

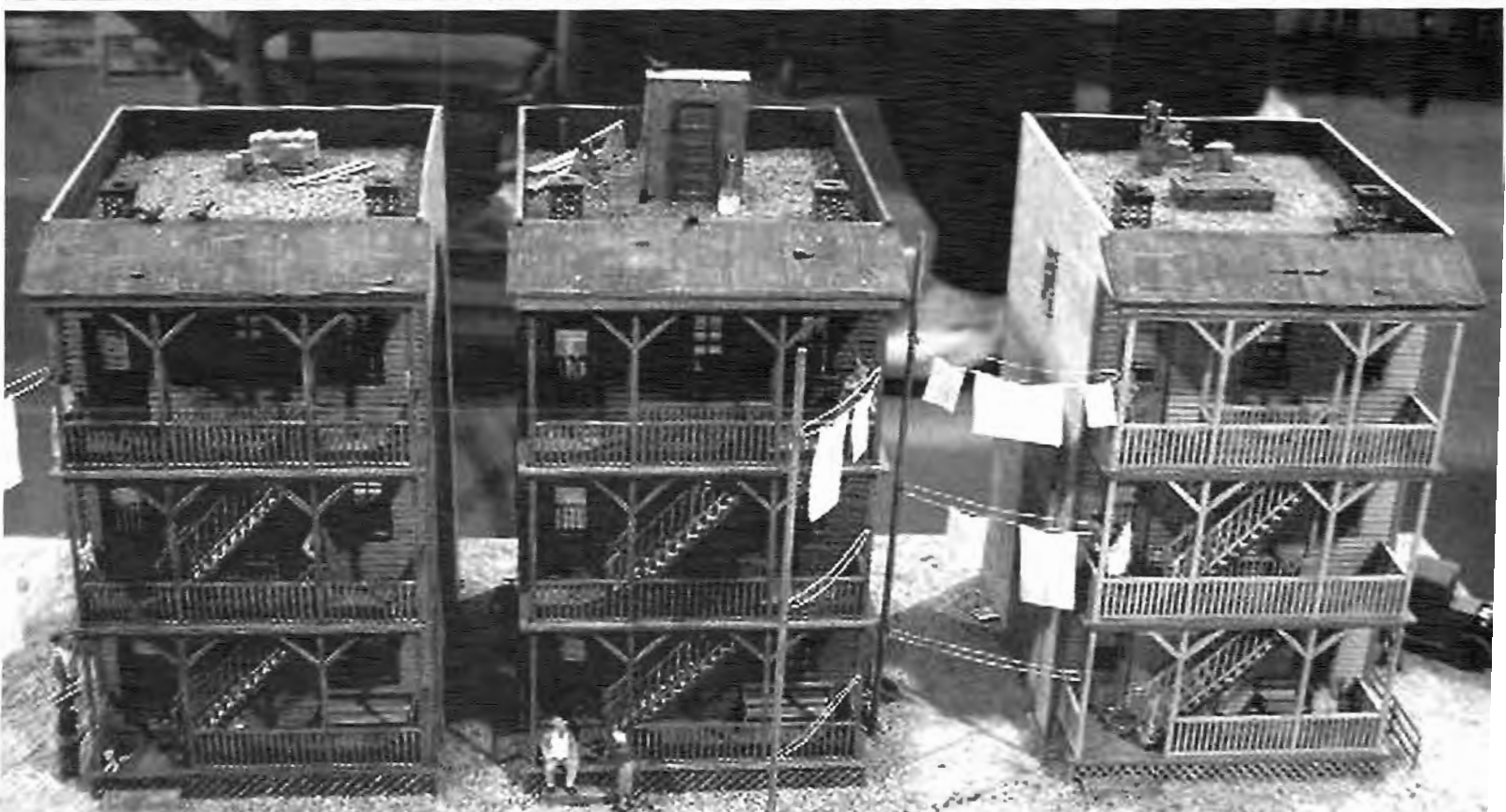
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"TWENTY-ONE"
HOOSIER CONNECTION CONVENTION REPORT

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COVER PHOTOGRAPHS



TOP COVER PHOTO: Kankakee, Beaverville & Southern has this a retired Alco locomotive fitted out with a large snowplow in the nearby town of St. Anne. The story starts on page 4. Photos by Jim O'Toole



LOWER COVER PHOTO: The First Place Display Off Line at the Hoosier Connection Convention was crafted by Art Vanderwater—the HO scale, Trackage Tenements. The full list of winners may be found on page 11.

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In 1949, Lima-built Berkshires were the mainstay of Nickel Plate Road freight power when this photo was made in Bellevue, Ohio. That one of these remarkable machines (765, owned by the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society) should survive as serviceable in the 21st Century is a story in itself (see page 30). The photo was taken to celebrate the opening of a brand-new engine facility that year in Bellevue.

courtesy 48/ft, O Scale News

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The Kankakee, Beaverville & Southern

By Jim O'Toole



If there was ever a short line railroad worth modeling, it would have to be the Kankakee, Beaverville & Southern. The railroad operates with vintage Alco diesels, except for two recently leased EMD's. It has an engine terminal that is easy to model in a small space.

There are no wye's or turntables to turn the engines. The yard trackage is not complicated or wide, and most of the customers are grain elevators, each totally different in size, design and style.

The day we stopped at the terminal, there were a couple of Alco units sitting outside of the engine house, and one had the paint peeling off of the front nose and you could see the original owner's (Norfolk & Western) logo. There are a couple different paint schemes among the different model series of the Alcos. If you politely ask, you may be allowed to walk around the engine terminal (outside of the building) and take pictures. They may even be willing to talk (and talk) about their



railroad if they're not too busy.

Just south of the main terminal yard is a *bone yard* with a couple of scavenged Alco units that have been used for parts for the operating units. You can't call a parts distributor and order Alco parts anymore, so they cannibalize what they can find.

There is an Alco resting on a cribbing of ties, the trucks removed, another is an example of what an engine looks like after it has rolled over, and still another as an empty shell.

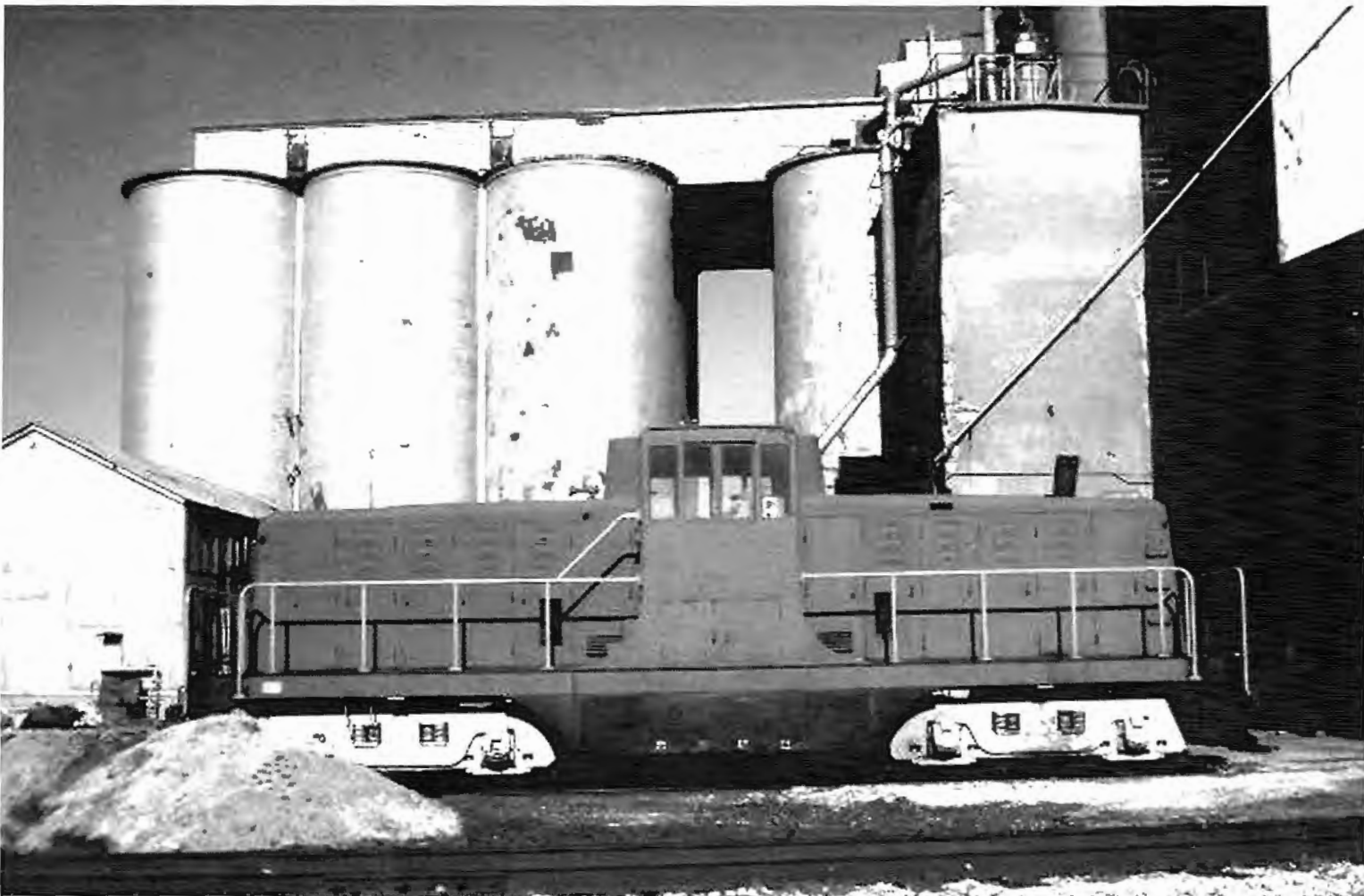
There are some odd cars and an ex-Milwaukee coal tender fitted out with a large snowplow. What's unusual about the snow plow is that it faces north for plowing. What does the railroad do to plow south? A few miles north in the town of St. Anne sits another retired Alco engine outfitted with a large snow plow on the south end of the engine. The motor has been removed and the shell filled with concrete blocks. So, they must use an operating locomotive to go south to pick up the tender to plow north to get the southbound plow to go the other way. Unique.

