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photo by Richard Schumacher

A plume of steam in the woods heralds an approaching train on the Wabash, Frisco & Pacific during the joint picnic of the Gateway Division and the NRHS. The article with more photos starts on page 5.

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Superintendent's Desk

by Tim Stout

Hello again – it's now October. Summer is fading away and the weather is beginning to change. As I reflect on the past quarter I realize it was rather busy. We had a table at the Great Train Expo in Belleville the end of July. That was followed by the RPM meet August 8th and 9th in Collinsville IL. Then a pause for a few weeks until September and the Joint Picnic September 19th at the WF&P, lastly the Go by Train event at the Museum of Transport September 26th.

The RPM meet was another great success. There was more floor space devoted to models and layouts than any other RPM meet I have been at in Collinsville – and the aisles were still a bit tight due to the number of tables needed for all the excellent models and

layouts. I'm glad the Gateway Division continues to co-sponsor this excellent event. If you haven't been to this event consider going to it just once to see the many models our members display at this impressive event.

The Joint Picnic between the Gateway Division NMRA and the St. Louis Chapter National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) was another overwhelming success with 110 members and guests participating. The picnic was held at the Wabash Frisco and Pacific RR in Glencoe Mo. This is a live steam railroad and free train rides were offered all day long. Lunch consisting of Hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, chips, baby carrots, and cookies was served to everyone free of charge until they could eat no more. Everyone I met had plenty to eat and drink. Weather was fantastic and everyone enjoyed the train rides and comradery. Many thanks to Ron Gawedzinski and Joe Obernuefemann who make this event possible. Thanks to the grillers and servers who kept the rest of us fed. Lastly, thanks to the rest of you that volunteered a bit of your time while you were there to help arrange and cover tables, as well as clean up after the food was gone. This event isn't a success without all the volunteers helping out.

The following weekend was the Go by Train event at the Museum of Transport. Despite being low on volunteers the Gateway Division had a table there and sold raffle tickets for the layout donated to us. Thank you, Don Ayers, for storing this layout and transporting it to and from the event. We are going to sell chances to win this layout at the Fall Meet and also at the Great Train Show in Collinsville IL. the weekend after Thanksgiving – at that time we will draw the winner and arrange for delivery to its new owner. Watching the kids eyes

light up as the train went by and then came around the bend again reminded me about why the Division has a table at train shows. To introduce the hobby to the next generation that will keep the NMRA going once we are gone.

I noticed that although it was tough to get volunteers for our table at the Go By Train event – I saw our members at multiple other tables and even running a trolley at the museum – So even though it was tough to get some volunteers for our table – our membership was out in force. This demonstrates to me how diverse and active our membership is in multiple facets of railroading.

Speaking of volunteers – coming up next is the Fall Meet November 7th. If you haven't volunteered to help yet, please do so. We can use help with setting up tables Friday afternoon / evening, as well as clean up after the event ends Saturday at 3:00 pm. We need some clinicians – if you would be willing to give a clinic at the Fall Meet – please contact Rich Velten. We need models to be displayed – if you have a model you are proud of – please bring it to the Fall Meet and show it off. You don't have to have it judged – you can just display it. However, if you want to have a model judged to see if it qualifies for a merit award – this is a good time to do it since there will be judges available.

There will be dealers, door prizes, layouts, models in the contest room, a children's area, clinics on a variety of model railroading topics, as well as home layouts to tour – so come on out and bring your family and friends for a fun time at the Fall Meet.

Lastly during November we have our annual Holiday Party at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ballwin MO. Bill Levin is going to give a presentation on railroads in Central America – watch your mail/e-mail for the meeting announcement with more details. All you need to bring is a

covered dish or desert. Hope you can make it the third Monday of November to see Bill's presentation, enjoy the food and fellowship, and swap some train stories.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Tim

Under the Wire

by John Carty, Editor

The air is crisp and cool. The Cardinals are in the playoffs. The kids have started marching band, bowling, dance, and school. I would say things are looking up, but I am too busy trying to finish my entries for the contest again this year. Nothing motivates like a deadline and this one is cramping my style.

Taking this into consideration, I look forward to the Fall Meet each year. I love to see the models, the layouts, the swap meet, and most importantly the people. Model railroading entails tremendous individual effort, but the camaraderie provides the means to develop skills and share experiences and accomplishments.

