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*Gateway Getaway 2004  
Regional Model and Photo Contest Winners*

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## On the Cover

Ron Morse won Best of Show in Photography, and First Place in the model color print category, with this amazing large scale photograph. See photos of the other winning entries starting on page 6 of this issue.

## Superintendent's Desk

*by Mike Thomas*

This issue of the *RPO* is the one we send each year not just to subscribers but to all NMRA members who live in the geographic boundaries of the Gateway Division.

If you've been getting the *RPO* four times a year, you must be one of the 120 or so NMRA members who pays \$3.00 per year Division dues; if you only see the *RPO* once a year, you've been one of the 180 or so NMRA members who live in the area but have not joined the Division. The newly adopted national Long Range Plan is going to change the 'not joined the Division' part of that.

Under the LRP, we're all members of the Gateway Division (and the Mid-Continent Region) whether we pay dues or not. We still need to work out many aspects of how we're going to serve two-and-a-half times as many members as before, and the point of this column is to find out what it is you want.

For the benefit of those who don't know much about the Gateway Division, I should give a quick summary of just what membership benefits have amounted to prior to the LRP.

- The *RPO*, which you hold in your hands, comes out four times a year. Like everything else about the Division, it's a volunteer effort and publication dates often slip and slide a bit.
- A membership directory, updated annually, lists all members and their contact information (home address, home and work phone numbers, email address), along with information on their home layout, modeling interests, club memberships, AP certificates held, and so forth.
- Monthly meetings alternate between west St. Louis County and O'Fallon, Illinois in order to make it as convenient as possible for everyone to get to at least some of the meetings. The typical meeting consists of a clinic given by one of the members on some modeling or prototype topic, followed by a business meeting. The November meeting each year is a holiday party. Meetings are always on the third Monday of the month at 7:00PM. You can find more information on locations elsewhere in this issue. We send a reminder postcard to members about a week before each meeting.
- We have a one-day Fall Meet, usually the first Saturday in November, with clinics, model contest, vendor and swap tables, door prizes, display layouts, and tours of home layouts.
- We build a portable layout each year, display it at train shows and the Museum of Transport, and raffle it off, partly as a fundraiser, partly to get kids excited about trains, and partly because it's fun to do. The layout plan

is different every year. Sometimes it's more of an urban theme, sometimes small-town. It's usually HO, but the most recent one was N scale, and there was one On30 a few years ago. We always name it the Gateway Central – the present version is the Gateway Central XII.

- There is usually some special event in the works. We hosted the Mid-Continent Region's annual convention in 1996 and 2004, and the NMRA national convention and train show in 2001. We built a display layout in 2002 for the Missouri Historical Society and gave a series of hands-on modeling workshops for kids at the History Museum through the winter of 2002-03.
- We have one of the best model railroad websites I've ever seen. It has an enormous amount of information on modeling, railfanning, photos of past project layouts, information on upcoming events, and links to other websites. You should spend some time exploring it yourself at <http://www.gatewaynmra.org>

As you can guess from the descriptions, all of this takes a lot of volunteer effort and a certain amount of cash. In many respects, serving the larger membership won't be difficult. Anyone, NMRA member or not, can visit the website. We've always welcomed everyone at our monthly meetings, whether Division members or not. The same is true of our Fall Meet. We certainly appreciate all the help we can get in building and displaying the Gateway Central each year. And if you've got an article you'd like to write for the *RPO* or a clinic you'd like to give at a Division meeting or a layout you'd like to open up for a tour at the Fall Meet then you're in the right place.

All members will be able to vote for Division officers, and to run for office. It won't be a great burden to send ballots to

300 members instead of 120. The member directory can include everyone who sends us their information, and everyone who sends information ought to get a copy of the directory.

The rub comes in the more expensive means of communication with the membership. It's easy for me to say you're welcome at any of our meetings, but how will you find out about them? Right now we send monthly reminder postcards to all our dues-paying members, and it costs almost all of the \$3.00 dues just to put stamps on those postcards. Should we send postcards to all 300 NMRA members who live in the Division? Or only to those who ask for them? Or only to those who ask for them and are willing to continue sending in \$3.00 each year? Likewise with the *RPO* – and it costs a lot more than \$3.00 a year to print and mail. We can't really afford to be sending it to folks who aren't interested. But how can you get interested if we don't send it to you? Should we continue sending one issue a year to everyone and require a subscription payment if we're going to send all four? Will you feel like a second-class member if you don't pay \$3.00 and we don't send you the *RPO*? Would we need to increase our fundraising efforts in order to send the *RPO* to any member who asks for it?