In the town of Iroquois, we found an 80-ton General Electric center cab diesel locomotive that belonged to the

local grain elevator to shunt cars around. The locomotive was painted a medium dark blue and had no other markings at all — no company name or identity numbers, not even safety lettering.

If you have a free day or weekend, a visit to the Kankakee,

Beaverville & Southern would be time well spent. You can find a starting point just outside of the city of Kankakee and follow the tracks south, eventually reaching Illinois Route 52, and then parallel the tracks south. Where else can you go to find operating Alco locomotives?





The Kankakee, Beaverville & Southern's two main routes cross at Iroquois Junction, Illinois. The route on the bridge is the former Milwaukee Road "Southeastern" and the line passing underneath is the former New York Central "Big Four" route. The KB&S built the interchange ramp on the right. photos by Jim O'Toole

The Prototype Would *Never* Do That

By Jim O'Toole

If the accompanying bridge pictures were of a model on someone's layout, the modeler would be criticized not following the prototype—but, these *are* actual photographs of the prototype bridge!

While heading to the *Hoosier Connection Convention*, Grant Law and I were following the Kankakee, Beaverville, & Southern (KB&S) south from Kankakee, Illinois, and eventually along US 52. South of Donovan, Illinois, is Iroquois Junction—the main offices, yards, and engine terminal of the KB&S.

There, located just north of the engine terminal, is the grade separated crossing of the old Milwaukee Road "Southeastern" and the former New York Central "Big Four" line, now both owned by the KB&S.

The railroad operates a segment of the Big Four (NYC) extending from Lafayette, Indiana, to Kankakee, Illinois; a segment of the Milwaukee Road's Southeastern extending from Hooper, Illinois, to Danville; a segment of the Nickel Plate from Cheneyville, Illinois, to Templeton, Indiana; and two short segments of Conrail's (NYC) Danville Secondary



The steel girder sections of the bridge are connected by a short section of wood-pile trestle.



US Route 52 is a two-lane highway where it passes under the former Southeastern route. The highway passes between the piers of the center support of the deck truss section of the bridge.

line to Free and Stewart, Indiana.

At Iroquois, Illinois, the Southeastern crosses over the Big Four and US 52 on this most unusual bridge. Although there was never a junction or interchange track at this location, the KB&S built an inclined interchange track from the Big Four up to the Southwestern in the southwestern quadrant to connect the parts of their railroad.

Evidently, the original structure was once a double-track bridge, but this has been reduced to single track. The concrete piers still indicate the double tracking and the steel portions of the structure shows the cutting marks of the reduction. Talking to a gentleman at the KB&S terminal, we were unable to gain any further information about the history and dates of the bridge's original construction or modifications.

There are a multitude of different bridge types all in this one structure. From the north, there are two sections of deck-plate girders crossing over Route 52, a wood-pile trestle, a through-plate girder, a steel-truss bridge (skewed), another through-plate girder, and another wood-pile trestle, to an embankment. The south embankment has been reduced in width from the double track to a single track width. The wood pile trestles are also based on a single-track design,

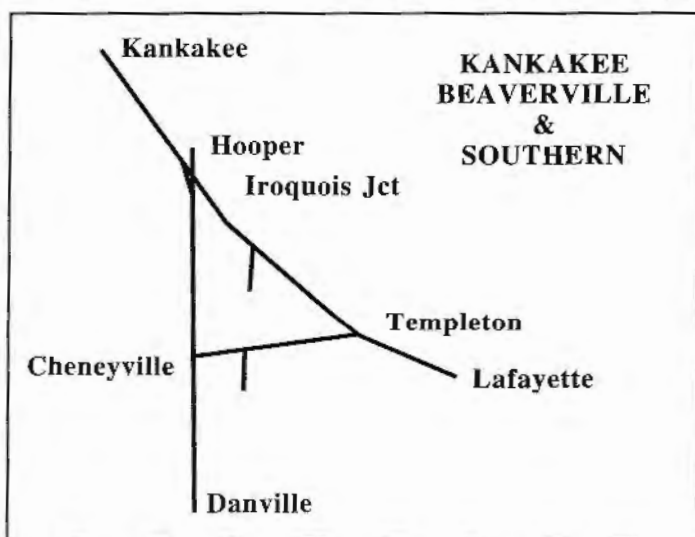
which would indicate that the wood portions were installed (or rebuilt) after the single tracking.

The bridge crosses Route 52 on an unusual concrete and steel span pier that has concrete piers on either side of the highway connected by a steel girder upon which the bridge rests. This span pier is also wide enough for two tracks.

The Milwaukee tracks was purposely elevated for this crossing and the embankments raise the tracks from the flat grade and return to grade. The south embankment remains above grade for quite a distance to the south. The interchange track rises from grade to meet the south embankment about 100 to 150 yards south of the end of the bridge. At the turnout there is still no evidence of the double tracking.

The KB&S, itself, is unusual in that they still feature Alco diesels (as of 2001), and until very recently that's all they used. They obtained the Alco's and used some of them for parts to keep others running. Just recently they leased two EMD units.

This is really an unusual bridge on an unusual railroad and it would be worth the trip to see and photograph it. Remember, what you see today may not be there tomorrow.



Another short section of timber-pile trestle is used on the south end of the bridge,



Although the embankment is only wide enough for a single track and that the wood-pile trestles are only one track wide, the concrete bridge supports are made wide enough for double track.



The wood-pile trestle sections are made with rather straight-forward construction. The bridge has a walkway with a wire guard fence.

Twenty-oh-one— The Hoosier Connection Convention

The 2001 Spring convention was held in Noblesville, Indiana, the weekend of April 27–29, and was well attended (based on many recent convention attendances) and an excellent series of clinics were presented by a good variety of clinicians. Even a clinic was conducted by Allen Pollack, the National President of the NMRA.

The contest room was pleasantly filled with a good assortment of photography, car, locomotive, and structure entries. The following list of winners will attest to that. It was a surprise to not have any N scale model entries, but there was an excellent G scale building model entered.

A good selection of home layouts filled Saturday and Sunday afternoon with plenty of activity. The only unfortunate part was the mileage to cover them all. But,

fortunately the mileage was worth the time to go see them. The quality was well worth the effort.

The Annual Meeting of the Mid West Region was conducted and the State of the Region presented. The newly-elected officers were announced and presented.

Saturday night held the anticipated auction. There were more than 240 items to first review and then bid on. The auction ran long into the evening, but proved successful.

Sunday morning was the Board of Directors meeting with the results of the election made official and the new officers finished conducting the meeting. A tremendous thank you goes out the entire convention committee for all of their efforts and good planning. It was a successful and entertaining convention.

Contest Results

The full list of Contest Results begins on page 12. These are just a few of the models that received awards, photographs courtesy of outgoing MWR President Jim O'Toole.

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Gary Children would like to thank all who participated and expressly the judges.



BEST OF SHOW CRAFTSMAN 114 Pts.

Robert J. Moskal Memorial Award

Frank Hermanek—HO scale ACL Ventilated Box Car



BEST OF SHOW MASTER

Frank Hermanek—HO scale REA Express Reefer



BEST OF SHOW KIT BUILT: 103 Pts

Paul Brown—HO scale ATSF wood reefer



BEST OF SHOW NOVICE 102 Pts.

Thomas Cain — HO scale AT&SF Iced Reefer #11052



STRUCTURES ON LINE

1st Place

Ron Lane — G scale
Mann Creek Mercantile/Café



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STEAM ENGINE

1st Place Jim Spice — HO scale, DR&G K63 #1229



DIESEL AND OTHER LOCOMOTIVES

1st Place Thomas Cain, HO scale, Santa Fe B23-7 #6400

2nd Place Thomas Cain, HO scale, Santa Fe B23-7 #6410



DISPLAY OFF LINE

1st Place

Art Vanderwater — HO scale, Tracksides Tenements

PHOTO ON LEFT

Bob Frankrone — HO scale
Hardware Store with Lumber Shed

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AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY & SLIDES

ROBERT J. MOSKAL MEMORIAL AWARD PHOTO CONTEST

Richard Cecil—"Milwaukee Road SD9 on Bridge"

BEST OF SHOW PHOTOGRAPH

Richard Ware—(Color Photograph) "Under Watchful Eyes"

PROTOTYPE COLOR PHOTOGRAPH

- 1st Place *Rich Ware*—"Under Watchful Eyes"
2nd Place *Bob Morrison*—"Mail on the Run"
3rd Place *Richard Cecil*—"Milwaukee Road SD9 on Bridge"

PROTOTYPE BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH

- 1st Place *Bob Morrison*—"#587"

PROTOTYPE COLOR SLIDE

- 1st Place *Richard Cecil*—"Conrail on Old B & A"
2nd Place *Rick Ware*—"Final Days"
3rd Place *Paul Brown*—"BNSF Pig Train"

MODEL COLOR PHOTOGRAPH

- 1st Place *Rick Ware*—"Hear that Engine Purr"

PROTOTYPE COLOR SLIDE

- 1st Place *Richard Cecil*—"V & O Over the Parrot Mine Spur"
2nd Place *Rick Ware*—"Mine Run"



PASSENGER CAR

1st Place

Jim Spice—HO scale
DR&G Silverton Excursion Car

MODEL CONTEST AWARDS

ROBERT J. MOSKAL MEMORIAL AWARD MODEL CONTEST

Frank Hermanek—HO scale, ACL Ventilated Box Car

BEST OF SHOW, MASTER

Frank Hermanek—HO scale, REA Express Reefer

BEST OF SHOW, NOVICE

Thomas Cain—HO scale, Santa Fe Iced Reefer #11052 (102 Pts.)

