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On the Cover

The Gateway Central XIII was begun at last year's Fall Meet and will be raffled off at this year's Fall Meet. Bob Boedges and Mike Satke did the lion's share of the construction of the layout.

Superintendent's Desk

by Bob Boedges

This will be my final column as Superintendent of the Gateway Division, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the active and dedicated members of our organization that give their time and effort to keep things running. The danger, of course, is that I will miss someone that should be recognized, and if this should happen, I apologize in advance.

First I must thank the current officers for their service. Bill Levin as Assistant Superintendent has done a great job in the difficult area of finding a steady stream of volunteers to provide clinics at each of our monthly meetings. Bill will be running for the Superintendent position for the 2007 term. Dave Lyon has continued to do excellent work maintaining our financial records as Treasurer and he

also will be running for reelection at the end of this year's term. Ron Gawedzinski is serving for a second time as the Division Clerk, and his work has been both accurate and efficient. Ron will be seeking your vote to continue in this capacity next year.

Jim Anderson continues to be an active and concerned officer, serving once again as our Division Director and representative to the MoCor Board. Jim hopes to continue serving in this capacity next year.

I was very pleased this past January to learn that Mike Thomas would be taking over the duties as the editor of the RPO. During this year Mike has done a wonderful job getting the publication out in a timely manner, and providing a quality product that the entire organization can be proud of. It should be noted that Mike would be happy to receive your photographs and articles.

A number of our members have been actively involved in providing service to the group. Hank Kraichely has continued to take care of the Division merchandise and even more importantly is serving as the new Membership Chairman of the Division. He will be running for the office of Assistant Superintendent next year. Brian Post did a great job scheduling the project layout at local shows and acting as the Vendor Chairman for the Fall Meet. Don Taschner has worked with dedication as the AP Chairman and Contest Manager. Mike Satke volunteered many hours of work constructing the project layout, and

has continued to spend many hours at the local shows selling chances and promoting the hobby. Dick Wegner served as Chairman of the Division Equipment Inventory Project, and is a constant volunteer for any work that needs to be done. Richard Schumacher has continued as our Webmaster, and has maintained one of the most successful websites of it's type in the country.

Thanks to the members that have provided clinics throughout the year; Dave Roeder, Bill Levin, Richard Lake, Hank Kraichely, Brian Post, Bob Johnson, Pete Smith, Brad Joseph, Tim Hessel, and Gary Hoover. Finally, let me thank all of the unnamed volunteers that provided assistance at shows with the project layout, or with any other project that I neglected to mention.

As I complete this offering, I am reminded once again of the fact that so few of our approximately three hundred members are actively involved in organizing and staffing our projects. My major regret as I leave office stems from knowledge that I was unable to motivate more of you to volunteer your time. I am concerned that the organization will gradually cease to function due to this lack of involvement. I am sure that the incoming board will be faced with this issue, and I can only encourage those of you who are not yet involved to give a little of your time and talent to insure the continuation of the group and the promotion of this great hobby.

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WebTrends Report

Summary report for

www.gatewaynmra.org

for September 2006

compiled by Richard Schumacher

(Editor's note: The Gateway Division's website is by far our greatest public-outreach program. The statistics below demonstrate just how many people check on the site each month.)

Hits: 2,192,352 (Hits are a widely quoted statistic, but don't really mean much – opening a page with a dozen photos or other image files on it generates a dozen hits.)

Page Views: 78,435 (about 2,614 per day) (The real measure of how much a site is viewed.)

Visits: 58,009 (about 1,933 per day) (Not necessarily unique visitors; if you check the website every day, you'll generate 30 visits. Since we have 58,000 visits and 78,000 page views, at most 20,000 visitors view more than one page.)