Once again I ask for models and photographs to be entered in the contest. Contests provide the very best in encouragement toward developing skills by allowing you to share your passion and efforts. Feedback will always be positive.

As always I finish with a request for material for this newsletter. The RPO is about the Gateway Division and its members, so please share what you have done with your fellow model railroaders.

John

2015 St. Louis Railroad Prototype Modeler's Meet

by Dave Roeder MMR

The annual St. Louis RPM meet presented by John Golden, Lonnie Bathurst, Dan Kohlberg & Dave Roeder was held the weekend of August 7-8 over in Collinsville, IL at the Convention Center. We had a great turnout—385 attendees, plus lots of vendors and historical societies. This year we saw over 2,000 models brought by the attendees. The St. Louis event is now the largest RPM meet in the country.

Special thanks go out to our vendors and manufacturers for the time, effort and money spent to get here, meet and greet the many customers, and make this event a success. Thanks to all the historical society people who came to meet others with similar interests and encouraged greater participation. Thanks to our speakers, who presented a variety of topics to packed audiences—thank you for your tireless effort to educate your fellow modelers and rail fans. Thanks to the layout owners—thank you for opening your homes and spreading good cheer. We hope everyone was inspired by meeting new friends and learning new things.

The 260 door prizes included locomotives and freight cars of all types, decoders, books, historical society memberships, paint, decals, calendars, and lots of other great stuff.

Also, thanks to everyone that brought models. The model display is the heart of our meet, and while it's tough

to pack up and bring things, we appreciate the effort. That effort and made the 2015 STL RPM something special. Without your models, RPM meets would be just another train show.

The Gateway Division NMRA co-sponsored the event again this year and did a great job helping us arrange things and spread the word. The

booth was manned throughout the 2 day event with Gateway members encouraging NMRA memberships.

The 2016 RPM event is already being planned and will be held in early August. We hope to see more local models on the tables next year as the St. Louis RPM meet continues to grow.

2015 Gateway Division and NRHS Joint Picnic

by Ron Gawedzinski

photos by Richard Schumacher



On Saturday, September 19, 2015 the Gateway Division NMRA and the St. Louis Chapter NRHS held the 8th Annual Picnic of two fine train groups at the Wabash, Frisco and Pacific Railroad, Glencoe, Missouri.





The weather was great, the steam and diesel train rides were many, the food and drinks were plentiful and the scenery along the Meramec River was beautiful. Some new train friends were made. But most of all people had fun.

This year 92 members, families and guests from both groups attended, along

with an additional 18 WF&P crewmembers.

The WF&P crew members were very gracious hosts and they enjoyed having us there as much as we enjoyed being there.

This year there were 24 volunteer workers who



were great in performing the many jobs at hand. Liam Aufmuth, Sam Aufmuth, Bob Blaesing, Fred Blank, Ron Gawedzinski, Bob Gibson,

Bill Heger, Amanda Korte, Hank Kraichely, Gaylene and Dr. Richard LaBore, Dale Loyet, Rich Melka, Joe Obernuefemann, Rich Schumacher, Rick and Neva Sprung, Tim Stout, Jack Stroker, Rich Velten,



Eileen and Al Weber, Gail and Kelvin Wilke. (If I have accidentally left off your name please let me know so that I can correct my error. Ron)



A number of members of the Gateway Div. and the St. Louis Chapter donated a large amount of attendance prizes this year. Thanks to all of you. Everyone got a chance to win something.



The Officers' of the Gateway Div. NMRA and the St. Louis Chapter NRHS thank the



members, families and guests for their attendance, their help and their donations that made this picnic a great success. Ron especially wants to thank the above named volunteers, for without them this event could not have been held.



Many thanks to the WF&P crew for making this event a success: Carl Aufmuth, Sam

Aufmuth, William Aufmuth, John Berry, Dale Bitsch, Tom Ernst, Ian Harding, Mike Lorance, Zach Moore, Dave Neubauer, Rich Owings, Jim Scott, Dennis Smith,



Mike Squires, Kyle Timmerman, Greg Wapelhorst, Chuck Weber and Hank Welch.

