

Waybill

Mid West Region NMRA – Winter 2006



President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

Well, here we are into the season of model railroading. Please support your local group.

I'd like to extend an extra special thanks to the Rock River Valley Division for hosting the full Fall Region Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, October 1. Jim Spice will now be our new nomination chair and Richard Sweet, the current superintendent of the Fox Valley, will now head the new region audit chair. We are still looking for one more person from one of the other divisions to be on the nomination committee. Jim Wilhite is resigning this position. A big thanks to Jim for all of his work.

I appreciate the warm welcome we received after the BOD meeting from Superintendent Don Brindle and the rest of the RRVD members. There were two great clinics and two nice layout tours.

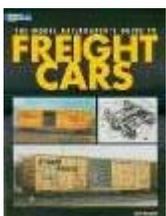
With this issue all members will receive a ballot to vote for people to run the region. Please take time to look at the candidates and vote. This is very important for you as part of the Midwest Region. Please get your ballot in by February 28, 2007.

Thank you all and have a safe and warm holiday season. And remember, model railroading is fun!



Book Review

By: Mark N. Goedert



Title: "Freight Cars"
Author: Jeff Wilson
Publisher: Kalmbach Publishing
ISBN: 0-89024-585-1
Retail Price: \$19.95

"Freight Cars" is a close look at prototype freight equipment from the 1920's through the modern era. The book covers each general type of car; box, tank, covered hopper, refrigerator, open hopper, gondola, flatcar, and intermodal equipment. The history and discussion of major car types is extremely helpful in deepening your understanding of freight cars which can make your modeling much more accurate.

The overall look and feel of the book is the high quality that we have grown to expect from Kalmbach publications. Each chapter has appropriate color or black and white photos illustrating different car attributes and styles of car in each category. Side bars are included in some of the chapters to focus on a specific car attribute like roofwalks or an entire car sub-type like ore gondolas and emergency war hoppers. The sketches included in some of the chapters offer insight on how different car components work, like the valve system on a tank car or the load cushioning devices inside a box car. All the illustrations are high quality and clearly illustrate each concept.

Each chapter is devoted to covering a specific car type. Generally you will see a nice historical overview of the car with photos showing significant car characteristics and the evolution of the car becomes evident as you read through the chapter. The book does have a few pictures of model train cars however ninety five percent of the book is focused on prototype freight cars. There is an appendix showing types of cars offered by model manufacturers. The material is not scale specific and can be used by anyone interested in learning about freight cars.

This book, I feel, covers a significant void in model railroading information without drowning us in a pile of Car and Locomotive Encyclopedias.

When you look at building a model for the Cars Achievement Award the information needed to satisfy the requirements is scattered among many sources. Discouraging enough, some of the sources are quite costly to attain. Jeff has done us a great favor and waded through countless resources and funneled the information into a useful and concise text. If you were to just look at the cost of compiling the research materials that went into this book the price is a bargain and it will get you off to a good start understanding freight cars. Do not mistake this as a complete text however it does give you a lot of information in 96 pages.

I recommend "Freight Cars" to the general modeler because it is a unique, informative, and attractive text. Even if you are not a "rivet counter" this book can satisfy the general modeler because it will explain what all that gorgeous detail represents under that new Kadee™ freight car you just added to your fleet. Now, I wonder if Jeff just happens to read this review can we look forward to "Passenger Cars"?

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***Annual Meeting
of Members***