Bandwidth: 17,564,118 kbytes transferred

Search Engine Referrals: 10,708

Top search engine referrals:

Google	8,630	80.59%
Yahoo	1,390	12.98%
Microsoft Network	610	5.69%
AltaVista	72	0.67%
Lycos	3	0.02%
Ask Jeeves	3	0.02%

Among the other websites referring visitors to us were:

trains.com	121 referrals
ogaugerr.infopop.cc	60 referrals
railserve.com	59 referrals
wiringfordcc.com	59 referrals
ldsig.org	41 referrals
the-guage.com	30 referrals
marklin-users.net	25 referrals
mvns.railfan.net	25 referrals
all-model-railroading.co.uk	21 referrals
trainboard.com	21 referrals
opsig.org	20 referrals
burlingtonroute.com	15 referrals
trainsarefun.com	15 referrals
forum.atlasrr.com	11 referrals
nmra.org	9 referrals

And our visitors come from all around the world! Fourteen countries had 100 or more visitors to our website:

United States	48,849	91.57%
Canada	766	1.43%
AU	522	0.97%
UK	345	0.64%
Germany	293	0.54%
Netherlands	262	0.49%
France	158	0.29%
Brazil	143	0.26%
Belgium	133	0.24%
Italy	121	0.22%
Poland	109	0.2%
Mexico	106	0.19%
Thailand	103	0.19%
New Zealand	101	0.18%

Gateway Central XIII – Trackside Photos

All photos © 2006 Richard Schumacher

Editor's Note:

The long series of Gateway Central project layouts – as the name implies, this is the thirteenth – was undertaken for many reasons: partly as a fund raiser, partly to let Division members who don't have a layout at home have a chance to build one, partly to give all members the opportunity to try new modeling techniques or perhaps work in an unaccustomed scale, and partly as public outreach, to show non-modelers what can be accomplished in a very small space.

Planning, building, transporting, and displaying the Gateway Central has always taken a good deal of time and commitment from our members – often a very small group of members. We thank them.

At present, no one is willing to take the lead in building Gateway Central XIV, and so the membership at the October Division meeting voted to postpone construction of the next layout for a year, and then re-assess the availability of members willing to do the work.



An overview of the GCXIII; this side was usually displayed as the 'front' of the layout at train shows.



The layout seen from the opposite side.



The major industry on the layout is this Walthers packing plant: stock cars in, refrigerator cars out.



The supply side of the industry. The ramp was relocated from the original kit configuration to fit the available real estate.



The kit originally comes with a loading dock along this side, but due to tight clearances the dock was omitted and the loading track runs right up against the building. The shed roof above the loading doors was raised to clear the tops of cars.



