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### Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011

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33.	X	Nominating Committee
34.		Promotions and Special Projects Committee
35.		Publications Committee
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41.		Director-at-Large/Ingrid Drozdak
42.	X	Director-at-Large/Mike Hurlburt
43.	X	Director-at-Large/Jim Osborn
44.	X	Director-at-Large/Barb Rothwell
45.		Director-at-Large/ Jim Allen
46.		Director-at-Large/Fred Henize
47.		Director-at-Large/David Leider
51.	X	Division Director/ Central Indiana
52.		Division Director/DuPage
53.		Division Director/ Fox Valley
54.		Division Director/Illinois Terminal
55.	X	Division Director/Illinois Valley
56.	X	Division Director/Michiana
57.		Division Director/Rock River Valley
58.	X	Division Director/South Central Wisconsin
59.	X	Division Director/Winnebagoland
60.	X	Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern
70.		Regional Advisory Council Representative
71.	X	Secretary
72.	X	Treasurer
73.	X	Vice President
74.		Immediate Past President
75.		President
81.	X	Railsplitter 2012

## **Item 1**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

TENTATIVE AND PRELIMINARY DRAFT  
FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

President Bill Litkenhous called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at the University Plaza Hotel in West Lafayette, Indiana. The agenda for the meeting is at Item 2. Fifteen of the 19 people attending the meeting in person or by proxy were voting members of the Board of Directors, which constituted a quorum.

Bill thanked Steve Studley and the Central Indiana Division for hosting the meeting and Chuck Tuttle for hosting the Friday evening operating session.

On motion by Gary Children, seconded by Paul Mangan, the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 17, 2011 were unanimously approved as written.

#### Reports

The following reports are attached:

- Audit Committee (Item 21)
- Clinic Clearinghouse Committee (Item 22)
- Convention Committee (Item 23)
- Internet Committee (Item 30)
- Membership Committee (Item 32)
- Nominating Committee (Item 33)
- Director-at-Large/Mike Hurlburt (Item 42)
- Director-at-Large/Jim Osborn (Item 43)
- Director-at-Large/Barb Rothwell (Item 44)
- Division Director/Central Indiana (Item 51)
- Division Director/Illinois Valley (Item 55)
- Division Director/Michiana (Item 56)
- Division Director/South Central Wisconsin (Item 58)
- Division Director/Winnebagoland (Item 59)
- Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern (Item 60)
- Secretary (Item 71)
- Treasurer (Item 72)
- Vice President (Item 73)

In Richard Sweet's absence, Bill Litkenhous said that the audit for 2010 was complete with no discrepancies. See Item 21. On motion by Jim Osborn, seconded by Paul Mangan, the Audit Committee report was unanimously accepted.

Dave Johnson discussed the Nominating Committee report. See Item 33. On motion by Paul Mangan, seconded by Mike Vivion, the Audit Committee report was unanimously accepted.

In Reid Kahrs' absence, Bert Lattan said that the DuPage, Fox Valley, Winnebago, Rock River Valley and Wisconsin Southeastern Divisions should consider hosting the 2014 and later Region conventions. See Item 23. John Mann said that the Rock River Valley Division was thinking about 2016. Jim Osborn reported that the Fox Valley Division, perhaps in conjunction with the DuPage Division, would submit a bid for 2014 at a later date. Due to the Division's High Wheeler train show in early March, the convention will probably be on the first or third weekend in May. To reduce room night costs, Fox Valley is considering a convention center or similar facility rather than a hotel for the convention site.

John Mann noted that the Rock River Valley Division will not host a Midway Village train show this year due to declining attendance and space limitations. Although dates have not been set the Division's March show will be held on the third or fourth weekend in March of 2012. The Division's *Flimzie* newsletter is now in a digital format. See the RRVD website.

Jim Osborn said that the Fox Valley Division's High Wheeler train show will be held the first weekend in March of 2012. Attendance at the 2010 and 2011 shows was boosted by notices in *Chicago Parent* magazine and on family oriented websites.

On behalf of Joe Russ, the Wisconsin Southeastern Division's new Superintendent, Gary Children reported that the Division has a new meeting place: Best Western Plus Midway Hotel, 1005 South Moorland Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin. Gary distributed flyers for Trainfest on November 12-13, 2011 at Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis, Wisconsin.

David Leider noted that the Winnebago Division is combining its Fall meet on October 1, 2011 with several railroad historical societies.

Michael Shockley reported that the Illinois Valley Division is meeting in a new town on September 11th: Galesburg, Illinois, which is a major railroad town in IVD's territory.

Bill Litkenhous said that Stephen Priest, the newly elected Regional Advisory Council Director, has asked each Region President to provide a "welcome" letter that the headquarters office will include in new member packets as appropriate. Bill added that he is working on a letter for the Midwest Region.

Bert Lattan asked Board participants who did not submit a report for inclusion in the preliminary reports package and who would like their reports included in the minutes, to e-mail them to him so that he receives them no later than Sunday, September 18, 2011. He plans to publish the minutes shortly thereafter. He expects to publish updated lists of Region and Division key

personnel in October. Bert noted that with significant assistance from Jim Osborn, he set up the e-mail addresses of Region members in Constant Contact and developed a format for *Waybill* notices. He has used Constant Contact three times. The system seems to be working well. He reminded the Board that in late fall or early winter the NMRA will be checking the membership status of Region and Division officials in connection with the annual insurance renewal. He asked Board participants to ensure that their memberships are current and he asked Division Superintendents to ensure that the memberships of Division officials are current. Finally, in reference to Mike Hurlburt's report (Item 22) he asked Division Superintendents to ensure that their clinic, convention, internet, membership and publications coordinators report their contact information to the chairmen of the corresponding Region committees per Section 4 of Article V of the Region Bylaws.

Bryan Lemonds reviewed his report. See Item 72. In response to a question about the Region's share of the net income of the 2011 Spring Convention, Paul Mangan said that he thought Barb Rothwell had remitted the Region's share to Bryan, but he will check with Barb. Bryan Lemonds said that the amount may be misclassified in the Statement of Profit & Loss. He will check. *(Secretary's Note: Bryan subsequently submitted a corrected Statement of Profit & Loss that appropriately classifies convention income. The corrected statement is included in Item 72.)*

Revenues and expenses for the nine months ended August 31, 2011 were:

	8/31/11
Revenues	\$6,091.00
Expenses	<u>2,797.07</u>
Net Income	<u>\$3,293.93</u>

Assets and liabilities as of August 31, 2011 were:

	8/31/11
Assets	
Certificates of Deposit	\$24,155.80
Checking Accounts	<u>18,118.77</u>
Total	<u>\$42,274.57</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$ 7,295.62
Equity	<u>34,978.95</u>
Total	<u>\$42,274.57</u>

On motion by Jim Allen, seconded by David Leider, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted subject to audit.

Bill Litkenhous reported that the NMRA Board of Directors has approved the transfer of Scott County, Indiana from the Mid-Central Region to the Midwest Region. Bert Lattan said that he

has asked Ron Scharping to verify that National headquarters has updated the membership database by transferring the related Zip codes.