BEST OF SHOW, KIT BUILT

Paul Brown—HO scale, ATSF wood reefer (103 Pts.)

BEST OF SHOW, CRAFTSMAN

Frank Hermanek—HO scale, ACL ventilated box car (114 Pts.)

STEAM LOCOMOTIVES

Jim Spice—HO scale, DR&G K63 #1229

DIESEL AND OTHER LOCOMOTIVES

- 1st Place *Thomas Cain*—HO scale, Santa Fe B23-7 #6400 (88 Pts.)
2nd Place *Thomas Cain*—HO scale, Santa Fe B23-7 #6410 (88 Pts.)
3rd Place *Phil Randall*—1:30, N21 Yellow Freelance Plymouth

PASSENGER CAR

- 1st Place *Jim Spice*—HO scale, DR&G Silverton Excursion Car

CABOOSES

- 1st Place *Bob Frankrone*—HO scale, Soo Line Bay Window #31

FREIGHT CAR

- 1st Place *Thomas Cain*—HO scale, Trailer Train Bulkhead Car (94 Pts.)
3rd Place *Phil Randall*—On30 scale, Free-lance Black Tank Car

NON REVENUE CARS

- 1st Place *Bob Frankrone*—HO scale, Vulcan Steel 25 Ton Crane #15

STRUCTURES ON LINE

- 1st Place *Ron Lane*—G scale, Mann Creek Merchantile/Café (94 Pts.)

DISPLAY ON LINE

- 1st Place *Jim Spice*—Hon3 scale, Moneco Flag Stop Station

DISPLAY OFF LINE

- 1st Place *Art Vanderwater*—HO scale, Tracksides Tenements (93 Pts.)
Bob Frankrone—HO scale, Hardware Store with Lumber Shed



DISPLAY ON LINE

1st Place

Jim Spice—Hon3 scale
Moneco Flag Stop Station

Hot Summer? Think Snow!

by Greg Heier



Gerry Souter shows his *Avalanche!* module at Highwheeler 2001.



Work crews try to salvage RG&A No. 46 from its precarious perch on the mountain side.

tracks, connecting it with other modules are below the snow scene.

Close inspection shows a “forced perspective”—Gerry used N scale figures higher on the slope to make the hills seem even taller.

Gerry described how he built the dramatic module in the December, 1999, issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman*.

The whole module is shown in this view. Note how the scene towers above the through tracks.



A Photo Tour of...

Highwheeler 2001



ABOVE: Gary Children and Mike Hurlburt

LEFT: Larry Scharz

BELOW: So many displays... who has time to shop?





ABOVE AND RIGHT: Norm Schreiner of the Chicagoland Association of N Scalpers (CLANG) tends the CLANG Sn3 layout.



BELOW AND RIGHT: Carl Lanz pilots his HO interurban along the tracks of the modular Northwest Traction Group.





LEFT AND ABOVE: Mike Hirvela and Bob Blohm of the Waukegan Modular Railroad Club talk during a lull at the Highwheeler 2001 show.



ABOVE AND LEFT: The Northwest N-Trak Club had a large N scale modular pike set us at Highwheeler 2001.

BELOW: Bill Fisher passes signals on the layout of the Arlington Heights Society of Model Engineer.





Richard Cecil,
the newly-elected MWR President

I'd like you to meet **Richard Cecil**, your new Mid West Region President. Of course, a lot of you already know Dick. He's been active in Region activities for more

than a few years, but for those of you who don't attend MWR meets, here's a photo I took at this Spring's meet.

As your outgoing MWR president, I present my final report. It has been four years since I was allowed to lead the Mid West Region and set the direction to bring the MWR back from certain financial ruin. Our financial position at that time would, if we were lucky, have allowed us to operate for maybe six months at the most. The treasury was almost non-existent. Almost all of the Region Services were forced to reduce or cancel their programs in past years due to lack of funds to work with. The MWR was looked at as the example not to follow by the other Regions.

We reviewed the situation and recommended a direction to establish a Region Program as the most practical of any options presented. There was a general reluctance to accept dues but after the point was put to the membership vote, it was accepted, and passed. We had established a target of trying to retain at least 1,000 members as Region Members. The NMRA showed a total national membership of 2,600 living in the Region when we started dues. The Mid West Region currently has in excess of 1,600 Supporting Region Members.

Our current financial position has money in the bank, and the Region is stable. We are not rich, but have money to re-establish services to our members. The tight control of finances by our Treasurer, and restraint in spending by the Board of Directors has established a responsible program of monetary stability. A copy of the financial report can be found in this issue of the *Waybill*.

The Board of Directors has embarked on a program of updating and upgrading the MWR Constitution and Bylaws. Many of the provisions of the MWR Constitution need to be changed to incorporate current legal requirements. There are statements that can be construed to be out of line with the law. Some of the Bylaws require changes to allow the Board of Directors to properly manage the business of the Region with these new laws. Some of the reviewed items have created some interesting "discussions" at the Board of Directors meetings. Any and all of the changes in the MWR Constitution will be

Ex-President's Report

By Jim O'Toole

submitted to the membership for approval and acceptance by vote before the changes can be adopted.

The MWR has made headway on application for our 501c3 application. Reviewing situations that other groups have gone through with their applications, our committee has checked specifically all of our documentation and the requirements of the IRS before we submit. We will ask to have a vote of approval by voting Region Members at our next annual meeting at the Spring Convention 2002. This is a requirement for the final petition of the 501c3 request.

The *Waybill* has improved, even though I still allow mistakes to sneak in when I'm not looking. The Region is still looking for someone capable to take charge of the *Waybill*. The improvement from photocopied issues to the current magazine is apparent. We have had the assistance of Greg Heier and Joy Forsberg, of *48/ft. O Scale News*, to do the actual layout and preparation of the copy and pictures for printing, and arranging to have Rochelle Printing do the printing and mailing of the magazine has actually saved money. The issues of the *Waybill* cost us less than a dollar an issue. Since Rochelle Printing uses the glossy, polished paper for their other printing, it actually costs us less than using standard paper. It would cost too much to have them change the large paper rolls on the presses from the paper they normally use. We still need input from members about railroad and modeling related topics to include in the *Waybill*.

The Youth in Railroading Fund has been sitting, and gaining interest money, for four years. We need your ideas on ways to utilize the funding in ways to attract youth, both boys and girls, to look at model railroading as a possible hobby. Captain Al Nelson has agreed to chair a committee to outline a program of how the fund is to be used, how to add to the fund, and what kind of programs to develop. Any and all ideas submitted will be reviewed towards implementation.

As a final note, I would like to seriously thank everyone on the Board of Directors, both recently past and current, for all of their support, and faith, and specifically their assistance during the last four years. Together we have changed the direction of the Mid West Region, and brought it back to life. The Region was not managed by a single individual but a cohesive team dedicated to improving the quality of membership in the Region. We have started a positive program and the new Region management will continue that direction. My only request is that everyone support them as you have supported our team. As I stated in a previous editorial, getting involved will tremendously improve what you can get out of the NMRA.

Mid West Region News

NEW MWR REGION OFFICERS

At the Noblesville, Indiana, *Twenty-oh-One Hoosier Connection*, the results of the Mid West Region Spring Election were announced.

- **Richard Cecil** received 92 votes to **Mike Hurlburt's** 88 votes for the *Region President*.
- **Gary Children** received 129 votes to **John Drozdak's** 48 votes for *Vice President*.

You had been asked to vote for three of four candidates for Director at Large. Due to an unfortunate problem with her membership processing, **Annette Hauser** had dropped out of the NMRA. This, of course disqualified her from the election. The remaining three candidates garnered in excess of 100 votes each, and **John Mann, Reid Kahrs,** and **Joel Lehovitz** are now the *new Directors at Large*.

A further note!. Annette Hauser was able to get her membership straightened out and presented NMRA President Allen Pollack with a new check for membership the morning of the BOD meeting. Allen promises to have it processed and entered personally. Annette volunteered to fill another Region Officer position as noted in another article in this issue. Thank you, Annette, for reconsidering and volunteering.

FALL MEET 2001—FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

The *Fall 2001 Meet* is being planned to be a Tri Regional Meet with the North Central Region (NCR), Mid Central Region (MCR) and our Mid West Region (MWR). The Northwest Hoosier Division 3 of the NCR will host this event in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on October 26 to 28, 2001. There are still some details yet to be worked out, but Mike Hurlburt is in direct contact with the convention staff and is getting more information so that we can have the Board of Directors to accept and approve this as an official MWR event.

At the MWR request, there will be an auction similar to what we normally have with our conventions. More information will be in the August *Waybill*.

HISTORIC CAR OFFERING

Calumet Division — The NMRA is offering a Limited Edition Roundhouse Three-Bay Hopper lettered for the **Chicago & Eastern Illinois**. This car is a Roundhouse Three-Bay Hopper done in Tuscan Red with White lettering. These cars will be available in three different road numbers including end numbers. The cars will sell for \$12.95 plus \$3.25 per order for first class postage and handling. If you order one or two cars the numbers shipped will be at random. If you order all three you will receive one of each number while supplies last. All shipping will be done using the US Postal three-day service; allow three to four weeks for delivery. Please make your checks payable to the "Calumet Division" and mail your order to:

Mr. Al Kamm, Jr.
20207 S Greenfield Ln
Frankfort IL 60423-8925

IMPORTANT—REGION TRUSTEE STEPS DOWN

Jack Pettee, MWR Trustee has submitted his resignation as Mid West Region Trustee. His doctor has demanded that

he must stop unnecessary activity and stress because of a medical condition that has not improved. Jack has contended with this for a while, and now the doctor has demanded that he stop.

Jack has requested that the NMRA National appoint Frank Hermanck to fill out the balance of his current term. Frank ran against Jack in the last Trustee election. Allen Pollack, NMRA President has indicated he will push to approve Frank as soon as possible.

