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President's Report

by Richard Cecil, President MWR

Some changes have been made. We now have a new Editor of the Waybill. For too long, past President O'Toole was the acting Editor and did an excellent job. However, Jim's new job precludes him from continuing in that role. In fact, he should not have had to do it. But, as usual, some jobs are hard to fill in a volunteer organization. In plain English, too few step forward to do their share.

At the annual meeting I announced that I had no intention in following in Jim's steps. I asked for a new Editor, but acknowledged that I didn't expect anyone to jump up and take the job. So I gave the members present five minutes to do so. Lo and behold a gracious lady stepped forward in the allotted five minutes and I accepted her offer. Clearly it was one "I could not refuse".

Your new editor is Barb Rothwell from the South Central Wisconsin Division, where she serves as the Ass't. Superintendent. Barb has also been a major player in SCWD's Mad City Model Railroad Show and the 1997 National NMRA convention held in Madison. Thank you Barb and welcome aboard.

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Railroad Association.

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For the last 7 years, Mike Hurlburt has given the Region yeoman's service as the Region Convention Committee Chairman. He has asked to be relieved of that duty because of approaching "burn-out". Having served in that capacity myself, I know what he means. I can't thank him enough of those years of dedicated service to the Region. He has indicated that will serve as the Clinic Clearing House Chairman. It's good to be able to continue counting on Mike's knowledge and expertise. The new Convention Committee Chairman is Reid Kahrs, who goes to more conventions than anyone I know. I'm sure he will follow in Mike's footsteps.

One final note: About 90% of the Region membership passed up the opportunity to attend the Rockford convention in April. You missed an excellent convention as well as the chance to meet and chat with some of the best modelers in the NMRA. It is your loss. But more important is the downside risk of poor attendance at our conventions. The effort to stage these functions deserve greater participation by you. Let us not get to the point where putting on a convention "isn't worth the effort". It's your Region. Don't help destroy it!

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Trustee Report

By Dave Liesse

Well, it's that time of year again, when model railroaders harken to the call of the outdoors. After a long winter spent in the basement as much due to a lack of alternatives as by choice, the barbecues, ball games, gardens, and picnics all seem to take priority over the World's Greatest Hobby during that all-too-short summer. And there is absolutely nothing wrong with that! If model railroading was our only interest, we'd all be very shallow people, indeed. The other interests are what make us the unique individuals we are, that make the others people we want to get together with. Our common interest in model railroading brings us together; our differences make us want to keep doing so.

It's not too late to get in on the ultimate gathering of model railroaders! This year's NMRA national convention will take place July 14-20 in Fort Lauderdale. You may be leery of the weather (Florida in July?), but I can assure you that Fort Lauderdale is much more comfortable than Disneyopolis (aka Orlando). Furthermore, it will probably have lower temperatures and humidity than what greeted us in Kansas City and Saint Paul! Nevertheless, I expect attendance will be down a bit from the past few years, meaning you'll have a good chance of getting in to hear the clinicians whose crowds often spill out into the hallway (Leslie Eaton comes immediately to mind). Information on the convention has been published in the *Bulletin*, and can also be found at the NMRA's web site, www.nmra.org.

Speaking of Leslie Eaton, she was one of the featured clinicians at the recent Midwest Region convention in Rockford. The Rock River Valley Division did their usual bang-up job of hosting the best-attended convention in recent times. My thanks to the convention committee, clinicians, layout hosts, model and photo contest entrants, and everyone else who helped make this a wonderful weekend. Well done!

Ross Stark of the DuPage Division has graciously accepted the position of Region Education Coordinator. In this role he will be compiling an ongoing history of all the educational activities taking place within the region. While the position exists to provide a local set of eyes and ears to the NMRA's Director of Education, the information Ross gathers will also help us with our own application for 501(c)(3) status. It might also serve as a source of ideas for those who need to come up with programs for their division meets!

The Board of Trustees is working hard to finalize the association's Long Range Plan, meant to carry us into the 21st century and beyond. As I write this, the details are still flexible enough that there's no point in my using space to tell you about them, but I should be able to give you a full report after our meeting in Fort Lauderdale. Pretty much all of our activities right now are furthering the development of this plan, so I really have nothing else to report at this point.

