

Waybill

*Mid West Region NMRA –
Summer 2007*



President's Report

by Gary Children, President MWR

It's been a long winter. I hope you got some model railroading done in the first part of the year. The fall, winter and spring months were when your local divisions had their train shows. The WI Southeastern, South Central WI, Fox Valley, Rock River Valley and Dupage Divisions all put on great shows this year. The attendance was up at all shows. I hope this is a sign of good things to come. The Midwest Division met in Muncie, IN. It was called the Hoosier Connection 2007. The CID put on a good convention with 150 people in attendance. It was a great place for railroad shots with two N.S. and CSX lines a block away from the convention. The only drawback was the hotel, which was across the street closed down so we had to stay across town. My thanks go out to the CID for holding the spring region convention.

Our national president, Michael Brestel and Vice President Dave Liesse attended the spring convention. They helped with judging the photo contest and attended the long-winded BOD meeting. I hope they learned a little about what goes on at a region board meeting.

On the positive side, Ingrid Drozdak was called free of the Big C. Chris Roeben and his wife, have a new model railroader, Zachary Wayne Roeben, born May 1, 2007. Art Dawson of the South Central Division was awarded a plaque for his outstanding work in putting on the Mad City Train Show. The many years he has done this for the SCWD. They also have a fine rail school they put on in January. They hold this school at the division meeting to get people interested in model railroading.

Many of the SCWD members put on small clinics of model railroading. They had HO and N scale buildings. There were a lot of good models created by the division. The Rock River also does this to get people more involved in the hobby. The Fox Valley and WISE Divisions hosted the merit badges for the Boy Scouts in railroading. I personally thank all of the divisions because all of this takes time and effort.

I have to talk about the Regional Advisory Council, RAC. I sent my thoughts on this about the region and divisions to Bert, as regional advisory council head to the national BOD meeting in January. Little or nothing was said at the BOD meeting. Hopefully there will be something said at the National Convention BOD meeting in July.

Our new AP chair for the region Marv Preussle was at the region BOD meeting. He has been getting his feet wet with paperwork and getting out awards in a timely manner.

I guess there is a sign that some of us are going into our second childhood. Hank Brown has done it again. His good-looking O scale layout was ripped up so he could put in a G scale layout. Hank has been a model railroader for years and has gone from HO to O, and now to G scale. He also runs rail speeches in his off time, when he's not creating layouts for other people. They're called the Train Guys. This last year he and his crew redid the O scale trolley at the East Troy Electric Railroad. Stop in this year and look at it in the train depot. The East Troy Electric Railroad is 100 years old this year. Stop in and take in both sites.

If you can help, both the SCWD and WISE Divisions' youth groups are looking for a new home so that kids can learn to build and run trains. If you

have space at a real reasonable price or free, contact the SCWD or WISE Division superintendent. The kids need our help on this. I thank all of the divisions who work with youth groups, scouts, or any other programs. The kids are our future.

Remember, model railroading is fun! Have a good summer. See you in fall.

President Gary Children and Ross Pollock at a SCWD meet kitbash model contest review.



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Minutes, Annual MWR Members Meeting April 21, 2007

TENTATIVE AND PRELIMINARY DRAFT
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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

President Gary Children called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, Indiana. Gary thanked the Central Indiana Division for hosting the 2007 Spring Convention.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Members held on April 29, 2006 were unanimously approved as written and published in the Summer 2006 issue of the *Waybill*.

Reports

Bob Sherman, Treasurer, reported on Region finances. As of December 31, 2006 the General Fund and the Youth Fund had combined net assets of \$32,494.72. For the year then ended revenues, primarily from *Waybill* subscriptions and the NMRA dues rebate, were \$8,941.42; expenses, primarily for the *Waybill*, were \$4,764.08 and net revenue was \$4,177.34.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

President Children announced the winners of the recent election:

President - Gary Children, (Wisconsin Southeastern Division)

Vice President - Randy Williamson (Winnebagoland Division)

Directors-at-Large –

Bill Litkenhous, (Central Indiana Division)

Chris Roeben, (South Central Wisconsin Division)

James Wise, (Illinois Valley Division)

On behalf of the Winnebagoland Division, Mark Preussler invited everyone to attend the Region's 2008 Spring Convention at the Best Western Grand Seasons Hotel and Conference Center in Waupaca, Wisconsin from May 9 to May 11, 2008.

Marv Preussler presented Achievement Program Certificates to Don Cook from the North Shore & Western Division for Chief Dispatcher, to Reid Kahrs from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division for Association Volunteer and Association Official and to Jim Spice from the North Shore & Western Division for Association Volunteer and Association Official. Marv noted that Don Cook had recently earned the Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical Certificate and that Stephen Studley from the Central Indiana Division had recently earned the Association Volunteer Certificate. Finally, Marv said that James Wise from the Illinois Valley Division should

receive the Chief Dispatcher Certificate shortly and with that achievement Jim would be designated a Master Model Railroader.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Lattan, Secretary

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2008 Election

Petition Deadline Is September 6

Although the 2008 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2008 we will elect four (4) Directors-at-Large.

