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President's Report

by Richard Cecil, President MWR

As you will note by the Region ballot, we have six candidates running for four positions of Delegate at Large. I truly believe that this level of enthusiasm shows rededication on the part of some of our members to participate in the governance of our organization. When you have more than enough candidates running, it indicates, at least to me, that we have made progress in improving the organization during the last three years. When participation increases, so does the level of excellence. We aren't done yet by any means, but with some new blood I am confident that we will continue to improve. I guess it's a little like good wine. Aging of good ingredients produces a superior product.

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Now it is incumbent upon you to participate in our electoral process. If you choose not to exercise your right to vote, you are selling the Region short. And you shouldn't do that anymore than you should sell yourself short. It is your region. It is worth your time and the 37 cents for a postal stamp.

On the road again

(Every time I think of this phrase, I can't help thinking about Willy Nelson. After all, he has a beard and a ponytail. I once had a beard and a ponytail. Thank goodness I don't look as old as Willy.) But I digress. We were able to make another meet on February 1 at the DuPage Division. I was accompanied by Reid Kahrs, the Region Convention Chairman. It was my distinct pleasure and honor to present four Achievement Certificates. Association Volunteer and Author were earned by James

Duffin and Association Volunteer and Association Official went to our past president Jim O'Toole. Well done, gentlemen.

This spring I will be visiting and presenting a clinic at the Illinois Valley Division. That will leave only the Central Indiana Division for me to visit and I will have been to a division function of all our active divisions. A promise made and kept. There are, however, three divisions that are inactive (Capital, Rock Island and Southern Illinois). We should and will make an effort to revitalize them.

And finally, I'd like to see more of you at the Milwaukee Express, our 2004 Region Convention. It is going to be a good one and will include activities for spouses and significant others. Look

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AP Awards

by Rick Shoup

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09 Association Volunteer
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09 Association Volunteer
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Spring Convention

by Joe Russ and Jim Kelly

Have you sent in your registration for the Milwaukee Express yet? If not, better do so soon as you won't want to miss another great time in Milwaukee!

The convention will include clinics Friday night and Saturday morning, nine layouts for Friday night operating sessions, over 30 layouts on tour, and facility tours of Kalmbach Publishing, Wm. K. Walthers, and Super Steel.

Some of the clinicians schedule include Cody Crivno, MR assistant editor, on North Dakota railroads; Jim Kelly, retired MR managing editor on stretchbuilding structures; Bill Schaumburg, Railroad Model Craftsman editor, on layout planning

for the North Shore's Mundelein Branch, and noted author Keith Kohlmann on the history of the Racine Gas Works.

The WISE Division is home to some great layouts, many of which have been featured in magazines and TV series. More than 30 layouts will be on map-guided tours which will be held during the daylight hours to make travel more convenient. Among the layouts will be Rolf Platcher's HO Midwest Lines which was featured on PBS' Tracks Ahead, John Tews' HO Timber River which was featured in Model Railroader and on Tracks Ahead, and Jim Hediger's HO Ohio Southern.

On-your-own tours highlighting Milwaukee's contributions to model railroading and railroading will kick-off the convention on Friday afternoon. Kalmbach Publishing, the publisher of Model Railroader and Trains will have a tour from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. You will be able to see the offices, meet the staff, and of course get to see the HO Milwaukee, Racine & Troy and several of MR's recent project railroads.

Wm. K. Walthers, the distributor of model railroad products, will be open for tours of the warehouse and shipping area (no manufacturing is currently done on site) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Then there will be a tour of Super Steel Products. This dynamic company plays a big role in the manufacturing of locomotives and passenger cars. One of two plants, the Calumet Plant on Milwaukee is north side was recently expanded to handle the final assembly of bi-level coaches and cab cars for Chicago's Metro commuter system. No cameras will be allowed on this tour, and

insurance waivers will have to be signed. The tour is limited to 50, and sign up will occur at the registration desk on Friday morning.

