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Editor's Column

Well, another year has managed to slip away. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

I ran across a very interesting Powerpoint on the NMRA website entitled "NMRA Member Benefits." Some of the topics were: Fellowship, Free Liability Insurance, Model Railroad Collection Insurance, Club Liability Insurance, NMRA Parternership Program, NMRA Online Library, NMRA Online Video Library and much more.

Train Shows

In addition to Mad City (see page 13,) some other train shows to consider: Arctic Run in Stevens Point, Wi January 20-21. Holiday Inn Convention Center. See page 13 for more information

Rock River Division Train Show will be March 16 and 17, at Harlem High School, 9229 N Alpine Road, Machesney Park, Il 61115

Titletown Train Show will be April 1-2 at the KI Convention center in Green Bay, Wi.

Springfield Model Railroad Society Train Fair, March 12, 2023 Orr Building, Springfield Il.

If you would like me to include information about your train show or event in the Waybill, just drop me a line. IMPORTANT-I CAN NOT use documents with embedded photos. My publishing software is old and it will not accept embedded pictures. Please send them as a TIFF (preferred) or JPEG.

Let's Share! Let's Communicate! Let's let each other know!

John Coy, MWR Clinics

At the Midwest Region Board Meeting yesterday (November 18, 2023), a topic of discussion was all of us, EVERYONE, including you, sharing information about what is happening in any Division so that a person from any other Division may know what's going on in case that person would want to participate.

Please know that there is a "**CAL-NDAR of Events & Happenings**" on the MWR Region Webpage. You simply need to go to the "**CLICK HERE**" option to provide the information about your event. It is FREE. Best of all it provides an opportunity for NMRA Members outside of your Division the chance to participate/attend your Division's event.

This "**CALENDAR of Events & Happenings**" on the MWR Region Webpage is the IDEAL method for letting others know what's going on in your Division.

On the Cover

The cover photo is of Emory Luebke, MMR®'s Soo Line based Winnebago Rapids & Northern Railroad. It is set in January, 1956 and offers a lot of action. The picture shows Easton Jct, named after good friend Larry Easton.



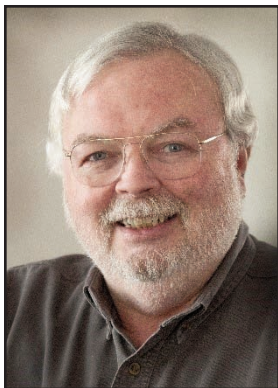
In order to help is operators see behind the mountains, Emory installed a mirror on the ceiling.

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President's Report

Bob McGeever President, MWR



Now that we have got some real traction on rebuilding the process for putting on the spring conventions, I think it is time to take a hard look at the two meetings we traditionally hold as part of the convention, the Board of Directors meeting, and the annual Meeting of the Membership.

The Midwest Region holds two Board of Directors meetings per year. The spring meeting is supposed to be part of the regional convention, and the fall meeting was hosted by one of the divisions. For a long time, we held the fall meeting at Trainfest. These locations worked because most of the BOD was going to be at the host event. But still, attendance was hit or miss. In those days, this was the only practical method for the BOD to get together.

Post Covid, we have been trying to make the BOD meeting easier to attend by changing the days and locations. I thought it would be a good thing for the BOD to visit more of the Divisions. The results have been mixed. It seems no matter where we go or what day we pick, a fair number of the BOD members will have a conflict or not be able to do the travel needed to get to the meeting. We have had a Zoom option for those who couldn't travel to the meeting and that has helped a bit.

I could now go into many paragraphs of examples of why the current process for holding the BOD meetings is not working very well but life is short. So here are my conclusions:

1) By holding the BOD meeting as part of some other event we are creating attendance con-

flicts for the BOD members. You have to take time out of the event you are attending to go to a BOD meeting.

2) The time and cost of travel to attend a two-hour BOD meeting is becoming excessive. Many of the BOD members are already priced out of attending the meetings.

3) If we want to have active BOD members, we have to make it easier to be part of the BOD meetings.

