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Phil Bonzon, MMR, B&O Concrete Coaling Tower
Fall Meet Contest Winners



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More Memories of Dee Joseph

by Paul Fries

I have many memories of Dee. His love of the National Parks and of course his passion for trains are two of the fondest. Dee was always very generous with his time. I spent many Wednesday evenings with Dee and other fellow cronies working on the layout, running trains, and enjoying countless hours of conversation.

Dee's layout, the Harriman-Hill System was a railfan's dream. You could sit at trackside and watch big steam climb Marias Pass, shoot gas electrics on the branch or if you were really lucky, catch a detouring Super Chief discharging passengers in Cheyenne.

I will always be grateful for Dee's support of my store. Dee was there almost twenty years ago at my grand opening and was a frequent visitor in the years since. I consider myself very fortunate to have known Dee and will always cherish the memories.

Gateway Division Website Statistics

by Richard Schumacher

Google Analytics Reports for the GatewayNMRA.org web site for the month of March 2010

Note that Google Analytics does not track access to pdf documents, images or videos on the website as it uses page-side tracking. This creates differences from the WebTrends report which uses server-side tracking.

85,710 pageviews

Traffic: 10% direct, 65% organic search, 23% referrals, 1% other (RSS, twitter, etc)

Organic Search: 10,442 Google, 924 Yahoo, 1,149 Bing, 285 aol, 209 ask, 4 altavista, 209 search

8 on-site searches

349 pages were viewed a total of 85,710 times

283 page titles were viewed a total of 85,710 times

Top Page Titles with Pageviews

1. Small HO Scale Model Railroad Layouts with Track Plans | Gateway Central Train Layout 11,006

2. Model Trains and Model Railroads | Gateway Division NMRA | Gateway to Model Railroading Fun - home page

3. Scale Model Railroad Download Page | Signs, Interiors and Backgrounds | Gateway NMRA 2,896

4. Directory of Greater St. Louis Area Model Railroad and Train Layouts | Gateway NMRA 2,633

5. 4x8 HO Scale Model Railroad Layout Display at the Missouri Historical Society | St. Louis 2,342

6. Model Railroad & Model Train Article Library | Tips, Tricks, Photos & Techniques | Gateway NMRA 2,339

7. Model Railroad DCC | Digital Command Control for Model Train Layouts 2,147

8. 2005 Riverport Theme Model Railroad Layout | Gateway Central XII (2005) | Gateway NMRA 2,065

9. HO Scale Small Switching Model Railroad | Designing the Gateway Central XV 2,052

10. Trains and Railroads in the Civil War 2,038

11. Contest and Award Winning Train Models and Photos | Gateway NMRA 1,962

12. 2009 Train Show Railroad Model and Photo Contest | Gateway Division NMRA 1,799

13. Small HO Scale Model Railroad Layout | Gateway Central IX (2002) Project Train Layout 1,516

14. Greater St. Louis Area Model Railroad and Train Layouts | Page 3 | K-O | Gateway NMRA 1,452

15. Litchfield Train Group HO Scale Model Railroad Club Layout | Page 1 of 2 1,430

16. Gateway Central X (2003) Small HO Scale Model Railroad Layout with photos and trackplan 1,401

17. Designing Model Railroad Operations | Quick Start Techniques and Examples 1,335

18. Greater St. Louis Area Model Railroad and Train Layouts | Page 1 | A-B | Gateway NMRA 1,213

To the Capital by Private Car

Saint Louis Chapter NRHS June 2 – 9, 2010

This June join the St. Louis Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society for a seven-day trip to Washington DC. We will be traveling on the Pullman sleeper Cimarron River for a scenic and relaxing round trip from St. Louis. Our trip will begin on Wednesday afternoon, June 2, when we board our

private car at the downtown St. Louis Amtrak station. We will depart at 5:30 pm and arrive in Chicago late that night.

Thursday morning awake in the Windy City for a day of sightseeing and shopping. Complimentary coffee and juice will be ready when you rise. Enjoy breakfast and lunch or an early dinner in one of Chicago's many restaurants. Our departure for Washington will be at 5:45 that afternoon behind Amtrak's Cardinal. Our 24-hour trip will take us through Indianapolis and Cincinnati, then along the Ohio River to Huntington, West Virginia. From there we follow the Kanawha and New Rivers through the Allegheny Mountains of West Virginia, enjoying the daylight ride through the spectacular New River Gorge. We will pass through White Sulphur Springs, home of the famous Greenbrier luxury resort, before crossing Virginia for an early evening arrival in Washington DC.

Saturday and Sunday are yours to explore the many sights of our nation's capitol. Return each evening to the comfort of your accommodation on Cimarron River, parked at the magnificent Union Station.