There will also be an extensive non-rail program at this convention. On Friday night George Drury will return with one of his great cooking demonstrations, and Alice Korach, founder of Kalmbach Publishing's Bead & Button magazine, will conduct a make-and-take necklace workshop.

Saturday morning for the non-rails will include a tour of the Botanical Gardens at Whitnall Park. That will be followed by a visit to the Village of Greendale - one of the three greenbelt communities built in the late 1930's during the Roosevelt administration. While there you will be able to visit the charming downtown area, which has been revamped in recent years, an original townhouse, and the Reiman Publications Visitor Center. Lunch will be at Heinemann's Taste of Home restaurant.

Rounding out the convention there will also be a Saturday evening dinner train on the East Troy Electric Railway Museum's line, a live auction Saturday night, and an awards breakfast buffet on Sunday morning.

For more information/latest updates, visit my.execpc.com/~jruss/milexpress04.html.



*Look for information regarding the
Spring Convention in your mailbox in
the next few days!*

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Train & Circus Show

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The Cisco Junction Model Railroad Group is planning a Train & Circus Show

Mar. 13-14 2004
at the Cisco Center in Cisco, IL.
(located off I 72, exit 156 between Decatur
and Champaign, the Cisco Center is on
Eldon St. and is attached to the Cisco
firehouse)

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Check in December for more information
and reservations for space at
<http://www.one-eleven.net/~dobe/Don.htm>
or mail/e-mail inquiries to:

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Phone 217-669-2261



Want to be a Judge for the
Modeling and Photo Contest at
the Regional Convention.



As an incentive,
part of your
Convention Fee
will be returned to
you for judging.

Contact: Gary Children at 414-
327-1666, or Ingrid Drozdak at
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Waybill Schedule

*[Editor's Note: Current schedule of the
Waybill:*

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*Deadline for submission to each issue is
listed for the month previous to publication:*

*August 15th for the Fall issue
November 10th for the Winter issue
February 15th for the Spring issue
May 15th for the Summer issue.*

*If you'd like to submit an article, please
send via e-mail it to: vwrails@execpc.com.]*



Candidates for NMRA Midwest Region Director-at Large

Michael Hurlburt

I have been a member of the NMRA since 1978, so I must have more than a passing interest in this organization. Even after 26 years, I still feel I must give something back to this hobby for all the many hours of enjoyment, and at times, frustration, that I've experienced with model railroading. Running for a DAL position in the MWR is just another way to do this.

In addition to building a home layout and several portable layouts for train shows, I

have done clinics at Regional and National Conventions, served as Paymaster and Superintendent of the NS&W Division, VP of the MWR, and three terms as MWR DAL. Volunteering is just something else to do during my retirement.

The vote on the Long Range Plan will be coming up shortly. Despite the controversy over such areas as organizational and dues changes, I recognize that the NMRA has evolved from a simple fraternal "gathering" to a large 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization that needs the proposed changes.

Volunteers will still be the life blood of the NMRA, and the LRP definitely encourages that fact.

I have been active on committees for hosting the Regional Conventions at Anderson and Noblesville, IN. I have been the chairman of the committee for the joint Kiwanis Club/C.I.D. train shows at Bedford for the past 8 years.

I am active in the Salem, Indiana Depot Museum helping to build an operating HO layout depicting the Monon Railroad in the Washington County area.

Hampton Rothwell

I started my love of trains, and railroads, in Chile, and expanded my love of trains during my youth, riding the NYC, PRR, ALC, and later in Europe. Give me a chance to ride, or run a (model) train and I'm in heaven.

Shortly after I moved to Wisconsin, in 1988, I joined the South Central Division (SCWD) of the NMRA, and have been an active member from day one.

As a member of the SCWD, I have served as contest chair, Superintendent, Board Member, and currently serving as Past Superintendent.