### Old Business

The Board discussed the report of the Nominating Committee. Bill Litkenhous asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Since there were none, on motion by Paul Mangan, seconded by Bryan Lemonds, the Board slated the following candidates for election for the 2012-2014 term:

- Director-at-Large, Ingrid Drozdak, Fox Valley Division
- Director-at-Large, Mike Hurlburt, Wisconsin Southeastern Division
- Director-at-Large, Dave Johnson, Fox Valley Division
- Director-at-Large, Barb Rothwell, South Central Wisconsin Division
- Director-at-Large, Linda Sukup, Wisconsin Southeastern Division

In Mike Yurgec's absence, Michael Shockley updated the Board on plans for Railsplitter 2012, the Region's 2012 Spring Convention in Springfield, Illinois. See Item 81. Mike said that because some individuals no longer use checks, Mike Yurgec is looking into a website for online registrations. Mike reminded the Board that while he volunteered to help Dave Poquette with the 2012 auction, he did not volunteer to replace Dave as Chairman of the Auction Subcommittee. A replacement is still needed.

Steve Studley and Tom Cain reported that CID has a committee of twelve working on the 2013 Spring Convention. The probable dates are May 2-5, 2013. The convention committee is considering a contract with the Marriott Hotel with rooms priced at \$119 per night. The Marriott has two other properties nearby where rooms are \$94 and \$74 per night. All three rates are before taxes. Before signing the proposed contract, the committee will confirm that room nights at the two less expensive properties will count toward the room night guarantee in the contract.

### New Business

Sean Lamb, Chairman of the Model Contest Subcommittee, proposed a \$300 budget for the equipment listed in his report to the April 17, 2011 meeting of the Board. See Item 24 in the minutes of the April 17th meeting. Following discussion, on motion by Jim Osborn, seconded by Jim Allen, the Board approved a \$300 budget for the equipment. Because he volunteered to serve as a member of the Model Contest Subcommittee, Gary Children abstained from voting.

Gary Children advised the Board that the Wisconsin Southeastern Division was willing to host the Fall 2012 meeting of the Board on the third Sunday of either September or October. The

Board accepted the WISE Division offer. (*Secretary's Note: Gary subsequently advised that the WISE Division Board has selected Sunday, September 16th.*)

Bill Litkenhous appointed Lou Venema from the Central Indiana Division as a member of the Nominating Committee. On motion by Paul Mangan, seconded by Gary Children, the Board ratified Lou's appointment.

Gary Children presented a proposal from Burnell Breaker to reprint the Region's guest layout register at the following costs: 250 registers at \$2.30 per register; 500 registers at \$1.75 per register; 1,000 registers at \$1.50 per register. During the discussion that followed, there was some interest in obtaining additional quotes. Mike Vivion suggested a pdf file on the Region website with the cover page and one register page. That would let members who want a register print their own as needed. The Board accepted Mike's suggestion. (*Secretary's Note: Subsequent to the meeting, Jim Osborn, the Region webmaster, advised that the cover page and one register page have been added to the Region website.*)

#### Announcements

Bert Lattan reported that after the 2011 show iHobbyExpo is moving to Cleveland, Ohio. The 2011 show dates at the convention facility in Rosemont, Illinois are October 20-23. The 20th & 21st are trade dates; the 22nd & 23rd are public dates.

Bill Litkenhous said that the Annual Meeting of Members would be held at 9:00 pm on March 11, 2011 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. The next Board meeting will be held at the hotel at 10:00 am on the 12th.

#### Adjournment

On motion by Michael Shockley, seconded by Paul Mangan, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Lattan  
Secretary

## **Item 2**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

#### Agenda

##### Item

##### Responsibility

Call to order

Bill Litkenhous

Minutes of last meeting

Bill Litkenhous

#### Reports

##### Committees

Audit

Bill Litkenhous

Nominating

Dave Johnson

Other

Bill Litkenhous

Directors-at-Large

Bill Litkenhous

Division Directors

Bill Litkenhous

Regional Advisory Council Representative

Bill Litkenhous

Secretary

Bert Lattan

Treasurer

Bryan Lemonds

Vice President

Paul Mangan

Immediate Past President

Gary Children

President

Bill Litkenhous

#### Old Business

Nominations

Dave Johnson

Railsplitter 2012

Mike Yurjec

2013 Spring Convention

Steve Studley

Status of Scott County, Indiana

Bill Litkenhous

Other

Bill Litkenhous

#### New Business

Purchases in Support of the Model Contest Subcommittee

Sean Lamb

Fall 2012 Board Meeting

Gary Children

Other

Bill Litkenhous

#### Announcements

2012 Annual Meeting of Members: Date, Time & Place

Bill Litkenhous

March 10, 2012, 9:00 pm, Springfield, Illinois

Spring 2012 Board Meeting: Date, Time & Place

Bill Litkenhous

March 11, 2012 9:00 am, Springfield, Illinois

Adjourn

Bill Litkenhous

**Item 3****Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**Attendance

Name	Position/Term Expires/Division	Present	
		In Person	By Proxy
Bill Litkenhous	President/2013	X	
Paul Mangan	Vice President/2013	X	
Bert Lattan	Secretary	X	
Bryan Lemonds	Treasurer	X	
Gary Children	Immediate Past President	X	
Ingrid Drozdak	Director-at-Large/2012		
Mike Hurlburt	Director-at-Large/2012		
Jim Osborn	Director-at-Large/2012	X	
Barb Rothwell	Director-at-Large/2012		X
Jim Allen	Director-at-Large/2013	X	
Fred Henize	Director-at-Large/2013		
David Leider	Director-at-Large/2013	X	
Steve Studley	Division Director/Central Indiana	X	
Keith Lipske	Division Director/DuPage		
Walter Radtke	Division Director/Fox Valley		X
Mike Lehman	Division Director/ Illinois Terminal		
Michael Shockley	Division Director/Illinois Valley	X	
Jim Six	Division Director/Michiana		
John Mann	Division Director/Rock River Valley	X	
Mike Vivion	Division Director/South Central Wisconsin	X	
Mark Preussler	Division Director/Winnebagoland		
Joe Russ	Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern		X
Marv Preussler	Achievement Program Coordinator		
Richard Sweet	Audit Committee Chairman		
Reid Kahrs	Convention Committee Chairman		
Dave Poquette	Auction Subcommittee Chairman		
Sean Lamb	Model Contest Subcommittee Chairman	X	
Bonnie Janke	Non-Rail Subcommittee Co-Chairman		
Lynn Jasch	Non-Rail Subcommittee Co-Chairman		
(Vacant)	Education Coordinator		
Don Cook	Election Committee Chairman		
Calvin Krasonya	Estate Committee Chairman		
Ron Scharping	Membership Committee Chairman		
Dave Johnson	Nominating Committee Member	X	
Lou Venema	Nominating Committee Member		
Capt. Al Nelson	Youth Committee Chair		
Thomas Cain	Past Superintendent, CID	X	
Tom McCabe	Assistant Superintendent, RRVD	X	

**Item 21**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Richard L. Sweet  
Date: August 22, 2011  
Subject: Audit Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

The audit for 2011 was completed and no discrepancies were found.

Planned Activities

To start the 2012 audit after the spring convention and complete it before the fall board meeting.