That's all for now, sports fans. Have a great summer, and I hope to see many of you in Fort Lauderdale!

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A CHALLENGE !

We all know about Richard Cecil's ponytail. Did you know that he is willing to cut it off for the Region. In fact, Richard has offered to get an O'Toole/Nelson clear palate in exchange for donations for the Region. Cecil has estimated that his pony tail/clear cut is worth at least \$500.00 to the Region. Details are to be worked out yet, but the plan is to ask for donations at the Spring 2003 Convention in Green Bay. The donations will go for prizes and we will hold an "in house" raffle, possibly at \$5.00 per ticket. The actual "tail cutting" will take place between the Annual Meeting and the auction, after the banquet. Right now the first place winner will receive a Proto 2000 Locomotive. Additional prizes will be announced later. If enough tickets are sold, Cecil has agreed to a clear palate. What an chance for the rest of you to get Cecil. Some of us are already there.

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Spring 2003 Convention

The Winnebago Division will host the 2003 Spring Convention at the Holiday Inn , City Centerl in Green Bay. Further information will be provided in the WAYBILL as to the date and features for this convention.



Election Results

The recent election has now been concluded. The results were announced at the Annual Meeting held at the Clock Tower Motel on April 27, 2002. A total of 180 ballots were received by Linda Kloster, Election Chairperson. Congratulations to all. The following are the announced results for the positions of Director at Large (DAL):

DAL Wise Division	
Mike Hurlburt,	168 votes
DAL Rock River Valley Division	
Bob Guinter,	163 votes
DAL Winnebago Division	
Capt. Al Nelson,	163 votes
DAL DuPage Division	
Ron Scharping	162 votes



New Conventions Chair

Mike Hurlburt has asked to step down as the Region Convention Chairperson after six years. Reid Kahrs, Wise Division, has stepped forward and will chair this important committee. Mike has established a solid base for convention planning and oversight during his control. Reid has been an active part of the staffing of the Train Fest Show of the Wise division for the last many years, and the same efforts will pay dividends handling the Region Convention Committee. Thank you Mike for all you have done, and congratulations to you, Reid, for accepting the challenge.



Constitutional Amendment Results

The Constitutional Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation as published in the WAYBILL in December 2001, were passed. The major reason for this change was to bring the Midwest Region in line with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to allow the Region to finally apply for our 501c3 tax status. We have desired this status for many years and have finally reached the final hurdle to prepare the necessary applications for review and approval. Dave Liesse has bulldozed this effort to get it completed. He had consulted with other groups that have applied for the 501c3 status. The IRS is very particular about the data and format of information they require. Dave has taken advantage of the experience of the others to assure a "no problem" application. The changes to the Articles of Incorporation were the last step toward satisfying the requirements.

The changes to the Articles of Incorporation were passed by the mail ballot as 164 in favor and 14 declined. Those present at the Annual Meeting approved the acceptance of the ballot results and have given approval to proceed with the application for the 501c3.



Waybill Changes Management

The WAYBILL has changed Editors. Jim O'Toole has asked to step down as the editor of the WAYBILL after 7 years. His paying employment has increased in activity to a point that reduces his available time to handle the WAYBILL, and do it effectively. At the BOD Annual Meeting, Richard Cecil asked for volunteers to take over the WAYBILL, and at the end of the meeting he had 2 offers.

Barb Rothwell of SCWD division had approached Richard first and is well qualified to edit the Region newsletter. Her activities with the SCWD division have shown a dedication to the NMRA and Mid West Region.

Doug Krahn of the DuPage division had also approached Richard and offered his services to work on the WAYBILL. Doug will be working with Barb, and they will collaborate to get the issues out on time.



Planned Changes in Waybill Schedule

Richard Cecil asked, at the BOD meeting, that the WAYBILL change the publishing schedule to include one (1) quality issue per year, planned for after the Annual Meeting at the Spring Convention, and three (3) plain issues to keep information current to the membership. Barb Rothwell is planning to have the 4 issues equally spaced out during the entire year. This will provide better coverage of all of the schedules of the divisions, rail

events, conventions, and other hobby and prototype activities around the Region.. Expect Barb to issue a schedule of publication dates to let everyone know when to have information to her for inclusion in the next issues of the WAYBILL.