In 1994, the SCWD started to undertake the reins of the 1997 NMRA National Convention, where I served as Inside Coordinator for the National Convention, (a duty I shared with my wife Barb, who is also very active in both the SCWD and MWR).

I have previously served as a MWR DAL, and have seen the hobby locally grow, and expand. I like to think that I have contributed a little to that growth, by helping to get more youth involved in the hobby. I would like to see our aging hobby continue to grow by serving as a DAL.

Roger Wurtzel

I have lived in the Midwest Region my entire life and have been a life member of the NMRA for over 30 years. I was born and raised in Freeport, Illinois in the Rock River Valley Division and have been affiliated with the Stephenson Society of Model Trainmen in Freeport since 1966.

In 1986 I moved to the Winnebago Land Division, where I have lived in Stevens Point, Howard, and now Plover. Since being in the WLD, I have served as a division BOD member for five years, Assistant Superintendent for five years, and Superintendent for four years. I am currently division Assistant Superintendent. I was also Co-Chairman for the 2003 Spring Region Convention, TitleTown Express, in Green Bay.

I was a charter member of the Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders and am currently a member of the Wisconsin and Michigan Model Railroad Club. I am also a member of the Soo Line Historical & Technical Society and the Milwaukee Road Historical Association.

Bill Litkenhous

I joined the NMRA in 1961 I am a life member of both the Region and the National organization.

Recently, I started my latest model railroad, The Bedford Industrial Railroad, a small switching layout to keep me occupied while I am planning my ultimate layout.

I joined a model railroad group in Bloomington, IN some time ago and became interested in the Central Indiana Division. The C.I.D. asked if we would host a train show in Bloomington and I became the co-chairman of that show. The next year I became the chairman of the show and have progressed through the board ranks to become Superintendent. I am now the Immediate Past Superintendent. I also serves as the chairman of the Layout Tour Committee and the Election Committee.

BOB GINTER

I am presently a Director-at-Large on the Midwest Region Board. I have been a member of the Association since 1949. I have been an active member of the Region for most of that time, having been Photo Contest Chairman for five years, Boy Scout Merit Badge Chairman for seven years and worked on various region conventions when they were hosted by my division. I have

given clinics at the Division, Region and National levels. I earned my Association Volunteer Achievement Certificate in 1971.

In the Rock River Valley Division I was Paymaster for fifteen years, Train Show Registrar for seven years and served on the Division Board of Directors for many years.

My philosophy, as for as getting something from an organization, is something like having a Bank Account, you have to put something in before you get anything out.

I feel that I have been able to make a contribution to the Board and that I bring a historical aspect to it due to my many years in the organization. I would like to continue to offer my services and for that reason I am running for re-election.

RON SCHARPING

I have been a member of the NMRA since 1976 and have been active in the DuPage Division where I served as Paymaster for eight years.

I have been the Region Membership Coordinator for ten years and a Region Delegate-At-Large for the last two years.

I believe that the Region and the NMRA must maintain contact with its members if these organizations are to be successful. I plan to help that happen by continuing to work in the Membership Coordinator position and if elected to continue emphasizing that need within the Region Board. I look forward to your support.

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The Ballot can be found on page 17.

Winter 2003-4 Division Event Schedule

Calumet Division:

Contact: Richard Smurawski
(708)598-7876
Location: Calumet High School
Griffith, IN

Central Indiana Division:

Contact: Larry Gilbert
(765) 779-4039
Location: As Announced
Dates: Planned Topic/Event

DuPage:

Contact: Rob Schiavone
(630) 690-3262
robert_s_60188@yahoo.com
Location: Lisle Library
777 Front Street
Lisle, IL

Meetings starts at 1:30pm
March 7 - Dave Lull, Resin Casting
plus election of officers
April 4 - TBD
May 2 - Field Trip

Fox Valley Division:

Contact: Richard Sweet
rsweet@pactiv.com
11 Park Place Circle
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047
(847) 550-1399

Meeting Place (unless otherwise specified):

Gary Morava Recreation Center
110 W. Camp McDonald Road
Prospect Heights, IL 60070
(1 blk west of Camp McDonald
Road and Elmhurst Road Rt. 83)

Meeting times: 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Dates:

March 6-7, 2004 High Wheeler '04
Harper College
Div. Meet at Gary
Morava Rec Center
Annual Bus Meeting
Contest: On-line
structures
April 19, 2004 Trip to Chicago
South Shore & South
Bend Railroad
(proposed)
May 16, 2004

Illinois Valley Division:

Contact: Kerry Del Vecchio
(309) 243-1436
Email: kerrydel@aol.com
Location: Illinois Central College, East
Peoria, IL
Date: Planned Topic/Event

North Shore and Western Division:

Contact: Jim Spice
(847)-662-7267
Location: Glenview Public Library
1930 Glenview Road
Glenview IL

Meetings are held from 1:30-4pm

Dates:

March 28, 2004 Clinic by David
Popp
Contests: Diesels
& other locomotives
April 25, 2004 Regular Meet
Contests: Non-
revenue cars
May 23, 2004 Contests: Favorite
train/Traction

Rock River Valley Division:

Contact: Joe Whinnery
815-398-8973
Location: Midway Village and Museum
Center, 6799 Guilford RD, west
of Perryville and State St. Doors
open at 12:30 with the meeting at
1:00. Donation is \$2.00.
Date: Call for schedule

Sonth Central Wisconsin Division:

Contact: Chris Roeben
(608) 278-8361
Location: Fitchburg Community Center
5510 Lacy Road
Fitchburg WI

Meeting times: 1-4pm

Date Planned Topic/Event

March 7, 2004

Clinics:

- Operations for Model Railroads - Bob Wundrock
- Soo Line Passenger Equipment - Ken Soroos

Contest Theme: Structures

- *Category A:* Railroad Support Structures
- *Category B:* On-Line Structures
- *Category C:* Off-Line Structures

Layout Tours:

- Ken Gerstner
Scale: HO
- TBA - TBA

April 4, 2004

Clinics: TBA

Contest Theme: April Foolery

- *Category A:* Structures and Mini-Scenes
- *Category B:* Motive Power
- *Category C:* Non-Powered Rolling Stock

Layout Tours: TBA

May 2, 2004

Annual Joint Meeting with Rock River Valley Division. This year the joint meeting is in Madison.

Clinics: TBA

Contest Theme: Passenger Equipment

- *Category A:* Unpowered Head-End Cars
- *Category B:* Unpowered Passenger Cars
- *Category C:* Electric and Steam Powered Cars
- *Category D:* Diesel and Gasoline Powered Cars

Layout Tours: TBA

Southern Illinois Division:

Contact: Joe Skamel
(217) 892-9740

Location: NA

Anyone interested in helping Joe start some activities, please contact Joe directly.

WinnebagoLand Division:

Contact: Tod Rebhahn
(920) 983-8384

Location: Varies – Call for information.

March 7, 2004 - **Toy & Train show** - Van Veghel's auction complex –
Highway 57, De Pere, WI.

March 13, 204 - **Model Train Swap meet** –
National Guard Armory
2801 Second St. Appleton,
WI - Sponsored by the
Paper Valley Model
Railroad Club. for more
information contact Dennis
Frederick 920-734-9739.