**Item 22 & 42**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors  
From: DAL Michael Hurlburt  
Date: September 10, 2011  
Subject: DAL and Clinic Clearing House Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Updated list of known Clinic Chair Persons

	Tel:	Email
FVD David Leider	-----	<a href="mailto:sooauthor@netzero.net">sooauthor@netzero.net</a>
WISE Al Lederman	414-354-9579	<a href="mailto:n9rxd@sbcglobal.net">n9rxd@sbcglobal.net</a>
RRVD Super John Mann	815-332-2496	<a href="mailto:jjmannmmr@aol.com">jjmannmmr@aol.com</a>
DUP Super Keith Lipske	630-989-0915	<a href="mailto:lipsenior2000@aol.com">lipsenior2000@aol.com</a>
IVD Super Mike Shockley	309-697-3242	<a href="mailto:docshock31@yahoo.com">docshock31@yahoo.com</a>
ITD Super Mike Lehman	-----	<a href="mailto:superintendent@illinoisterminaldivision.org">superintendent@illinoisterminaldivision.org</a>
MD Super Jim Six	574-343-4998	<a href="mailto:jamesix@bnin.net">jamesix@bnin.net</a>
CID Super Steve Studley	(812) 876-9726	<a href="mailto:sastudley@comcast.net">sastudley@comcast.net</a>

Planned Activities

Attempt to get names for persons in charge of clinics for each division.

**Item 23**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Reid Kahrs  
Date: September 7, 2011  
Subject: Convention Committee Report

Mike Yurcec will give a report on **Railsplitter 2012** to be held March 8 thru 11, 2012.

Steve Studley will give a report on the 2013 convention to be held in Indianapolis

**We need hosts for future regional conventions.**

In the past there has been an informal rotation order of six or seven host divisions. We are looking at the years following 2013. My suggestions, based on the existing, informal rotation, are:

2014 Possibly the Chicago area  
2015 Winnebagoland  
2016 Rock River Valley  
2017 WISE  
2018 SCWD

Again, these are just suggestions based on past patterns.

Perhaps the Michiana Division could consider hosting the convention. If that would happen then we could have seven hosts for Region conventions. Again nothing is set with this rotation. If Michiana wished to host the convention, the other divisions probably would consider moving their year of hosting.

Any Division interested in hosting a convention beyond 2013 should contact me at [rkahrs@charter.net](mailto:rkahrs@charter.net) .

I am preparing an electronic form for reporting convention expenses and income.

**Item 30**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Osborn, DAL  
Date: August 23, 2011  
Subject: Internet Committee Report

**Activities Since Last Board Meeting**

- 1) Made timely updates to the MWR web site per requests from National & the membership.
- 2) Assisted the Secretary with occasional *Waybill* electronic publishing notice problems.
- 3) Posted current PDF versions of the *Waybill* on the web site.
- 4) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issues and updates.
- 5) Participated on the MWR Spring convention organizing committee phone calls.
- 6) Set up the Constant Contact Account sharing email arrangement.
- 7) Re-established web site viewing & statistical counting of visitors.

**Planned Activities**

- 1) Continue with the general management and maintenance of the MWR web site and internet activities as appropriate.
- 2) Continue to assist the Secretary with publishing electronic *Waybill* notices.

**Website Usage Report Last 6 Months Feb 23 – Aug 22, 2011:**

Usage:	2284 Visits	1612 Unique Visits	4056 Page Views	66.8% New visitors
Content:	40% Home page	23% Waybill	9.2% Convention	6.3% DuPage
	4.0% Michiana	1.0% AP Page	1.0% Election	0.2% Region Contacts
Sources:	27% NMRA.org	26% Direct	10% Google	3.8% Fox Valley
	3.6% CID.railfan.net	1.8% Yahoo	1.3% Bing	1.2% Railserve.com

**Item 32**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 3, 2010**

To: Board of Directors

From: Ron Scharping

Date: August 30, 2011

Subject: Membership Coordinator's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Continued to provide membership information to Division membership coordinators on a monthly basis. Printed reports are sent to those coordinators requesting them. Additionally, a division roster is emailed to those coordinators with email accounts.

Provided an interface to National in the updating of membership records; address, phone, zip code, and email address changes.

Maintained a table of Region members who have "opted-out" on a printed Waybill.

Worked with the Region Secretary in trying to provide corrected email addresses for those email addresses which are determined to be bad. This is done via a postcard to the member.

Provided the *Waybill* editor with mailing addresses for those members receiving a printed copy of the *Waybill*. Established my home address as return address for the *Waybill*. Established and managed "postage due" account with Post Office to facilitate handling of undeliverable *Waybills*.

Planned Activities

Continue the above.

Region Membership Data

Division	NMRA Total (8/31/08)	Region Total (8/31/08)	NMRA Total (3/31/09)	Region Total (3/31/09)	NMRA Total (3/31/10)	Region Total (3/31/10)	NMRA Total (8/31/10)	Region Total (8/31/10)
01	289	130	297	121	308	127	389	127
02	144	37	149	42	149	45	156	46
03	163	66	159	64	157	56	204	57
04	149	50	142	44	0	0	0	0
05	93	38	93	36	86	34	85	32
06	242	93	253	85	237	81	250	87
07	33	13	35	12	30	11	29	9
08	116	44	115	46	112	45	119	46
09	152	58	160	63	149	52	165	47
10	96	31	107	35	111	44	127	40

11	199	86	193	85	235	93	252	99
15					93	34	97	31
Out of Region	54	54	57	52	45	45	47	47
Grand Total	1730	700	1760	685	1712	667	1920	668

Region Membership Data – Con't

Division	NMRA Total (3/31/11)	Region Total (3/31/11)	NMRA Total (8/31/11)	Region Total (8/31/11)
01	298	114	279	102
02	154	44	149	42
03	179	57	169	56
05	100	31	100	31
06	236	82	233	75
07	32	10	32	10
09	262	87	251	85
10	111	37	103	39
11	240	88	239	92
15	90	29	86	29
Out of Region	47	47	53	53
Grand Total	1749	626	1694	614

**Item 33 & 44**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September, 2011**

To: Board of Directors

From: Barb Rothwell

Date: August 17, 2011

Subject: Director at Large Report/Chairman of the Nominating Committee

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Obtained 5 nominees for MWR election

1. Barb Rothwell
2. Ingrid Drozdak
3. Mike Hurlburt
4. David Johnson
5. Linda Sukup

Planned Activities

1. Forwarding bio and photo info to David Leider as soon as all info is received.

**Item 43**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Osborn, DAL  
Date: August 23, 2011  
Subject: Director at Large Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Assisted the *Waybill* editor with miscellaneous publishing tasks.
- 2) Participated on the MWR Spring Convention committee phone calls.

Planned Activities

- 1) Continue with miscellaneous assistance to the *Waybill* editor.
- 2) Continue with MWR Spring Convention committee phone calls.

**Item 51****Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Steve Studley  
Date: September 6, 2011  
Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting**May 21 – CID Spring Layout Tour**

Unfortunately, this tour had to be cancelled due to a lack of available layouts in the chosen area. The CID tries to have two layout tours per year – one in the spring and the other in the fall. The CID Board has a guideline that the layouts on tour will be owned by an NMRA member and those who participate in the tour will also be NMRA members. Members may bring a guest with them. Some of the layout owners in this area who were participants in the past had let their membership lapse. Typically there will be 40 – 70 members on the tour visiting from 4 to 6 layouts.