One of the action items at the most recent BOD meeting was to set the date and time of the spring 2024 BOD meeting. I turned it into a discussion of how we hold these meetings and is it time to go to an online meeting? I got a lot less push back than I expected. It seems I am not the only one with some doubts about the logistics of the live meetings. So, we are going to look into changing the format of the meetings. All options are on the table at this time.

As part of the discussion, we decided to hold the spring meeting in coordination with the upcoming convention in South Bend. It will be on the Sunday after the convention because we figure most of the BOD that attends the convention won't be going home until Sunday so it will not add a hotel night to the cost, and it will not tangle up the convention proper with BOD meeting.

One of the other action items of the recent BOD meeting was to set a date for the 2024 annual Meeting of the Members. I questioned the need to even hold this meeting any longer. We present a few reports to the membership at these meetings. Reports we could send to each member. This meeting made a lot of sense back in the 1950's when communication options were so limited, but I think we have outgrown the need for this meeting. We will hold the MOM right after the spring BOD meeting, but we are going to look into dropping it. Maybe will replace it with a regional Zoom session or maybe a regional report we will email to you. Again, all options are on the table.

My bottom line on these meetings is we seriously need to review how we put them on. Can we find lower cost and more time efficient ways to do it? We are a volunteer organization. One thing about volunteers, you can't ask for more than they are willing to give. Asking a BOD member to spend hundreds of dollars and ten hours of drive time to attend a two-hour meeting is not going to encourage folks to volunteer for the job.

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:

Timothy Jones	Galesburg, IL	Golden Spike
Arthur Dawson	Brooklyn, WI	Volunteer
John Dramm	Waunakee, WI	Dispatcher
Gary Baker	Perkin, IL	Scenery
Gary Baker	Perkin, IL	Civil
Robert Perry	Avon, IN	Author

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

Thanks, Jim

Election Biographies for 2024 Candidates

Yes, once again it is election time. Up for election are four positions for Director-at-Large. This year we have seven candidates for those four positions, meaning your vote is of utmost importance if you want your candidate(s) to win. If you prefer to vote online, Webmaster Jim Osborn has set up an eballot on the JotForm secure site, the ballot can be reached at: <https://form.jotform.com/233234651436958>

Director-At-Large Ron Clendening Central Indiana Division

I am asking for your consideration as a Director-at-Large candidate. I have loved model railroading ever since I received a Tyco trainset as a little kid. Between running the wheels off that Santa Fe F unit and growing up just blocks away from McDoel Yard in Bloomington, Indiana (shortly after the Monon

had merged into the L&N), I was all about trains. These days I'm still in HO scale, now modeling the L&N, and I'm passionate about building structures from both kits and scratch. I've been a proud member of the NMRA since 2016 when I joined during the Convention in Indianapolis. My motivations for serving as a director include supporting the mission of the Region, and helping current and prospective members discover the value of being part of the NMRA.

To pay for trains I work for Indiana University where I am the Executive Director of Marketing and Communications for the Kelley School of Business. I am privileged to lead a team of 35 talented individuals as we focus on growing awareness and enrollment for the school. I've spent most of my marketing career in consumer packaged goods working on global brands including Kleenex Facial Tissue and Valvoline Motor Oil. In 2015 I made the move to healthcare joining Indiana University Health where I helped launch the Urgent Care service line and supported Orthopedics and LifeLine before moving to IU in 2019. I have both a bachelors and an MBA from Indiana University but my best connection with IU is that my wife Robin and I met there as undergrads and have been married 28 years. We have two grown children now away in college, and we live in Avon, Indiana with two cats that frequently become apocalyptic creatures on an HO scale layout.

Director-At-Large Dave Mashino Central Indiana Division

My name is Dave Mashino. I am married with three children and eight grandchildren. I completed a



tool and die apprenticeship at Delco Electronics in Kokomo, Indiana and earned an associate degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Purdue University. After fourteen years



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with GM, I started a tool design company which after eight years was purchased by Lorentson Manufacturing, a mold builder in Kokomo, IN. After 20 years with Lorentson Mfg. I retired as engineering manager/shop manager here in Kokomo.