Monday is your day to see that sight you might have missed or get that last souvenir. Our departure for Chicago will be at 4:00 p.m. behind Amtrak's Capitol Limited. A late afternoon ride through the Potomac River valley will take us through Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, and Cumberland, Md., before climbing Sand Patch grade for our passage over the Allegheny Mountains. During the night we will pass through Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Toledo before arriving in the Windy City at 9:00 a.m. Visit the famous Lou Mitchell's restaurant for breakfast (just a block west of Union Station), then enjoy an afternoon shopping the loop or relaxing

along the lakefront. Have dinner in one of Chicago's many restaurants before returning to Cimarron River for the night. The next morning we'll depart Chicago at 7:00 and arrive in St. Louis at 12:20 pm.

Available accommodations on Cimarron River include 12 single roomettes and two double bedrooms. Two additional adjoining bedrooms will be ensuited to serve as a lounge. Each accommodation has its own sink with hot and cold running water. Cimarron River has a full-size shower and is fully climate controlled.

This is a Picnic Class trip, meaning that passengers are responsible for their own food and beverage. Coffee and orange juice will be provided each morning and passengers will have access to the Amtrak café car both directions between St. Louis and Chicago. Drinking water and ice will be available on the car. A microwave, toaster and coffee maker are available. Pillows, towels and linens are provided on Cimarron River.

Fare is \$795 for a roomette (single occupancy) or \$1,590 for a bedroom (single or double occupancy) and includes all rail transportation and six nights accommodations on Cimarron River. Reservations are on a first-come, first served basis. A deposit of \$400 per person is required with your reservation, with the balance due by April 30. Make checks payable to St. Louis Chapter NRHS and mail to:

Rick Sprung

Trip Director – St. Louis Chapter NRHS
10101 Carolynne Drive
St. Louis, MO 63128

(314) 842-5980 sprung@att.net

Questions? Contact Rick Sprung at (314) 842-5980 or via e-mail at sprung@att.net. We hope to see you on board!

NMRA 75th Anniversary Photography Contest

Win a cab ride in a Union Pacific steam locomotive!

The National Model Railroad Association and the Union Pacific Railroad are pleased to announce a model photography contest to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NMRA. The NMRA will pick one photograph submitted by an NMRA member in good standing depicting one or more models of UP equipment and/or structures in a realistic scene. The photograph will be judged for prototype fidelity of the modeling and scene as well as for photographic art.

The member submitting the photograph will win a cab ride in one of the mainline steam locomotives operated by the Union Pacific on the Kansas City to Jefferson City leg of the Missouri River Eagle Excursion. Airfare (up to \$500.00), two hotel nights, and transportation to and from the excursion will be provided for the winner by the NMRA.

To be eligible, the photograph must be in an envelope postmarked (or originated in transit by a third-party service such as FedEx or UPS) by August 31, 2010, and received no later than September 7, 2010. Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there is no limit on the number of photographs a member may submit. Photographic prints, slides, or digital images are

acceptable. Prints must be 8" x 10." Digital images must be taken with a camera of 7.1 megapixels or greater to satisfy the printing requirements. All submitted photographs shall become the property of the NMRA, and the NMRA and Union Pacific may use the photograph in any manner they choose. All members participating in the contest agree to provide to the NMRA the original medium of the photograph (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested.

Please send all photographs to Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis MO 63111. Be sure to protect photographs from bending or mishandling in the mail.



RPM REVS UP AT NMRA 75

by Jim Zinser

It started 75 years ago in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders intent in setting interchangeability standards for motive power, rolling stock, and track formed the National Model Railroad Association or NMRA.

It started 25 years ago at the 50th Anniversary NMRA convention in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders interested in the contemporary scene formed The Modern Prototype Modelers. Over the years the emphasis changed to prototype modeling from all eras. As a result the name changed too, and the group became known as Railroad Prototype Modelers or RPM.

Over the years both the NMRA and the RPM continued to grow and now 25 years later, both are meeting once again in Milwaukee.

The event is NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association's 75th anniversary convention. From July 11 through the 16th, RPM modelers and NMRA members from all over the world will join together to celebrate the accomplishments of two great organizations.

Just as NMRA standards spawned innovations that have changed the hobby, so too has the innovative modeling of RPM members. In fact the level of detail and the technical excellence of today's models owe much of their origins to the NMRA and the RPM. No doubt about it, there is much to celebrate, which is why you should come to this party!

An entire room will be devoted to RPM models from all over the world and you're invited to bring yours to display as well. The room will be open from Wednesday to Friday during convention week.

