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Interior of the Model of St. Henry Church. See article starting on page 11 for ways to create the details shown.

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Superintendent's Desk

by Jim Ables

It's Spring! Cold weather is abating, trees and shrubs are budding and model railroading activities starting to slow down. Soon we'll be out sprucing up our yards and planting flowers then the endless out door chores of mowing, edging, trimming, watering and raking begin. While I enjoy the change of seasons from cold to warm, I despise the loss of model railroading time.

In this edition I want to address what I believe is becoming a serious problem in the Division. We need more people to step up and volunteer. There are about 10 people who do the bulk of the work and some of them are becoming burnt out. Over the years many members have drifted away or become inactive because they became tired of the constant demands.

We get a lot of suggestions for new activities and undertakings, but those making the suggestions aren't willing to

do the work. Our core groups of volunteers already have full plates and lives of their own. They simply aren't able to take on more.

I'm not saying we shouldn't explore new ways to make the Division more interesting and effective. I'm saying more people need to step forward. The officers and core volunteers can do just so much. So, if you've got an idea be willing to take on the project or least help with it.

We also need to look to next year's officer nominations. The officers in place now have been serving for at least three years and one for over five. Some new people need to consider stepping forward, people get burnt out.

Don Ayres and team have begun working on the next Model Railroading 101. Based on results from our first event, Don and team are looking at shifting our approach and exploring different venues. The team is also looking at what other Divisions are doing in this area. Don's going to need help putting this together and I encourage those of you who've already volunteered to work with Don to develop the next event.

We need a volunteer to take on planning for this year's Fall Meet. Rich Velten has done a great job over the past few years but Rich is ready to transition planning to someone else. Rich has put together a comprehensive project book detailing all the things that need to be done and when they need to be done. Please consider volunteering and remember it doesn't have to be a single person several people can work as a team.

To all our volunteers, thank you. You make the Division work and I sincerely appreciate all that you do.

Hope to see you at a meeting soon.

Regards,

Jim Ables
Superintendent

Under the Wire

by John Carty, Editor

Spring has sprung. Or maybe sprung a leak.

Easter has passed and baseball begun.

The kids' softball and t-ball practices have somewhat started, due to the rain.

The division has seen some activity in the Achievement Program with several members gaining their Volunteer Certificates. This is one certificate that everyone can, and should, earn. We are a volunteer organization, so members gain benefits in proportion to their investment of time.

Another certificate attainable to most members is for Author. Only half of the required points may be earned through division publications like the RPO, but that is a good place to start. We need submissions: articles on modeling, prototypes, railroad places to visit, museums, etc. Additionally, drawings and photo essays may be submitted. Everything submitted is forwarded to the Midcontinent Region for inclusion in the Caboose Kibitzer.

You may have noticed that this issue of the RPO is on the slim side. I simply have not received many submissions and finally exhausted the stockpile which I had accumulated. We therefore need more material. If each member submits one item, the RPO will be overflowing this year. This publication provides a vehicle for each member to share his area expertise. Please share, because if you found something interesting or valuable, so will someone else. I always find something of interest and usually something directly applicable to my modeling efforts in

every article. Make a point to share something you have learned regarding the hobby, some technique you use, or just some tidbit from the school of hard knocks.

Now is also the time to start on contest entries for the Fall Meet. While each year sports plenty of entries, entrants appear in much lower quantities.

Please make a point of entering something in this year's event. I have found the contest to be a valuable learning tool through the feedback received.

John Carty
Editor

Director's Reflections

By Jon Marx, Director

First, I want to apologize to the membership for my error last issue. The column I submitted had been previously published. Now I know that if I get close to a deadline I could try to dust off an earlier column and John may not catch it.

Next, kudos to F. Axtell Kramer of Kirkwood. His photo of a scene on his layout appears for October in the 2018 NMRA calendar. The calendar is another nice benefit of NMRA membership.

And congratulations to Gateway Division's David Lowell on publication of his article, *Chicago and Illinois Midland Transfer Caboose No. 34*, in the recently-received April, 2018, issue of the NMRA Magazine. An interesting and fascinating railroad is getting more and deserved exposure.

This column's commentary may seem a slightly dated, but recall this column was to have appeared in the last issue. I did not want to deprive anyone of my mindless babblings.

Another Division Fall Event is history. It appeared that we had good attendance

turnout again. I have not seen a report yet. The vendors appeared to stay busy and we had a good mix of models in the contest room. John Carty again twisted my arm to serve as a Contest Judge. I was also manning my table for the Nickel Plate Society. Multitasking? Or split personality? I enjoy doing it and seeing all those models give me inspiration to finish some projects I need to get done. Perhaps they will be good enough to enter in this year's contest. I don't consider myself able to build something that could be entered in the National in KC this year. Perhaps if the judges have a sense of humor and in need of a good laugh. But you do not know unless you try.