March 21, 2004 - **Annual Spring
Show/Swap Meet** –
Circle B Recreation Center
Cedarburg, WI

March 21, 2004 - **Model Railroad Family**
Sunday - Two Rivers High
School

March 27/28, 2004 - **2ND Annual Model**
Train Show - Oconto
Elementary School,
Oconto, WI Contact: **Chic**
Hartert (920) 834-4300 or
Machichannee & Splinter
Creek Model Railroad club

March 28, 2004 - **Spring Thaw Train Show**
and Swap Meet -
Tornado's Banquet
Hall, 2350 N. Casaloma Dr.
Appleton WI - 8.00 AM -
2.00 P.M. Contact: Jerold
Julius

April 4, 2004 - **Model Railroad Show &**
Swap Meet - **The Richfield**
Chalet -
1271 State Road 175,
Richfield WI -

April 24, 2004 - **WINNEBAGOLAND**
Division Spring Meet -
Held in conjunction with
TITLETOWN TRAIN
SHOW - look for updates
in the upcoming Whistle

April 24/25, 2004 - **The Titledown**
Train Show- Shopko
Hall- Green Bay, WI.

Division Club Meets

Cedar Creek Railroad Club

Weekly meetings are held on Wednesdays at
7:00PM in the Train Room at
Lamm's Garden Center
2708 Sherman Road
Jackson, WI

Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders, Ltd. **- Stevens Point/Plover WI Area**

HO and N-scale modular layouts. The
clubhouse is located in the basement of a
restored Wisconsin Central Railway's depot in
the Portage County Historical Society's
Heritage Park, Plover. Meets Wednesdays at
7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For
more information call the clubhouse at 715-
342-7300 on meeting nights. You can also
email Jerry Rohlinger or phone him at 715-
341-2069, or call Don Anderson at 715-344-
8545.

Clipper City Model Railroad Club - **Manitowoc**

Iron Horse Barn - Expo Grounds - I43/ US 151
Meets 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. - For more
information contact: Joe Lallensack

Fond du Lac Model RR Club - Fond du Lac

Green Bay Area Model Railroaders Club **(Newer Industries) - Green Bay WI**

Hub City Model Railroaders - Marshfield -
Meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month
except June, July and August, at 7:00 p.m. The
clubhouse is located at 709 N. Chestnut Ave.
For more information contact Keith Meacham
or Gene Greenwald.

**Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers
Railroad Club, Inc.**

137 B North 6th Ave. West Bend, WI 53010

**Machickanee & Splinter Creek Model RR
Club - Oconto, WI**

Meets Saturday's at 7 p.m. at 330 Main Street,
Oconto. A new layout is under construction.
For more info e-mail Andre Pichette.

Neenah-Menasha Model RR Club - Neenah

323 West Forest Avenue. Open visitation the
first Wednesday of the month, other
Wednesdays by invitation only. For more info
call 414-725-3967.

**Paper Valley Model Railroad Club -
Kaukauna, WI**

The clubhouse is located at W2221 Block
Road, Kaukauna, WI. Club hours are Thursday
7pm - 9pm and Saturday 1pm - 4pm.

Plymouth Model RR Club - Plymouth WI

**Rhineland RR Association - Rhineland
WI**

Meets at the Soo Line Depot Museum in
Pioneer Park Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and
Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. HO scale layout
depicts the railroad operations in and around
Rhineland from 1930 to 1950. Visitors are
always welcome. For more information contact
Club Secretary Rodd Blaisdell at 715-362-
5996.

**Rothschild, Schofield, & Weston Model
Railroad Club- Rothschild, WI**

The club meets every Wednesday night at 7pm
in the basement of the Hobby Connection in
Rothschild, WI. The club layout is open to
visitors every Saturday afternoon until 5pm
when the Hobby Connection.

**Sheboygan Society of Scale Model RR
Engineers -Sheboygan WI**

Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Railroad
Lodge, 1001 N. 10th Street. 38 by 46-foot HO
and HOn3 layout with double-tracked mainline
and a 60-foot hidden staging yard. Visitors are
always welcome and membership is open. For
more information write to Club Secretary,
Dick Pool at the above address or call the club
on Tuesday evenings at 920-452-0166.