In addition to the RPM exhibit, NMRA 75 will offer a huge array of tours, clinics programs, and special events designed for model railroaders and their non-modeling family members. That means NMRA 75 makes for an ideal family vacation this summer!

Get all the details by visiting our website at www.nmra75.org. You can even register online. So join the party. Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer at NMRA '75!

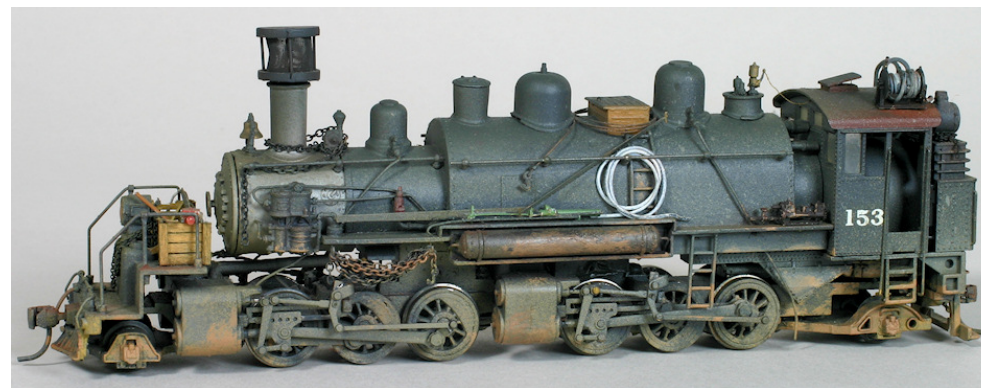
2010 Mid-Continent Regional Convention

June 10th to 13th, 2010, the Eastern Iowa Division (EID) will host the annual convention of the Mid-Continent Region of the NMRA at *The Crossroads of Eastern Iowa*, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This convention marks the 60th Anniversary of the Mid-Continent Region. This is the first time a Mid-Continent Region (MCoR) convention will be held in eastern Iowa. We expect this to be a unique opportunity for modelers, exhibitors, clinicians, and vendors to gather in one convenient location for fellowship, education, fun, and a chance to obtain those latest must-have items!

Register at: <http://eid.mcor-nmra.org/Convention.html>

2009 Fall Meet Contest Winners

Photos by Richard Schumacher



1st Place, Steam Locomotives: Tom Trotter, 2-6-6-2 #153



2nd Place, Steam Locomotives: Phil Bonzon, MMR, B&O 2-8-0 #2785



3rd Place, Steam Locomotives: Phil Bonzon, MMR, B&O 2-6-6-2 #7704



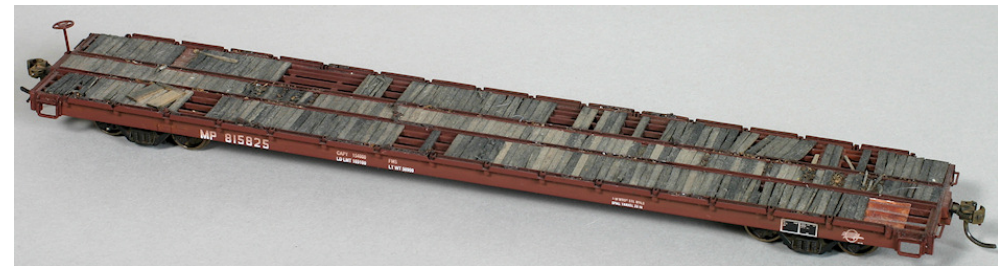
1st Place Diesel: Dave Roeder, MMR, Valley Park Terminal #1



1st Place Traction: John Carty, East St. Louis & Suburban #56



2nd Place Diesel: Phil Bonzon, MMR, Buffalo Creek & Gauley Railbus



1st Place Freight Car: Gregor Moe, Missouri Pacific Flat Car



3rd Place Diesel: Nicholas Mantja, Wabash #558



2nd Place Freight Car: Dave Roeder, MMR, Turtle Creek Tank Car



3rd Place Freight Car: John Isbell, Pacific Coast Wood Box Car



2nd Place Caboose: Phil Bonzon, MMR, B&O #C2245



1st Place Caboose: Tom Smith, Grand Trunk Western #79050



3rd Place Caboose: Gregor Moe, Chicago Great Western #215



1st Place Passenger: Phil Bonzon, MMR, Buffalo Creek & Gauley #17



2nd Place Passenger: Tom Smith, Tonopah & Tidewater #5



3rd Place Passenger: John Carty, Wabash Pullman 'Centstar'