We wish Jack a speedy recovery and a quick return to activities with the MWR.

REGION TREASURER ASKS TO STEP DOWN.

Dave Liesse has been our Region Treasurer for the last many six years and has been very instrumental in the current financial position the Mid West Region has achieved. Dave has established a solid structure to all of the various accounts and set up a complete proper accounting system. The Region has depended on available, and willing, volunteers to manage our funds, and they have done an admirable job, and, with the increase in funding the Region now has, the bookkeeping must be structured in accordance with accepted accounting procedures. Dave has accomplished this. Unfortunately, Dave has asked to step down as Treasurer due to workload at his paying job. For some reason he feels that it is necessary to earn money to support his hobby, rather than spend all day working on the hobby. Dave will maintain the books until the Summer Board of Director meeting to allow an easier transition of the bank account signatures with the new officers.

Annette Hauser has volunteered to be the new Region Treasurer. Annette has an accounting background and has held many positions with the Calumet Division and been involved with the Region as a DAL. Richard Cecil, the new Region President, has gladly accepted Annette for the Treasurer with Dave's recommendation.

BOY SCOUTS

A request has been made for volunteers to assist at the special events held by the various divisions when they deal with Boy Scout activities, especially Merit Badge programs. There have been a few events held without enough volunteers to properly support the activities. We need to have support for these programs to assist the scouts.

Please contact your local division officers to find out when scout activities are planned and *PLEASE* attend and assist. The work is not hard and is very satisfying. You can also accumulate points toward Association Volunteer. We need to keep these programs alive.

THE INTERNATIONAL MODEL & HOBBY SHOW

The International Model & Hobby Show will be held September 8-9, 2001 at the Rosemont Convention Center this year. This is a major change in schedule from the usual 'end of October' in past years. This show is a major attraction for the hobby industry as well as the public every year. This is an excellent opportunity to bring young children for the "make and take" activity and the many displays of new products.

Minutes, Annual Meeting of Members

Mid West Region, NMRA • April 28, 2001

President Jim O'Toole called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM at the Hamilton County 4H Exhibition Center in Noblesville, Indiana.

Jim began the meeting by introducing Jack Pettee, Mid West Region Trustee, and Allen Pollock, NMRA President. He also thanked Bill Litkenhous and the members of Central Indiana Division for hosting an outstanding Spring Convention.

REPORTS

Mike Hurlburt, Convention Committee Chair, commented on arrangements for the Fall Tri-Region Convention, October 26-28, 2001, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The convention web site is at nmradiv3.railarchives.com/2001convention.1.htm.

Dave Liese, Treasurer, reported that as a result of the Region Dues Program the region is again solvent. As of March 31, 2001 the General Fund has \$12,695.06 in net assets, and the Youth Fund has \$5,999.46 in net assets.

Captain Nelson, Youth Fund Committee Chair, commented briefly on use of the Youth Fund.

Jim O'Toole reported on the status of the 501c3 project.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

New Business

Gary Children, Model Contest Committee Chair, presented awards from the Model and Photo Contests, which were held earlier in the day.

Jim O'Toole announced the results of the recent election.

The winners are:	President	Dick Cecil
	Vice President	Gary Children
	Directors-at-Large	Reid Kahrs
		Joel Lebovitz
		John Mann

Dick Cecil presented Jim O'Toole with an award for his service as Region President.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Lattan
Secretary

Trustee Report by New Trustee Dave Liesse

Hello, all... I'm Dave Liesse, the new Trustee from the Mid West Region, and I'm here to help you. The Trustee has two basic responsibilities: set policy for the NMRA, and act as a liaison between the Mid West Region members and the national organization. In that regard, please feel free to contact me at any time.

We recently had a Board of Trustees meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, just before the NMRA National Convention. I won't go into details here, as I've sent them to all the Division newsletter editors, but I will mention the dues increase; we can't do enough to get the word out. Effective September 1st, Regular dues for the NMRA will increase to \$45.00 per year. The other categories of membership, which are all based on the regular rate, will go up correspondingly (new rates are \$90.00 Sustaining, \$30.00 Youth, \$23.00 Affiliate, and \$9.00 Family). For a further explanation read my column in your Division newsletter, get in touch with me, check Allen Pollock's column in the *Bulletin* or check the "News" section on the NMRA's web site www.nmra.org.

I'm sending separate columns to the Divisions and to the Region, so the majority of you don't have to read the same stuff twice. I realize, though, that some of you live in inactive divisions that don't publish newsletters. If you'd like to receive a copy of what I send to the divisions, just let me know and I'll be sure that you get one.

We're looking for three region-level representatives for national programs. If you'd be interested in filling any of these positions, let me know.

AP MANAGER John Mann has made known his desire to be relieved in this position, and I'm looking for a good worker to fill his shoes. Contrary to popular misconception, you do *NOT* need to be a Master Model Railroader to do this job. It's primarily administrative in nature, involving a lot of paperwork. At the same time, it can be very rewarding when you present mem-

bers with their award certificates. The full job description is too long to put into this column, so I'm submitting it separately for inclusion in this issue of the *Waybill*. If it turns out that there's not enough room for it, and you want to know more, please get in touch with me and I'll get you a copy of the job description.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR This is a new position being requested by Rich Coleman, the National Director of Education. The responsibilities of this job will be to coordinate information on all the educational activities taking place within the Region, keep Rich informed, and more or less act as a clearing house between Divisions. Aside from the obvious help this provides with the flow of information, it will also help to document the educational activities of the Association, activities which form the basis of our 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Having this information readily at hand certainly won't hurt the Mid West Region's application for this status, either.

MEMBER AID COORDINATOR Member Aid is a program that provides, on request, modeling information to NMRA members. The National Chair, Wil Seaver, needs a committee member from each Region to help with this program. Responsibilities include receiving requests for information and either answering them or passing them along to someone else who can. While it has been argued that this is the responsibility of every single member, and that such help is readily available through the Divisions, the fact is that there are members who, by remoteness or schedule, can't regularly attend Division Meets and may not know any other members. There are also times when no one seems to know the answer. The Member Aid Coordinator serves as a single point of contact available to everyone.

Again, please get in touch with me if you're interested in filling any of these positions. My contact information is listed in this issue of the *Waybill* on page 2.

Mid West Region NMRA Treasurer's Report, July 21, 2001

by Dave Liesse

This is my final report as Mid West Region Treasurer, as Annette Hauser will be assuming this position after today's meeting. After six years, I think it's time to let someone else have a crack at it. It's been a good time, and I thank everyone for their support.

For six years, I have been asking for an annual audit of the books. We're finally going to have one; Dick Cecil has appointed Bob Sherman to conduct an audit. Unfortunately, our schedules haven't meshed to this point, and it's going to be mid- to late-August before we have a chance to get together. At least it is forthcoming.

The Mid West Region appears to be doing a good job holding the line on expenses, based on the Budget Report, but that is a false picture since we should have printed two *Waybills* so far this year. Other expense categories are close to budget, and where percentages may be out of whack it is either a matter of (a) timing, with monthly budgets prorated over the year while the expenses are one time, or (b) the numbers are so small that any deviation inflates the percentages.

On the income side, we aren't doing as well as hoped.

In particular, dues are running well behind projections. The shortfall is ameliorated by unbudgeted revenue in other areas, but it looks like we need to address the issue of region membership and the benefits to the members. I'll have more to say on this subject in the Trustee's Report.

Despite my efforts over the past month or so, I still have some trouble reconciling all the cash flow items in the records. Thus, I once again caution that the financial reports are subject to modification. I'll be keeping a copy of the financial records, since they're on my computer (Annette will get a disk of the databases), and until the audit I'll also keep most of the raw paperwork to help me address the discrepancies. I can assure you that all the bank balances are correct; it's just a matter of correcting the distribution of other assets and liabilities, along with income and expense. I'm confident that the next report will be as close to 100% accurate as is humanly possible.

The bottom line is that the Mid West Region is in good shape, financially, but we need to continue to monitor finances closely. We don't want to return to the point we were in three years ago!

MID WEST REGION BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2001

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking - Harris Bank	8,847.30
Cash - CD	3,141.17
Petty Cash	138.00
Savings - Harris Bank	4,953.98
Undeposited Receipts	373.10
Convention Patches	194.47
Total Current Assets	17,648.02

Other Assets

MWR - Youth Fund (BOD)	8,847.30
Total Other Assets	6,065.68

Total Assets	23,713.70
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LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

Total Current Liabilities	0.00
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Long-Term Liabilities

Escrow - Moskal Award	330.20
Future Dues - Jul 2001	318.00
Future Dues - Aug 2001	102.00
Future Dues - Sep 2001	18.00
Future Dues - Oct 2001	117.00
Future Dues - Nov 2001	200.00
Future Dues - Dec 2001	105.00
Future Dues - Jan 2002	96.00
Future Dues - Feb 2002	42.00
Future Dues - Mar 2002	69.00
Future Dues - Apr 2002	41.00
Future Dues - May 2002	72.00
Future Dues - Jun 2002	84.00
Future Dues - Jul 2002	168.00
Future Dues - Aug 2002	54.00
Future Dues - Oct 2002	48.00
Future Dues - Nov 2002	162.00
Future Dues - Dec 2002	36.00
Future Dues - Jan 2003	42.00
Future Dues - Feb 2003	36.00
Future Dues - Mar 2003	18.00

Long-Term Liabilities Cont.