If you had a model in the contest, I hope it did well in the judging. Excuse me, I mean evaluation. That is the word I learned from the Region Achievement Chair, Ryan Moats. The word judging seems to have an unpleasant connotation for some folks, so Ryan started using "evaluation." The result is the same, but apparently "judge" and "judging" intimidate some folks. The same from NMRA President, Charlie Getz, promoting the use of the word "event" for "meet" or "meeting." See above. Apparently, the word "meeting" tends to intimidate the younger generation. Probably takes too much time away from their electronic machines. How did we get so thin-skinned that innocent words are sent to the scrapheap because of present-day over-sensitivities? Apparently, no one reads Shakespeare anymore. See his line about the smell of a rose. I'll get off my soapbox now and get on with other matters.

NMRA National is always adding benefits that increase the value of our membership. In the December Magazine, there is a discussion of the Model Railroad Directory for members to register their layouts and learn where

other modelers are. In the past the previous version of this Directory has been used by members to find, contact, and possibly visit when traveling. I recall years ago when Model Railroader featured a model railroad in an issue, the owner's address routinely was included in the article in case another modeler wanted to visit. How doesn't like to brag and show off a little. And we can always gain a little inspiration to support our own efforts. Oh, and before I forget it, if you register your layout in this Directory before January 15, you will be entered into drawing for a one-year membership, as incentive. No competition from me. I went for a Life Membership years ago.

Another new NMRA program is the Partnership Program wherein some suppliers of model railroad supplies have agreed to offer discounts on products to members. One will even donate 5% of sales through the program to the NMRA. A win-win for all of us. Go to the NMRA web site for details and how to take advantage of the program. More than two dozen suppliers are participating in this program. Please use it, if you can, because the early success will help attract more suppliers. Supplier will only agree to participate if they see an advantage for their business.

Businesses are not charities. Other organizations to which I belong offer car rentals as part their membership program. I don't travel enough for this offer to be meaningful. I like this program is much better.

In the time I have been a member of NMRA the organization and benefits have steadily improved. Cynthia Priest does a great job as Magazine Editor. I enjoy reading it because there is always something to learn to improve my modeling. Articles may not be about HO or Nickel Plate, but modelers are doing things in other scales modeling other

roads or free-lancing that can be applied to my specific modeling. I have a friend that considers any issue of a railroad magazine that is not at least 127% steam coverage a waste. I am the other direction. I find so much to be of interest that I don't have time to do everything I would like to.

I urge members to get involved in Division activities. We are always looking for members to assist with events. Don't be afraid to ask. We don't know if you are willing until you speak up. Even helping set up and tear down in the gym for our Fall event is helpful and gets the job finished faster. As far as I know, the Region is still looking for a Sales Manager. Ask Hank for more information.

Do you have a model of which you are proud? Enter it in a contest. Judges are supposed to leave comments on the entry sheet to help you improve your modeling. Placing in a contest can provide good feedback and should be encouragement for future improvement. Perhaps, even to work toward an MMR?

On January 6, 2018, I attended the Winter Region BOD Meeting in Overland Park, KS, with Hank and John Garavaglia. Here is a summary of the proceedings:

There are still six regions without Directors, so members residing in those regions have no representation in the workings of the Organization. Hank is trying to find people to fill these positions. Two Central Missouri Divisions may be combined. I think there are less than 100 NMRA members in both regions. The Director of one Division has agreed to represent both. No objection from National is expected.

The Convention in Omaha was successful. 130 attendees were at the banquet. The auction netted \$1000 for the Convention. Convention income

was divided equally between MidContinent and Thousand Lakes Regions.

As mentioned before, there is no Region Convention in 2018 because of the National Convention in Kansas City. The next Region Convention will be in Wichita, KS, in 2019, Hosted by the Chisholm Trail Division. Again, no Region Convention in 2020 because the National Convention will be in St. Louis. For 2021 a joint Convention in Oklahoma with the Lone Star Division is being considered.

Achievement Program: Brad Morneau reported 17 Certificates of Achievement were presented to MCoR members in the past year. Brad mentioned he is considering reporting Merit Awards because it is a better indication of a member's progress toward a MMR.

Scouting Report: About 40 Scouts received their Railroad Merit Badges. Also discussed was the possibility of using Scouts as volunteers at train shows attract them to the hobby and the possibility of attracting them to the Merit Badge. Louis Seibel mentioned he assisted several Scouts toward their Merit Badge at an event at the Kansas City Speedway. Whit Johnson discussed the potential of a Scout Jamboree in 2019. The Region's Scouting Program is another way of getting younger people interested in the hobby.