**June 11 – Brownsburg (IN) Library Show**

This is the second year for the Brownsburg show. This is a free, public show taking place at the Brownsburg library. The show is not a CID-sponsored event, but the host responsible for contacting the layout owners is a Trainmaster on our Board of Directors and several of the layout owners are CID members, too. John Pancini makes sure there are an adequate number of portable layouts attending this show. Last year the display took place in May in the main lobby of the library. This year the layouts were in a hallway and meeting room away from the main area. The display location, and the fact that school was no longer in session, reduced the number of visitors this year.

**August 28 – CID Executive Board Meeting**

The CID summer Board meeting is usually held at the home of a Board member. Spouses are invited and we have a pitch-in picnic before our business meeting. This year we have decided to have this meeting at the Johnson County Park in conjunction with the Indiana Live Steamers. All CID members have been invited to this picnic (bring your own food) and to ride (free) on the Live Steamers railroad.

## Planned Activities

### **September 24, 25 – Great Train Expo Show**

This show visits the Indiana State Fairgrounds twice during the modeling season. At these shows the CID mans a booth where we answer questions about the NMRA and modeling in general. We typically have a live demonstration in progress during the show. Past subjects have been scenery, model building, hand-laying turnouts, painting models and figures, and a small easy to solve railroad switching module. This module is mainly for the younger folks but we have certainly had a few adults also try their hand at making up a short train. We have expanded our presence at this show and are quite happy with the crowds of people who stop by to watch, ask, and learn.

### **October 8 – CID Clinic Show**

We have learned this date may have to be rescheduled due to the unavailability of the chosen venue. This show is meant to be for more advanced modelers and will include clinics and also display tables. We also plan on having some operating portable layouts on display. This is the first time for this type of meet for us and we are hopeful it will provide something for the more advanced modelers in the Division.

### **October 22 – CIRROPS OPS Education Day**

CIRROPS (Central Indiana RR Operations) and CID co-host an Op-till-you-drop type weekend every other year. We are hoping to provide this low-stress, single session day to allow those who are interested in learning the basics of model railroad operation in a relaxed, one-on-one learning experience. Layouts that will be open are spread through the Division so a person may choose one near their home or choose a layout based on the type of operating system. While the number of slots available is limited because of the number of layouts and also the number of trainers we will have, it is hoped this will be popular with the modelers in the Division. To get more operators involved in the Division these sessions will be open to all, not just NMRA members. We will provide information about joining the NMRA at all operating sessions for those who might want to join.

### **November 12 – Carmel-Clay Library Show**

This free show at the library is young children and family oriented. There have been as many as 1000 persons come through the library to see the operating portable layouts and other train displays with about 700 in attendance last year. There have been circus modelers also in attendance. Over the years we have learned that these visitors are not interested in seeing/hearing videos or talks about model railroading. They are mainly interested in seeing the trains operate. It is a great opportunity to get model railroading out into the public's eye.

### **November 19 – CID Danville FREE Show and Meet**

Again this year the CID is sponsoring a FREE show and meet at Danville, IN. After we got rid of the admission price, we saw an increase in the number of families attending. This is a break-even event based on the cost of tables sold to the vendors. With more people in attendance the vendors are happy with their sales and the CID is able to provide a free event to publicize the hobby.

**December 17, 18 – Great Train Expo (second visit)**

As for the first GTE event, the CID booth will be manned with those who are able to answer questions as provided by the modeling public. We will also schedule live demonstrations of a modeling nature.

**January 7, 8 – World’s Greatest Hobby Show**

This is normally the time for the second GTE visit, but they decided to move theirs up to not interfere with WGH. This was a huge two-day show the last time it was in Indianapolis. GTE uses one of the large halls at the State Fairgrounds, and WGH expands to include two halls for display of operating layouts – including a ride-on live-steam size train - , manufacturer’s displays, and many vendors’ booths. WGH provides much publicity to increase the attendance over that of a GTE. The CID takes advantage of this with our booth, volunteers, and demonstrations.

**January 29 – CID Noblesville Show and Annual Auction**

The Noblesville has been our largest show for several years. We have expanded to include all the available halls in the venue and are now having to put some people on a wait-list for possible space. The annual auction sells items that have been given to the CID with that money used to fund our other meets and activities throughout the rest of the year. This is a very busy show for us with portable layouts, clinics, contest and AP judging, vendors, and food service. Attendance has held steady in the 350 + range.

**Item 55**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors  
From: IVD, Michael Shockley  
Date: September 10, 2011  
Subject: IVD Activities Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Meet at Mendota, May 15, 2011  
2 clinics  
3 layouts  
Jim Carrow led the charge for activities.

Planned Activities

Galesburg, September 11—2 clinics, 3 layouts  
TBD, November  
January, Peoria  
March, Springfield for IVD hosting of Railsplitter2012 MWR convention

## **Item 56**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Six  
Date: August 28, 2011  
Subject: Michiana Division Report

*(Secretary's Note: This report was sent to Michiana Division members and others who subscribe to the Division's Yahoo group list)*

08-28-2011

#### Division By-Laws and Officers

How are you doing? Summer is drawing to a close and folks are starting to think about the coming fall season and model railroading. This past Friday evening the Michiana Division board of directors (BOD) met. Until this summer there was no BOD. There were only three officers. Due to busy work schedules and family needs we were not able to meet the needs of the division and formed to 7-person BOD to manage the division's affairs.

The present BOD consists of in no particular order: Mark Plank, Bob Blake, Ryan Folk, Chris Thompson, Andy Laurent, Jason Cook, and myself. All have been very active members of the division starting with our very first meeting. Much thought and deliberation went into forming the BOD. Here is how the BOD will function.

A quorum will be required for any decision making. A quorum is defined here as at least four of the seven BOD members. Each year two BOD member positions will be up for election/re-election. On the third year three positions will be up for election/re-election, then back to two the following year. Each board member will have a term limit. A BOD member may be re-elected only one time. This process ensures that new blood will be included on the BOD on a somewhat regular basis.

The BOD members will be the only elected positions in the Michiana Division. The Superintendent will be one of the BOD members and designated by majority vote of the BOD. The term of the Superintendent will be one year. The BOD will designate a new Superintendent each November. The newly designated Superintendent will take office on January 1 of the subsequent year. The position will be rotated among BOD members.

Present BOD members will hold their positions for year 2012. The first elections will be conducted in November 2012 with any newly elected BOD members taking office on January 1, 2013. Should any existing BOD member leave office, then the BOD will select a replacement who will fill the position for the remainder of the year. The vacated position will be included on the next November election ballot.

The role of the Superintendent is limited. He/She will be the Chairman of the BOD for the 1-year term. The Superintendent's vote will break all ties should ever there be a tie vote on a BOD decision. The Superintendent will be the "representative" of the division when conducting business with entities outside of the Michiana Division. This includes other divisions and regions, the national NMRA and outside people and organizations. I have been Superintendent for almost two years. You will have a new Superintendent come January 1. He will be one of the present BOD members.