Barb also has access to a good printing source and variable postage mailing rates. This will reduce the cost of mailing out the WAYBILL through some of her contacts, and ability to sort the mail by various mail codes. The future of the WAYBILL looks good and more improved issues are expected. If you have constructive ideas for the WAYBILL, please contact Barb and pass them along.

[Editor's Note:

Current schedule of the Waybill:

Summer 2002 (June, July, August)

Fall 2002 (September, October, November)

Winter 2002 (December 2002, January, February 2003)

Spring 2003 (March, April, May)

Deadline for submission to each issue is the 15th of the month previous to publication (i.e. August 15th for the Fall issue).]



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Spring Convention Flashbacks

Contest Results

From Gary Children

Photos

Judges: David Liesse, Jim O'Toole, Ingrid Drozdak

Best of Show: John Proesting (Model Slide) Steam Locomotive passing depot.

Prototype Color Photo:

First: Marion Brasher (D&RGW #498)

Second: Tom McCabe (Depot at Rochelle)

Third: Marion Brasher (D&RGW #493)

Prototype Black & White Photo:

First: Joe Whinnery (Train & car at crossing)

Second: Harry Evans (Missouri Pacific at Webster Gorge)

Third: Harry Evans (Milwaukee Road C-Liner #23A)

Prototype Color Slide:

First: Richard Cecil (Durango & Silverton North of Hermosa)

Second: John Hayman (Water tank at Cass)

Third: Grant Law (Times Past)

Prototype Model Color Photo:

First: Marion Brasher (V&O Helper)

Second: Marion Brasher (CB&Q #161)

Third: John Proebsting (Train time at Waupaca)

Prototype Model Black & White Photo:

First: Bob Wundrock (S00 3010 at Neenah)

Prototype Model Color Slide:

First: John Proebsting (Steam Passing Depot)

Second: John Proebsting (Approaching Weyauwega)

Third: John Proebsting (Waupaca Depot)

Robert Moskal Memorial Award Photo Contest:

Marion Brasher (D&RGW #498)

Models

Judges: Bill Lorene-MMR, Dick Cecil, Mike Holt

Best of Show Master: Jim Spice (#0503 Denver & Rio Grande Western Caboose – SN3 103pts)

Best of Show Novice: John Swanson (Grain Feed IL Int Feed HO 98pts)

Diesel and other locomotives:

First: Albert J. Kann (Center Cab Baldwin, O, Master) & Don Lewis (SD4,0 HO, Novice)

Passenger Cars:

First: Robert Keune (Soo Pass Comb, O, Novice)

Second: Ed Pasch (Chapel Car, G, Novice)

Caboose:

First: Jim Spice (DRG, SN3, Master)

Structures On Line:

First: Harry Evans (Deo RR Station Mil Rd , HO, Master)

Second: Albert Kamm (DRGW Station, O, Master)

Structures Off Line:

First: Jim Wise (Sierrea West Wood Cutter, HO, Novice)

Second: Jim Wise (Elliott & Sons Supply, HO, Novice)

Third: Douglas Krahn (Mil Plumbing Heating Supply, Novice)

Display Off Line:

First: John Swanson (Illini Feed, HO, Novice)

Second: Jim Wise (Fine Scale Franklin Warehouse, HO, Novice)

Third: John Hayman (Fawlty Tower House, HO, Novice)

Robert J. Moskal Memorial Award Model

Contest: John Swanson (Illini Feeds, HO)

Thanks to all our Judges!