Whether you were Gateway Division member before now or not, you're a member now. So tell us how you'd like things to work. Talk to any of the officers after a meeting or at the Fall Meet, or write to me (via email or the old-fashioned way) with your thoughts.

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## Gateway Division 2004 Annual Fall Meet and Model Contest

Our Annual Gateway Division Fall Model Railroad Meet and Train Show will be held Saturday, November 6, 2004, 8:30am to 3pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church in West St. Louis County (Clayton and 141 – see map and directions on our website). Home layout tours follow starting at 4pm.

Admission is \$3 per person, children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

The Gateway Division Fall Meet features clinics on model railroading, swap tables, model and photo contests, and home train layout tours.

- Bring your model railroading questions – we'll give you the answers!
- Bring your models to enter in the contests.
- Bring your model railroad or prototype train photos to enter in the photo contests.
- Go on self-guided tours of local model railroad layouts.
- Vote for your favorite models and photos.
- See the MZ&D modular layout (from Quincy, IL) on display.

### Attend Model Railroading Clinics, Talk Trains

Help yourself to coffee and donuts (for as long as they last), look over what's being offered at the swap tables, check to see if you've won a door prize, take your pride-and-joy model to the contest room, and settle down in one of the clinic rooms and learn something new.



A railroad clinic is a presentation on some particular aspect of model railroading or prototype railroading (the real thing). Usually a clinic runs from 45 minutes to an hour long and may allow time for questions. Model railroaders love to share their experience with others through demonstrations, slides, samples, and even hands-on/try-it-yourself presentations. This "how to" aspect is one of the best ways to learn about the many facets of modeling. Clinics on present-day railroads, as well as long-gone and merged railroads, provide background on how the real railroads do things, from operations to laying track and building stations to the kinds of equipment and freight or passenger service to be found. They help the modeler to build and operate a more realistic railroad.

### Model and Photo Contests

Bring your models and photos to enter into the Division's popular-vote contests. Models may be entered into the following categories:

- Steam Locomotives
- Diesel Locomotives
- Freight Cars
- Passenger Cars
- Caboose
- Non-Revenue Cars
- On-line Structures
- Off-line Structures
- On-Line Diorama
- Off-Line Diorama
- Whole Train

Photos may be entered into these categories:

- B&W Prototype Print
- Color Prototype Print
- Prototype Slide
- B&W Model Print

- Color Model Print
- Model Slide

### Watch the Construction of a Small Model Railroad Layout

Throughout the Fall Meet, the Gateway Central Crew will be working on the next Gateway Central project railroad. See firsthand modeling techniques by local experts, ask questions, learn how to ballast, wire, create scenery, detail scenes, weather buildings and rolling stock, and plant model trees. Ask questions, watch what they are doing, and offer to help!

### Home Layout Tours

Some members of the Gateway Division will open their homes to tours on Saturday afternoon and evening, beginning around 4pm. Directions and information about these layouts will be available at the Fall Meet.

*Chairs of the Gateway Getaway 2004 Regional Convention Committee, smiling at the end of the successful convention.*



## Gateway Getaway 2004 MCoR Regional Convention

*photos by Richard Schumacher*

If you didn't visit the model and photo contest room at the Gateway Getaway 2004 Regional Convention, you missed a room filled with beautiful contest entries.

This contest also reflects a change in how these images were created. In the past (going back to 1994), the contest entries were shot on 35mm film and scanned to digital format. These images were captured directly to digital format using a digital SLR.