Future Dues - Apr 2003	20.00
Future Dues - May 2003	60.00
Future Dues - Jun 2003	36.00
Future Dues - Jul 2003	168.00
Future Dues - Aug 2003	54.00
Future Dues - Oct 2003	48.00
Future Dues - Nov 2003	162.00
Future Dues - Dec 2003	36.00
Future Dues - Jan 2004	42.00
Future Dues - Feb 2004	30.00
Future Dues - Mar 2004	18.00
Future Dues - Apr 2004	18.00
Future Dues - May 2004	42.00
Future Dues - Jun 2004	36.00
Future Dues - Jul 2004	168.00
Future Dues - Aug 2004	54.00
Future Dues - Oct 2004	36.00
Future Dues - Nov 2004	12.00
Future Dues - Dec 2004	36.00
Future Dues - Jan 2005	42.00
Future Dues - Feb 2005	30.00
Future Dues - Mar 2005	18.00
Future Dues - Apr 2005	12.00
Future Dues - May 2005	24.00
Future Dues - Jun 2005	18.00
Future Dues - Mar 2006	6.00
Future Dues - Mar 2007	6.00
Future Dues - Mar 2008	6.00
Future Dues - Mar 2009	6.00
Future Dues - Mar 2010	6.00

Total Long-Term Liabilities	3,408.20
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Total Liabilities	3,408.20
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Capital

Retained Earnings	20,122.11
Net Income	183.39
Total Capital	20,305.50

Total Liabilities & Capital	23,713.70
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MID WEST REGION

INCOME & BUDGET STATEMENT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2001

	Current Month <u>Actual</u>	Current Month <u>Budget</u>	Year To Date <u>Actual</u>	Year To Date <u>Budget</u>
Revenues				
Interest	22.42	60.00	43.27	120.00
Conventions	345.74	0.00	566.70	0.00
Auction Income	175.65	200.00	175.65	200.00
Merchandise Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Regular Dues	1,226.00	2,499.99	3,369.00	4,999.98
Family Dues	39.00	0.00	90.00	0.00
Life Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sustaining Dues	0.00	24.99	18.00	49.98
Misc. Income	27.50	0.00	27.50	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Income	66.22	0.00	139.48	0.00
Total Revenues	<u>1,902.53</u>	<u>2,784.98</u>	<u>4,429.60</u>	<u>5,369.96</u>
Cost of Sales				
Total Cost of Sales	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Gross Profit	<u>1,902.53</u>	<u>2,784.98</u>	<u>4,429.60</u>	<u>5,369.96</u>
Expenses				
Board of Directors	0.00	0.00	12.88	30.00
President	4.01	0.00	4.01	0.00
Vice President	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Secretary	0.00	12.51	0.00	25.02
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	30.18	20.00
Trustee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Executive Handbook	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waybill Editor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waybill Labels	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waybill Printing	0.00	2,000.00	1,866.92	4,000.00
Waybill Postage	0.00	1,100.00	1,016.75	2,200.00
Convention Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Convention Advances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Convention Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Convention Registrations	157.50	0.00	157.50	0.00
Auction Payouts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Achievement Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contest Awards	141.95	62.49	141.95	124.98
Model Contest - Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Photo Contest - Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Committee	27.65	75.00	52.62	150.00
Membership Fees - Nat'l	187.00	187.50	543.00	375.00
Non-Rail Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nominating Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Modular Layouts Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Internet Presence Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site Expenses	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
Misc. Awards	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cost of Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Misc. Expenses	0.40	12.51	0.40	25.02
Transaction Errors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>518.51</u>	<u>3,450.01</u>	<u>4,246.21</u>	<u>6,950.02</u>
Net Income	<u>\$1,384.02</u>	<u>\$ <665.03></u>	<u>\$ 183.39</u>	<u>\$ <1,580.06></u>

MID WEST REGION GENERAL INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2001

<i>Revenues</i>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Interest	22.42	1.18	43.27	0.98
Conventions	345.74	18.17	566.70	12.79
Auction Income	175.65	9.23	175.65	3.97
Merchandise Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Regular Dues	1,226.00	64.44	3,369.00	76.06
Family Dues	39.00	2.05	90.00	2.03
Life Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sustaining Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.41
Misc. Income	27.50	1.45	18.00	0.62
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Income	66.22	3.48	139.48	3.15
Total Revenues	<u>1,902.53</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>4,429.60</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<i>Cost of Sales</i>				
Total Cost of Sales	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Gross Profit	<u>1,902.53</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>4,429.60</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<i>Expenses</i>				
Board of Directors	0.00	0.00	12.88	0.29
President	4.01	0.21	4.01	0.09
Vice President	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	30.18	0.68
Trustee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Executive Handbook	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waybill Editor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waybill Labels	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waybill Printing	0.00	0.00	1,866.92	42.15
Waybill Postage	0.00	0.00	1,016.75	22.95
Convention Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Convention Advances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Convention Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Convention Registrations	157.50	8.28	157.50	3.56
Auction Payoffs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Achievement Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contest Awards	141.95	7.46	141.95	3.20
Model Contest - Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Photo Contest - Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Committee	27.65	1.45	52.62	1.19
Membership Fees - Nat'l	187.00	9.83	543.00	12.26
Non-Rail Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nominating Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Modular Layouts Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Internet Presence Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site Expenses	0.00	0.00	120.00	2.71
Misc. Awards	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cost of Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	300.00	6.77
Misc. Expenses	0.40	0.02	0.40	0.04
Transaction Errors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>518.51</u>	<u>27.25</u>	<u>4,246.21</u>	<u>95.86</u>
Net Income	<u>1,384.02</u>	<u>72.75</u>	<u>183.39</u>	<u>4.14</u>

MID WEST REGION NMRA YOUTH FUND INCOME STATEMENT, SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2001

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>		
<i>Revenues</i>				
Interest	\$ 66.22	\$ 100.00	\$ 139.48	\$ 100.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	<u>66.22</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>139.48</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<i>Cost of Sales</i>				
Total Cost of Sales	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Gross Profit	<u>66.22</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>139.48</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<i>Expenses</i>				
Total Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 66.22</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 139.48</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

Mid West Region NMRA

MID WEST REGION NMRA YOUTH FUND BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 2001

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES & CAPITAL</u>	
<i>Current Assets</i>		<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Cash - CD	6,065.68	Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 6,065.68</u>	<i>Long-Term Liabilities</i>	
<i>Property & Equipment</i>		Total L-T Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total P & E	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<i>Capital</i>	
<i>Other Assets</i>		Retained Earnings	5,926.20
Total Other Assets	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	Net Income	139.48
Total Assets	<u>\$ 6,065.68</u>	Total Capital	<u>\$ 6,065.68</u>
		Total L&C	<u>\$ 6,065.68</u>

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Promoting Model Railroading

by Greg Heier



The NMRA donates back issues of the *Bulletin* to the Showcase, something that would be impractical for shows drawing thousands.

The NMRA promotes model railroading in a big way. Each year, the annual NMRA train show draws thousands of people, and the annual hobby show in Chicago sponsored by the Model Railroad Industry Association (MRIA) draws thousands more. But these shows attract mostly those people already interested in model railroading. But it's the grass-roots promotions that introduce the average person to our fascinating hobby.

Free open houses may attract the curious, the mildly interested, and a few parents who are just looking for an afternoon's diversion for their children. One such show, now in its ninth year, is the Model Railroading Collector's Showcase held on the first Sunday of each November at the Roselle Public Library (Illinois). The show lasts just three hours, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, but each year 300 to 400 people get a glimpse of a wide range of marvels in the wonderful world of model railroading.

The library showcase features operating trains in O, HO, and/or N scale (depending on which modelers volunteer), displays by the Chicago & North Western Historical Society, the Illinois Railway Museum, 48/ft. O Scale News, and, of course, the NMRA.

Roselle Public Library Model Railroad Collector's Showcase

Sunday • November 4, 2001

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Roselle Public Library

40 South Park Street

Roselle, Illinois, 60172

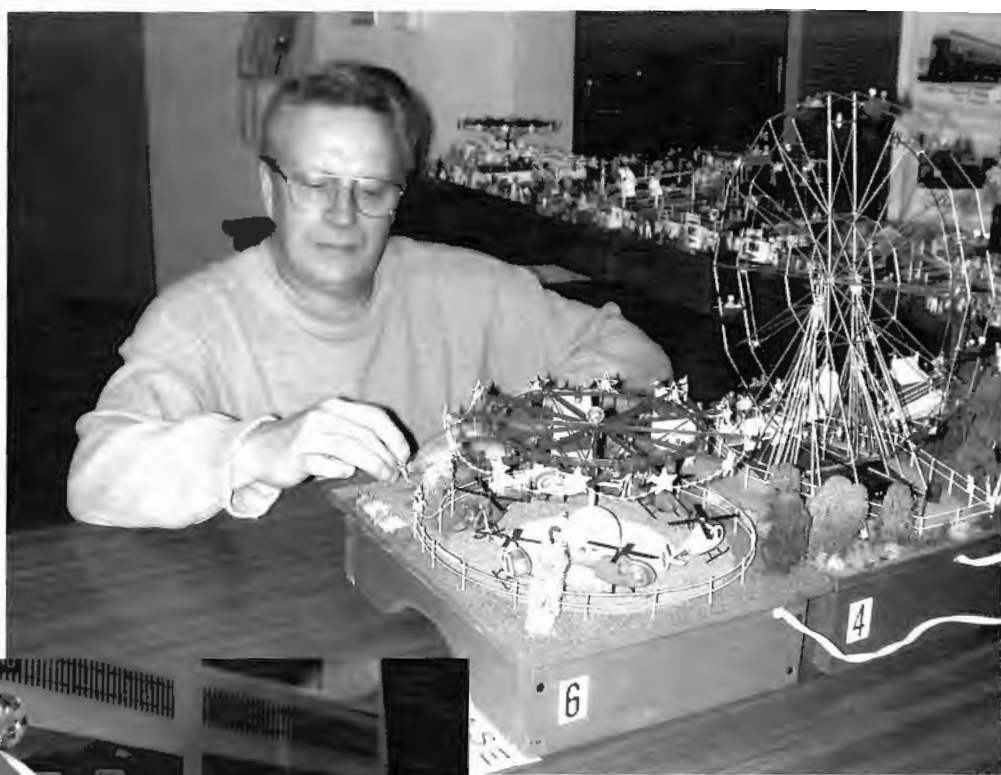
(630) 529-1641



Kevin Brown is a great favorite with the children. His displays include a wide range of models and photos—a gamut ranging from powered and unpowered N/HO/O 2-Rail/O 3-Rail models to his "U" Scale (12" to the foot) display featuring the Illinois Railway Museum.