I have been interested in Model Railroading for as long as I can remember and have been a member of the NMRA since 2016. Since retiring I have become much more involved in the NMRA. I have served on the Midwest Region Board as a Director-at-Large for the past two years. I am in my second year serving as a Trainmaster in the Central Indiana Division as well as managing the CID's Danville, Indiana train show for 2023. I am participating in the Achievement Program with the goal of someday qualifying as an MMR. I am a member of the Midwestern Model Railroad Club, a round robin club which meets monthly. I am also the superintendent of the Wildcat Valley Railway, my basement empire and part-time(?) job. I would appreciate your vote for Director at Large for the Midwest Region.

Director-At-Large
John Coy MMR®730
Central Indiana Division

Salutations!



Once again, I, John Coy, am asking for your vote for Director-at-Large. I thoroughly enjoy representing all of you on the MWR Board of which I just recently completed a four-year term that ended May 2023 due to term limits. Currently, I serve as the Assistant Superintendent in the Central Indiana Division (CID). I have served for several years for the CID Board. I have done my best to promote the hobby

and the NMRA since joining in August of 2018. I have assisted in putting on multiple events, written many articles and have done everything I could including encouraging others to participate in the Achievement Program and NMRA events. To say that I'm heavily involved would be the understatement of the year. My only regret is not joining the NMRA many years earlier.

I serve as the Clinics Manager for the Region. In the CID, I serve as the longest tenured Member of

the AP Committee, Co-manager for the Avon Train Show and Modeler's Meets. I have served on a Board continuously since joining the NMRA, less my first 90 days. I truly appreciate each and every one of you who has voted for me in previous elections. Please vote for me for Director at Large beginning May 2024! Thank you.

Director-At-Large
John Koehler
Central Indiana Division



Hi, I'm John Koehler, I appreciate the opportunity to run for the D.A.L.. I've been doing trains since I was 6 years old. My dad got me started when he showed me his Standard Trains that he had as a kid. (1939 era). My brother and I went on to build H.O. models which I still have and are being used on my current layout today. (Models are 61 years old now.)

I joined the NMRA 6 years ago and have started getting more and more involved with the Lafayette group and the Indy group of train guys through op. sessions.

I am passionate about the hobby, especially the building of various models, cars, scenery, etc. I cannot tell you how much that I have picked up and learned while talking to other people in the hobby. There was one member who was referred to me to help me with programming DCC. I cannot tell you how much that helped me with what I was trying to do. (I knew nothing about DCC at the time) That's the part I like the most is getting to meet people who love doing this hobby and are willing to help others with ideas to make it more enjoyable.

My various experiences in leadership and positions held in the past include; many church boards, Rotary Board, Vice President and President of the Crawfordsville Rotary, and President of my Life Underwriters Association.

If you would consider and vote for me for the D.A.L. position it would be appreciated.

Thanks for reading,
John Koehler

Director-At-Large

John Poray

Central Indiana Division



I live in the Plainfield, Indiana area and have been a member of the NMRA since 2008. I started in the hobby at 12 years old with my first, small HO layout. Other layouts came and went. I began my current layout in 2001, which is "proto-freelanced" based on the New York Central System in northern New York State.

I served four years on the board of the Central Indiana Division (CID) beginning in 2019. During that time, I managed the CID Danville Train Show in 2020 (cancelled due to the pandemic), 2021 and 2022. In 2019 I assisted with the Danville Show and oversaw judging of the 100x100 scale square feet model contest. Also that year, I served as a member of the division financial audit committee.

For the Indy Junction 2022, three-region convention, I was responsible for facilities, managing the train show and arranging portable operating layouts. I have hosted tours of my layout during the 2016 NMRA National Convention, Indy Junction 2022, and for two division-sponsored events. I began holding operating sessions in 2022.