DGRW Caboose



Elliot and Sons Supply



Sierra West Wood Cutters



Fawltz Tower



Franklin Works



Illini Feeds



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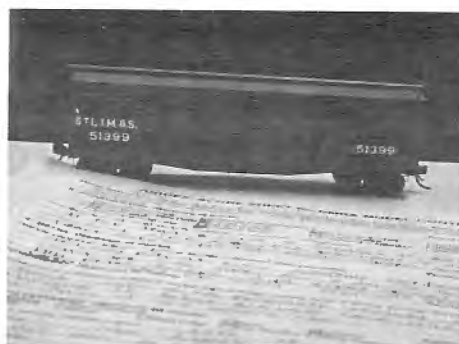
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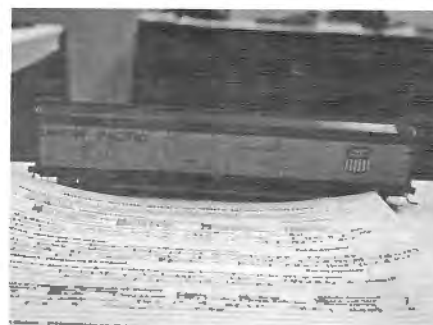
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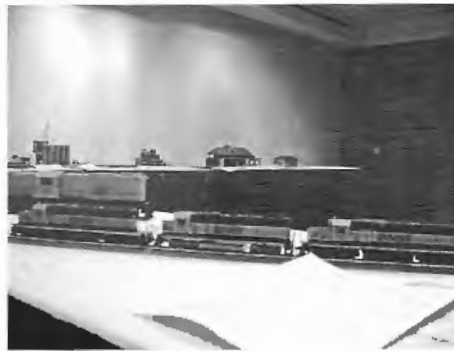
UP Express Reefer



Chapel Car



BNSF Diesels



FJ&E Center Cab Baldwin



Home Layouts



John Swanson's



Dennis Blount's



For those of you that missed this years Spring Convention in Rockford, here's a chance to see what you missed. Lot's of great layouts, clinics and let's not forgot the banquet!



Eric Adolphson's



Bob Jarrett's



Jack Brand's



Summer 2002 Division Event Schedule

Calumet Division

Contact: Andrew Hauser 708.868-8749

Location: Calumet High School, Griffith, IN

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

June 16 Crestwood, IL

Central Indiana Division

Contact: Larry Gilbert 765.779-4039

Location: As Announced

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

July 28 Noblesville, IN, Summer Pickic,
Forest Park (across from the IN
Transportation Museum).

DuPage Division

Contact: Rob Schiavone 630.690-3262

Location: Lisle Library, Lisle, IL

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

No summer events planned.

Fox Valley Division

Contact: Richard Sweet 847.55.1399

Location: Gary Monrovia Recreation Center

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

Holds membership meetings Each month,
from August through May

Illinois Valley Division

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Date **Planned Topic/Event**

No summer events planned.

North Shore & Western Division

Contact: Gordon Johnson 847.962.2244

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

No summer events planned.

South Central Wisconsin Division

Contact: Tom Fleury 608.271.4708

Location: Fitchburg Community Ctr, Fitchburg, WI

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

June 22-23 Bus trip Galesburg Railroad Days
(Contact Tom Fleury for details)

July 10 Annual Division Picnic

Southern Illinois Division

Contact: Joe Skamel 217.892-9740

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

No scheduled meets. Anyone interested in
helping Joe start some activities, please contact
him directly.

Winnebago Division

Contact: Tod Rebhahn 920.983-8384

Location: Varies, See Individual Listings

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

June 15 Board of Directors meeting in Waupaca

WISE Division

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Location: Varies, See Individual Listings

Date **Planned Topic/Event**

June 7 NRHS Wisconsin Chapter Meeting.
North Shore Congregational Church,
7330 N. Santa Monica Blvd. in Fox
Point, Wis. Business meeting at 8:00
p.m., presentation by Bob Hicks on
Milwaukee Road electrification.

June 15/16 UP steam excursions from Chicago to
Milwaukee and return. Union Pacific
Railroad's "Challenger" No. 3985, the
world's largest operating steam
locomotive

June 22/23 Galesburg Railroad Days. Galesburg,
IL. See a variety of railroad equipment,
railroad memorabilia sale, flea market
and antique sale, mansion tours, and
other events. For more information
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June 22/23 Historic Rail Tours Trip to Galesburg
Railroad Days and Rochelle Railroad
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