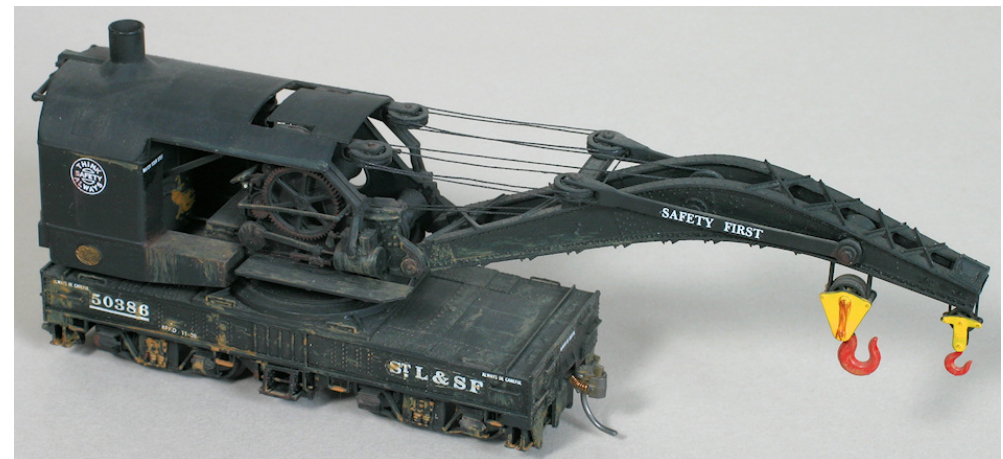
1st Place MoW: Dave Roeder, MMR, SG&N Bullion Car



2nd Place MoW: Phil Bonzon, MMR, BC&G crane X-5 and idler flat #108



3rd Place MoW (tie): Dave Roeder, MMR, Frisco crane tender #503



3rd Place MoW (tie): Dave Roeder, MMR, Frisco crane #50386



1st Place Online Structures (left and on cover): Phil Bonzon, MMR, concrete coaling tower



**2nd Place Online Structures, Gregor Moe, Wanda's Recycling
1st Place Offline Structures, Greg Gray, Straub's Saloon**

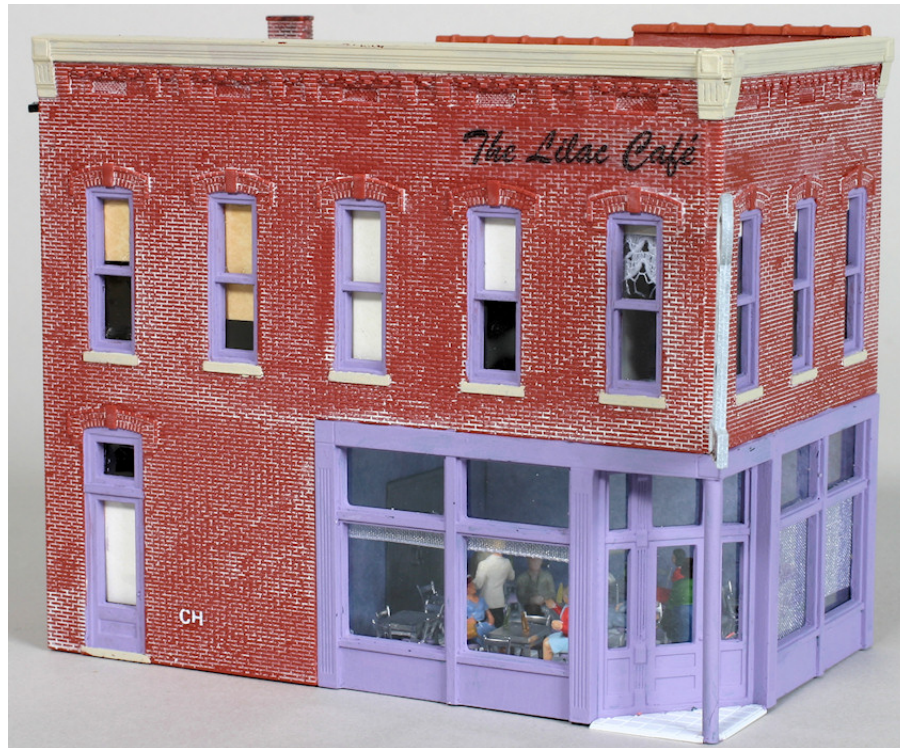


3rd Place Online Structures: John Carty, National City station





2nd Place Offline Structures, John Carty, Fred's Phillips 66



3rd Place Offline Structures, Gregor Moe, The Lilac Café

NMRA 75th Convention Clinics

by Jim Zinser

Would you like to learn how to create a modern CTC panel for your layout using CATS? Or maybe you'd like to find out more about building kits made from brass etched parts, or increase your knowledge about chapel cars. Did you even know there were such things as chapel cars?