Color versions of these images may be viewed on the Gateway Division website, <http://www.gatewaynmra.org>

Steam Locomotives, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Brad Slone



Best of Show and Freight Cars, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Larry Alfred



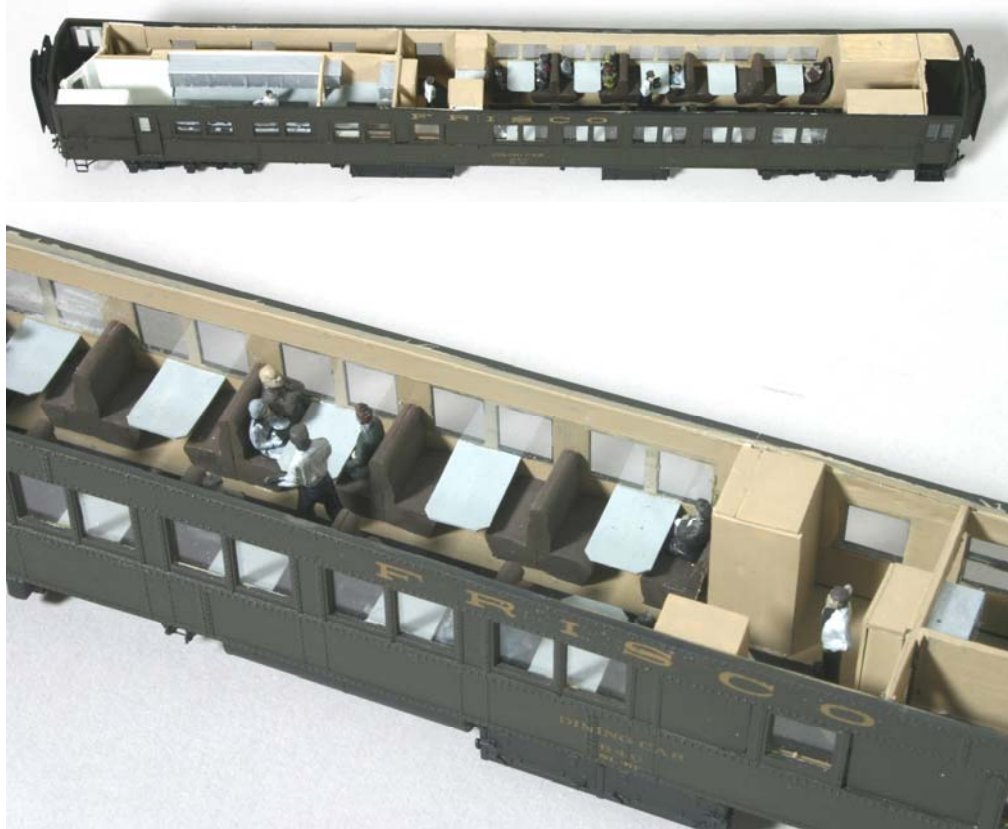
Freight Cars, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Don Taschner



Freight Cars, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Brad Slone



Passenger Cars, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Brad Slone



Diesel Locomotives, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Al Warren



Diesel Locomotives, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Al Warren



Diesel Locomotives, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Al Warren





Non-Revenue Cars, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Brad Slone



Non-Revenue Cars, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Don Taschner



Best of Show – On-Track  
Non-Revenue Cars, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Don Taschner



Caboose, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Brad Slone





Caboose, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Don Taschner



Off-Line Structures, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Tom Stolte



Best of Show – Off-Track and Narrow Gauge Light Iron Award  
Off-Line Displays, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Peter Ellis





On-Line Structures, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Jeffrey Boock



Off-Line Structures, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Jeffrey Boock



B&W Model Photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Jeffrey Boock



Outbuilding for above structure





Off-Line Structures, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Don Taschner



On-Line Structures, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Brad Slone