**Seymour Model Railroad Club - Seymour
WI**

209 Depot Street. Open house first & third
Sunday of each month from 1-3 p.m. HO
Scale. The layout is located in the former
Green Bay & Western depot which was moved
across the street and restored. For more info
contact Club Secretary/Treasurer David
Fairbanks, 323 Washington Street, Seymour
WI 54165-1331.

**Tri-City Railroader's Association -
Wisconsin Rapids WI**

Meets at the Lowell Senior Center, 330 8th
Street South on the second and fourth Sunday
of each month from September through May.
HO scale layout. For more information contact
Club President John Sawaska at 715-421-4610
or send e-mail to Dick Hoekstra.

**UP Shortlines Model RR Club - Marquette,
MI**

The UP Shortlines Model RR Club meet on the
1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the
Jacobetti Veteran Hospital in Marquette. The
club owns a 9' by 55' HO scale traveling layout
as well as a real LS&I U25c, an ore car and ex-
MoPac caboose which are displayed at Presque
Isle Park in Marquette.

For more information contact Richard Cooke
at 906-225-5468 or send email to
ljlcrc@aol.com

Waupaca Area Model Railroaders - Waupaca

Meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
More info: 715-258-5842.

Wisconsin & Michigan Model RR Club - Marinette WI

Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the basement of
the Elk's Club in Marinette, WI. The semi-
permanent HO scale layout is 26' by 6'.
Visitors are always welcome and membership
is open. For more information contact club
president, Dave Rickaby at 1031 Marinette
Avenue, Marinette WI 54143 or call 715-732-
1318.

WISE Divisions:

Contact: Bonnie Janke
262.392.9698
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Location: Midway Hotel –Airport , 5105 S
Howell Ave, Milwaukee.

Meeting time: 12:30-4pm

Division Meets:

- March 21, 2004
Washington County Fair Park
3000 Hwy PV
West Bend, WI
- **April 18, 2004 – Regular meet**
- May 15 - 16th, 2004 - **Regional
Convention** held in Milwaukee, at
Midway Hotel - Airport, Milwaukee



NMRA Ballot

As a part of your ballot for this year, you will
find several proposed Standard changes and
additions that have been the result of much
work by the Technical Department and deserve
your consideration.

Some of these proposals accept Standards that
have been long used by the respective scales
and gauges. The S scale fraternity, through the
National Association of S Gauge (NASG) has
long had standards that were not consistent
with the current NMRA standards. The
proposals will eliminate that longstanding
inconsistency and make both sets of standards
identical. The proposals that cover Nn3 are the
result of a group of NMRA members currently
working within that gauge of N scale.

You will also find additions in the form of
categories to the HO standards, reflected as
Fine Scale and Proto 87 Standards. Our regular
HO standards will remain the basis for
interchange and operation of our equipment.
The additions reflect the changes and
technology of the hobby, and the desire by
many of our members who are following these
new limits in their modeling.

Finally you will notice that we now have three
versions of wheel and track standards. Along
with this restructuring, our Technical
department can begin construction of technical
documents to help explain how best to use
these standards. These will be published on our
WWW site as they are completed.

Allen Pollock
President
[Abridged]





RAILROAD SHOW

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2004

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

at Lyons Township H.S. Fieldhouse
LaGrange, Illinois

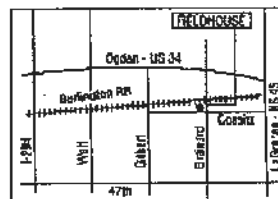


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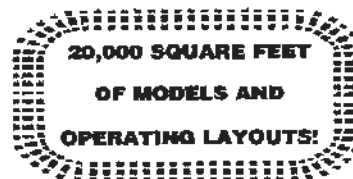
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High School Fieldhouse
Corner of Brainerd and Cassitt
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Notice to swap dealers: Swap tables are available!!!!