You can learn about these topics and many more by attending the clinics at NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association convention for 2010. This year the NMRA celebrates its 75th anniversary, so it's altogether fitting that our national convention be held in Milwaukee Wisconsin, the city where it all began. The dates are July 11th through the 18th.

While NMRA 75 will take an affectionate look back at our hobby's days of old, it will also be looking ahead to the fresh and new. This year's clinic program reflects that idea very well. Of the 163 clinics scheduled to be presented, 123 are brand new and never before presented at an NMRA national convention. These new clinics will cover everything from scenery to structures to the newest trends in Digital Command Control. So if you're looking for fresh new ideas to enhance your modeling, NMRA 75 is the convention you must not miss!

But not all the new clinics at NMRA 75 are about fresh new ideas. You can look forward to a couple of them that look back. Clinician Paul Hobbs will present *Seventy-Five Years Of Development And Achievement In Model Railroading*. Paul will review events, processes, inventions, companies and individuals that have made significant contributions to the hobby over the past 75 years. You might also want to see Steve Stewart's new clinic, *Seventy-Five Years Of Railroading*. Steve examines prototype railroading from what was in 1934 to what will be in 2011. And what could be more appropriate to bring the list of new clinics to an end than one about the history of Milwaukee Road Cabooses?

As an added bonus, many of the new clinics at NMRA 75 will be presented by some of the best-known names in model railroading. Names like Jack Burgess, Bruce Chubb, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill Schaumburg, Andy Sperandio, Tony Thompson and Wayne Wesolowski.

Of course NMRA 75 is about much more than clinics. To find out everything you need to know, visit our website at www.nmra75.org. You can even register online. Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer in Milwaukee!

Oh and in case you were wondering, no actual cats were harmed in the making of that CTC clinic.

Wabash #573 Restoration Effort

by Ron Gawedzinski

The Saint Louis Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is seeking funds to cosmetically restore this steam locomotive. Built by the Rhode Island Locomotive Works, this 2-6-0 Mogul-type freight locomotive was retained for two years after had become dieselized because of a bridge which would not support the weight of diesel-electric locomotives. Number 573 weighs 215,825 pounds in working order, has 64" drive wheels and 19" x 28" cylinders. It was built in 1899 and is one of the smallest engines operated by the Wabash. Number 573 was donated to the Museum of Transportation in 1955 by the Wabash Railroad. It is believed that this is the last remaining Wabash steam engine that was built for and ran on the Wabash. It is located at the Museum of Transportation at Saint Louis.

The Chapter is seeking donations for a dedicated fund that will cosmetically restore (surface preparation and repaint) so as to preserve this historic item. Our fund-raising goal is \$11,000. The Chapter is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit located in the Saint Louis area. Please send your contribution to : Saint Louis Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 220168, St. Louis, MO 63122-0168. Please note on your check memo line "for Wabash steam engine." Thank you for helping!

Who says 75-year olds forget names?

Jack Burgess, Bruce Chubb, Bill Darnaby, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill Schaumburg,



Andy Sperandio, Tony Thompson, Wayne Wesolowski. Names we'll never forget presenting clinics you'll never forget. All at one unforgettable convention. Learn more at ...

www.nmra75.org

Division Minutes

recorded by Don Ayers, Clerk

Gateway Division Meeting Minutes for Dec. 21, 2009

CLINIC Ron Gawedzinski showed his video footage of 2 Gateway Division events from 2009: the trip to the Monticello Railroad Museum, and the operating session at the Quincy Society of Model Engineers layout. He also showed video that he took at the South Side Modelers Railroad Club in Dallas, TX. All present thanked Ron for his abilities and efforts in producing these video's.

BUSINESS MEETING

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 8:21 PM. There were 15 members present and no guests.

Minutes of the October Meeting

The minutes were approved without comment. Corrected minutes are published in our quarterly publication, the RPO.

Treasurers Report

Dave had 3 financial reports at the meeting: the statements for the periods ending Nov 15, and Dec 20, and also a more detailed report about the Fall Meet. He first talked about the Nov 15 statement. Fall Meet total income and expenses are on this report. The Division realized a profit of almost \$1150 from Fall Meet. Two other big expenses on the Nov 15 report was for the annual mailing of the RPO to ALL members, both active and inactive, and also, Christmas party expenses were realized here. Dave was compelled to talk about the 1 cent adjustment on the Dec 21 statement. Dave assumes that this is a bank error, not his, and so do we! There was some income from interest on our CD and wheelset sales on this report also. Dave called the Fall Meet report "fairly typical". Tim asked where the sale of the items that were donated to the Division over the years, and sold at the Fall Meet, showed up in the report as income. Dave replied that these items were determined not to be directly related to the Fall Meet, so this income shows up as "donated kits" on the regular monthly statement ending 20 Dec.