Finally, this was my last year being involved with the picnic. I want to thank the many people over the past eight years who helped me make this event an annual success.

Thanks for coming! Ron



Kitbashing a Missouri Pacific Work Car

by Gregor Moe



I found the prototype for this car when we lived in Warrensburg, Missouri. The Missouri Pacific runs through the center of town with several sidings in the downtown area. A work train was in town one weekend, and I took photos

of some of the cars. One particular car, No. X540, caught my eye as a possible easy kit bash. It looked like the Missouri

Pacific had taken an old gondola and just cut off the sides panels leaving the side braces to help hold loads in place on the car. I have done this kit bash twice once in the early eighties before prototype modeling was popular and

again two years ago. The first car was done just like the prototype, I cut off the side panels painted and lettered it leaving all the cast-on details as they were. This time I tried to match the prototype with the model.



The author spotted the prototype for car in a work train consist on a siding in Warrensburg, Missouri. Car X540 seemed had been modified in an unusual way which appealed to him as a possible kit bash. The Hobby Line gondola (above) was used for the project.

I started with one of the current nicely detailed gondola kits. When I started cutting the side panels off the sides, I noticed that the floor was too thick as the weight for the kit was hidden in the floor of the gondola. I then looked

through the old cars I had from when my dad and I were modeling in the late 1950's. I found one of my dad's old

Hobby Line gondolas, which was a close match to the prototype. It was one rib short, but it was the closest I



A razor saw was used to make the rough cuts, removing each panel next to the ribs (top). The cuts were made so they stopped above the floor of the car. To clean up the cuts (above), the inside of the panels was scribed and the snapped off and dressed out. The author made sure the floor was not damaged. Once painted (below), the finish car is ready for work.

had to the prototype. The car had a one piece casting and its floor turned out to be the right height when the sides were cut down. I took a razor saw and cut down each panel next to the ribs taking care to cut parallel with the ribs but



stopping before I hit the floor of the car. Then, I scribed the inside of the panels and snapped them off about ¼" above the floor. The "A" end was sawed off just above the floor. Next, taking care not to damage the cast-on floor detail, I carefully cut away the rest of the side panels down to the floor. I shaved off all the cast-on grab irons, ladders, brake detail and stirrups without disturbing the rest of the cast-on detail. I cut the side ribs off with rail nippers approximately two rivets above the

what the prototype had done to hang the grab irons. On the B end, for the right side of the ladder, I used a thin strip of styrene to hold the ladder grab irons. I used Tichy Train grab irons for the ladders and grab irons, and used the brake wheel and platform from an Accurail kit I had. The stirrups were from Detail Associates, as were the cut levers. I upgraded the underbody detail by adding brake rods and brake piping.

The work car was sprayed with



floor to match the prototype. The remaining ribs were then thinned further by slicing off thin shavings from the back side of the ribs. (I blew it on a couple of the ribs and had to get replacement ribs from the scrape pile.) Next, I shaved the edges of the "B" end panels to hide the thickness of the original casting without shaving the top cap on the side panels. On the A end, I added two pieces of strip styrene on each side to match

Badger light Tuscan Oxide. Most of the decals were from a Missouri Pacific Microscale set. The "X" I found in some leftover decals from the scrap box. For the car reporting bracket instead of cutting a piece of styrene and decaling it, I just cut out the decal and glued it on the car. After decaling the car, I sprayed it with Dullcote to seal the decals and then lightly weathered the car with AIM powders.

Metro East Industries Tour

by Joe Obernuefmann

photo by Richard Schumacher

Saturday morning, October 3, 2015 at 9 AM, a joint group of 20 members of the St. Louis Chapter National Railway Historical Society and The Gateway Division of the National Model Railroad Association met at Metro East Industries, Inc. on Missouri Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois.

We were met by MEI Vice President Rick Ortyl, Wade Clevenger and Frank Johnson.



MEI repairs locomotives and freight cars both in the shop and on the rail. The business was started in 1990 by Rick's mother and father and remains a family owned and operated business.

They have over 450 employees currently at this facility and at a satellite facility in St. Louis. The St. Louis facility is the old



Manufactures Railway shops near the Anheuser-Busch brewery.

On this tour, we toured locomotive repair facilities. First was the locomotive overhaul shop where repairs ranged from light repairs to complete overhaul of the unit.