Professionally, I served for 44 years in the management of non-profit, membership-based organizations, retiring on December 31, 2020. The last 28 of those years I was executive director of a national professional association of television and radio engineers. My career provided me with the opportunity to work with volunteers, manage events and budgets; experiences that will serve me well as a member of the Midwest Region Board.

The hobby has provided me with much enjoyment. Service to the Midwest Region will provide a way for me to help the hobby grow and advance.

Director-At-Large

Phillip Burnside

Central Indiana Division

My friends call me the mad scientist because if I see something I like, I design and build a model of

it. I have been an avid model railroad since my father and I starting building models together some 45 years ago. My father and I were active members in the Baltimore Society of Model Engineers throughout the 1980's. I have lived in Avon, IN for eighteen years. I am modeling the present-day steel industry located in Pittsburgh PA. To build many of the unique scenes I have been using my mechanical engineering knowledge to design and build most of his steel mills on my layout using 3D printing. In addition, I also serve on the Board of Directors for the Steel Mill Models Special Interest Group of the NMRA. I have received several awards for my 3D printed models include the Dean Freytag award for the most unique industrial building at the 2016 NMRA National Convention. This was an animated model of the 1920's blowing engine house for the Edgar Thompson Steel Mill. I also retired from the US Navy August 1st, 2020 after 30 years of service that included a tour on the ground in Iraq. This year I have completed eight certificates for my MMR.



Director-At-Large

Ron Johnson

Rock River Valley Division

I live in Rockford, IL and belong to the Rock River Valley Division. I've been a model railroader in my heart and imagination since childhood, but more active within my Division and in the creation of the Spokane Portland and Seattle Railroad in my home during the last twenty years. We didn't have enough room for a railroad in my childhood home, though I did build a tiny HO "layout" about 20" X 30" which sat on my desk. It had one circle with about a 14" curve at either end. But I had fun and it kept my interest for over 40 years even if only in my imagination. I retired from 26 years of HS teaching in 1997 and then waited another



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Midwest Region 2024 Mail-In Waybill Ballot

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

Optionally vote on-line at the MWR website <https://www.mwr-nmra.org/> and save a stamp!

Director-At-Large - 2 Year Term (Vote for up to Four)

- Rob Clendening, Central Indiana Division
- Dave Mashino, Central Indiana Division (Incumbent)
- John Coy, Central Indiana Division
- John Poray, Central Indiana Division
- John Koehler, Central Indiana Division
- Phillip Burnside, Central Indiana Division (Incumbent)
- Ron Johnson, Rock River Valley Division
- Write-In _____
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- Write-In _____

To validate your ballot, please print your:

Full Name _____

NMRA No.* _____

Division Name _____ or Division Code* 28 / _____

* From your membership card. Or you can go to <https://www.mwr-nmra.org/mwr2016/mwr.divisionmap.html>

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Note: "Midwest" is not your Division!!! It is your Region.

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Your ballot must be received no later than Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

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er 20 years or so before I joined the RRVD and began building the SP&S in my basement.

I've been active in the Rock River Valley Division for about twenty years serving on the board in one capacity or another. For many years, I organized what we called the Young Engineers where kids from ages seven to young teens could build a "blue box" box, flat, hopper, etc car with the help of one of our division members and a relative during our annual train show. I also have served as the clinician chairman in our division to the present. In 2016, I was the chairman of the RRVD committee which organized the Midwest Region Convention in Rockford.

A bunch of other men, the 13 year old grandson of an attendee and my adult daughter and I run trains once a month during my SP&S operation. I love my model railroading obsession. I am most interested in finding a way to interest model railroading to young people including children and young adults. I love my model railroading obsession.

Sunshine Region Convention

By David J. Leider MMR®

I had the pleasure to meet Gordy Robinson MMR®, president of the NMRA at the recent Sunshine Region Convention. I found him to be friendly and insightful, with a dry sense of humor.

He spoke of some current and future changes in the NMRA, including recognizing people for 2, 5 and 10 years participation, rather than the usual 25 and 50 years. The idea is to make people feel welcome. It has been found that if new members stay 3 years, chances they will stay 12-13 years.

As part of his campaign on transparency, he showed where every dollar of the dues was spent.