One of the highlights at the 2000 Model Railroading Collector's Showcase was Ron Chamerlik's O Scale Carnival. Some of the models were built from commercially available kits and others were custom built. All were operational.





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Tri-Region Convention

October 26-28, 2001

Marriott Hotel - Fort Wayne, Indiana



Sponsored by Division 3 (Northeast Hoosier Division), North Central Region, NMRA. Chuck White and Glenn Roon, Tri-Regional Convention Co-Chairs.

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305 E. Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825
Phone (219) 484-0411
Fax (219) 483-2892

Rates: \$74.00 single (plus tax)
\$79.00 double through quad



The *21st Century Unlimited Tri-Regional Convention* will be held on October 26-28, 2001, at the Marriott Hotel in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for members of NMRA's North Central, Mid West, and Mid Central Regions.

The convention is sponsored by Division 3, the Northeast Hoosier Division of the North Central Region, NMRA, with Chuck White and Glenn Roon serving as co-chairs.

The committee has arranged for a \$74.00 (plus tax) per night single room rate, and a \$79.00 per night double to quad occupancy room rate. Reservations must be made though the hotel's direct phone number (219) 484-0411 or by fax (219) 483-2892 on or before September 26, 2001, to receive this room rate. When registering, mention the NMRA Tri-Regional Convention.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Nationally-known clinicians **Tony Koester**, **David Frary**, and **Bruce Chubb** will join NCR clinicians in

presenting informative and interesting clinics on all phases of model railroading. Tony Koester will talk about the Nickel Plate Road and layout planning; David Frary will speak on scenery and HO_n30 modeling; and Bruce Chubb will talk the Sunset Limited layout and electronics. Other clinics will cover scenery materials and techniques, modeling prototype railroads, command and digital control, kitbashing structures, and painting backdrops.

- Layout tours have been planned to a number of area model railroads, all of which have never before been seen at a regional convention.
- Registrants will have a chance to operate a real, full-size diesel locomotive in the *Engineer at the Throttle* Program at the **Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society**. This 44-ton Davenport diesel switcher will be

at your command for 15 minutes.

- In-house modular layouts in N, HO, and G scales.
- The "Slides 'til you Drop" session Friday night will be presented by Fort Wayne area railfans and will cover the last 35 years of railroading.
- The Awards Banquet on Saturday evening will feature door prizes and a unique contest award presentation.
- Pre-convention operating sessions are scheduled Thursday evening, October 25, that you may enjoy on your way to Fort Wayne. Choose from **Bill and Steve Riggs'** Montana Rail Link in Continental, Ohio; **Bruce Carpenter's** ATSF, Chicago to Kansas City in Wapakoneta, Ohio; or **Jeff Hall's** Conrail, Marion Subdivision in Goshen, Indiana.
- Prototype tours on Friday, including the **GM Truck Assembly Plant** and the **Norfolk-Southern Dispatching Center** in Fort Wayne, and the **Steel Dynamics Mini-Mill** in Butler, Indiana.
- NMRA contests, including models, structures, dioramas, and photographic entries. As usual, points will be awarded toward NMRA Achievement Awards.
- Post-banquet auction Saturday night; bring your surplus railroad items. MWR Auctioneer **Ingrid Drozdak**

will conduct a live auction immediately after the banquet,

- A Railfan's guide to Norfolk Southern and CSX activity in the Fort Wayne area. For more info, go to the web site <http://www.trainweb.org/fwarailfan>
- Non-Rail Programs / Clinics
- One of the most unique convention cars you'll ever find.
- And much more, see our web site <http://nmradiv3.railarchives.com/> for updated information

In addition to these activities, there are a full list of model railroad, railfan, and non-rail activities. Attendees will have a chance to enjoy a number of the museums and cultural attractions in Fort Wayne.

In order to attend some of our activities, you will need to be preregistered. Please complete the preregistration form on the reverse side of the registration form. Send it in (including any additional registration fees) with your convention registration and fees. You will be mailed a copy of the Convention Program with specifics about the activities for which you have preregistered.

The Convention Rates are \$33.00 for NCR, MWR, MCR members and \$40.00 for nonmembers. The Awards Banquet tickets are \$20.00 each. Make checks payable to Division 3, NCR, NMRA, and send with your registration form to Bill Wemhoff, Region Treasurer, 4350 E 550 N, Decatur, IN 46733, prior to October 10, 2001.

CSX Mainline Action!



CSX



Prototype Tours

CONDUCTED TOURS

Three excellent prototype tours have been arranged for Friday, October 26, 2001. These includes tours to the Steel Dynamics Mill in Butler, Indiana; the General Motors Truck Assembly Plant in Fort Wayne; and the Norfolk-Southern Dispatching Center in New Haven, Indiana. Details for these tours are on this page. Remember, these are first-come, first-served tours, so fill out your registration form (front and back!) on the wrapper of this issue.

ON-YOUR OWN TOURS

The Norfolk-Southern and the CSX pass through Fort Wayne and there are many good train-watching spots. For a railfan's guide to Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the Internet go to <http://www.trainweb.org/fwarailfan/index.htm>

The Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society Shops will be open on Saturday and Sunday to convention attendees, and "Engineer at the Throttle" Program sessions will be offered (see page 30-31).

Steel Dynamics

**GENERAL MOTORS TRUCK ASSEMBLY
PLANT (GM) FORT WAYNE, INDIANA
FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCT 26**

A tour of the pickup assembly line (not pictured) will include observation of the railcar movements in the rail yard servicing facility. This tour will take place during the midday shift change when there is the most activity.

**STEEL DYNAMICS INCORPORATED
(SDI) BUTLER, INDIANA
FRIDAY MORNING, OCT 26**

Steel Dynamics (left) is a mini-mill typical of modern steel specialty industry in the United States. The mill includes a hot rolling mill, a cold rolling mill, and a pig iron processing plant. A company-owned rail yard services the facilities. The tour will view both in-plant and rail yard facilities and operation. If you register for this tour, please plan to wear hard-soled shoes.

**NORFOLK-SOUTHERN
DISPATCHING CENTER (NS)
NEW HAVEN, INDIANA**

ALL DAY FRIDAY, OCT. 26

The Norfolk-Southern mainline passes through Fort Wayne and New Haven immediately to the east. The regional dispatching center is located near the NS yards in New Haven. Several tours will be offered through the day to small groups of attendees. Viewing of yard operations may be included in this tour. If you register for this tour, please plan to wear hard-soled shoes.

**NS NORFOLK
SOUTHERN**

Dispatching Center

Non-Rail Attractions and Events

NON-RAIL CLINICS • SATURDAY 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Stained Glass Suncatcher

Great Panes will conduct a class at the Marriott in which participants will make a stained-glass sun catcher. The \$30.00 preregistration fee covers materials. This clinic is limited to the first 10 registrants.

Scrapbooking

Pages in Time will conduct a class at their nearby store in the art of making scrapbooks. Participants should bring six to eight pictures. The \$10.00 preregistration fee covers materials. Minimum five, maximum 20 participants.

Silk Flower Arrangements

Jo-Ann Fabric and Crafts will conduct a class at their nearby store in silk flower arranging. Participants will select

of silk flowers at the store and arrange them in their own favorite vase (or one purchased at the store). The \$10 preregistration fee pays for materials up to \$10, and any costs over \$10 will be the registrants responsibility. Minimum 5, maximum 15 participants,

Reversible Seasonal Mantle Banner

Hancock Fabrics will conduct a class at their nearby store (9:30 am to 12:30 pm) in which participants will make banners to hang on their fireplace mantle. The \$30.00 preregistration fee includes materials. Minimum five, maximum 15 participants.

Participants in off-convention-site classes must arrange their own transportation. Additional non-rail clinics will be offered at no cost on Sunday morning at the convention center.



CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT: Science Central; National Automotive and Truck Museum of the US; The Lincoln Museum; Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory; Fort Wayne Museum of Art; and Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum.



"Mad"
Anthony Wayne



The 21st Century Unlimited Tri-Region Convention...

Layouts, Layouts, Layouts

The 21st Century Unlimited Tri-Region Convention is a convention of layouts.

The layout tours included:

- **Jim Arens'** *Four Seasons*, free-lance Western
- **Jeff Ashby's** *Chesapeake & Ohio*
- **Jim Baker's** *New York Central*
- **Alan Bell's** *New York Central*, steam era
- **Blain Heinfeld's** *Auglaize Valley Railroad*
- **The Garrett Railroad Club**
- **Mark Wilson's** *Great Northern, Willmar Division*
- **John Reitz's** *Broad Top Mountain*
- **Bill & Steve Riggs'** *Montana Rail Link*
- **Tony Romero's** *Canadian National/Canadian Pacific*
- **Alan Toy's** *New Britain & Lehigh*
- **Bill Wemhoff's** *Indiana Northern*

There will also be modular layouts at the convention hotel. These will include:

- ***Three Rivers and Indiana Northern***, HO Scale
- ***Fort Wayne G-Trac***, G Scale
- ***Lansing Ntrak***, N Scale



Jim Baker • New York Central, HO Scale



*Jeff Ashby
Chesapeake & Ohio - Coal Hauler, N Scale*

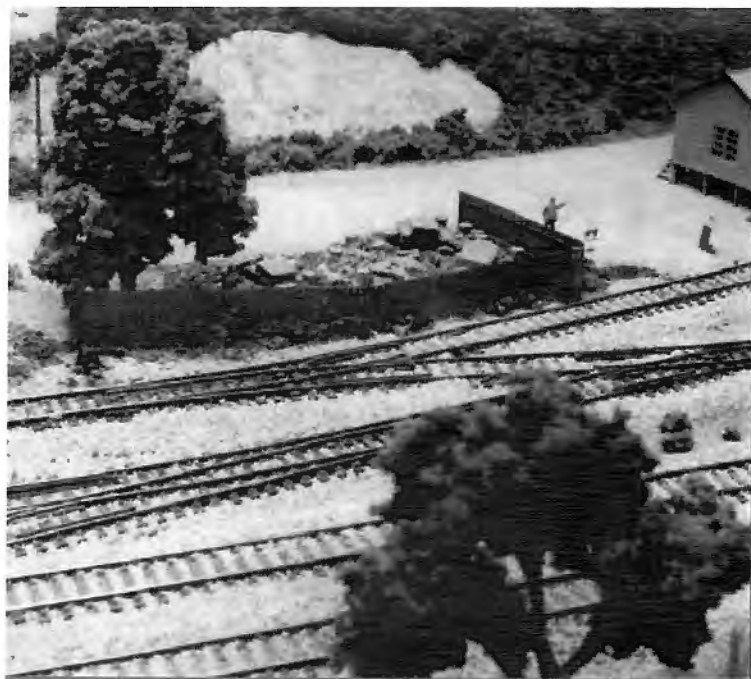


Mid West Region NMRA

Layouts, Layouts, Layouts...