There will be no Asst. Superintendent. Should the Superintendent resign, be removed from office (by the BOD), or leave the position for any reason, the BOD will call a BOD meeting and designate a new Superintendent to fill the remainder of the term. BOD meetings may be face-to-face, or conducted electronically.

The positions of Secretary and Treasurer (formerly Clerk and Paymaster) will be appointed by the BOD. The appointee(s) shall be a member of the BOD. There will be no term limit on these positions. Presently, Mark Plank fills both positions.

The BOD met Friday evening working past midnight on the division By-Laws. More work remains. We will have the by-laws completed and placed into effect no later than January 1, 2012. They will be shared with division members for review and input prior to implementation.

What is described above is a "parliamentary" process. It is designed to avoid or at least minimize politics and stop any dominant personality from gaining control of and running the division. As you can see, the BOD will run the division and power of the Superintendent is very limited. Stay tuned. You will be updated as progress is made.

Jim Six  
Superintendent, NMRA Michiana Division (MWR)

**Item 58****Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors

From: Mike Vivion, Superintendent, SCWD, MWR, NMRA

Date: September 5, 2011

Subject: SCWD Activities and Future Plans

**Past and Current Activities:**

1. April 29-30, 2011 - SCWD's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Excursion: On Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, thirty SCWD members and their guests traveled via private coach to Railroad park in Rochelle, IL, to watch trains and then on to Peck Park in Galesburg, IL, to see additional trains. The following day's activities included a tour of the BNSF Galesburg Diesel Maintenance Facility, Main Yard and Hump Yard and Control Tower, lunch at the Packing House Restaurant, followed by a visit to the Galesburg Railroad Museum.
2. May 1, 2011 - Annual joint meeting with the Rock River Valley Division in Rockford, IL. Approximately ten SCWD members made the trip and shared time with RRVD members, enjoyed excellent clinics presented by Rich Mahaney and Norm Logan from Michigan, and visited two home layouts of RRVD members.
3. May 6, 2011 - SCWD's second Superintendent, Robert (Bob) Dunham, passed away. Bob was a charter member of the SCWD and a life member of the NMRA. Bob was an active SCWD member for almost 50 years. Several SCWD members attended a memorial service on June 11th to honor Bob.
4. May 14, 2011 - Annual SCWD Awards & Recognition Banquet: Held at Westside club in Madison, approximately seventy SCWD members and guests attended. Following a catered buffet dinner, Past Superintendent SCWD Paul Mangan presented SCWD awards and recognition certificates to SCWD members for their participation in modeling and photo contests, service to the SCWD, and volunteer service to the SCWD's Annual Rail Show and Sale.
5. July 9, 2011 - Annual SCWD Picnic: Held at Garner Park on west side of Madison for the first time, 73 SCWD members and their guests enjoyed a catered picnic, some railroad trivia games and won prizes for their knowledge.

### **Future Activities:**

1. Monthly SCWD meetings will be held on September 11, October 2, November 6, and December 4, 2011 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Verona Road in Madison, commencing at 1 pm. Program includes clinics, model and photo contests and layout tours.
2. Monthly meeting of SCWD Youth Group: Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month September through May at the Last Square Hobby Depot on Odana Road in Madison from 1-3 pm.
3. Annual SCWD Modeling Project: Commences at September 2011 meeting and concludes at April 2012 meeting with judgment of entries and awarding of prizes.
4. October 8, 2011 - First SCWD Fall Color Layout Tour- SCWD members will travel to visit several layouts of members in the area north and west of Madison, including Baraboo, LaValle and Elroy.
5. January 8, 2012 - SCWD Annual Rail School: Held for SCWD members and general public to focus on getting started in the hobby of model railroading and held at K of C Hall on Verona Road, Madison.
6. Monthly SCWD meetings for 2012 will be held on February 5, March 4, April 1 and May 6, the latter hosting the annual joint SCWD-RRVD meeting along with invited guests from WISE Division.
7. February 18-19, 2012 - 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MAD CITY MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE: sponsored by the SCWD and held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, and featuring over 90,000 square feet of layouts, displays, vendors and more.
8. April, 2012 - SCWD's 3rd Annual Spring Excursion: Dates and location to be determined.

**Item 59**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors

From: Mark Preussler, MMR WinnebagoLand Director/Superintendent

Date: September 10, 2011

Subject: WinnebagoLand Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting: We held our annual spring meeting of members and spring meet in Neenah, WI on 5-14-11. Very good turnout- with over 125 people in attendance. It was a joint meet with the Soo Line Hist. and Tech. Society Archives group. We plan on this type of meet again this fall with the CNWHS, SLHTS, MRHA, and others attending.

Planned Activities

The WLD will be in attendance with their promo booth and clinics during the W&M Train Show in Marinette, WI /Menominee MI on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We also have the WLD Fall Meet on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. in Sheboygan, WI. Please attend if possible. On 11-5-11 we have our annual WLD OP Session to be held in Waupaca, WI. This event is open to the public and is intended to promote operation as a prime reason to build a model railroad. ALL information and sign-up sheets are available at the WLD website: [www.wld-nmra.com](http://www.wld-nmra.com)

**Item 60**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Joe Russ  
Date: September 6, 2011  
Subject: WISE Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Summer membership picnic at the Milwaukee County Zoo was a success with 107 attending.

Planned Activities

We have a new regular meet location at the Best Western Plus Midway Hotel at 1005 S. Moorland Rd. in Brookfield, WI. Our meet schedule for 2011 is:

Sept. 18 – 1:00 p.m.

Best Western Plus Midway Hotel at 1005 S. Moorland Rd. in Brookfield, WI.

Oct. 16 – 1:00 p.m.

Veterans Terrace, 589 Milwaukee Ave. in Burlington, WI.

Nov. 12 & 13

Trainfest, Wisconsin State Fair Park.

Dec. 4 – 1:00 p.m.

Best Western Plus Midway Hotel at 1005 S. Moorland Rd. in Brookfield, WI.

## Item 71

### Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

To: Board of Directors

From: Bert Lattan

Date: September 3, 2011

Subject: Secretary's Report

#### Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- Prepared and distributed minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members held on April 16, 2011.
- Prepared and distributed minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 17, 2011.
- Prepared and distributed an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held on September 10, 2011.
- With significant assistance from Jim Osborn, set up the e-mail addresses of Region members in Constant Contact and developed a format for *Waybill* notices.
- In coordination with Jim Osborn and Ron Scharping worked out a monthly protocol for maintaining the e-mail addresses of Region members in Constant Contact.
- Supported electronic delivery of the *Waybill*.
- Maintained the Secretary's Page.
- Maintained lists of key personnel.