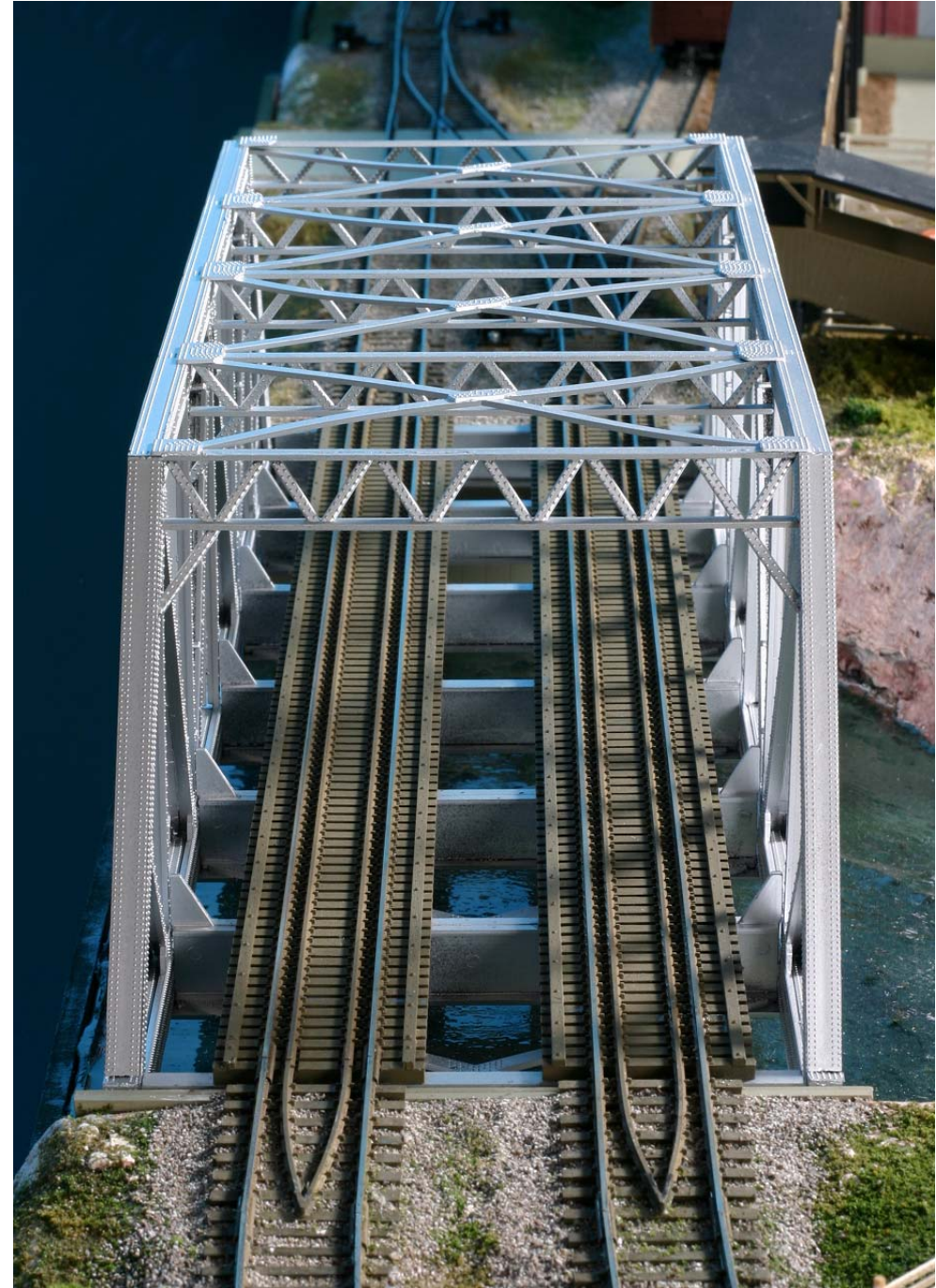
The backside of the packing plant.



Just past the packing plant the mainline crosses a river.



The waterfall just above the bridge proved to be a popular attraction for Prieser people and prototype people alike. Water is Enviro-Tex resin with a top-coat of Woodland Scenics Water Effects.



The double track through-truss bridge is by Walthers, as is the bridge track.



The Prieser picnics are perched on a Satke scratchbuilt fence.



The picnic pavilion itself actually came from the Walthers lumber yard kit seen across the river in this shot.



These photos show the true purpose of the picnic scene: filling a space on the layout where no rail-related industry could be shoe-horned.





The next industry down the line is this modern grain elevator. Each of the two storage bins and the grain conveyor itself is a separate Walthers kit. The discharge shed was scratch-built.



This trailing point industrial track leads across the river by way of an Atlas pony truss bridge to the lumber yard, another Walthers kit.





There's a lot of detail in the lumber yard scene. Various vehicles are by Lonestar, Boley, and Bush.





If your train is headed counter-clockwise, this is the only facing-point industry you'll encounter. The layout includes enough rolling stock to have at least two cars appropriate for each industry so that a full car can be spotted when the empty is pulled. The bulk oil terminal is by Walthers.

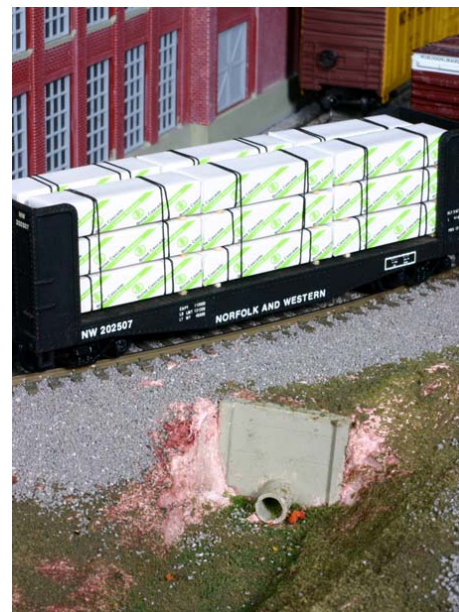


The oil terminal got a little light weathering. The overview shows the general arrangement of industries on the 44" wide by 78" long layout. The track at the lower right corner of the photo is available for expanding the layout.