Although MEI owns some locomotives, they do not lease out any units. They are in the business of repairing or rebuilding a customer's rolling stock.

From the locomotive shop we walked through the yard, viewing and photographing rail cars and locomotives, plenty to photograph, including a block of locomotives that will be sold at auction.

Then we proceeded to the paint



shop and saw a locomotive that was in the process of being painted. The painting method was explained to the group.

Thank you, Rick, Wade and Frank for the great tour.



Thank you, Ron Gawedzinski for arranging the tour.

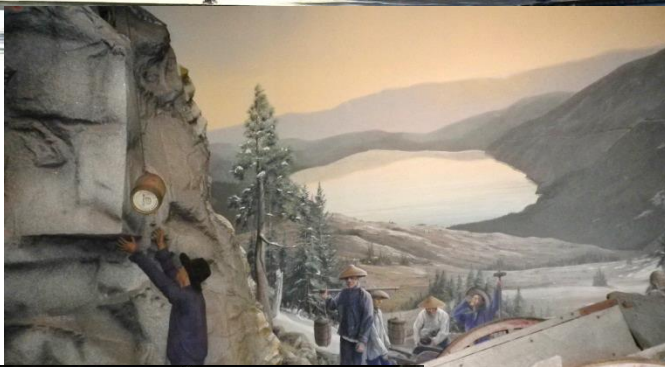


California State Railroad Museum

by William Wiese Photos by the author



In June of 2013, my wife and I went to California. As part of our trip we visited the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, since we had heard so much about it. The pictures show the various items that can be seen there including a



number of engines and railcars. It is a big place and is still in the process of being created.





Division Minutes

by Jimmy Ables

Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2015

Timothy Stout, Superintendent

Richard Velten, Paymaster

Hank Kraichely, MCoR Director

Ron Kraus, Assistant Superintendent

Jimmy Ables, Clerk

Ron Gawedzinski, Activity Coordinator

Don Ayres, Publicity Chairman

Clinic: Curt Regensberger discussed various methods of dispatching and signaling by the railroads. Curt also discussed how prototype dispatch and signaling methods can be related to model railroad operations

Business Meeting: Superintendent Tim Stout called the meeting to order. There were 29 members and 3 guests present. Tim welcomed our guests Gary McCullough, Mike Dacy, and Scott Sorrell.

Minutes of Previous Month's Meeting

Minutes from the May 2015 meeting were available for review prior to the meeting start.

Minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Velten presented the May 2015 paymasters report. Our opening balance was \$16,689.89. During the month we had total receipts of \$3,461.79 and expenses of \$60.25. Proceeds from the sale of a cash register bought for the 2001 convention and model railroad rolling stock, engines, and structures donated to the Division constituted the bulk receipts for May. Our closing balance was \$20,091.43.

Merchandise Report

Rich Velten reported we have a good supply of wheel sets on hand. The donated model railroad collection contained some older steel JB 36" and JB 33" coated wheelsets, so we have added those to our inventory and they are priced at \$6.00 for a set of 12 36" and \$5.00 for a set of 12 33" wheelsets. Also on hand are 11 NMRA N-gauge standards, and 2 NMRA OO-On3 gauge standards. Rich asked if there were member desiring pull over shirts with the Division logo on them. Rich will be asked what costs would be, he said he would

look into costs.

RPO Report

John Carty has set 1 July as the deadline for submissions to the summer edition of the RPO. Please send John Carty your articles, pictures, and announcements.

Directors Report

Hank Kraichely announced that MCoR certified the 2015 election results. Hank will become the MCoR president in September. Phil Bonzon was reelected as Vice-President and all other incumbents were also re-elected. Hank also reported MCoR did not distribute membership dues owed the Divisions as the treasure was unable to attend the annual convention. Funds will be sent by check shortly.

Also at MCoR board meeting Bob Amsler's status as NMRA, MCoR, and Gateway Division legal counsel was discussed. There is concern of a potential conflict of interest. This matter will be further discussed. Next Year's MCoR convention will be in Omaha, NE.

At the MCoR convention Phil Bonzon received the Kinney Johns award for service to the region.

Achievement Program (AP) Report

Phil Bonzon had nothing new to report.