Roger Wurtzel from the Winnebagoland Division, one of the four incumbent DALs, will complete his second two-year term in 2008 and under the Bylaws will not be eligible to run for another term in 2008. Our thanks to Roger for his dedicated service. Sean Lamb from the South Central Wisconsin Division, Bob Lehnen from the Central Indiana Division and Dave Poquette from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division will complete their first two-year terms and will be eligible to run for another term in 2008.

There are two ways that your name can be placed on the ballot. The first is by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Board of Directors. To be considered by the Nominating Committee (Chairman Jim Spice from the North Shore & Western Division and Members Reid Kahrs from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Jim Osborn from the Fox Valley Division), you must submit a biography/candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo to the Committee with a copy to the Region Secretary (Bert Lattan) as soon as possible, but no later than September 6, 2007.

The preferred method of delivery is electronic mail. (While e-mail is not required to serve on the Board, it is highly desirable since the Board conducts pre and post meeting activity by e-mail.) If you do not have e-mail, you may mail your bio/photo to Bert Lattan, who will convert it to an electronic format

and send it to the Committee. Addresses and e-mail addresses for the Committee and the Secretary are on the Region website (www.mwr-nmra.org).

The second method is by petition signed by at least ten (10) current, resident NMRA members. The petition form is available on the Region website or it may be requested from Bert Lattan. Your petition must be accompanied by a biography/candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo. It must be received by Bert Lattan no later than September 6, 2007. He will convert it to an electronic format and forward it to the Committee.

The Committee will submit its recommendations and the names of all resident members nominated by petition to the Board of Directors for review and approval during its next meeting, which will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2007 in Prospect Heights, Illinois at the Gary Morava Recreation Center.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the Winter 2007 issue of the *Waybill*. The results of the election will be announced during the 2008 Annual Meeting of Members. The meeting will be held during the 2008 Spring Convention, which is scheduled for May 9-11 at the Best Western Grand Seasons Hotel and Conference Center in Waupaca, Wisconsin.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee or the Secretary. —*Jim Spice*

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Railroad Research for the Modeler – Prototype Periodicals

by Thomas Mossbeck, Research Associate

This is the third installment of a series of articles about the Kalmbach Memorial Library and its resources.

We are all familiar with today's model railroad magazines like *Model Railroader* and *Railroad*

Model Craftsman, and for prototype information we can read *Railfan & Railroad*, the newly revived *Passenger Train Journal*, or *Trains* which has been on newsstands since 1941 (just to name a few). However, one prototype periodical which has been in publication (under various names) for the past 150 years is *Railway Age*. This is an outstanding publication to which the modeler and prototype historian can often turn for equipment and structure drawings, plus features and news from the various railroads (see illustrations).

The publication can trace its roots back to 1856 as the *Western Railroad Gazette*, published in Chicago. Only a few copies are known to exist, none of which are in the library's collection. In 1870 the name was changed to *Railroad Gazette* and it became the railroad industry's leading periodical. *Railway Age* was a competitor and in June of 1908 it was acquired by *Railway Gazette*. The two magazines formed the *Railroad Age Gazette*, a name it would retain until the end of 1909 when it changed to *Railway Age Gazette* (1910-17), and finally *Railway Age* (1918-present). Another competitor, *Railway Review* was acquired in 1926. While the library's collection is not complete we do have most issues from 1878 to present day. The website (www.nmra.org/library under "Our Collection") lists all issues in the library's collection.

As with any source, the information is only useful if you can find it. We have a very good index to these and other prototype periodicals prepared by noted railroad historian Thomas T. Taber III, who spent more than 7,000 hours indexing about 80 different periodicals. Also, all annual volumes have an index making it easy to find out what articles have been published in a specific year. The library staff makes extensive use of these industry periodicals, which also include the aforementioned *Railway Review*, as well as *Signal Engineer*, *American Engineer & Railroad Journal*, and *Electric Railway Journal* (incl. predecessors *Street Railway Journal* and *Street Railway Review*).

Modelers and historians interested in obtaining references of particular railroads or subjects should contact the library.

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Images:
Cover of the 150th Anniversary Edition of *Railway Age* – September 2006
Example of a page in *Railway Age* – 11/29/1941 p. 910
Floor plan of Jersey Central's Liberty Street Terminal - *Railway Age Gazette* 11/6/1908 p. 1289
Drawing of a Wabash Roundhouse – *Railway Age Gazette* 11/6/1908 p. 1299

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NEW and FREE! Get reference PDFs. The library can now provide article references for periodicals like *Model Railroader*, *Railroad Model Craftsman*, *Traction & Models*, and many more, as well listing of photos from the library's collection PDF format, free of charge. Send an email to KMLResearchDesk@aol.com and specify what you are looking for. We will then run a search and email you the references. You can then review the results and specify which articles or photos you would like copied.