For show info : jimbartelt@metrorrclub.org

The METRO Model Railroad Club, LTD is a non-profit, private organization for railfans of all ages and types. Based out of Port Washington, Wisconsin, the METRO Club is involved in creating scale model railroad layouts, planning railfan trips and tours, organizing seminars and clinics on both modeling and prototype railroading, sponsoring shows, and maintaining an extensive collection of railroad resource material and memorabilia.

Free Paintbrushes At Model Railroad Show

In addition to door prizes, a free gift awaits the first 750 paid admissions to the Model Railroad Show and Swap, hosted by the METRO Model Railroad Club of Port Washington. A sample four pack of a new style of miniature paintbrushes being produced by Microbrush International of Grafton will be given to these lucky persons. The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st at Circle B Recreation on Highway 60 in Cedarburg. Another special event is the appearance of Gus Gnorski from the "Ask Gus" program on WITI-Fox 6 in Milwaukee. Gus will be on hand from 1 to 3 p.m. to meet everyone, talk and sign autographs.

Seven model railroad clubs will show layouts in all scales ranging from N gauge to #1 gauge at this year's show. The Cedar Creek Central of Jackson will show its progress on a large HO layout with many Midwestern scenes. The West Bend Ballast Scorcheders will bring their remarkable modular N scale layout, noted for its long trains and the scenic depiction of the infamous Weyauwega derailment. The Badgerland S Gaugers will show the classic American Flyer scale trains as well as new S-scale trains that are currently available. The West Bend, Jackson and Southern will bring many examples of G scale equipment that is most frequently used to create outdoor garden railroads, and will also display some #1 scale trains. The Grandkids Railroad will be on hand with its dazzling display of lights and

sounds. The R&R's RR will show the action and sound of O scale Lionel railroading. In addition, METRO will be again showing its HO layout featuring highly detailed scenes and animations, which has delighted audiences for more than 20 years, and which has twice won the blue ribbon at the National Train Show.

In addition, more than 45 tables of dealers and swappers will be on hand to buy, sell, and trade model railroad equipment, both new and used. The many club members and dealers on hand will be able to help modelers young and old, with layout design, problem solving, and scenicing hints.

Attendees can sign up for door prizes, which include railroading books and one-year subscriptions to Kalmbach Publishing's magazine *Model Railroader*. Model railroaders who want to learn how to make their trains run better can sign up for a free truck and coupler clinic to be held in April.

This is the ninth year for the show, which has become the largest in southeast Wisconsin after Train Fest. Membership in all of the clubs showing is open; attendees can talk to club members at the show for membership details. METRO can also be found on the web at www.metrorrclub.org.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by a \$2 donation for adults; as always, children under 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Sponsors include: Microbrush International, Kalmbach Publishing, Port Antiques, Tires Unlimited Automotive Services, the Harbor Club, and the Village of Port Washington.

Midwest Region 2004 Ballot

Director-At-Large Vote for at most four

Mike Hurlburt* ☐

Hampton Rothwell ☐

Roger Wurtzel ☐

Bill Litkenhous ☐

Bob Guinter* ☐

Ron Sharping* ☐

Write-in _____ ☐

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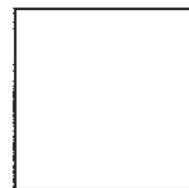
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*Incumbent

Only this ballot will be accepted for voting purposes.
Ballot must be received no later than April 15, 2004.

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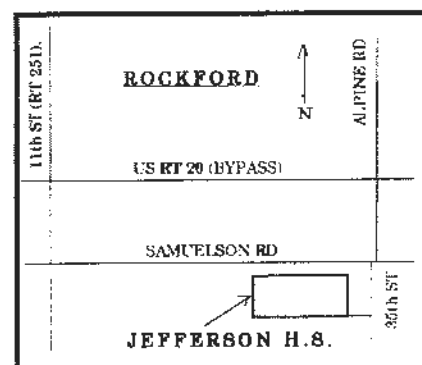
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