Publicity Chair Report

Don Ayres requested volunteers to support our table at the Great Train Show at the Belleville IL, fairgrounds on July 25 & 26, 10AM to 4PM. Two shifts per day. Volunteers get free admission. There is a Train Show at the Museum of Transportation, "Go By Train", September 26th, the Division has 1 table. The show will be indoors this time. Power for our layout was requested. 9AM to 3PM.

Outside Activities Report

Tim reminded everyone about the annual joint picnic in September and Jim Ables reported the NRHS has one roomette available for their upcoming rail trip to Seattle (details in meeting announcement email).

Old Business

- Tim reviewed Bob Amsler and John Schindler proposal to host the 2020 NMRA convention. Tim expressed concerns on obtaining manpower for the convention. As discussed at last month's meeting the Division will receive a portion of the proceeds from the convention, exact amount to be determined.
- Splitting profits with MCoR was and open

item from the May discussion. Subsequent discussion with the MCoR board revealed that was voluntary on the Divisions part and is not required by MCoR or Division bylaws. Any split of profits with MCoR would be based on MCoR services and participation in supporting the convention and require negotiations further down the road.

- Additional negotiations with Bob Amsler and John Schindler will have to take place.
- Tim also discussed bringing in the RPM and Narrow Convention also. Further exploration is required.
- Overhead projector sale fell through, anyone want an Overhead projector?

New Business

- The Division built a layout for the History Museum a number of years ago. The layout was subsequently given back to the Division by the museum and then raffled off. The current owner recently donated the 8' x 4' layout back to the Division. Don Ayres picked the layout up and it is presently at Brad Joseph's car dealership. After inspecting the layout it appears to be in good shape, just needs some cleaning and minor repairs. The Division plans to raffle the layout off again. We plan to display it and sell tickets at the upcoming Great Train Show in Belleville, Boeing Train Show, Museum of Transportation's Go by Train event, and Great Train Show in November. The giveaway will occur after the Collinsville Great Train Show. Don Ayres asked for volunteers to clean the layout and make sure everything is operable. A number of folks volunteered.
- Jim Ables recently reviewed the constitution and bylaws. Jim noted the need to update the bylaws as there are a number of things that have changed since the last revision. Proposed changes will be circulated for membership review and approval along with the annual election ballot in November.

Announcements

- Next month's clinic will be presented by Jeremy Janzen. Jeremy will discuss and demonstrate weathering techniques using Pan Pastels
- The August clinic will be given by Jon Marx. John will discuss the history of the Nickle Plate Railroad.
- Rich Velten reminded every that mailing fees are due for those who want to receive meeting notices and the RPO by mail.

Drawings

50/50 winner: \$16 to Missy and David Jobe

Gift Card winner: Jim Anderson

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2015

Timothy Stout, Superintendent

Richard Velten, Paymaster

Hank Kraichely, MCoR Director

Ron Kraus, Assistant Superintendent

Jimmy Ables, Clerk

Ron Gawedzinski, Activity Coordinator

Don Ayres, Publicity Chairman

Clinic: Jeremy Janzen. Jeremy gave an excellent demonstration on weathering techniques using Pan Pastels.

Business Meeting:

Superintendent Tim Stout called the meeting to order. There were 32 members and 4 guests present. Tim welcomed our guests Monica Brown, Robert Hughes, Neil Karns, and an individual that didn't sign in.

Minutes of Previous Month's Meeting

Minutes from the June 2015 meeting were available for review prior to the meeting start. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Velten presented the June 2015 paymasters report. Our opening balance was \$20,091.43. During the month we had total receipts of \$231.54 and expenses of \$42.75. Income was from wheel set and donated model railroad equipment sales. Our closing balance was \$20280.22.

Merchandise Report

Rich Velten reported we have a good supply of wheel sets on hand. The donated model railroad collection contained some older steel JB 36" and JB 33" coated wheelsets, so we have added those to our inventory and they are priced at \$6.00 for a set of 12 36" and \$5.00 for a set of 12 33" wheelsets. Also on hand are 11 NMRA N-gauge standards, and 2 NMRA OO-On3 gauge standards. Rich asked if there were member desiring pull over shirts with the Division logo on them.