On-Line Structures, Honorable Mention, Don Taschner



Color Model Photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Al Warren





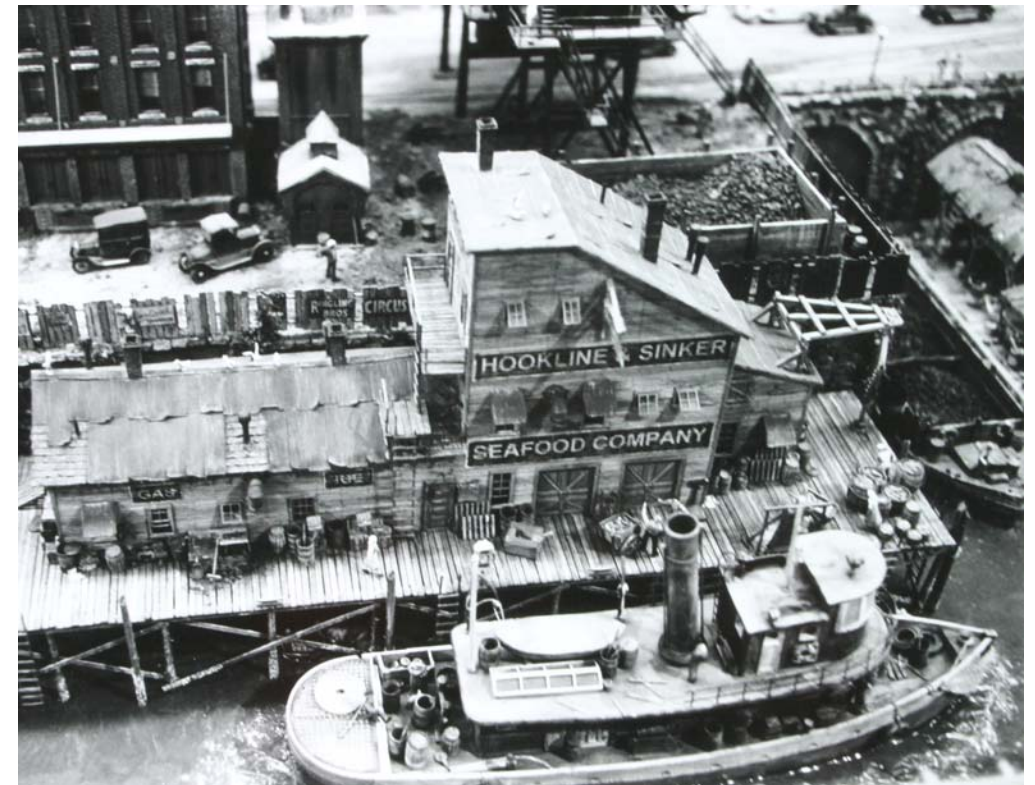
On-Line Structures, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Jeffrey Boock



Off-Line Structures, Honorable Mention, Jeffrey Boock



B&W Model Photo, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Jeffrey Boock



Whole Train, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Pete Smith





B&W Prototype Photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place,  
Whit Johnson



Color Model Photo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place,  
Al Warren



Color Prototype Photo, 1<sup>st</sup> Place,  
Jeffrey Boock



Color Prototype Photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place,  
Jeffrey Boock



Color Prototype Photo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Jeffrey Boock



B&W Prototype Photo, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Jeffrey Boock





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## Division Minutes

*Recorded by Bob Boedges, Clerk*

### Gateway Division Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Mike Thomas at 7:00 PM. Superintendent Thomas introduced Bill Levin who presented a clinic on "Using Stencils to Create Beautiful Backdrops." Bill's presentation included a very informative two page handout outlining tools, materials, paint formulas, and general rules. We thank Bill for his presentation to our membership.

#### Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Thomas.

**Visitors:** Two visitors were in attendance, but were not available at the time introductions were to be made.

**Minutes of the February Meeting:** The minutes of the February Meeting were distributed. The spelling of John Schindler's name under the Regional Convention Report was corrected.

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by John Hardy, and seconded by Jack Templeton. The corrected minutes were Approved by a voice vote of the membership except for Randy Meyer who voted "nay."

**Treasurer's Report:** A printed copy of the one month treasures report (February 16 through March 14, 2004) was distributed by Dave Lyon. The report indicated an ending balance of \$26,588.10. There were no corrections, additions, or questions. Bob Amsler moved for acceptance of the report with a second from John Hardy. The report was Approved by a voice vote of the membership.

#### Old Business:

**Lost and Found:** A pair of bi-focal glasses was found after the last meeting at the Church. The owner was not present.

**Visitor Introduced:** Terry McCarty from St. Charles was introduced to the membership.

**AP Awards:** Don Taschner was not present, so no report was made.

**Membership Contest:** Hank Kraichely reported that the final count is not complete.

**Wheel Sets:** John Hardy reported that we still have 1,000 of the original 6,000 33 inch sets, and 50 of the original 400 36 inch sets. The 33 inch

sets are packed in bags of 100, at \$.50 a set. Cost per bag is \$50.00.