John Reitz • Broad Top Mountain, HO Scale



Alan Toy • New Britain & Lehigh, HO Scale



*Bill & Steve Riggs
Montana rail Link, HO Scale*

Mid West Region NMRA



Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society



VISIT TO THE FWRHS

One of the highlights of the 21st Century Unlimited Tri-Regional Convention, which will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on October 26-28, 2001, is an opportunity to visit the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society (FWRHS) in New Haven (Fort Wayne), Indiana.

By special arrangement, convention attendees may to tour the Society's NKP 765 Locomotive Shop and Yard Museum at no charge all-day Saturday and Sunday (October 27th and 28th). The Society's souvenir shop will be open both days so visitors may purchase videotapes and sound recordings of the 765.



The 21st Century Unlimited Tri-Region Convention...



ENGINEER AT THE THROTTLE

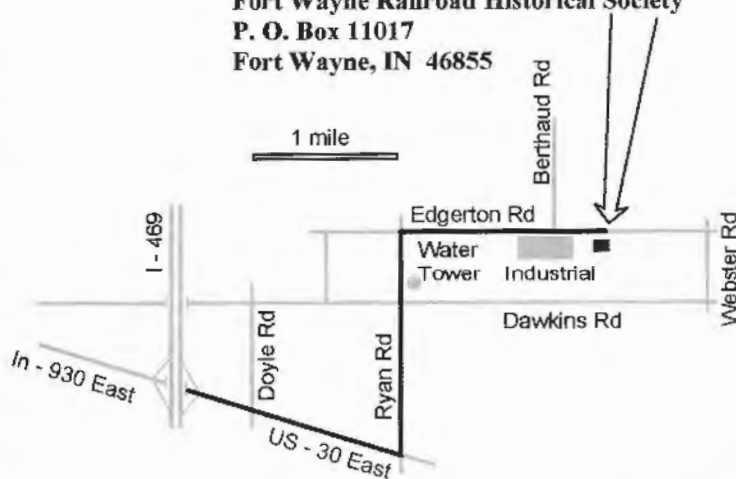
Convention attendees may also be instructed as engineers on the FWRHS's 44-ton Davenport diesel locomotive. Groups of three participants each will be scheduled each hour from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday. After a short tutorial, each "engineer" will be given 15 minutes at the throttle under the supervision of an FWRHS engineer. The two "off-duty engineers" can ride for 30 minutes of the rotation. The cost is \$25.00, and the minimum age of participants will be 18.

NICKEL PLATE ROAD 765

The FWRHS is the proud owner of Nickel Plate Road steam locomotive 765. This famous locomotive is stored at the FWRHS 765 Locomotive Shop and Rolling Stock Museum. The 765 is currently being overhauled for its continuing career of passenger excursion service in the 21st Century.

NKP 765 was built in 1944 by the Lima Locomotive Works in Lima, Ohio, just across the Indiana-Ohio border east of Fort Wayne. It was one of the Lima "super power" steam locomotives, that marked the very end of the steam era.

Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society
P. O. Box 11017
Fort Wayne, IN 46855





The 765 became well-known to Fort Wayne, making runs west to Chicago and east to Bellevue, Ohio. The Nickel Plate Railroad was famous for its high-speed, steam-powered freight trains in an era when the other railroads had already dieselized.

It served during the height of freight and passenger steam service in the Midwest. The locomotive was one of the last working steam locomotives on the Nickel Plate Railroad and was retired in 1958.

ABOUT THE FWRHS

The Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society is an all-volunteer organization formed in 1972 to preserve and operate the Nickel Plate Railroad 765. By 1979, the Society's dedicated founders restored the 765 to operating condition and conducted the first of 240 movements including 142 railfan passenger excursions.

NPK 765, a Lima 2-8-4 Berkshire steam locomotive, is the centerpiece of the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society's (FWRHS) collection. The Society's charter is the operation of passenger railroad excursions which bring the thrills, sights and sounds of a large mainline steam locomotive of the past into the present. Its mission is to educate adults and children about an era when railroads and steam locomotives were the only means of long distance transportation in the United States.

The 765 is listed on the National Historic Register. Between 1979 and 1993, the locomotive operated in 16 eastern states from the Mississippi River to New York City and from the Great Lakes to the deep South, and along the

famous, scenic New River Gorge in West Virginia.

The locomotive has traveled approximately 52,000 miles while hauling up to 32 passenger cars. Over 100,000 passengers have enjoyed steam excursions behind this historic locomotive. Presently, 765 is located in the FWRHS Shop where it may be seen while repairs are performed on the boiler, drivers, running gear, and other parts.

Currently, the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society (FWRHS) is a recipient of a \$348,000 cost-sharing Federal Grant for historical preservation under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). This funding enables an overhaul of the 765 for future excursion operation. The local share of the cost of refurbishing this famous Fort Wayne steam locomotive is \$87,000. The public and local businesses have been invited to join FWRHS members in providing monetary contributions and in-kind volunteer labor or services to restore the 765.

If you wish to join us to help overhaul the 765 or other equipment, call (219) 493-0765 for information or to leave a message. You can also visit us and the locomotive shop and the FWRHS Museum on the Internet at <http://www.765.org>.



Individual donations of any labor, service, business services, and monetary contributions are tax deductible and contribute toward the \$87,000 local share of the preservation grant.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS AT FWRHS

The two-track locomotive shop and rolling stock museum preserves and maintains railroad equipment of historical interest to the city, once one of the largest Midwest railroad centers. Working railroad equipment at our shop and our museum yard include:

- 44-ton Davenport Diesel Switcher
- 200-ton Norfolk & Western Crane
- Vintage Wabash Wooden Caboose

Equipment undergoing rehabilitation at the shop site, in addition to the 765, include:

- 0-6-0 Steam Switching Locomotive
- Vintage Nickel Plate Box Car
- Vintage Nickel Plate Caboose

So visit the FWRHS and take a peek in their shops during the convention or online at <http://www.765.org>.



Fall Division Activity Schedule

CALUMET DIVISION

CONTACT **Annette Hauser** PHONE (708) 868-8749
LOCATION **Calumet High School, Griffith, IN** (subject to change)

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

Sept 16 Griffith, IN; Picnic

Oct 20-21 Highland, IN; Bi-State Swap & Train Show,
Lincoln Center Fieldhouse. [\$3 with NMRA card]

Dec 16 Griffith, IN; 2001 Christmas Party, Ridge Model Railroad

CENTRAL INDIANA DIVISION

CONTACT **Bill Litkenhaus** PHONE (812) 275-3634
LOCATION **As Announced**

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

Sept 22 Indianapolis, IN; Indianapolis Model Railroad Swap Meet,
Central Catholic School, 1155 E. Cameron St.

Sept 29 Bedford, IN; Dealer Show and Meet,
Bedford National Guard Armory

Oct 6-7 Indianapolis, IN; GATS

Nov 10 Indianapolis, IN; Pancake Breakfast, Operating Layouts,
Clinics, and Displays. Pike Township High School,
6701 N. Zionsville Rd.

Jan 27 (2002) Noblesville, IN; Hamilton County 4H Expo Center

DUPAGE DIVISION

CONTACT **Dave Liesse** PHONE (630) 554-2755
LOCATION **Lisle Library, Lisle, Illinois**

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

Sept 9 Brian Barnt, DCC Working Group: *All About DCC*

Oct 7 Jim Duffin: *Building My Layout*

Nov 4 Fred Henize: *Hazardous Cargo Placement*

Dec 2 George Hermann: *European Slide Show*; Holiday Party

Jan 6 (2002) TBA

FOX VALLEY DIVISION

CONTACT **Richard Sweet** Phone (847) 459-1037
LOCATION **Gary Morava Recreation Center**
110 W. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights, IL

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

Sept 16 Wayne Wesolowski: *On Adhesives*

Oct 12 A Visit to John Proebstings's Home Layout

Nov 11 Bus Trip to Trainfest in Milwaukee, WI

Dec 16 Annual Auction

Jan 20 (2002) TBA

ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION

CONTACT **Scott Willoughby** PHONE (815) 663-9008
LOCATION **Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL**

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

Sept 16 *Recycling Sofa Cushions* and Layout Tours

NORTH SHORE & WESTERN

CONTACT **Ingrid Drozdak** PHONE (773) 545-5936
LOCATION **Glenview Public Library**

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

Sept 8-9 Support *Make & Take*, International Model & Hobby Show,
Rosemont Convention Center, Rosemont, IL

Sept 30 Marty Brown: *Soldering*; Wally Zincke: *Kadee Couplers*

Oct 20-21 Highland, IN; Modular Layout at the Bi-State Swap and
Railroad Show, Lincoln Center Fieldhouse
[\$3 admission with NMRA card]

Nov 11 TBA: Layout Tour

Dec 1-2 Glenview Public Library: Modular Layout
Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Sunday 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Jan 27 TBA: Layout Tour

ROCK RIVER DIVISION

CONTACT **Tom McCabe** PHONE (815) 877-7914
LOCATION **Harlem Community Center**
Machesney Park, IL

SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN

CONTACT **Barb Rothwell** PHONE (608) 835-7072
LOCATION **Fitchburg Community Center, Madison, WI**
Contact for schedules.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVISION

CONTACT **Joe Skamel** PHONE (217) 892-9740
LOCATION **N/A**

*There are no scheduled meets planned at this time. Anyone interested
in helping Joe start some activities, please contact him directly.*

WINNEBAGO LAND DIVISION

CONTACT **Roger Wurtzel** PHONE (920) 434-6772
LOCATION **As Announced**

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

Sept 9-10 Marinette, WI; Wisconsin and Michigan Model Railroad Club
Annual Show, Marinette Catholic High School

Sept 14-16 Soo Line Historical Society Meet, Safe Harbour Inn Lodge
Possible tour of shops — may be last opportunity for
WC operations.