#### Planned Activities

- Prepare and distribute minutes of the Board of Directors meeting to be held on September 10, 2011.
- Prepare and distribute an agenda for the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on March 10, 2012 during Railsplitter 2012 in Springfield, Illinois.
- Prepare and distribute an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held on March 11, 2012 during Railsplitter 2012 in Springfield, Illinois.
- Support electronic delivery of the *Waybill*. **Please encourage your members to subscribe to electronic delivery of the Waybill using the link at <http://www.mwr-nmra.org/region/waybill/waybill.html>.** Members can also update their e-mail and postal addresses from this webpage.
- Maintain the Secretary's Page.
- Maintain lists of key personnel. One list includes Region Officers, Directors-at-Large, Division Directors and Committee/Subcommittee Chairmen/Members. The other list

includes Division Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Chief Clerks and Paymasters. Please send additions, deletions and corrections to these lists to mwrsecy@comcast.net. I plan to publish new lists on or about November 1, 2011. **Also, Division Superintendents should establish procedures to ensure that Division Officers and Board members keep their NMRA memberships current. Expired memberships create difficulties when it is time for the Region to submit information for the annual insurance renewal, usually in the fall or early winter.**

**Item 72**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011**

To: Board of Directors

From: Bryan Lemonds

Date: August 16, 2011

Subject: Treasurer's Report

Attached are the following financial statements:

- Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2011
- Profit & Loss January through August 2011

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Midwest Region NMRA  
Balance Sheet  
As of August 31, 2011

	<u>Aug 31, 11</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
Regions	18,118.77
Total Checking	<u>18,118.77</u>
Savings Accounts	
Regions CD 01.11.2012	10,159.94
Regions CD 02.09.2014	9,109.87
Regions CD 03.12.2012	4,885.99
Total Savings Accounts	<u>24,155.80</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>42,274.57</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>42,274.57</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>42,274.57</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
Moskal Award	165.20
Youth Program Fund	7,130.42
Total Liabilities	<u>7,295.62</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,295.62</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>7,295.62</u>
Total Liabilities	7,295.62
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	14,861.40
Net Income	3,293.93
Total Equity	<u>34,978.95</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>42,274.57</u></b>

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**Midwest Region NMRA  
Profit & Loss  
January through August 2011**

	<u>Jan - Aug 11</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Convention Income</b>	
Auction	551.05
Convention Income - Other	1,193.76
<b>Total Convention Income</b>	<u>1,744.81</u>
<b>NMRA</b>	
Revenue Sharing	1,728.00
Subscriptions	2,162.00
<b>Total NMRA</b>	<u>3,890.00</u>
<b>Portfolio Income</b>	
Interest Income	456.19
<b>Total Portfolio Income</b>	<u>456.19</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	6,091.00
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Convention Expenses</b>	
Auction Payouts	478.45
Awards	63.72
<b>Total Convention Expenses</b>	<u>542.17</u>
<b>NMRA Rebate</b>	
Rebate to Divisions	446.50
<b>Total NMRA Rebate</b>	<u>446.50</u>
<b>Overhead Expenses</b>	
Charitable Contributions	250.00
Membership Committee	73.76
Treasurer	12.00
Web	323.58
<b>Total Overhead Expenses</b>	<u>659.34</u>
<b>Waybill</b>	
Postage	389.64
Printing	759.42
<b>Total Waybill</b>	<u>1,149.06</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>2,797.07</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>3,293.93</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>3,293.93</u></u>

**Item 73**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 10, 2011**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Paul Mangan  
Date: September 2, 2011  
Subject: Vice President's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

April 30 & May 1<sup>st</sup> Attended the Title Town Train Show.  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Attended the South Central Wisconsin Division annual banquet.  
June 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Attended the National Garden Railroad National Convention in Kansas City KS.  
July 9<sup>th</sup> Attended the SCWD annual Picnic  
May – August Worked with an SCWD team to build and place a diorama in the Oregon Historical Society Museum depicting the area around the museum during the early 1900's centered around the Chicago & Northwestern RR depot. Also worked with the museum staff to promote the SCWD and the NMRA

Planned Activities

Fall 2011 Plan on attending some division meetings in the Midwest Region  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup> & 13 Plan to attending Trainfest in Milwaukee  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 Plan to participate in SCWD Rail School.  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Will be working at the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale staffing the NMRA/SCWD booth and other positions.



All aboard!  
We are half  
way there!



## **RAILSPLITTER 2012**

**March 8 - 11, 2012 - Springfield, Illinois**

September 9, 2011

Midwest Region Officers & Directors –

With only six (6) months to go until we convene in Springfield, I am pleased to report the Railsplitter 2012 event is coming along in good fashion. Actually, better than expected!

We have half of the clinics filled with new and exciting topics and presenters. We are privileged to have Allen McClelland, Tony Koester, Mike Brestel, Andy Sperandeo, and Brad McClelland as some of our presenters. This should not diminish the importance of our region guys who also do an outstanding job. They will have some very good and novel new clinics for our attendees as well. I have interest from all over the Midwest about the event and the word is getting out.

I still need to finalize the set up for the contests and auction and would appreciate a phone call from the chairman of those committees to get them on the schedules.

We will be having another conference call in a few weeks to bring everyone up to speed on the revised timetable and new information.

Also – a reminder for all to register early. Everyone should have the latest registration package. We need to get the hotel rooms reserved and also the bank account funded to start off setting some setup costs that our members are currently personally funding. All help in that are would be appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me any time at my email or cell phone if you have any questions or need more information.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike Yurtec  
Chairman, NMRA MWR Railsplitter 2012  
Member NMRA #127965  
Email: [mike.yurtec@earthlink.net](mailto:mike.yurtec@earthlink.net)  
Cell Phone (217) 306-8427



June 27, 2011

Registration Package

Dear Fellow Model Railroader:

The Illinois Valley Division of the National Model Railroad Association's Midwest Region will be holding the annual meet and convention on March 8 to 11, 2012 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in downtown Springfield, Illinois. We are expecting a large number of model railroaders and guests to participate in clinics and events over the period of four days. Presentations and clinics are filling up fast so don't let this wait. **Early conference registrations get \$15 off their regular fare if received by January 31, 2012. Register as soon as you can!**

In place of the traditional banquet, the conference will culminate with model railroading's premier modelers W. Allen McClelland and Tony Koester and the current NMRA President Mike Brestel in a "**Model Railroading Masters - Unplugged**" event on Saturday evening. The evening will feature refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Sure to be a very popular event, we expect attendance to sell out very fast. Don't wait!

Additionally, your full fare registration includes a pass to attend the annual 2012 Springfield Train Fair that will be held on Sunday, March 11, immediately following our convention, it will be at the Orr Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. I have included that information as well.

**The conference special hotel room rate of \$89.99 per night is good until February 10, 2012.**

Please feel free to contact me any time at my email or cell phone if you have any questions or need more information.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Yurgec'.

Mike Yurgec  
Chairman, NMRA MWR Railsplitter 2012  
Member NMRA #127965  
Email: [mike.yurgec@earthlink.net](mailto:mike.yurgec@earthlink.net)  
Cell Phone (217) 306-8427



# RAILSPLITTER 2012

March 8 - 11, 2012 - Springfield, Illinois

## Signature Event – Saturday, March 10, 2012 – 6pm Model Railroading Masters – “Unplugged”

In place of the traditional banquet, the Illinois Valley Division is proud to present to the Midwest Region the unique opportunity to meet and visit with two model railroading legends, W. Allen McClelland and Tony Koester. Additionally, the current NMRA President Mike Brestel will be on hand as we hold the first **Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged**.