Merchandise Report

Tim has taken delivery on all of the trucks and wheelsets that we purchased from Intermountain. Several have been sold already. There is one remaining pack of 36" wheelsets. Wheelsets (12 axles per pack) are being sold for \$6; the trucks will be sold for \$3.

RPO Report

Mike set a deadline for receiving articles for the winter 2010 RPO: Jan 1. He encouraged those who have articles in progress to continue with them even if you can't make the Jan 1 deadline. He said "There's always another RPO coming up"! Hank reminded everyone that authors can earn points towards an AP by having articles published. John Carty further stated that points can be earned toward Regional publication if an article is published on the website.

Directors Report

Jim reported that the exact date of the midyear Mid Continent Region meeting has not been set due to illness of the new president of MCoR. Jim said that it had been a real privilege to serve the Division and offered assistance to the incoming MCoR Director. (See election results below in Old Business.) The membership thanked Jim for his 6 years of

great service representing the Division to MCoR and MCoR to the Division.

Activity Report

Ron thanked all who attended the Litchfield Train Group operating session. Between the Gateway Division and NRHS, 23 people were hosted in Litchfield, and all had a great time. Tim further emphasized that the Litchfield Train Group enjoyed OUR company. The membership thanked Ron for his service to the Division in putting together all of the activities that we did in 2009!

Achievement Program (AP) Report

Don Taschner was not present, but Phil Bonzon announced that Dave Roeder was awarded the Motive Power AP certificate for his items that were judged at the Fall Meet.

Monthly Meeting Clinician Report

January will be the member swap meet.

Old Business

Hank talked about the Fall Meet. We had the best attendance ever - approximately 330 - not counting the free admissions of those under age 12. This continues to be a great money maker for the Division. John Carty talked about the model contest. This is an area of growth as well. For example, there were 25 entries last year and 81 this year. There were 15 entries in the diesel category alone. There were several entries by people who have never entered before. Closed

Hank thanked the volunteers who worked at the Collinsville train show. Closed

Mike Thomas gave the results of the officer election for the 2010 calendar year: Thirty six ballots were received. The current Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk, and Paymaster were all voted to return. Phil Bonzon was elected by the new Mid Continent Region Director over Jim Anderson. Mike offered an opportunity for any member to view/recount the ballots. No one stepped forward. A motion was made by Dick Wegner to destroy the ballots. Ron Kraus seconded. Motion passed. Mike will take care of this. Closed.

Hank detailed the completion of the switching layout that will be shown and used for promotional purposes at train shows like the upcoming show in St Charles. Richard Schumacher was credited with design and "benchwork" on this layout, Ken Thompson was credited with ballasting, while Hank, Tim,

Phil Bonzon, and others completed the 6 structures. Brian Post added sound to the locomotive and assisted with wiring. Hank ramrodded the entire project and assisted the other volunteers. Mark Twain Hobbies was again credited with giving us great pricing on all of the "stuff" that went into the layout. Closed.

New Business

The annual Officers Planning Meeting will be held in January. Hank opened the floor for comments/suggestions from members about clinics that they would like to see, suggestions on outside activities, or suggestions on a kit that could be built as a contest item at a Division meeting. Mike Thomas reminded the members that he has several AMB kits that could be the subject of such a clinic in 2010. He will check the quantity that he has, and check if the kit was still available. John Carty suggested a freight car build. This item will be closed with the publishing of the Officers Planning Meeting Minutes.

Ron Kraus made 2 suggestions: That the clerk recognize Dennis at Mark Twain Hobbies with a thank you note for his continued support of the Division with gift cards; and that the Litchfield Train Group be invited to the picnic. First suggestion was accepted; the second will be discussed at the officers planning meeting. Closed.

Announcements

There will be a Train Expo show at St Charles Convention Center February 6-7. There will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting to work at this show. 10 AM to 4 PM both days.

Don Taschner bought much of the Russ Watts collection, including switch templates to make #6 and #8 left and right switches. Hank purchased 4 of these switch templates, with Division money, for any member who wants to use them in the pursuit of their Civil AP Certificate.

Hank will award the attendance prize in January to the (non-officer) member who has attended the most meetings in 2009.

Perpetual Announcements

The Dupo Show Year 2010, 13 Feb, 8AM to 4PM

Alton Train show, February 20, 10AM to 3PM

The Boeing Employees Railroad Club swap meet will be March 13.

The 2010 MCoR convention will be in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 10-14.

The 75th Anniversary NMRA Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 11-18.

30th Annual National Narrow Gauge Convention will be held in St Louis, September 1- 4.