Motive power and control system are by Bachman. The E-Z Command basic throttle is supplemented by a second walk-around throttle. Land forms are Sculptamold over rigid foam insulation board.



Upcoming Events

Book Sale

Where:

Earl C. Lindburg Automobile Building
Museum Of Transportation
3015 Barrett Station Road
St. Louis, Mo 63122

When:

November 4th & 5th 2006, 10am -4pm

What:

Books, Magazines, Maps, Prints, Other Related Materials

Contact:

Nick Ohlman 314-965-8007 Ext. 19
Nohlman@Stlouisco.Com

Everything Must Go

Gary's Switching List

Compiled by Gary Hemmingway for the Mid-Continent Region NMRA

The Switching List contains all known Mid-Continent Region, NMRA, train shows and Division meetings. It also lists all known club shows and swap meets in the Mid-Continent Region (IA, IL, MO, AR, NE, KS, OK). To list your event, send it to: email garyonho@cox.net, or Gary Hemmingway, 3201 SW Stone Ave., Topeka, KS 66614. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switching List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: www.mcor-nmra.org.

DIVISION MEETINGS

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION meets the 1st Saturday of February, May, August, and November at various locations around the division area. BOD

meetings are usually at noon and general meetings are at 1 p.m. The 2006 schedule is:

Nov 4, Robert Stewart, 249 Redbud Estates #249, Manhattan, KS 66502.

GATEWAY DIV. (ST. LOUIS, MO) meets 3rd Monday each month, 7:00 P.M. Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO; Even numbered months: VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

TURKEY CREEK DIV. (KANSAS CITY, MO & KS) monthly meetings 4th Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Johnson County Courthouse, NE Branch, 6000 Lamar, Shawnee Mission, KS (DMV Building on SW corner of Lamar and Mastin)

WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION

(OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA) Our meeting location is the Sump Library, 84th and Second Streets, Papillion, NE on the 2nd Saturday of each month from Noon to 3:00 pm. The meetings consist of a business meeting followed by a clinic, slide show, and sometimes a layout tour. During the months of June and December we do not meet at the library, they are reserved for the annual picnic (June meeting) and the annual holiday dinner (December meeting).

KATE SHELLEY DIVISION meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, 15th & Wilson, Ames, IA.

INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION meets at the New Hardesty Library at 8316 E. 93rd. St. (Just east of Memorial) in Tulsa, OK. The time is from 9am to noon. The dates of the remaining meetings are, March 18th, May 20th, September 16th, and November 18th. Each meeting we have various presentations from How-tos, to slide shows. After the meetings we have a layout tour on one of the members layouts. Contact Dave Salamon at

drs_rr@yahoo.com for further information.

CLAREMORE & SOUTHERN RR OPERATING SESSION, 2nd Friday each month starting at 7:00PM and finishing by 10:00PM, 9372 E. Clover Creek Drive, Claremore, OK 74017-1487, Info: George F Maulsby, 918-341-9446 or www.csrailroad.com. Please send a confirming RSVP is you are planning to join us. For your calendar planning our schedule for remaining 2006, is as follows.

November 11 - 1:00PM - 4:00PM

December 9 - 1:00PM - 4:00PM

January 13 1:00PM-4:00PM

February 10 1:00PM-4:00PM

Please RSVP aprox a week before each scheduled operations session. Thanks.