This year a lot of members were added and if projections hold, this will be the first year since 1992 that membership has increased over the prior year.

He pointed out that there are about 350-450,000 model railroaders in the country and that Virtual Railfan, a U-Tube channel, has 670,000 followers. Yet there are only 550 members in the Sunshine Region and only about 75 attended the convention. He asked where the others were, and why hasn't Florida, with its booming population, attracted more members.

His goals for the NMRA include:
Increasing engagement and brand awareness.



Gordy was born in Scotland and lived in Manchester. A photo of him and the editor at the convention.

Growing awareness that we even exist.

Sharing our message with a wider audience.

Engagement that introduces scale model railroading to the world.

Ensuring that the NMRA brand is recognized globally.

Producing new member materials.

He said that the NMRA was all about making friends for life.

One thing

that he did at the banquet, and I think all divisions should do, is have the all the MMR's in the audience get on stage and shake the hands of the people as they get their AP certificates.

In talking to him at the vendor show, I was pleased to learn that he is a big Wisconsin Central fan. He is modeling the WC and Wisconsin Southern from Duplainville north.



Gordy speaking at the convention.

Midwest Region Annual Convention
The Century Center
120 Doctor M.L.K. Jr. Drive, South Bend,
IN 46601
May 2-4, 2024

Franklin Train Show 2023

Michael Roderick

Franklin Train Show Manager

What a great train show we had just last month. First of all, I want to thank everyone that helped with the show because without you I could not have done it. We had over 1,400 people including attendees, vendors, volunteers.

We are looking forward to a great show again next year which will be held on August 3rd and 4th. We did a lot of marketing for this show all over the Midwest Region Area along with the surrounding Regions. We add new vendors and 4 new manufacturers. Everyone express what a good time they had and was looking forward to next year. I had vendors asking me to sign up for next year before the 2023 train show was over.

We advertise in the following magazines for the Franklin Train Show 2023 which some of them are new to the Central Indiana Division but are familiar to the Midwest Region especially in the St. Louis area. Other ways we continue to get the word out about the show. We are using all forms of social media to promote this show to maximum ability within our budget that we have, and where I can get free advertising, I take full advantage of it at the local level and regional and national level. We also have newspapers information about the show to publish in their local newspaper on local events happening in the area we canvas the whole state of Indiana and parts of Ohio and Kentucky.

We advertised in Model Railroader, Classic Trains, Trains, Cowcatcher, NMRA, SRHA, Rail Model Craftsman, Model Railroad News, Model Railroad Hobbyist, Rusty Spike, Owl Car (WISE Div.), Illinois Terminal Division, DuPage Division, Michiana Division, The Waybill, Facebook and state newspapers in IN, KY, OH. We will be on WFMS in August. Festival Country, Indiana will promote our show on the radio in Franklin closer to the show.

We sold a total of 261 tables to vendors. The American Legion, VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary was a great help with looking for arm bands at the doors. We let them have tables to promote their organizations in return. The Beech Grove Moose Lodge provided the lunch for a reasonable cost to the attendees and vendors, without the support of these two groups this show would have a higher cost overhead.

Between all of them we had 18 come out and help us.

We had NMRA member Randy Bowman's wife and two sons who helped set up and tear down tables this year and that was a great help. We appreciate them very much. The boy scout troop double booked themselves and was unable to help but we will get them for next year.

With the increase in table cost this year we still had vendors on the waiting list. We grew the manufacturing side of the vendors and that has been paying off for this year alone. We continue to make this show to have the best mix of manufacturers and mom and pop vendors which are the Divisions main source of vendors.

With a developed base of manufacturers that will draw attendance we will build a strong and loyal attendance base for years to come that will draw from not just the local area but the surrounding states as the best 2-day division show in the Indianapolis Area. We are starting to see the fruits of the ground work that I laid out five years ago when I took over the show in 2019.