Horizon Convention Center
Muncie, Indiana

Saturday, April 21, 2007

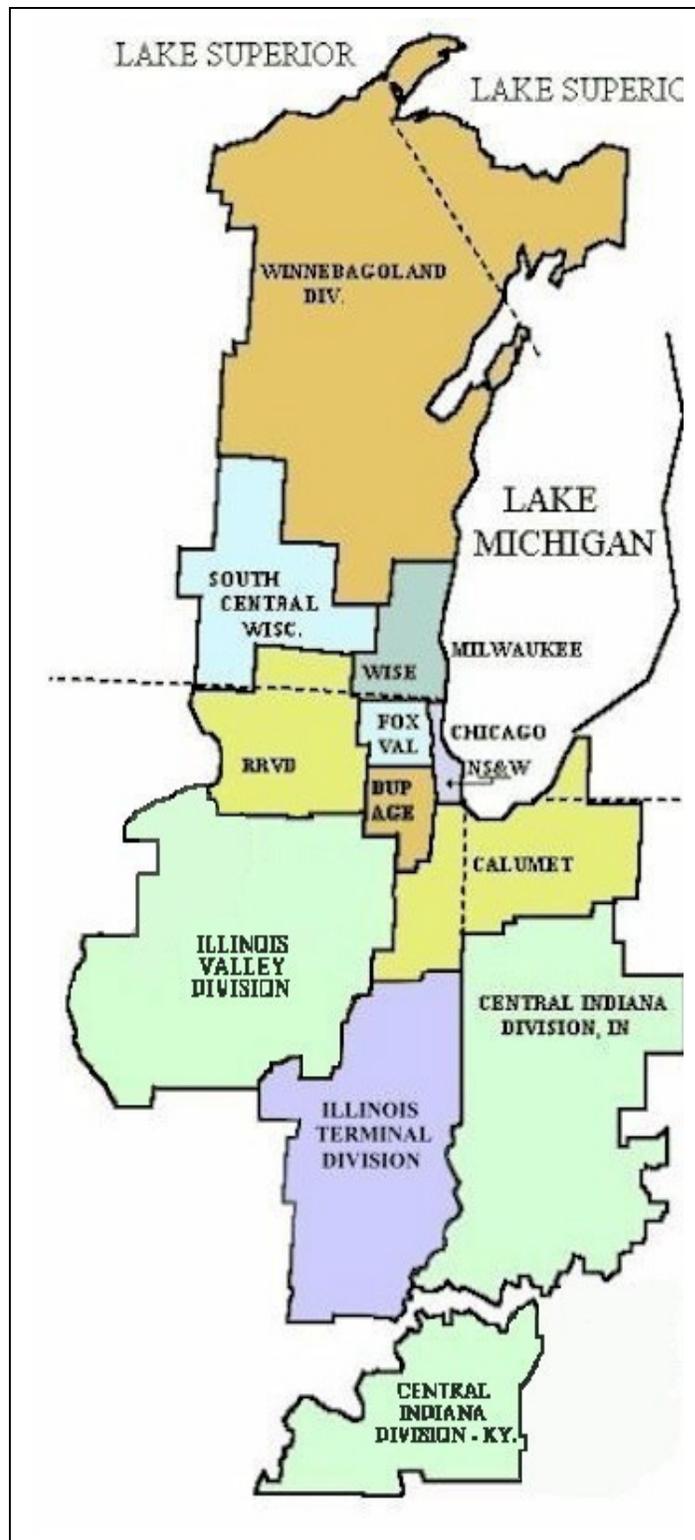
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Waybill Advertising

At the last Board of Director's meeting, the MWR Board approved the submission of advertising for placement in the Waybill.

The deadlines for camera ready ads will be the same as the copy deadlines stated above, (*please submit by e-mail if possible in MS Word format*). If you need ad composition, please contact the Waybill editor. Railroad related advertising only will be accepted for publication.

Advertising rates/year are as follow:

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It's that time again... 2007 MWR Candidates

For President:



Gary Children - Hi. For those of you who are new members, welcome to the Midwest Region. My name is Gary E. Children and I'd like to tell you a little about myself. I am a married 64 year old S Scaler and life member of the NMRA since 1964. I've been active in the region since 1989. I have been a DAL for about eight years, a Model Contest Chairman, and am finishing up my first term as Midwest Region President. I am also a BOD Member, Boy Scout Merit Chairman for railroading and Assistant Membership Chairman in the WISE Division. I have done clinics at the division, regional and national levels.

I believe in having fun in model railroading and meeting new people. I also believe that there is always room to learn more in this hobby. Everyone has a little different way of doing things. We are blessed in the region with the layouts, good clinics and strong divisions to help the members. In some areas it is hard to get people together for a division meet, but people in those areas do the best they can; it's what model railroading is about. If there are only five or six people together sharing a common interest and ideas in the hobby, it works well. That's what the NMRA is all about.

