 401 School Street, Waupaca, WI. (At the intersection of School, State and Badger Streets) FREE. The historic Waupaca SOO Line Depot will also be open on Saturday and Sunday. A large collection of railroad artifacts and a G scale layout are featured in the depot. For information see www.wamrtd.com, call (715) 259-8218.

The Central Indiana Division of the NMRA is pleased to announce the dates for the Franklin Train Show at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, 250 Fairground St. Franklin, IN 46131, August 27-28th, 2022. Hours are as follows Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Admission \$3.00 person or Family \$5.00. Demo's, Door Prizes, Back Shop Service, Displays, Operating Layouts, Free Parking, Food available. Website: www.cidnmra.org Dealers Contact: Michael Roderick 317-833-3556 or franklintrainshow@hotmail.com for info or table rental

Mid West Region NMRA – Spring 2022

President's Report

Bob McGeever President, MWR

I have a few topics to cover this month. The first topic: Email Communications with the Membership.

There is a developing school of thought that tools and services needed by all the divisions could be provided by the Regions or the National. The Divisions would not have to spend their time and resources “reinventing the wheel”. Reliable email communications with the membership is one of those tools. These days, it is fundamental to running a division.

My home division converted the monthly newsletter from a paper copy mailed to each division member to a digital newsletter distributed to the membership using email. We did it because the cost of the hard copy was unsustainable. The hard copy format was fixed at twelve black and white pages per month. The digital version broke those restrictions. We could have 20 color pages if we had the content. Or just 8 color pages if it was a slow month. All in all, it would be a big improvement at a much lower cost.

Everything was moving along nicely until we tested the email distribution. Some members got the notice, some did not. Our editor was using a personal email account to send out the notice. Some ISPs were okay with the large number of folks on the email, some were not. And we don't even want to talk about the work needed to maintain the mailing list in her private email account. It was a mess. Instead of making it simple to distribute the newsletter, we had made it way more complicated for our editor.

Back when I was the MWR Secretary, I would have similar problems with the meeting notices and meeting packets I sent BOD members. A large number of folks copied on an email with several large attachments just plain freaked out some of the ISPs some of the time. There was no consistent pattern to the failed emails. Many times, I did not even get a rejection notice from the ISP.

The MWR has had a Constant Contact email service account for several years. It was originally used by the Region and the Fox Valley Division. They split the cost. The Constant Contact service is recognized by the ISPs as a safe bulk email service. All of

the regional members and division members are organized into mailing lists built from the monthly membership reports we get from the National. There is also a mailing list for the MWR BOD members and Division supers. Jim Osborn suggested we should use Constant Contact to handle the BOD meeting communications. I had to admit I had no idea why I wasn't using it other than my predecessor wasn't using it when I took over the job. It is what I call a “duh” moment. Once we converted to Constant Contact for BOD communications, things started to run really smooth. You may know where this story is going.

My home division started to use the Constant Contact service to distribute the newsletter. Then we started using it for meeting notices, Zoom links, and other communications to the division members. It worked really smooth. We split the cost with the Region and the FVD.

When the WISE division started it's rebuild, an early issue was reliable communications with the members. They started using the Constant Contact service to communicate to the division members. It worked really smooth. Now we were splitting the cost four ways.

I had another “duh” moment. Instead of just a few divisions using this service, and sharing the cost, why not roll it out to all the divisions and the region will pick up the tab for everybody. It would cost the region about \$600 a year to provide this tool to all the divisions. The MWR BOD approved this idea at the May meeting. Currently five of the MWR divisions are using the service. The others will be phased in as the interest develops. Contact Jim Osborn at: webmaster@mwr-nmra.org if you would like to join the program. He will fill you in on the process.

One of the lessons to be learned from this is: You are not alone. Whatever issue you are trying to address for your division, you are probably not the only one with the same challenge. Talk to your counterparts in other divisions. See what they have done when faced with the same issue. One of them may found a good solution you can copy.