**Name Tags:** Superintendent Thomas reported that Jack Templeton would be happy to make NMRA name tags for anyone interested in having one. Members should give their name to Jack, and \$1.00 to Dave Lyon. Jack will make the tags, and bill the association for the cost.

**Gary Hoover Cars:** Superintendent Thomas reported that we still have over 100 "Gary Hoover" cars left in inventory. See Ken Thompson if you would like to purchase some of the cars.

**RPO:** Venita Lake reported that the Winter edition of the RPO was going to the printer "this week" and that Spring edition was "well on the way." The deadline for copy for the Spring edition has already passed.

There was also some discussion of a new Membership Directory. Venita reported that she would begin working on it with the mailing of the next RPO. The 2003 edition is still available, but some of the newer members may not have received it.

Superintendent Thomas pointed out the continuing need for new articles for the RPO. Articles should be submitted to Richard Schumacher. The deadline for the Summer issue has not been announced.

**Gateway Division Website:** Superintendent Thomas reported that Richard Schumacher, in addition to editing the RPO, is the Division's web master. In the April edition of *Model Railroader*, Lionel Strang listed the Gateway Division website as #3 in his top 10 list. We all owe Richard a lot of thanks for the manner in which he maintains our website. A motion was made by Bob Amsler to investigate some type of award to Richard for his work. The motion was seconded by Brian Post and approved by a voice vote of the membership. Superintendent Thomas pointed out that our website was the only Division or Regional site in Stang's list.

**Regional Convention Report:** John Schindler was not in attendance. Jim Anderson had the registration forms available, and spoke of the need for 200 registrations. He pointed out that we received a registration from a family of three from California who will be traveling in the area during the convention time. Venita Lake reminded the membership about the Car contest being offered by Brad Joseph for convention registrants. The weekend use of a PT Cruiser, or mini van, with a maximum of 250 miles, with proof of full insurance coverage, is being offered as an attendance prize. Mike Satke wanted to know the scale of the car, since N Scale folks are very

sensitive to this problem. He was assured that the car would be 1:1.

Forms are also available on our website. We have the largest division in the area, and we should have a representative showing.

Venita Lake asked for help with distribution of Convention publicity to the GATS show and various hobby shops in the area. She also contacted area hobby shop owners by mail, asking them if they would like to submit flyers to us to be included in our registration packets. Information has been sent to the major hobby publications and should start appearing in upcoming issues.

**Fall Meet:** Hank Kraichely has volunteered to step in front of the bus and chair the fall meet. He was told it was a glorious assignment and he actually believed it. However, it was pointed out to him at the meeting that the light at the end of the tunnel was indeed a train. Hank indicated that he did have some volunteers, and Mike Thomas indicated that he did not have any clinics scheduled to date. If any member would like to provide a clinic presentation, let Hank or Mike know.

#### New Business:

**Gateway Central Layout:** The layout will be at the GATS show on the weekend of March 20 and 21st.

**Monthly Open House:** Suggested by Bob Boedges at the last meeting. Bob is not in attendance. No action taken on this item.

**Future Clinic Presentations:** The April clinic featuring Paul Metzler will take place after the business meeting instead of before, to allow Paul some extra time to get to the meeting after work. Superintendent Thomas announced the following clinic sessions for future Gateway meetings:

May 17 – Richard Schumacher, Model Photography

June 21 – Grab Bag of members, Modeling Tools

July 19 – Jerry Smith, Open House at Augusta Station (no business meeting)

August 16 – Dave Roeder, Background Painting

September 20 – Hank Kraichely, New Thinking for a New Layout

After September more clinics needed. Sign up to share your techniques, etc.

**New Screen:** It was suggested that we buy a screen to be used for Division meetings and presentations. Mike Thomas pointed out that we have been using his screen, but due to his total lack of control of the teen drivers in his house the

mini-van used to haul the screen around is no longer available. Brian Post asked if a red mini-van could be used to haul the screen, a low risk question since his van is white. Someone suggested that the screen could be put on wheels and towed behind the car, but Mike Thomas indicated that he was already towing his teenagers and could not handle any more. After more discussion it was decided that we should buy one if we could find someone to store it and haul it.

**Collection Insurance:** Some discussion was devoted to the NMRA Collection Insurance, and changes to the policy. Several members discussed inclusion of this type of coverage on their home owner's policy.