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NMRA National Convention

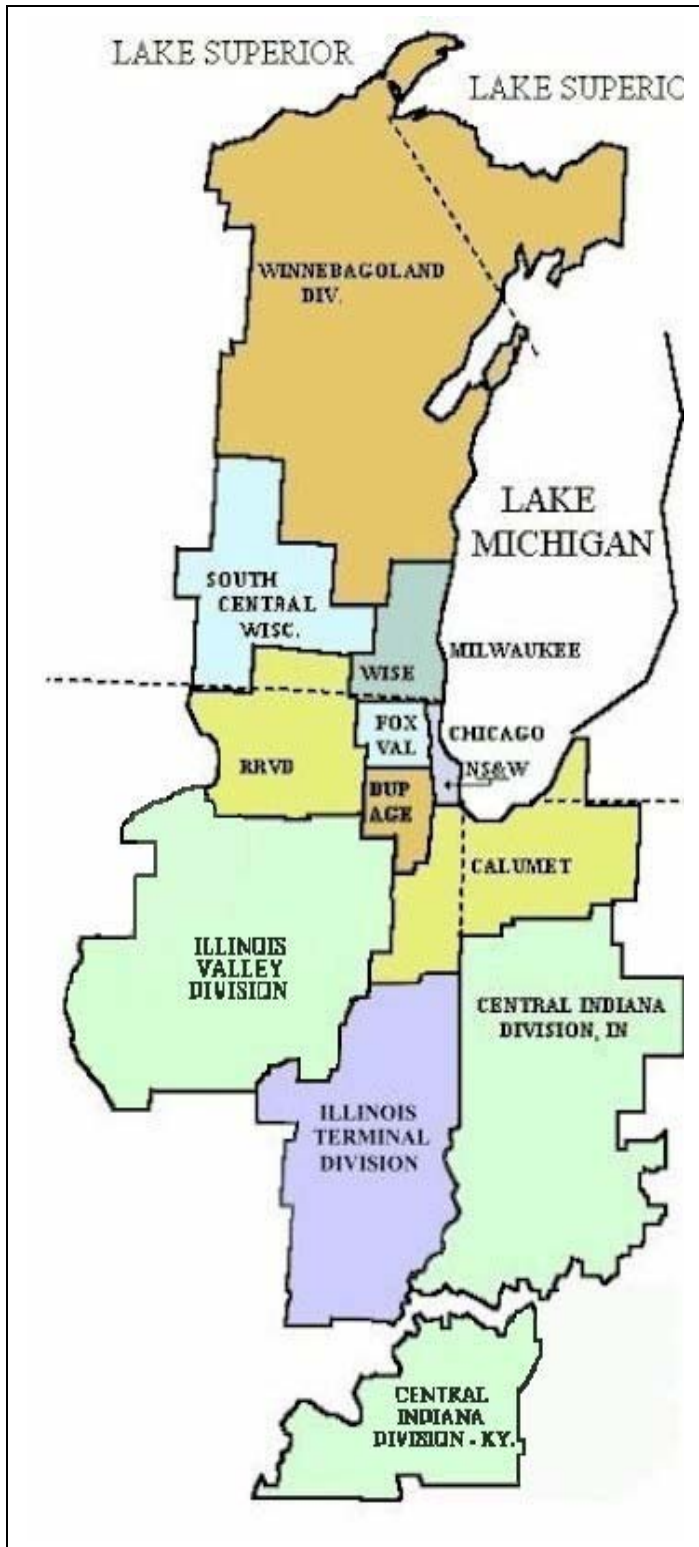
For those of you that are still trying to make up your mind about going to the national convention in Detroit, there's still time to get in your registration, and join the fun.

Check out their web site link for more information at: <http://www.nmra.org/2007>.

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The following information and photo were received via e-mail, so you may have seen this before, but it is unforgettable.

The Good news:

It was a normal day in Sharon Springs, KS when a Union Pacific crew boarded a loaded coal train to head on the long trek back to Salina.

The Good news:

A very alert crew noticed a small amount of smoke about halfway back in the train and immediately stopped the train, in compliance with the rules.

The Bad news:

Just a few miles into the trip a wheel bearing became overheated and melted off, letting the truck support drop down and grind on top of the rail creating white hot molten metal droppings to spew downward on the rail.

The Bad news:

The train just happened to stop with the hot wheel on top of a wooden bridge built with creosote ties and trusses. Remember now, this train was loaded with coal!!!



Don't let summer go by without checking out what's going on for vacations spots:

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- Vacations by Rail: <http://www.vacationsbyrail.com/>
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- Gordon's Guide to Train tours: <http://train-tours.gordonsguide.com/>
- Via Rail Canada: <http://www.viarail.ca/>
- American Orient Express: <http://www.railsw.com/Tours/aoe/aoe.htm>
- GrandLuxe Rail Journeys:
http://www.luxurytour.com/deluxerail/americanorientexpress.html?gclid=CI7Orr2_kYwCFQGPWAodQBuhAQ

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