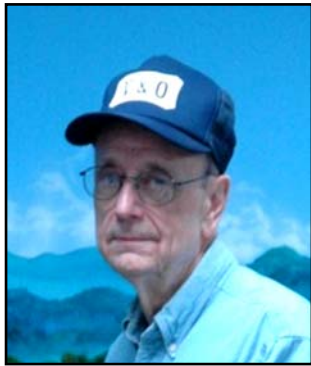


Photo by Gerry Albers

ALLEN MCCLELLAND



Photo by Stephen Pilest

TONY KOESTER



Photo by Mike Yurgac

MIKE BRESTEL

The format will be a relaxed, totally unscripted, semi interactive, and an off the cuff presentation with questions submitted from the registrants in advance. The questions will be screened and formatted in order of relevance to the event. This is a unique opportunity to hear from legendary masters in the field of model railroading who would offer their model railroading history, their previous and current railroads, personal points of view, anecdotes, opinions, and comments on the model railroading field and why it is important to be involved in the NMRA.

You can be part of creating the historical record of some very significant accomplishments in the field to be used for NMRA membership development and revenue enhancement.

As this is a historical event in a very historical place, it is our desire to record the entire event by a professional videographer. Working with a videographer, we would interlace this presentation with archival footage of the former Virginian & Ohio and Allegheny Midland pieces produced a few years ago.

Additionally, Allen, Tony, and Mike have each agreed to host clinics on Friday and Saturday for the meet.



# RAILSPLITTER 2012

March 8 - 11, 2012 - Springfield, Illinois

## REGISTRATION PACKAGES

# *“The Manifest Page”*

NMRA Midwest Region – Illinois Valley Division Annual Conference Manifest Events & Descriptions	BEFORE 1/31/12	AFTER 1/31/12
<b>Full Fare, NMRA Member – Includes the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Reception in the Presidential Lounge on Thurs. evening 5 to 8:30 pm.</li> <li>Personalized “Railsplitter 2012” Name Badge.</li> <li>NMRA MWR Conference Program.</li> <li>Map Book for Layout Tours.</li> <li>ALL Clinics on Friday and Saturday.</li> <li>Pass to the Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged on Saturday Evening.</li> <li>Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.</li> <li>Free Pass to enter the Springfield Train Fair on Sunday at the State Fairgrounds.</li> </ul>	<b>\$80</b>	\$95
<b>BEST DEAL!</b>		
<b>Full Fare, NON – NMRA Member – Includes the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Reception in the Presidential Lounge on Thurs. evening 5 to 8:30 pm.</li> <li>Personalized “Railsplitter 2012” Name Badge.</li> <li>NMRA MWR Conference Program.</li> <li>Map Book for Layout Tours.</li> <li>ALL Clinics on Friday and Saturday.</li> <li>Pass to the Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged on Saturday Evening.</li> <li>Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.</li> <li>Free Pass to enter the Springfield Train Fair on Sunday at the State Fairgrounds.</li> </ul>	\$90	\$105
<b>Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged, NMRA Member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signature event of the conference.</li> <li>Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.</li> <li>NO Clinics.</li> <li>NO other events,</li> </ul>	\$30	\$40
<b>Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged, NON – NMRA Member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signature event of the conference.</li> <li>Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.</li> <li>NO Clinics.</li> <li>NO other events,</li> </ul>	\$40	\$50
<b>Non Rail – Companion Fare – Includes the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Reception in the Presidential Lounge on Thursday evening 5 to 8:30 pm.</li> <li>Personalized “Railsplitter 2012” Name Badge.</li> <li>NMRA MWR Conference Program.</li> <li>ALL Non Rail Events on Friday and Saturday.</li> <li>Pass to the Model Railroading Masters – Unplugged on Saturday Evening.</li> <li>Pass to the Saturday Night Auction and After Hours Reception.</li> <li>Free Pass to enter the Springfield Train Fair on Sunday at the State Fairgrounds.</li> </ul>	\$30	\$45
<b>Layout Tours Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map Book for Layout Tours.</li> </ul>	\$10	\$15

Other events may be added as they become available.

**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2012.**

Please – DO NOT mail your registration AFTER March 1, 2012; Register at the door.



# RAILSPLITTER 2012

March 8 - 11, 2012 - Springfield, Illinois

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please Print!

NAME OF CONFERENCE ATTENDEE:		
NAME OF COMPANION		INTERESTED IN OPERATING? <input type="checkbox"/> YES      SCALE:
MAILING ADDRESS OF ATTENDEE:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
PHONE:	FAX:	EMAIL:
NMRA MEMBER NUMBER:	REGION:	DIVISION:

Select	Early Registration - BEFORE January 31, 2012	Amount
	<b>Full Fare, NMRA Member</b> (Includes all clinics and Masters of Model Railroadng-Unplugged)	<b>\$80</b>
	<b>Full Fare, Non NMRA Member</b> (Includes all clinics and Masters of Model Railroadng-Unplugged)	<b>\$90</b>
	<b>Model Railroadng Masters – Unplugged</b> (No Clinics - Saturday Night Event Only)	<b>\$30</b>
	<b>Model Railroadng Masters – Unplugged, Non NMRA Member</b> (No clinics.)	<b>\$40</b>
	<b>Non Rail – Companion Fare</b> (Includes all Non Rail & Companion activities and Saturday Night Event)	<b>\$30</b>
	<b>Layout Tours Only</b> (No Clinics and no Saturday Night Event)	<b>\$10</b>

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF EARLY REGISTRATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Select	Registration - AFTER January 31, 2012	Amount
	<b>Full Fare, NMRA Member</b> (Includes all clinics and Masters of Model Railroadng-Unplugged)	<b>\$95</b>
	<b>Full Fare, Non NMRA Member</b> (Includes all clinics and Masters of Model Railroadng-Unplugged)	<b>\$105</b>
	<b>Model Railroadng Masters – Unplugged</b> (No Clinics Saturday Night Event Only)	<b>\$40</b>
	<b>Model Railroadng Masters – Unplugged, Non NMRA Member</b> (No clinics.)	<b>\$50</b>
	<b>Non Rail – Companion Fare</b> (Includes all Non Rail & Companion activities and Saturday Night Event)	<b>\$45</b>
	<b>Layout Tours Only</b> (No Clinics and no Saturday Night Event)	<b>\$15</b>

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF REGULAR REGISTRATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to and mail to: **Railsplitter 2012**  
 c/o John Stopa, Registrar  
 1831 Campbell Avenue  
 LaSalle, Illinois 61301

Conference Hotel Information: **President Abraham Lincoln Hotel**  
 701 East Adams Street  
 Springfield, Illinois 62701  
 Reservations (866) 788-1860  
 Special Room Rate \$89.99 per night plus tax until Friday, February 10, 2012.  
 www.presidentabrahamlincolnhotel.com Conference ID: Railsplitter 2012

**Hotel rooms need to be reserved by February 10, 2012!**





# RAILSPLITTER 2012

March 8 - 11, 2012 - Springfield, Illinois

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

By registering and paying registration fees for the **Railsplitter 2012**, hereinafter referred to as the "event", all attendees, guests, and visitors agree to the following terms and conditions;