There have been many changes in the region since 1989. I work with a group of good people, DALs and presidents. Work is still going on to get 501(c)(3) for nonprofit status with the IRS. Since the region was

incorporated in Illinois and most of the officers live in Wisconsin, we have to have an Illinois lawyer file the papers. We have found one that also happens to be a model railroader. Through some of our Illinois board members the final wording will hopefully be completed by the end of this year. This has been going on for some time previous to my tenure. Hopefully it can be resolved in this term yet.

In my closing, there have been a great many changes in the NMRA. Hopefully if I am re-elected as President I would like to make sure that the Midwest Region gets its fair share. When you receive your ballot in the mail, please vote. This election is very important so we can keep improving the region. Thank you for your continuing support

Vice President:



Randy Williamson - My name is Randy Williamson and I am running for vice-president of the Midwest Region. I have been an NMRA member for 20 years and a life member for 12 years. I have been involved with the Winnebagoland Division for 19 years, serving various positions up to and including Superintendent. Currently I am Midwest Region Vice President, Midwest Region Internet Committee Chairman and Winnebagoland Division webmaster. My wife and I are building a HO scale layout, freelanced Pennsy with a logging line.

Directors at large:

Bill Litkenhous (*Incumbent*)

I joined the NMRA in 1961 and have been a continuous member since. I am a life member of

both the Region and the National organization. I joined a model railroad group in Bloomington, IN some time ago and that is how I 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 second of five shows we did in Bloomington. However, that group lost its location and we sort disbanded.



While we were doing these shows I became a part of the C.I.D. board and have progressed through the ranks to become Superintendent. Since becoming involved in the C.I.D., I have served as superintendent and am now the Immediate Past Superintendent. I am the chairman of the Layout Tour Committee and the Election Committee. I have been active on committees for hosting the Regional Conventions at Anderson and Noblesville, IN. I am also the chairman of the committee for the joint Kiwanis Club/C.I.D. train shows at Bedford, which I have done this for 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. I recently 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 am retired from the Powertrain group of General Motors Corporation after nearly 37 years of service.

Chris Roeben

My name is Chris Roeben, I live in Madison, WI and I am a very active participant of the South Central Wisconsin Division. I have been a NMRA member since 1993. Currently I serve my division as Past Superintendent, and Audio Visual Chair. On the Region level I just took over the position of Contests Co-Chairperson. As a SCWD member I have served 6 years on the BOD as Member, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent, and Past Superintendent. I have served as Youth Group Co-Chair, and helped in the revitalization of the group to a thriving part of our division. On the Region level I aim to do that with the Contests.



As Director-at-Large I plan to use my experiences as a division member on the BOD to help guide the MWR. Many obstacles face us in the future. It is my hope that you will elect me to serve this great Region to help use my experience to overcome them. I am young and still have a lot of energy in me, and I look forward to using some of that energy serving you as a Director-at-Large.

James Wise

I have been a member of the NMRA since 1957 and a Life Member for forty (40) years. I was an active member in the 1950's and 1960's. I was Co-chairman of the Region Convention held in Peoria in the spring of 1968. I served on the Illinois Valley Division - First Board held - as Assistant Superintendent. I became inactive in the NMRA for a number of years while owning my own printing company.

Since being retired during the last 10 years, I have become active again. I am serving on the Board of the Illinois Division as Train Master of Division 1. I have given several Clinics and have had a few Open Houses.



I have received The Golden Spike Award and four (4) AP Certificates: Civil - Electrical - Scenery - Structure.

I operate the Losey \$ (Dollar) Western RR which is in its final stage - after about five (5) tries.

I feel that since I am retired I can contribute something good for the Region. I am also concerned that our region is moving too fast into the electronic age and are leaving members out who are not in that age or perhaps 'don't want to be'.

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Wishing you and yours,
the best of the holiday season.

Happy Holidays

Your Waybill editor

Mid West Region NMRA

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Gary Children (Incumbent)

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Vice President (Vote for One)

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