George F Maulsby, Claremore & Southern RR

www.csrailroad.com 918-341-9446

TRAIN SHOWS & MEETS

OCT 29, 2006 - CENTRAL ILLINOIS GREAT TRAIN SHOW, Interstate Center, 2301 West Market St, Bloomington, Illinois; sponsored by the Central Illinois Railroad Club - 9:00 AM to 3:00 pm; featuring layouts, railroad equipment displays, swap sessions, railroadiana, model railroad supplies, educational displays, computer train simulators, prototype model contests - Admission \$5, Children under 12 Free w/pd adult

NOV 4 - 5, 2006 - SOUTHERN KANSAS 3-RAILERS 4TH ANNUAL MODEL TRAIN SHOW, Agri-Business Bldg., 712 W. Washington, Arkansas City, KS, Sat: 10 - 5, Sun: 11 - 4, Adm: \$3, under 10 free w/pd adult, tables \$10 each, Concessions by Sharon's Rolling Kitchen, Operating model train displays, Info: SK3R, Box 92, Cheney, KS 67025-0092, jays027@sbcglobal.net

NOV 4, 2006, GATEWAY DIVISION FALL MEET. Trinity Lutheran Church,

14088 Clayton Rd. at Woods Mill Road, in Ballwin, MO, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM; The Adult ticket price is \$5.00. Children under 12 are free. The table prices are \$15.00. Set up time on Friday, November 3, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Set up begins again on Saturday morning at 7:00 AM. Contact is Robert Boedges at 314-631-5371 or email at rboedges@charter.net.

NOV 4, 2006 - 15TH ANNUAL KATE SHELLEY DIV, MCoR-NMRA FALL MEET, United Community School, US Highway 30 between Ames and Boone, IA; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Adm: \$5 at door, \$4 pre-registration, Clinics, Silent Auction, Dealers, Displays, Layouts, Door Prizes; Contest categories: Diesel locomotives, Grain hoppers, Flat cars with loads, Box cars-40' or under, Offline structures, MOW equipment, youth in all categories, Photos, Rolling Stock & Structures, Prototype & Model; Info: Bob Folkmann 515-232-8689, Carl Chumos 515-233-8256.

NOV 25, 2006 - JOPLIN MUSEUM COMPLEX TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET, Shifferdecker Park between the pool & golf course, Joplin, MO; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Adm: \$3.00, under 12 free w/pd adult, operating HO & N layouts, antique electric trains, 60+ swap tables, info: Rick Gardner 417-673-4888, rickgardner@sofnet.com

NOV 26, 2006 - MID- AMERICA TRAIN & TOY SHOW (formerly "Mid-America Train Meet"), BTC Exhibit Hall, I-435 and Front Street, Kansas City MO, 9am - 2pm, Adm: \$5 adults, 12 & under, free, 7am early bird adm, \$10 ea. Trains, models, RR collectibles, toys, train movies, door prizes, operating layouts. Free parking. Info: Steve & Sherri Stich, P.O. Box 369, Leavenworth, KS 66048 or 913-651-5864. Directions: From I-435, exit 57 west (Front St) to Universal Ave. and turn right at stoplight. Or, from I-35, exit Front St.

and continue east to Universal Ave., then turn left at stoplight.

DEC 2 - 3, 2006, 30TH OKC TRAIN SHOW & SOUTHERN PLAINS REGION N-SCALE CONVENTION, Travel & Transportation Building, State Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City, OK. Admission is \$6.00, children under 12 free w/pd adult. Call 405 842-4846.

DEC 16, 2006 THE MCPHERSON TRAIN SHOW AND SWAP MEET, McPherson Community Building 122 East Marlin, McPherson, Kansas. Saturday, from 10am to 6pm This show will have dozens of vendor tables, a variety of train scales, N Scale, Z Scale, HO, S Scale, just to name a few. Hourly door prizes, activities for the kids, and a concession stand sponsored by the local boy scouts. Set up times: 5:00pm - 9:00pm Friday and 8:00am Saturday. Tables are \$8 and \$10. The 10-foot tables go fast. Admission is \$3.00 at the door; children under 10 are free with paid adult. Contact Tyron Nickel at trickel0323@sbcglobal.net for further information.