Another lesson to be learned from this: If all the divisions in the region have the same issue to solve, we really should be looking for a regional solution. I was thinking the next regional solution might be a Zoom account. We all use them. Some accounts are paid for by the division and some by a division member. But Zoom is a little more

complicated. And the upcoming release of the “NMRA Interchange” may provide the functionality of a Zoom meeting at no cost to a division. So that is on hold for now until we know just what the NMRA Interchange will do for us.

I am open to suggestions as to other services the region can provide for the divisions. Send me an email at mwrprez@mwr-nmra.org

The second topic: The fall meeting of the MWR BOD.

My recollection is that for the past few years we have held the fall meeting of the BOD on a Sunday in November somewhere close to the Wisconsin – Illinois state line. While this is really convenient for me, it is not a location near the center of the division. So, I sent an email to selected Division Supers looking for a location for the fall BOD meeting. Jim Tatum of the IVD was the first to respond so he gets the honor of hosting the fall MWR BOD meeting in October, possibly on a Saturday, in Peoria Illinois. We have some details to work out. We will keep you posted.

The third topic: No Regional Convention in 2023.

To be blunt, we don't think we have the horsepower and the lead time to put on a convention in 2023. Especially with the COVID induced loss of active members. The success of the Indy Junction convention demonstrated that, in this day and age, it takes more than a single division to put on a worthwhile convention. We need to figure out a way to put on the convention that aligns with the resources we have available for the work. Maybe it should always be a multi-division or multi-region event? Maybe we should put on a medium to large convention every two years instead of a small convention every year? Indy Junction drew over 500 attendees. A typical regional convention draws maybe a third of that. The larger the attendance the more we can budget for the convention content. Steve Studley and Dan Hinel are the leaders of the Convention Committee, and they are exploring these topics. We are planning to hold a convention in 2024.

Some help maybe coming from the National. They are looking into a national contract with a ticketing service. Details are still preliminary but having an established method to collect the fees and publish schedules for a convention would be a big help. One less wheel to reinvent.

Region News

Midwest Region Achievement Program Report

by Jim Landwehr- MWR AP Manager

Great news regarding the Achievement Program! We now have a brand-new Master Model Railroader in our Midwest Region! It is my pleasure to announce that on March 21, 2022 National awarded Master Model Railroader #700 to Dan Hinel of Westside, IN. He earned his certificates in Civil, Motive Power, Volunteer, Electrical, Dispatcher, Scenery, and Official. If you know Dan or see him at a meet, be sure to congratulate him on this major achievement in the hobby. From everyone in the Midwest Region, congratulations, Dan on earning Master Model Railroader #700.

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:

Dan Hinel	Westside, IN	MMR
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Phillip Burnside	Avon, IN	Electric
Roger Blocks	Three Lakes, WI	Civil
John Leow	Marquette, MI	Cars
Chuck Gevaert	Oconomowoc, WI	Golden Spike
Harry Evans	Oconomowoc, WI	Golden Spike
Robert Niedermann	New Berlin, WI	Golden Spike
Carl Priepke	Germantown, WI	Golden Spike

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

Thanks,
Jim

**Fall Board of Directors Meeting
TBA**



1st Place Kit Non-Revenue Car-Richard McPherson, MWR.
Weed Sprayer & Chemical Tank Car



1st Place Kit Freight Car-Tom Cain, MWR,
ATSF Stockcar #25087



1st Place Kit Caboose-Dave Roeder, MCR,
Consolidated Paper Company Caboose



1st Place Kit Passenger Car-Richard McPherson,
The Pullman Exhibition Train



1st Place Kit Diesel & Other Locomotives-John Munson,
MWR, Virginian SD30



1st Place Scratch Passenger Car-David Zolnierk, NCR,
Silverton RR Yankee Girl Coach



1st Place Scratch Caboose-Kevin Jones, MCR, On30 Disconnect Truck Logging Caboose



1st Place Scratch Freight Car-Roy Allen, MCR, Rio Grande Southern Stock Car #7302