We had the following layouts at the Franklin Train Show 2023, Trevor Jones, Cintrak, Pacific & Eastern, Indiana Large Scale Railroaders, Indiana Live Steam, Middlefork Railroad Club, Johnson County Live Steamers, Ella Shelton and Dave Little, these are just a few of the layouts that was at the Franklin Train Show.

Clubs are an integral part of the train show and I have been working with the following clubs to get them back at the show again next year. The following clubs were Middlefork, Cintrak, Pacific & Eastern Club and Naptown. Yes, these are just a few of the clubs that were at the show.

We had an American Rail Passenger Representative to present information on Amtrak rail safety free to the public. We will continue to bring them back as Passenger service is a very integral part of our history and our future.

We are going to use Facebook again to help with marketing. There was a change in the Franklin Train Show flyer, one is designed for Facebook, Reedit, and other social media platforms. I have a Vendor Show Flyer that is produced in house and a Train Show Flyer that is now sent to the printer that shows attendees will pick up more often because it is geared for them and not the vendors.

We will be having door prizes like we do every

year. We always have plenty of door prizes for Saturday and Sunday. You do not have to be present to win these but you must fill out an attendee registration form with complete readable information so we can contact you. The attendee registration form will be used for the door prizes so please fill one out if you would like a chance to win. There will also be some door prizes during each day that you must be present to win. We have some door prizes already for the train show.

I will be sending out vendor registration before long because I have had vendors call me asking for them. They want to get their tables paid for all ready for next year. Looking to have a great train show again in 2024.

Return of RPM Naperville

By David J Leider MMR®

This year marked the return of the Naperville RPM after an absence of several years. It was held in the Northern Illinois University Conference Center in Naperville. From what I saw it was a huge success. Instead of being held in a hotel, with uncomfortable seating, rooms too hot or cold, AV equipment that does not always work and other issues, it was a joy to present in the facility. Being a classroom, the seats were arranged to face the screen and the equipment worked, even the sound system.

As usual, there was a vendor room(s) as well as plenty of good models and top-notch clinics from beginner to expert. It was good to see old friends and make new ones.



National News

The question came up at the recent MWR BOD meeting as to how many NMRA members have emails and have signed up for access for the website. The answer is very surprising. Of the 16,600 or so members, 14,450 have emails on file with National. Of those 9,266 members have an nmra.org account. 225 of the 9,266 have created an account but never signed in..

So roughly 64% of those with an email have taken time to create an account. That is 58% of the total NMRA membership so barely half of the members take advantage of the NMRA site. Daniel Banks



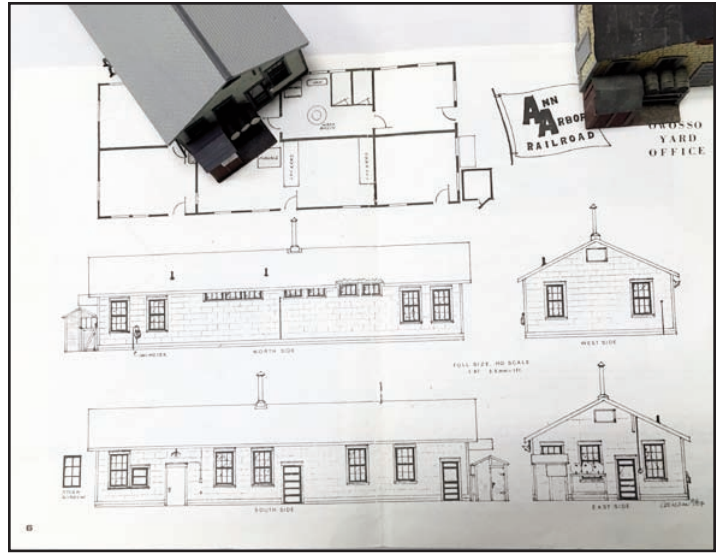
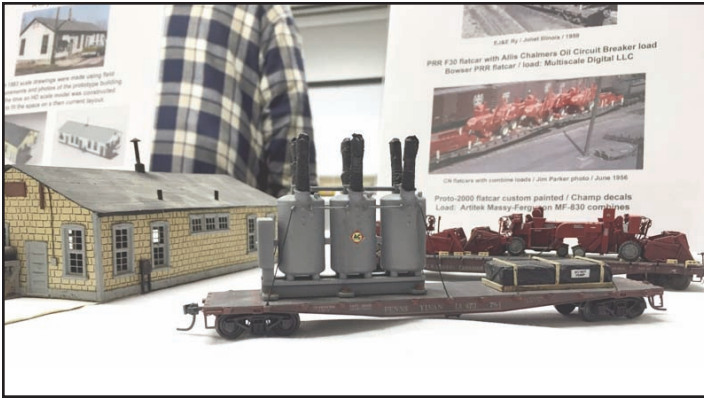
Above: Mike Hirvela and Gordy Robinson MMR® at the NMRA booth at the show. Mike is vice president of the Midwest Region as well as superintendent of the Fox Valley Division.