JAN 27-28, 2006, 4TH ANNUAL TRAIN & CIRCUS SHOW, The Cisco Center, 325 North Main Street in Cisco, Illinois, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm both days at The Cisco Center in Cisco, Illinois - Proceeds benefit the restoration of the 1874 Cisco Depot - I-72 between Champaign and Decatur Exit # 156 Weldon/Cisco. For More Information: trains@ciscojunction.com or http://www.ciscojunction.com. Contact: Don Ploch, 10408 E Washington St Rd, Argenta, IL 62501, (217) 669-2261

FEB 10 - 11, 2007 - WICHITA TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS, (1 block South of Oliver on George Washington Blvd, near the West gate to McConnell AFB), sponsored by Chisholm Trail Div., MCoR, NMRA and Engine House Hobbies, Swap tables,

Modular layouts, Switching contest, Pulling contest, Model contest. Photo contest, clinics and more. Admission : \$6.00 for both days, Under 10 free with paid adult. Table Registration, Six foot tables are 20.00 each, Eight foot tables \$ 25.00 each. Before 12/31/06 take 10% off send table registration to WTS&SM 603 Chestnut Halstead, KS 67056-2302. Info: John LaRoe, Engine House Hobbies, 2745 Boulevard Plaza, Wichita, KS 67211, 800-586-4443, john@ehh.kscoxmail.com Or Phil Aylward 603 Chestnut Halstead, KS 67056 email; aylward1@cox.net

FEB 10, 2007, THE DUPO SHOW YEAR 2007, Dupo High School Gymnasium, Dupo, Illinois 10 am to 3 pm. Sponsored by DCHS and Reynolds Railways 17th year! .

FEB 24TH 2007, LAWRENCE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB SHOW AND SWAP MEET, Douglas County Fairgrounds Building #21, Lawrence, KS, 9 am to 5 pm, Adults \$3 (\$1 off at door with the donation of canned food item.) Kids 12 and under FREE, Contact info: Jim Taylor jimforegolf@hotmail.com or 785-841-6256.

MAR 17, 2007 - BOEING EMPLOYEES' RAILROAD CLUB-ST. LOUIS RAILROAD SWAP MEET, Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Queeny Park, 550 Wiedman Rd., St. Louis, MO, 10 am to 3 pm, Adm: \$3, Under 12 free w/pd adult, Tables \$15, Seller setup 8 am - 10 am, Info: Wayne Schimmel, 733 Hwy Y, Winfield, MO 63389-2206 wwhtehrse@aol.com or 636-668-6313 after 6 pm.

JUN 15-17, 2007 - FIRST INTERNATIONAL On30 RENDEVOUS IN KANSAS CITY, Business and Technology College Exhibit Hall, Universal Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Registration \$25, Tables: first \$50 (includes one registration), additional tables \$40 each (table only); Information

and registration online at www.On30international2007.com.

AUG 4, 2007 – MID-CONTINENT REGION ANNUAL CONVENTION, Lenexa Community Center, Lenexa, KS; hosted by the Turkey Creek Division, Co-Chairs: Brad Morneau (913) 897-0669, bmorneau@kc.rr.com, and Louis Seibel, L-seibel@comcast.net, (913) 393-3495; Committee Chairs: Paul Richardson, MMR, Model & Photo Contests; Bob Jefferis, Swap Tables & Railroad Groups.

Division Minutes

Recorded by Ron Gawedzinski, Clerk

Gateway Division Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2006

Clinic: Superintendent Bob Boedges called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Bob introduced Brad Joseph, who gave a personal tour and the history of the 1927 Pennsylvania Railroad Business car at the Oliver C. Joseph Chrysler/Dodge dealership. Brad also presented a slide show of the moving of the railroad car from the old location in downtown Belleville, Illinois, to the site of the new location. The membership thanked Brad for his very informative tour and presentation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Superintendent Robert Boedges called the business meeting to order at 8:00 pm. There were 34 members and four guests present.

Visitors:

The Division welcomes guests JoAnn Bartz, Patty Bousman, Don Jardine and Jimmy Frank.

Minutes of the July 2006 Meeting:

The minutes of the July 2006 Meeting were distributed. Tom Bousman brought up a correction to the spelling of his last name in the

50/50 section. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

David Lyon, Treasurer, distributed printed copies of the one-month Treasurer's Report (July 17 through August 20, 2006). The Treasurer's Report indicated a balance in all funds of \$26,981.01. The report was accepted as presented.