1st Place Scratch Traction-Jim Kehn, MCR, CD&ME Co. #1003 Traction Flatcar



1st Place Scratch Non-Revenue Car-Thomas Atherton, MCR, C&S Snow Plow



1st Place Kit Structure-John Munson, MWR, Coal Mine

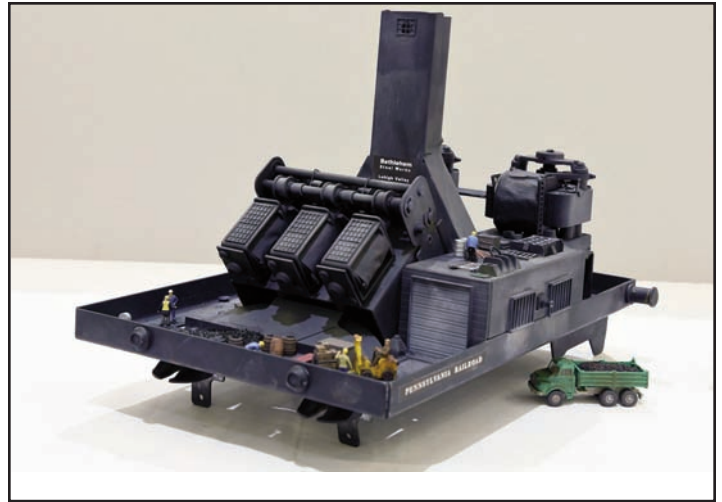


1st Place Kit Steam Locomotive-Dave McMullian, NCR, Boston & Maine P-4a Pacific #3713

People's Choice Awards



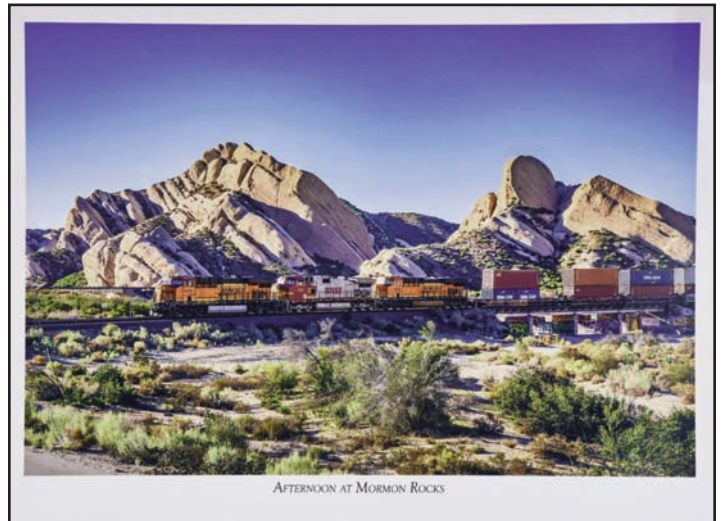
Favorite locomotive-Brook Qualmam NCR DRT Electric
Also 1st Place Scratch Diesel & Other Locomotives



Favorite Structure-Lawrence Goodridge, MCR,
Blast Furnace



Favorite Model Photo-Neal Schorr, MCR,
Port Royal PA, 1957



Favorite Prototype Photo-Michael Hauk, MCR,
Afternoon at Mormon Rocks



1st Place Scratch Structure-Daniel Banks, MWR,
Antigua Curtiduria de Toro



Photo Best of Show-Michael Hauk, MCR
Spring Morning, Cajon P16



1st Place Model B&W Photo-Rick Ware, NCR,
Cooper & Sawyer Rwy, Modular Layout



1st Place Color Prototype Photo-Michael Hauk, MCR,
48 Lake Effect



1st Place Model B&W Photo-Rick Ware, NCR,
6 Locomotives Around Turntable



1st Place Color Prototype Photo-Michael Hauk, MCR,
48 Lake Effect



1st Place Arts & Crafts Needlework-Marie Ware, NCR,
Blu Daylily Art Quilt



1st Place Arts & Crafts Railrodiana-E. Phillip Doolittle, NCR,
Handcar Shed on Hillsdale Wye

More train photos from Europe.



Barons Court stop in London, looking out the door.



Still using 4-wheel bogeys in France.



Eurostar train in the Gare du Nord in Paris.



Train time at the Gare du Nord in Paris.

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