This was an informational discussion, and no motion was made or action taken.

**Test Track:** Hank Kraichely reported that he had a test track built by Marv Swindle that he thought the Division might want to add to their inventory for use at conventions, etc. The track is only HO but it would be easy to include N scale on it. The consensus was that it would be a good thing to have.

**50/50 Drawing:** The winning ticket for \$15.00 was held by a member unknown.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Amsler and seconded by Richard Lake. The motion was approved by voice vote of the membership.

**Attendance:** There were 32 members in attendance.

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## Division Minutes

*Recorded by Bob Boedges, Clerk*

### Gateway Division Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2004

#### Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Mike Thomas at 7:00 PM.

**Visitors:** Two visitors were in attendance, Ralph Kniepkamp and Sam Brummet.

**Minutes of the March Meeting:** The minutes of the March Meeting were distributed. The Item "Future Clinic Presentations" was corrected. The corrected entry reads "The April clinic featuring Paul Metzler will take place after the business meeting instead of before, to allow Paul some extra time to get to the meeting after work."

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Richard Lake, and seconded by

Richard Wegner. The motion was Approved by a voice vote of the membership.

**Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the one month treasures report (March 15 through April 18, 2004) were distributed by Dave Lyon. The report indicated an ending balance of \$29,622.53. Superintendent Thomas pointed out that the \$3.00 Gateway Division dues would be due on July 1, 2004. Dave Lyon indicated that the \$100.00 contribution listed in the report came from the last GATS show. Jack Templeton moved for acceptance of the report with a second from Ron Kraus. The report was Approved by a voice vote of the membership.

#### **Old Business:**

**Lost and Found:** We have a pair of bi-focal glasses which were found at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Since they have not been claimed, we will assume they do not belong to one of our members.

**AP Awards:** Don Taschner did not have a report, but he did request assistance for the modeling contest at the regional convention. A sign up sheet was circulated.

**Merchandise:** Superintendent Thomas announced that we have many wheel sets to sell and members should see John Hardy if they wished to make a purchase. He also indicated that Jack Templeton was distributing NMRA name tags that he prepared and that he would be happy to make additional tags for anyone interested in having one. Members should give their name to Jack, and \$1.00 to Dave Lyon. Jack will make the tags, and bill the association for the cost. Ken Thomas still has a supply of "Gary Hoover" cars, and members were encouraged to purchase them. Ken Thomas asked for a volunteer to carry a box of the cars to the Seattle Convention.

**RPO:** Superintendent Thomas announced that the membership should have received the Winter issue of the *RPO*. Venita Lake did not have information on the mailing schedule for the Spring issue, and Richard Schumacher was not in attendance. Thomas indicated that all of the editorial material for the Spring issue has been received. There has been no announcement of a deadline for the Summer issue.

**Membership Directory:** Venita Lake reported that she has received a few responses to the request for information mailed with the Spring issue of the *RPO*. Superintendent Thomas encouraged all of the members to return the form to Venita with any necessary corrections ASAP. He also indicated that the form should be returned even if no corrections are necessary. New members will need to supply all of the

information, and the all members can submit their forms on line if they wish to do so.

**Regional Convention Report:** John Schindler indicated that we desperately need the membership to sign up for the convention, and that today was the last day for the reduced rate. He also reminded the membership about the car contest being offered by Brad Joseph for convention registrants if they are signed up by the end of the day. The weekend use of a PT Cruiser, or Crossfire Convertible, with a maximum of 250 miles, with proof of full insurance coverage, is being offered as an attendance prize. Richard Lake asked for volunteers to introduce the clinicians that will appear throughout the day. He indicated that this would be very easy if you intended to attend the clinic session anyway. Schindler indicated that help would be needed at the registration desk, and at the train show selling and taking tickets on Saturday and Sunday. Help is needed setting up the show on Friday evening. Help is needed at the silent auction and bus guides will be required for the prototype tours. Someone is needed to do data entry for the train show notification cards and to sell raffle tickets for the project layout. Sign up sheets were circulated.

Schindler indicated that there are some problems with the mailing labels on the *Caboose Kibitzer* but that he felt that they would still be delivered.