Director's Report:

Jim Anderson had no report.

Old Business:

Status Of The RPO – Mike Thomas stated the RPO went to the printer today. It will be mailed shortly.

Project Layout XIII (13) – Bob Boedges said the layout would not be at the Prototype Modelers Meet this coming weekend. The layout will be at the Boeing Model RR Show on September 9.

Achievement Program (AP) – Don Taschner had no report.

Fall 2006 Meet – Hank Kraichely will be taking care of Layout Tours and Display Layouts. Brian Post is handling tables and vendors. He said table sales are going well. Bob Boedges is working on a project involving the Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge. Bob is also working on getting a speaker from BNSF to talk about prototype operations.

Kirkwood Station Layout Project – Bob Boedges reported that the project is being withdrawn from further consideration due to it not being able to meet the spending limit.

Meeting Display Project – Bill Levin said he would contact some members to help develop ideas for content on the new Booth Display. To

date neither he nor Dave Lyon has received any ideas or recommendations from members. Ideas are needed for content if we plan on going forward with this project to help attract people into the hobby.

Membership – Hank Kraichely said he is going to contact every NMRA member within our Division boundary to give us their current E-Mail address and indicate whether they are interested in receiving the monthly meeting reminders by E-Mail. Mike Thomas mentioned he needed any input for a mailing by October 1.

Merchandise – Hank Kraichely said he has 36" wheel sets but the 33" are sold out. Do we have enough interest to purchase more wheel sets? Dick Wegner made a motion, "The Division (Hank) should make a reorder of wheel sets, based on the minimum required to obtain a large discount." Seconded by Bill Levin. Discussion followed. A member made an amendment to be added at the end of the original motion, "Using your best business judgment." The amendment was acceptable to both Dick and Bill. The amended motion is, "The Division (Hank) is going to reorder wheel sets with the number being determined by his best business judgment required to obtain a volume discount." The amendment was voted on and passed. A vote was taken on the original motion, as amended, and the motion passed.

Gary Hoover Cars – Ken Thompson reported he has 25 Gary Hoover cars left as well as track gauges.

Publication Fees – David Lyon will accept \$3.00 publication fees tonight.

Other Old Business – None.

New Business:

Advertising on the Website -- Hank Kraichely made a proposal to look into the feasibility of the Gateway Division Website having a sponsor who would have their contribution for their ad (on our Website) pay our annual Web fee. Richard Schumacher proceeded to explain in detail what would be involved with our Website, the sponsors (vendors), hook ups to other Websites and other information. Members had questions and discussion took place. Bob Boedges asked Richard and Hank to bring back to the organization a proposal at next month's meeting so that we have in place by November, when we have to re-up on the Website, that we could then put it into a motion and vote on it. Bob then asked for a motion that Richard and Hank be authorized to continue this project of looking into selling an ad to a vendor to cover annual Website costs. Gary Gross made the motion as stated by Bob. Tom Bousman seconded the motion. Discussion took place. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Nominating Committee for 2007 Election of Officers – Bob Boedges said the current officers are the Nominating Committee to see who might be interested in running for the positions for 2007. Later on, at the September meeting, we will need a three member Election Committee selected to be responsible for counting the ballots. Members are encouraged to let any of the current officers know if they want to run for any of the officer positions.

New Project Layout Chairman for 2007 – Bob Boedges said we would need a new project layout chairman for 2007. We will be raffling off the 2006 project layout in November. Members should let Bob know if they are interested in the job.

NMRA President's Award to Pete Smith (MMR #120) for "Modeling With The Masters" – Bob Amsler presented to Pete Smith the NMRA President's Award for his service in the hobby in the NMRA "Modeling With The Masters" program. Pete was bestowed this high honor by

the President of the NMRA at the 2006 NMRA National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The membership recognized Pete's efforts with a round of applause.