Left and Right: A sampling of some of the models on display. There were two rooms devoted to models. The models do not have to be finished, many work-in-progress examples were shown.



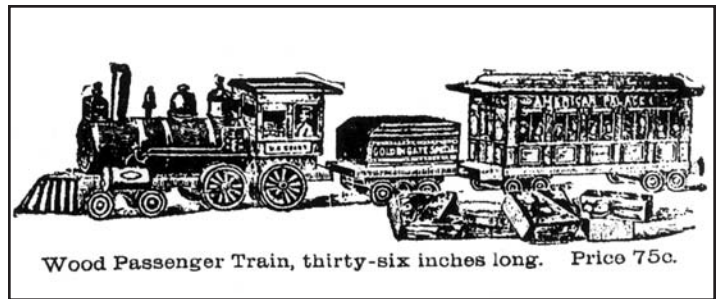


Above: The Midwest Mod-U-Trak group displayed their amazingly prototypical HO and N scale layouts. The left picture is taken looking down on the HO version set up in the entrance to the building. The photo to the right shows a Chicago & Western Indiana engine taking a train around the layout.



Above left and right An example of the signwork and detail that some modelers do for their displays. This was by Craig Wilson of Cadillac, Michigan showing the work he has done in the last 40 years to model the Ann Arbor Owosso yard office and some freight cars.

Season's Greetings from the Midwest Region Waybill Staff



A Christmas toy add from the Chicago tribune circa 1893.

100,000 Square Feet!

56th Annual

MadCity

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February 17–18, 2024

Saturday 9am–5pm • Sunday 9am–4pm
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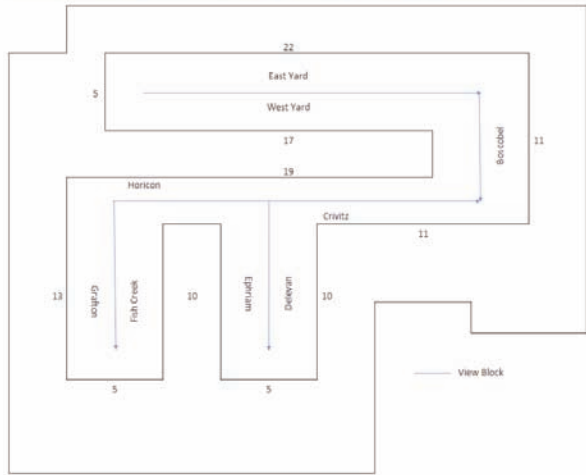
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Saturday-Sunday, January 20-21, 2024
26th Arctic Run Model Railroad Show & Sale.

A fun filled family event featuring activities for children as well as adults. Operating model train layouts, exhibitors, and vendors from throughout the upper Midwest will be on hand entertain, answer questions and sell you the latest in model railroading fun. Saturday, 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday, 10 AM – 3 PM, Stevens Point Holiday Inn and Convention Center, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point. Adults \$5.00, \$2.00 age 12-17. Children 11 and under are FREE. For more information call Jim Miller (715) 340-0265, jimbro67@gmail.com or Don Anderson (715) 340-8105, cwnr_mnw@yahoo.com.





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