Superintendent Thomas asked for volunteers for transportation of our out of town guests to the layout tours.

**Fall Meet:** Hank Kraichely was not in attendance to give the report. Superintendent Thomas asked for volunteers to present clinics.

#### **New Business:**

**Monthly Open House:** Bob Boedges explained his concept of beginning a monthly open house presented by the members. It was suggested that interested members discuss this during the break.

**Brad Joseph Arrives Tardy:** Superintendent Thomas indicated that Brad Joseph "snuck" in tardy. Thomas asked for a report on the **Gateway Central layout**. Joseph asked if anyone knew where the layout was currently located. After a small riot among the members he indicated that the layout was in his storage facility and that it was in good shape. The layout has paid for itself and will be displayed at the convention train show. The problems with the "raffle license" at the Collinsville show have been resolved.

**Future Clinic Presentations:** Superintendent Thomas announced the following clinic sessions for future Gateway meetings:

May 17 – Richard Schumacher, Model Photography

June 21 – Grab Bag of members, Modeling Tools

July 19 – Jerry Smith, Open House at Augusta Station (no business meeting)

August 16 – Dave Roeder, Background Painting

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After September more clinics needed. Sign up to share your techniques, etc.

**Operating Sessions and Miscellaneous:** Richard Lake announced the successful completion of the first ever operating session on his layout.

**Information with regard to The East Coast Large Scale Train Show** was announced. The show is normally held on Palm Sunday in York Pennsylvania. This year they are beginning the Midwest Large Scale Train Show at the fairgrounds in Springfield, IL on the weekend before Memorial Day. This is an exclusively large scale show.

**Insurance:** Venita Lake announced that she had information on the insurance program discussed at the last meeting.

**Train Shops:** Members were encouraged to check out Chuck's Depot in Marion, IL. There was also some discussion about the Little Toot Railroad Company in Flora, IL.

**National Headquarters:** Bill and Mary Birdsell reported on their visit to National Headquarters on their return trip from Florida this year. They toured the library and saw the section devoted to donations. The staff of the library was very cordial and expressed a strong desire to assist members with research questions.

**Appeal For Help:** John Schindler put out a call for help moving the signs for the train show. There was some discussion of the missing stands for the signs. It was also suggested that we spend some money to produce reusable signs to be posted in front of member's homes for layout tours.

**Kirkwood Club:** The call was put out for help rebuilding the Kirkwood Club Layout at the Hough School at Sappington and Lockwood on Thursday evenings. Enter from the south doors into the basement. Club hours are from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM and a short break was announced before the beginning of the clinic session.

**Attendance:** There were 34 members in attendance.

#### **Clinic Presentation**

After a short break Superintendent Thomas introduced Paul Metzler who presented a clinic on "Styrene Based Scenery." We thank Paul for his presentation to our membership.

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## NMRA MCoR Region & Gateway Division

The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) is a world-wide organization dedicated to all aspects of model railroading. In order to bring the most benefit to its members, the association is subdivided into Regions, and each Region has a number of local Divisions. The Gateway Division is part of the Mid-Continent Region, which represents Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and parts of Iowa and Illinois.

The Mid-Continent Region is represented on the NMRA's Board of Trustees. It publishes a quarterly bulletin, *The Caboose Kibitzer*, and holds an annual convention meeting that usually includes modeling clinics, local tours of layouts or prototype facilities, and model contests. The 2004 meeting will be organized by the Gateway Division and will be June 4-6.

The Gateway Division is well represented on the regional and national levels of the NMRA. Its members actively promote the modeling hobby through local monthly meetings, this quarterly newsletter, an annual train meet in the fall, participation in area train shows and other events, and a comprehensive website. Annual membership dues for the Gateway Division are \$3, with all memberships running from July 1 through June 30. Members who join mid-year are given extended memberships. In addition to the quarterly newsletter, a member directory is published listing names, addresses, and information about individual modeling interests. New members also receive a Division membership pin.

Membership is open to anyone from the beginner to the most advanced modeler, of all ages, so that everyone can share questions and knowledge of the hobby. Visitors are welcome at the monthly Division meetings listed on our website, [www.gatewaynmra.org](http://www.gatewaynmra.org)

### How to Join

Visit our website, complete the form at <http://gatewaynmra.org/membership.htm>