RPO Report

John Carty sent out the summer edition of the RPO ON 17 July and it was emailed to the membership on 28 July. John has set a deadline of 1 October for Fall edition. Please send John your articles, pictures, and

announcements.

Directors Report

Hank Kraichely reported Omaha, NE will be the location of next year's MCoR convention. We anticipate tours of the UP dispatching center and a number of prototype tours. More details to come.

Achievement Program (AP) Report

Phil Bonzon had nothing new to report.

Publicity Chair Report

Don Ayres thanked the volunteers who helped clean up the 4' X 8' layout that was donated to the Division. The layout will be displayed at the upcoming Great Train Show. Don reported we have sufficient volunteers for the Great Train Show. Don asked for volunteers for the upcoming RPM convention in Collinsville.

Outside Activities Report

Tim reminded everyone about the annual joint NRHS/Gateway Division picnic coming up 19 Sept in Glenco, MO. There was a signup sheet at the meeting. Also anyone wanting to attend can contact Ron Gawedzinski. Details and the flyer will be included in the next monthly meeting announcement.

Old Business

- 2020 NMRA Convention. Tim is drafting a letter to Bob Amsler and John Schindler to clarify what is expected of the Division.
- Probably won't hear much back from Bob and John till after the 2015 NMRA convention where they will be submitting their proposal to host the convention in St Louis.
- Overhead projector sale. No buyer at this time.

New Business

- None

Announcements

- Next month's clinic will be presented by Jon Marx. John will discuss the history of the Nickle Plate railroad, some of their more interesting railroad equipment and using historical societies and the internet to research your next layout.
- Dave Roeder, discussed the RPM meet 7&8 in Collinsville, IL. \$25 for both days or \$20 for one day. A number of Railroad historical societies, dealers/vendors, individuals displaying their highly detailed models, clinics and evening model railroad tours.

Drawings

50/50 winner: \$16 to Ron Kraus

Gift Card winner: Carl Nordburg

Meeting adjourned.

CLINIC – More meeting minutes.

Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2015

Timothy Stout, Superintendent

Richard Velten, Paymaster

Hank Kraichely, MCoR Director

Ron Kraus, Assistant Superintendent

Jimmy Ables, Clerk

Ron Gawedzinski, Activity Coordinator

Don Ayres, Publicity Chairman

Clinic: Jon Marx gave a presentation on the Nickel Plate railroad, some of its more unique equipment and using Historical Societies to aid in designing layouts.

Business Meeting:

Superintendent Tim Stout called the meeting to order. There were 21 members present

Minutes of Previous Month's Meeting

Minutes from the July 2015 meeting were available for review prior to the meeting start. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Velten presented the July 2015 paymasters report. Our opening balance was \$20,280.22. Rich reported we had a total income of \$219.68 which includes our portion of the annual dues collected by the NMRA, \$45 from 50/50 proceeds and \$52 from wheel set sales. We spent a total of \$162.89 with \$50 going for insurance for the RPM which the Division co-sponsors, \$50 for rent, and \$25.69 for RPO printing and mailing. Our closing balance was \$20,337.01.

Merchandise Report

Rich Velten reported we have a good supply of wheel sets on hand along with a supply of NMRA N-gauge and OO-On3 gauge standards.

RPO Report

John has set a deadline of 1 October for Fall edition. Please send John your articles, pictures, and announcements.

Directors Report

Hank Karichely reported that Whit Johnson, President MCoR, replaced Bob Amsler as the regions counsel with John Garavaglia from the St Louis area. Bob remains as the NMRA and Gateway Division counsel.

Achievement Program (AP) Report

Phil Bonzon had nothing new to report.

Publicity Chair Report

Don Ayres thanked the volunteers who helped with the RPM. We had seven people sign up

for emails and collected \$12 for the 4' X 8' layout raffle.

Don is looking for volunteers to help with the Boeving show and the Go By Train event.

Outside Activities Report

Ron Gawedzinski reminded everyone about the annual joint NRHS/Gateway Division picnic coming up 19 Sept in Glenco, MO. There was a sign up sheet at the meeting. Also anyone wanting to attend can contact Ron Gawedzinski. Ron also discussed the upcoming Go By Train Event at the Museum of Transportation.