Renewal of Division Web Hosting Agreement – Richard Schumacher mentioned our current Web Hosting agreement expires in November 2006. He needs the Chapter to put through a motion to authorize him to renew the agreement. Dick Wegner made the motion, "Richard Schumacher be given permission to renew the Web Hosting agreement using his best business judgment." Richard Lake seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Website Article on Empire Builder 1927 Passenger Car – Richard Schumacher proposed that we scan a number of the slides that we were shown this evening by Brad Joseph on the local history of the Empire Builder 1927 passenger car for an article with pictures on the Division Website. Richard proposed that the Division pay for the scanning. Richard Lake made the motion, "That we authorize Richard to perform that process (scanning of slides) and have them ready to put on the Website on the article on the Empire Builder car to the cap of \$150.00." Ken Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Gary Gross said he wanted to let those members know who were at the 2006 National Convention and who pre-registered for the 2007 and 2008 National Conventions that your credit card payments have been processed this week and if you paid by check the check will be deposited in the bank tomorrow.

Mike Thomas mentioned that the University of Missouri at St. Louis (UMSL) has adult education

courses during the winter 2006 – 2007 session on the role of railroads in St. Louis. Members interested should see Mike for details.

Bob Boedges also mentioned the UMSL Library has the Barringer Collection to see, a remarkable collection of railroad information.

Ron Gawedzinski reported on the National Railroad Art Exhibition, "Trains: Past, Present and Future", from now until October 14, 2006, at the St. Louis Artists' Guild, Two Oak Knoll Park, Clayton, Mo. Over 120 original art works as well as models and memorabilia.

50/50: Bill Levin won \$23 in the drawing.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by a member, seconded by another member and approved by a voice vote of the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron W. Gawedzinski, Clerk

Gateway Division Clinicians Wanted

We always need clinics for upcoming meetings. If you know something other people don't then you're qualified to conduct a clinic. And if you don't think you can fill an hour, we can pair you up with another short clinic for the evening. We especially need more hands-on how-to modeling workshops and more in-depth prototype clinics.

Call Bill Levin at 314-878-2119

wmlbill@yahoo.com

Bring in a friend. Bring home a locomotive.

Sign me up as an NMRA member and enter me in the drawing!

Regular NMRA member: \$36/year, all rights and benefits but no Scale Rails

Regular NMRA member: \$48/year, all rights and benefits including Scale Rails

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Month _____ Year _____

From November 1 through January 31, when you get someone to sign up for a new NMRA membership you'll both come out winners! Each month we'll the draw names of three new members. Those new members and the NMRA members who referred them will each win their own Atlas®, Kato®, Bachmann® or Life-Like® loco. And even if your friend doesn't bag a prize, as a new NMRA member they'll still come out a winner because they'll have all the benefits of the greatest model railroad organization in the world. So pass along this sign-up form along to a non-member today! Then start polishing those rails.

OFFICIAL RULES: Contest open to U.S. residents only who are either National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (NMRA) members in good standing on November 1, or individuals who haven't been NMRA members for 2 years or more. Properly completed Membership Entry forms must be received by 1/31/07 to be eligible. Names will be entered in drawing only after new membership has been fully processed. Renewals for existing memberships will not be entered in drawing. Prizes are cash, locos, or accessories. Prizes are not redeemable for cash. Employees and their immediate families are not eligible. Prizes are void where prohibited. Business firms contracted by either the NMRA or those sponsors, their employees and their immediate families. Odds of winning random drawings are dependent on the number of eligible entries received. Contest void where prohibited. No substitution of prizes. Winners must execute an affidavit of acceptance of prize. Prizes may be used for advertising/publicity purposes by the NMRA without further compensation, except where prohibited. By participating, entrants agree to these rules and that the decision of the NMRA President in all matters relating to the contest shall be final. Winners' names may be published in the NMRA magazine. For more information, visit www.nmra.org. NMRA, 4121 Cromwell Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421.



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. National dues are \$48 per year, and all members of the NMRA are automatically members of the Region and Division in which they live. 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 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. Annual subscription to the Mid-Continent Region *Caboose Kibitzer* is \$6 and runs concurrently with membership at the National level.

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 subscription to the Gateway Division *RPO* is \$3, running from July 1 through June 30. Members who subscribe 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

How to Join

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

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