Fall Meet, 13Nov

50/50 –Twenty seven dollars was collected. Hank won the drawing and took home \$14, and the treasury was enriched by \$13. Phil Bonzon won the Mark Twain Hobbies gift card.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM; John Carty seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Don Ayres, Gateway Division Clerk

Minutes for Jan. 18, 2010

CLINIC – It was swap night with all types of railroad items changing hands. Also, Hank brought the newly completed switching layout to the meeting, and invited everyone to look at it. Phil completed the final detailing. It will be used for recruiting at shows.

BUSINESS MEETING

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 7:58 PM. There were 30 members in attendance, including new member Mark Schuermann, an HO scale modeler. Two guests were also present: Nancy Carrol, Marks wife, and Rick Pfarr, an HO scale modeler who already has a tremendous collection going!

Minutes of the December Meeting

The minutes were approved without comment. Corrected minutes are published in our quarterly publication, the RPO.

Treasurers Report

Dave was not feeling well, but sent the report for the last month, and also the 2009 summary to the meeting. Mike Thomas asked a question about miscellaneous expenditures, which was tabled until next month. The treasurer's report was otherwise approved.

Merchandise Report

Tim has several sets of 33" wheels and a few sets of 36" wheelsets, and one package of freight car trucks. Wheelsets (12 axles per pack) are being sold for \$6; the trucks will be sold for \$3.

RPO Report

The next RPO will be mailed soon. It will contain tributes to Dee Joseph, a 70 year NMRA member who passed away last month.

Directors Report

Phil reported that the Directors Meeting will be held 30 Jan. He also made a pitch to have members submit articles to the Caboose Kibitzer. Jim Anderson was thanked again for his 11 total years of service (there was a 1 year break in there somewhere!) to the Division.

Activity Report

Ron briefly reviewed the activities we did in 2009, and solicited help and support for all trips that come together in 2010. Looming as likely: Gateway Rail Services in Madison, IL. They refurbish and lease or sell passenger cars. Also likely will be a trip to the Barriger Library on the UMSL campus.

Achievement Program (AP) Report

Don Taschner presented Phil Bonzon with his official Master Model Railroader Certificate. He also presented the Motive Power Certificate to Dave Roeder.

Monthly Meeting Clinician Report

Tim reported that next month will be a video presentation. March will be member slide night. He reviewed all of the ideas that came up at the Officers Planning Meeting.

Old Business

All items closed last month.

New Business

The annual Officers Planning Meeting was held earlier this month (minutes were available at this meeting). Hank highlighted several points and provided the following updates:

Recruitment – Hank will finalize a survey that will be sent to previously active members who have become less active.

Displays – Don will update the tabletop display. Hank made an appeal to those present to submit media or ideas for the display that tells about the Gateway Division and the NMRA at shows. No one at this meeting knows where the 8' banner is.

Shirts – New shirts were discussed for the first time with the membership and received strong support.

Visitor Information Cards – will be available starting at the February meeting. (Thanks to the NRHS for allowing us to plagiarize theirs!)

Announcements

Hank announced that membership was up in 2009, with 215 people attending meetings, vs. 186 people attending meetings in 2008.

Bob Amsler talked about a promotion that the Union Pacific Railroad is offering: They are accepting photo entries of a model of a UP scene, and the winner of the contest will receive a cab ride in the railroads excursion steam locomotive. UP will also apply the NMRA logo on one of their passenger cars, and will be sponsoring some upcoming NMRA Events. Bob also answered a couple of questions about legal matters at the National level.

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Our own Fall Meet will be 13Nov, one week later than usual.

50/50 –Fourty three dollars was collected. Bob Amsler won the drawing and took home \$22, and the treasury was enriched by \$21. Bill Birdsell won the Mark Twain Hobbies gift card.

Mike Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM; Ron Gawedzinski seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Don Ayres, Gateway Division Clerk

Minutes for Feb. 15, 2010

CLINIC – Phil presented a clinic using a DVD of the layout of Doug Tagsolds On3 Silverton Branch of the D+RGW. He discussed two of the instructional parts of the video, creating quick trees, and rock carving and coloring. As usual, Phil had a great handout available for everyone to take a copy of.

BUSINESS MEETING -

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 8:27 PM. There were 12 members in attendance and no guests.

Minutes of the January Meeting

The minutes were approved with one correction. Corrected minutes are published in our quarterly publication, the RPO.

Treasurers Report

Dave was again absent (he had had a minor surgery today), but sent the report for the last month with Jim Anderson. A question came up about the expenditure for \$4.35. This was tabled along with the Mike Thomas question about miscellaneous expenditures, which was tabled last month. The treasurer's report was otherwise approved.