Old Business

- 2020 NMRA Convention. Expect more details after next week's annual NMRA meeting.
- Overhead projector sale. No buyer at this time.
- Tim discussed the 4' X 8' Layout raffle. As of this time we intend to give it away at the Collinsville Great Train Expo, however depending on ticket sales we may opt to delay the giveaway till a later date.

New Business

- Appointment of New MCoR Director. Hank Karichely was elected president of MCoR and can no longer serve as our director. Per the Gateway Division constitution and by-laws a special election is required to fill a vacancy unless there are 90 days or less left in the individual's term. As our elections occur in December of each year with the new officers taking office on 1 January of the following year and Hank's resignation is effective 1 September a special election is not required. In this case the Superintendent appoints an individual to fill the office until the next election. Bill Linson and John Marx both expressed interest in filling the Director's position. After review and reflection Tim selected Jon Marx as the interim director.

Announcements

- Phil Bonzon will discuss some of his award winning models at the September Clinic.

Drawings

50/50 winner: \$14 to Moe Berk

Gift Card winner: None

Meeting adjourned.

Timetable of Events

Do you know of an event of interest to other Gateway Division members? Send the information to the editor so

it can be listed in future *RPOs* and on the www.gatewaynmra.org website.

NMRA Divisions or St. Louis area clubs may have their event listed here by sending a description of the event, in the format shown here, to the Editor (rpo@gatewaynmra.org).

Mon., October 19, 2015

Gateway Division Meeting, VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL, 7 p.m. Clinic: Rich Velten will demonstrate the use of the various types of speakers and speaker enclosures he builds and install in HO scale engines when adding DCC sound.

Fri. through Sun., October 30 through November 1, 2015

40th Annual Fall S Fest, cosponsored by the AFSGLSA, CASG, BSG, and SLSG, Doubletree Westport Hotel, 1973 Craigshire Rd., St. Louis, MO. Family friendly. For more information see www.trainweb.org/afsgsla or email afsgsla@sbsglobal.net.

Tue., November 3, 2015

Big Bend Railroad Club, Frisco Depot, 8833 Big Bend Blvd., Webster Groves, MO, 7-8:30 p.m.

Sat., November 7, 2015

Gateway Division Fall Meet, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1408 Clayton Rd., Ballwin, MO. Additional details may be found on back cover.

Mon., November 16, 2015

Gateway Division Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, Town & Country, MO, 7 p.m.

Sat., November 21, December 12 & 26, 2015, and January 2, 2016

Metro East Model Rail Road Club Holiday Open House, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Old Fire House, 180 Summit St. (corner of Summit & School Streets), Glen Carbon, IL. For info contact Bob @ 618-476-9228 or Bill @ 618-254-6596. Free admission.

Sat. & Sun., November 28 & 29, 2015

Great Train Show, Gateway Convention Center, One Gateway Dr., Collinsville, IL. Admission \$9, 12 and under free.

Tue. & Sat., December 1 thru 29, 2015

Big Bend Railroad Club, Frisco Depot, 8833 Big Bend Blvd., Webster Groves, MO, 7-8:30 p.m. each night

Mon., December 21, 2015

Gateway Division Meeting, VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL, 7 p.m.

The Division will have tables at the Great Train Show in November. Please contact Don Ayres if you are interested in volunteering to help man the table at this event.

Mon., January 18, 2016

Gateway Division Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, Town & Country, MO, 7 p.m.

Mon., February 15, 2016

Gateway Division Meeting, VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL, 7 p.m.

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 \$66 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 included with membership at the National level and runs concurrently.

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 \$10, 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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January 2, 2016
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You can run your own engines or cars.

Engines must have a decoder.

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*Gateway Division, Mid-Continent Region
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Model Train Meet

Saturday, November 7, 2015

9 am – 3 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd,
at Woods Mill Road (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO (West St Louis County)

Activities

Model Railroad layout displays
(HO, Lionel, N and Z)

Clinics

Model Railroad Vendors
Swap Tables

Model Contest
(Popular vote/Merit judging on request)

Door Prizes

Layout Tours in the evening
(Maps available at the meet)

All New Children’s Activity Area

Train Races

Make a Tree

Admission \$7.00, children under 12 free

For information or to display your layout contact
Hank Kraichely, 636-394-515 or hkraichely@sbcglobal.net

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