Oct 6 Waupaca, WI; WLD Fall Meet.
Contests, Layout Tours, Clinics.

Oct 20-21 Green Bay, WI; The Great Pumpkin Train.
Family fun at the NRRM.

Oct 21 Madison, WI; Model Railroad Swap Meet,
Quality Inn South (SCWD). Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Admission: \$2.00 Info: (608) 835-3148

Oct 27-28 Sheboygan, WI; Toy and Train Show sponsored by the
SSSMRE, Sheboygan Falls Municipal Building,
375 Buffalo Street

Nov 3 WLD 5th Annual Operating Sessions

Nov 10-11 West Allis, WI; Trainfest, Wisconsin State Fairgrounds,
84th and Greenfield

Nov 23-24 Manitowoc, WI; Annual Thanksgiving Train Show and
Open House. Clipper City Model Railroad Club
Iron Horse Barn, Manitowoc County Fairgrounds,
Hwy 151 and I-43 Contact: (920) 686-9824

WISE DIVISION

CONTACT **JOE RUSS** PHONE (414) 679-1139
LOCATION **Midway Motor Lodge**
Milwaukee, WI (unless noted)

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

Sept 16 Jackson, WI; Outdoor Meet at Milwaukee Light
Engineering Society

Oct 21 Port Washington, WI

Nov 10-11 West Allis, WI; Trainfest, Wisconsin State Fairgrounds,
84th and Greenfield

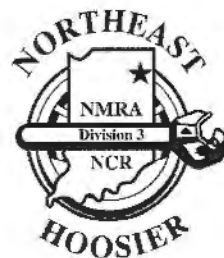
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National Model Railroad Association North Central Region 2001 Tri-Regional Convention



Clinics with the Pros!
Local Layout Tours!
Model Contests!
Awards Dinner!



Local Rail Tours!
Door Prizes!
Slide Shows!
Great Company!

October 26-28, 2001
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Marriot Hotel (I-69 at Exit 112-A)

Room Rates (Plus Tax)

\$74.00 Single

\$79.00 Flat

(Double through Quad Occupancy)

Hotel Information

Out/Indoor Pool
Health Club
Whirlpool

Family Activities

Museums Galore!
HUGE Shopping Mall
Many Movie Theaters

Reservations: **Fort Wayne Marriot**
(Must be made
1 month prior
to convention)
305 E Washington Ctr Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
Phone: 219-484-0411
Fax: 219-483-2892
I-69 exit 112A

Additional Information may be obtained by visiting our
website <http://nmradiv3.railarchives.com> or
contacting Convention Co-Chairman: Chuck White
6418 Midchannel Way
Ft. Wayne IN 46845-9412
219-482-7930
cwhite8357@aol.com

NMRA North Central Region 2001 Tri-Regional Convention Registration Form

NMRA No. _____ Region Membership No. _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Region:

NCR ☐

MWR ☐

MCR ☐

None ☐

Fill out Activity Pre-Registration Form on other side.

Make checks payable to: Div. 3 NCR, NMRA

Mail this form and check to:

Bill Wernhoff; Region Treasurer
4350 E. 550 N.
Decatur IN 46733

NCR/MWR/MCR Member: _____ x \$33.00 _____

Non-Member: _____ x \$40.00 _____

Awards Dinner: _____ x \$20.00 _____

Total: _____

Early registrants will receive an information packet by mail prior to the convention.

Planned Tri Regional Convention Activities

Outline Schedule of Events

2001	Thur Oct 25	Fri Oct 26	Sat Oct 27	Sun Oct 28
Morning		SDI Tour NS Tour	Clinics Nonrail Activities Diesel Engineer	Clinics Nonrail Activities
Afternoon		GM Tour NS Tour	Layout Tours Diesel Engineer	Layout Tours Diesel Engineer
Evening	Operating Sessions	Layout Tours Clinics Slideshow	Banquet Awards Auction	

Operating Sessions

Thursday Evening October 25, 2001

Operating sessions are a preconvention activity in several communities surrounding Ft. Wayne. You are invited to participate in an operating sessions on these layouts Thursday night while enroute to Ft. Wayne prior to the convention. Due to space constraints, only pre-registered operators will be allowed to attend these sessions. Operators will need to pre register prior to the convention so that directions to the layouts can be forwarded by U.S. mail along with the convention program and badge used to identify the registered participant.

TRI-REGIONAL CONVENTION ACTIVITY PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ Region _____ NMRA # _____

Participation at the events below is limited and will be assigned on first-come first-serve basis. Pre-registration is NECESSARY for these activities, as your convention identification badge will be used for admission. Your badge and convention program will be mailed to prior to the convention. Maps to the operating sessions will be provided with the mailing. PRE-REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE IS OCTOBER 10, 2001.

A. Prototype Tours (Friday):

SDI Mini-Mill (AM) _____ GM Plant (PM) _____ NS Dispatch Center (AM) _____ (PM) _____

B. Operating Sessions (Thurs Night) – Please also advise if you will be staying at the Marriott Thursday night:

Goshen IN _____ Continental OH _____ Wapakoneta OH _____ Hotel: Yes _____ No _____

C. "15 Minutes as Engineer at the Throttle" (Saturday and Sunday):

Times will be assigned at hourly intervals. Please list your preference by inserting 1 – 3 in the blanks.

Saturday AM _____ Saturday PM _____ Sunday PM _____

(Enclose separate check for \$25, payable to the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society with this pre-registration.)

D. Nonrail Activities (Saturday morning):

Stained glass (\$30) _____ Scrapbooking (\$10) _____ Flower Arranging (\$10) _____ Mantle Decor (\$30) _____

(Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice by inserting 1 & 2, respectively, and enclose payment for 1st choice with this pre-registration. Excess payments will be refunded if your preference is not available.)



2001 NMRA Winnebago Land Division Fall Meet



2001: A LAYOUT ODYSSEY

Hosted By: The Waupaca Area Model Railroader Ltd

Date: Saturday, October 6, 2001

Place: Hendrickson Center, 407 School Street, Waupaca, WI

Featuring: Over 10 Layouts to Tour

(Majority never before open for viewing)

*Dealers: 8:00-12:00

*Clinics/Contests: 9:00-12:00

*Layout Tours: 12:00-6:00

*Happy Hour: 6:00-6:30

*Banquet: 6:30

Guest Speaker: Mike Kirk, Waupaca Historian
"Waupaca Electric Light & Railway Company"

Admission: \$5.00 - Adult (Meet Only)

\$17.00 - Adult (Meet & Banquet)

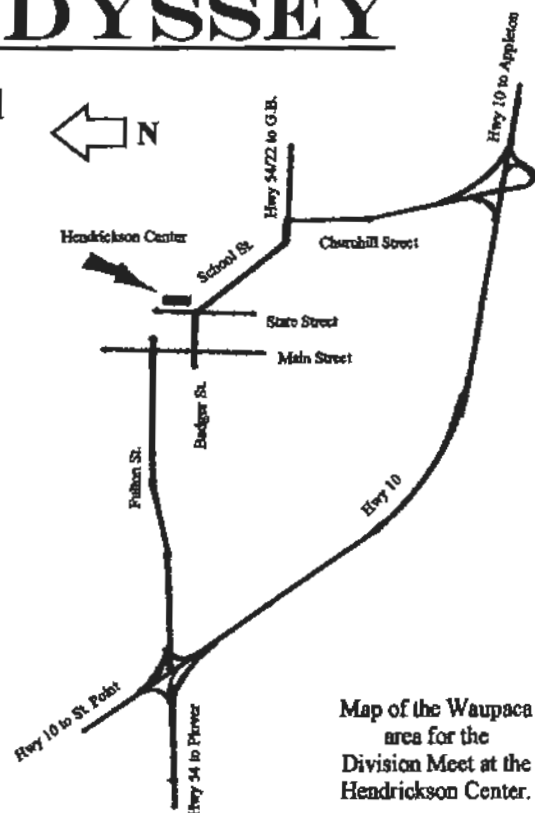
\$12.00 - Adult (Banquet Only)

FREE - Children under 12 (Meet Only)

Banquet:

Kings Table Restaurant, N2717 Cty Tk QQ, King, WI (715) 258-9150

For additional information, please contact Roger Hildebrandt @ (715) 258-8218



Map of the Waupaca area for the Division Meet at the Hendrickson Center.

Pre-Registration Form (Required for Banquet)

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

_____ Meet only @ \$5.00 _____
 _____ Meet & Banquet @ \$17.00 _____
 _____ Banquet only @ \$12.00 _____
 _____ Total Cost \$ _____

Send completed form to:
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 E2264 Crystal River Lane
 Waupaca, WI 54981



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