Merchandise Report

Tim has several sets of 33" wheels and perhaps one set of 36" wheelsets, but we are out of freight car trucks. Wheelsets (12 axles per pack) are being sold for \$6. We have several N scale track gauges, and one ON3.

RPO Report

Those who paid the mailing fee (to receive the RPO and meeting announcements via snail mail), should have received their copy of the RPO last week. The electronic version will be distributed soon.

Directors Report

The Region's Directors Meeting was held recently. Phil summarized several areas of discussion: A committee is considering if "Caboose Kibitzer" should be mailed electronically only. The mailing of the Region's monthly publication is currently losing money. There was also discussion and idea sharing about retaining and attracting new members. "Out of territory" members was discussed at length. This allows members of the Region to be in a Division that they want to be in. Details of the upcoming Convention were discussed. Phil also reiterated the details of the Union Pacific photo contest. He urged the Division to get the info up on our website ASAP so members can prepare their entries. The Division picked up 4 new members from the

Collinsville show. They have been contacted by Hank and have also received a mailing from the Division.

Activity Report

Ron reported the following joint activities with National Railway Historical Society are being coordinated:

1. A tour of Gateway Rail Services and the Granite City passenger terminal. They refurbish and lease or sell passenger cars. (Clerks note – Ron told me the next day that this has indeed been set up for 15 May!)
2. Bariger Library private tour and visit on the UMSL north campus– Mid June
3. Possible UPRR Operation Lifesaver free train ride, Wed, May 19 from Pacific to Hermann to Pacific Missouri.
4. Brian Post gave Ron a lead for another possible tour at Saint Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad tour, in Jackson, MO.

Achievement Program (AP) Report

No Report.

Monthly Meeting Clinician Report

March – Member slide night

April – Phil will produce a DVD and discuss his weathering techniques.

May –A structure kit from American Model builders will be passed out for free to all attending members. The kit will be the Company House. Members are to take the kit home, build it, detail it, and plan to bring the model back to a future meeting to show off their best modeling skills! Since this is a rather simple kit, the rules of the contest may be a bit different from last year which will include allowing additional detailing, interior or exterior, or allowing the kit to be judged with a diorama. Hank is considering awarding 2 first prizes: one for diorama, and one for most detailed building not on a diorama. Winners will be determined by popular vote, same as last year.

June and July – Two part clinic on different types of operating schemes in use at various members' home layouts.

Tim asked the members what subject in the category of DCC would be useful to members for a future clinic.

Old Business

The annual Officers Planning Meeting was held in January (minutes were available at this meeting). Hank highlighted several points and provided the following updates:

Recruitment – Hank will finalize a survey that will be sent to previously active members who have become less active. Open

Displays – Don will update the tabletop display. Hank made an appeal to those present to submit media or ideas for the display that tells about the Gateway Division, the Mid-Continent Region, and the NMRA at shows. No one at this meeting knows where the 8' banner is. Ron Gawedzinski suggested that a mass mailing be sent out. Open.

Shirts – New shirts were discussed again. Hank brought in his sample of the shirt that the Division members wore prior to the 2001 National Convention. While no vote was taken, the consensus seemed to be to continue to have a standard shirt for all Division Members using the same logo as the old red shirts, and not the "2001" logo. An example of the logo needs to be found so that new artwork can be produced. A signup sheet will be available at the next meeting. Open.

Visitor Information Cards will be available at future meetings so we can contact visitors. Closed.

Phil, membership chair, has put together a recruiting poster that will be a "tear off" that people at shows can take along with them from shows, and they will also be placed at hobby shops. He is taking bids from several vendors. He reviewed the list of hobby shops where he planned to place them. Open.

New Business

The Region may "twist our arms" to host the convention 2012. The last one we hosted was in 2004.

Announcements

Tim announced that there will be an "Operating Model Railroad Display" at Highland Middle School in Highland IL, on May 15 and 16. There will be "limited items for sale". The

Mississippi Valley N Scale layout will be on display as well as multiple layouts in several scales from the New Switzerland Model railroad club.

Perpetual Announcements

The 2010 MCoR convention will be in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 10-14.

The 75th Anniversary NMRA Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 11–18.


30th Annual National Narrow Gauge Convention will be held in St Charles Convention Center, September 1- 4.

Our own Fall Meet will be 13Nov, one week later than usual.

50/50 – Eighteen dollars was collected, the Clerk won the drawing and took home \$9, and the treasury was likewise enriched by \$9. Mike Thomas won the Mark Twain Hobbies gift card.

Dick Wegner made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 PM; Ron Kraus seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Don Ayres, Gateway Division Clerk



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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. 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 \$12 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 \$5, 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

To join, visit our website and complete the form at <http://gatewaynmra.org/membership.htm>

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