1. **Payment of Fees:** All registration fees shall be paid to the Registrar by check or money order. Cash may be accepted only days of the event or where the Registrar is present. **DO NOT MAIL CASH!**
  - a. Full payment of all registration fees must accompany the registration form. Please, do not staple your check or money order to the registration form.
  - b. Checks returned to the Registrar for insufficient funds will not be resubmitted for payment and will be returned to the registrant and that registration cancelled. Further registrations will be required to be paid in full by money order by mail or in person at the event by money order or cash.
  - c. Please, do not mail any registrations after February 29, 2012. Please register at the event after that date.
2. **Cancellation of Registration & Refunds:** The following policy to handle cancellations and refunds is established;
  - a. If the registrant elects to cancel his registration for the event within three (3) business days of registering for the event, a full 100% refund of the registration fees will be made.
  - b. If the registrant elects to cancel his registration for the event on or before to January 31, 2012, a refund of 75% of the registration fees will be made.
  - c. If the registrant elects to cancel his registration for the event on or before to February 29, 2012, a refund of 50% of the registration fees will be made.
  - d. If the registrant elects to cancel his registration for the event after February 29, 2012, no refund of the registration fees will be made.
  - e. On a case by case basis, other refund amounts may be made at the discretion of the Railsplitter 2012 organizers.
  - f. The event organizers reserve the right to cancel any registration at any time and shall refund the full amount or registration fees to the registrant. Registrants who fail to attend the event without making prior arrangements will not receive refunds.
  - g. Unless otherwise notified by the organizers, refunds will be processed within two to three weeks after the event.
  - h. All requests for cancellations shall be made in writing to the Registrar.
3. **Hotel & Transportation:** All registrants are responsible for their own hotel reservations and transportation to and from the event.
4. **Event Program:** The Illinois Valley Division of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association reserves the right to make any changes to the event program, timetables, and speakers at any time and as necessary.
5. **Non NMRA Members:** All eligible registrants who are not current members of the NMRA will be automatically enrolled in the NMRA *Railpass* program.
6. **Release of Liability:** All attendees agree to hold harmless in any capacity or measure the Illinois Valley Division of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association for any and all damages while attending the event.
7. **Limitation of Liability:** IN NO CASE, EVENT, CONDITION, OR CIRCUMSTANCE SHALL THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, OR THE MIDWEST REGION, OR THE ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION, OR THE MEMBERS THEREOF LIABILITY EXCEED THE AMOUNTS ACTUALLY PAID BY AND/OR DUE FROM APPLICANT OR EVENT PARTNER. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, OR THE MIDWEST REGION, OR THE ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION, OR THE MEMBERS THEREOF BE LIABLE TO ANYONE FOR ANY INDIRECT, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR OTHER DAMAGES OF ANY TYPE OR KIND (INCLUDING LOSS OF DATA, REVENUE, PROFITS, USE OR OTHER ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE) ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE EVENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE USE OR INABILITY TO ATTEND THE EVENT, EVEN IF THE PARTY FROM WHICH DAMAGES ARE BEING SOUGHT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

# SPRINGFIELD MODEL RAILROAD CLUB'S **TRAIN FAIR**

MARCH 11, 2012 - ORR BUILDING - STATE FAIRGROUNDS



***The Largest  
Train Show  
in Downstate  
Illinois!***

***Over 35,000 square feet of trains!***



**NMRA - MWR  
Annual Meet  
March 8 - 10, 2012  
Springfield, Illinois  
[www.railsplitter2012.org](http://www.railsplitter2012.org)  
**SAME WEEKEND!****

**More than 300 vendor tables!  
Buy - Sell - Trade Trains  
Actual Operating Layouts  
Vendor & Distributor Sales**

ADMISSION - \$5 / CHILDREN UNDER 11 FREE / FREE PARKING / HOURS 10 AM TO 4 PM

Check out the website: [www.springfieldtrainfair.com](http://www.springfieldtrainfair.com)

# PRELIMINARY - MASTER TIMETABLE

**Thursday - March 8, 2012**

**Welcome Aboard!**

Time	Presidential Lounge	Horner	  			
1:00 PM	<b>Registration Open 1 to 5:30 pm</b>	<b>All items for Judging will be accepted at the Registration Office.</b>	<h2>RAILSPLITTER 2012</h2> <p>March 8 - 11, 2012 - Springfield, Illinois</p>			
1:30 PM						
2:00 PM						
2:30 PM						
3:00 PM						
3:30 PM						
4:00 PM						
4:30 PM						
5:00 PM	<b>Welcome Reception Refreshments &amp; Snacks Provided 5:30 to 8 pm</b>	<b>Layout Tours Open 6 to 9 pm</b>				
5:30 PM						
6:00 PM						
6:30 PM						
7:00 PM						
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8:00 PM						

**Friday - March 9, 2012**

Time	Horner	Yates	Altgeld	Freeport 1	Freeport 2	Freeport 3
8:00 AM	<b>Registration Open 8 am to 12 noon</b>	<b>Creating Photo Backdrops Jim Six</b>		<b>Occupied</b>	<b>Occupied</b>	<b>Occupied</b>
8:30 AM						
9:00 AM						
9:30 AM						
10:00 AM						
10:30 AM						
11:00 AM						
11:30 AM						
12:00 PM	<b>Registration Closed</b>	<b>Lunch Stop - On Your Own</b>				
12:30 PM						
1:00 PM	<b>Registration Open 1 to 5 pm</b>	<b>Creating Signs &amp; Decals Jim Six</b>	<b>NMRA Meet the President Mike Brestel</b>	<b>Model Railroad Planning Dave Roeder</b>		
1:30 PM						
2:00 PM						
2:30 PM						
3:00 PM						
3:30 PM						
4:00 PM						
4:30 PM						
5:00 PM	<b>Registration Closed</b>	<b>Dinner Stop - On Your Own</b>				
5:30 PM						
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9:00 PM						

**Saturday - March 10, 2012**

Time	Horner	Yates	Altgeld	Freeport 1	Freeport 2	Freeport 3
8:00 AM	<b>Registration Open 8 am to 12 noon</b>	<b>NYC Michigan Branch Jim Six</b>		<b>Motive Power Certificate Dave Roeder</b>	<b>Applying Static Grass Dave Leider, MMR</b>	
8:30 AM						
9:00 AM						
9:30 AM						
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10:30 AM						
11:00 AM						
11:30 AM						
12:00 PM	<b>Registration Closed</b>	<b>Lunch Stop - On Your Own</b>				
12:30 PM						
1:00 PM	<b>Registration Open 1 to 6 pm</b>	<b>Building Prototype Layout Jim Six</b>	<b>Industrial Railroads Brad McClelland</b>			
1:30 PM						
2:00 PM						
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5:00 PM		<b>Dinner Stop - On Your Own</b>				
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**Happy Hour for Registered Guests - Refreshments Served**  
 Freeport Room at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel  
**Model Railroading Masters - Unplugged**  
 McClelland - Koester - Brestel  
 MWR Meeting, Awards Ceremonies, & Auction - 9:00 to ???

**Sunday - March 11, 2012**

Time	Horner	Yates	Altgeld	Freeport 1	Freeport 2	Freeport 3
9:00 AM	<b>MWR Board Meeting 9 to 11 am</b>	<b>Early Bird Shopping for Train Fair @ State Fairgrounds</b>				
9:30 AM						
10:00 AM						
10:30 AM	<b>Closed - Thank you!</b>	<b>Springfield Train Fair</b> Illinois State Fairgrounds - Orr Building - 10 am to 4 pm				
11:00 AM						
11:30 AM						