NMRA National has dropped the idea of a national umbrella 501(c)3 status. Renewal process for the Region was discussed. Gateway Division has its own 501(c)3 status independent of the National.

Membership: Region membership dropped from 896 to 877, in part due to non-renewal of Rail Pass. Membership discussed and Robert Simmons, Western Kansas Director was appointed to head a Membership Committee to

explore way to gain and retain members.

Robert Simmons discussed the Region's presence on Facebook and how it is helping introduce the hobby to a new non-typical group of people.

There was a discussion of ways to get younger people, children and teens, interested in the hobby. Schools are an obvious place to focus attention. A special interest club, for example. There are a special set of requirements to be met to engage schools. Working with retailers to present clinics on how to get into the hobby. Churches could be approached to begin a model railroad program. Service organizations, like Rotary or Kiwanis, are always interested in speakers. What better way to introduce the hobby to new people? Grandparents want to spend time with grandchildren. A good activity could be building and operating a layout together. Besides it is easier for them to scamper around under the layout to make needed connections. Kalmbach will be contacted to secure copies of their booklet on getting started in the hobby. Displays at local libraries can attract attention. What about the Library branch in your neighborhood? Does it have a display case where permission could be obtained to place a promotional display during National Model Railroad Month every November? I discussed our Model Railroad 101 presentation at the Museum. Also discussed was making a small donation (\$500) available to groups wanting to start a program, because funds are in some instances in short supply. Programs should appeal to adults as well based on our experience.

That's all for this time. Perhaps there is some food for thought here. It is up to us to promote the hobby. Let's do it.

Jon Marx, Director

Eighty Years & Counting

By Ken Rimmel

What model railroad club is eighty years old this year and has been located in the same building for the whole time? It is also the oldest model railroad club in the St. Louis area, and because of this club, the building it is located in is a former railroad depot that has been in continuous use since it opened for service in 1910. The answer is the Big Bend Railroad Club.

In March 1938, ten high school students at Webster Groves High School declared the beginning of their model railroad club that they temporarily named the Model Railroad Club of Webster Groves. With the early help from one adult advisor who had the experience of building framework and model railroad cars, the club's early years began on a firm footing.

While the early meetings of the club were held in the local high school, it was obvious that something more permanent will be needed. With the country trying to come out of the worse depression in history, everyone knew that finding a location for the club might be



Layout

This view in the larger of the two rooms is where the original layout sat. Beyond the doorway was once an open porch before the railroad closed it in for the club to use. In the far room you can see the ten-foot-long Warren Truss bridge that was built by Bob Whelove, and just below it the nearly twenty-five-foot-long plate girder bridge built by Charles Schwarm.

impossible. Through a contact of the parents of one of the club's members, a meeting was set up with one of the students and the Chief Operating Officer of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad. During that meeting, by a simple handshake, the club was given permission to use one of the waiting rooms in the railroad's Webster Groves station on Big Bend Road.

we will find the help and support we need.

This past February we received sad news that our club's first President and the member who made the agreement to have the club occupy part of the depot, passed away. Donald Q Miller also had the distinction of being key to the beginning of the Wabash, Frisco & Pacific Railway by finding their first



Depot

Thanks to the local business district commission paying for the latest painting, this is how the depot now looks. The club paid for the new fence last fall that replaced the aging and damaged fence from someone driving into it.

Throughout the years, the club has entertained the public with two different layouts, hosted five model railroad conventions, and appeared on many layout tours and local events.

After purchasing the depot in 1994 to stop a scheduled demolition, the club soon reorganized to begin the steps to plan and attempt to make the many repairs and restorations the building needs. Difficulty in securing the needed funds to pay for the work has slowed its progress, but we all feel that someday

locomotive.

The Big Bend Railroad Club still has their public open house on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, with extra Tuesdays and Saturday afternoon dates in December. The membership meets every Tuesday evening to work on the layout, depot, or sometimes to just share stories or show off their models. More information can be found about the club on our web page, www.bigbendrrclub.org or Facebook page.

Achievement Program Presentations

by Jim Ables

Achievement Program Presentations

At the March 19th Gateway Division meeting it was my pleasure to present Achievement Program certificates for Association Volunteer to Donald Ayres, Henry (Hank) Kraichely, Richard Velten, Ronald Gawedzinsk, and Timothy Stout. Hank Kraichely also received a certificate for Association Official.

All of these individuals have devoted untold numbers of hours to the Division and Region. Everything for mundane administrative task to coordinating and managing the Fall Meet, Regional Conventions, tours, and all the tasks it takes to make the Division work and enjoyable experience for all of us.

Please take the time to say congratulations and thank them for their work and dedication when you see them.





Creating Details on Models

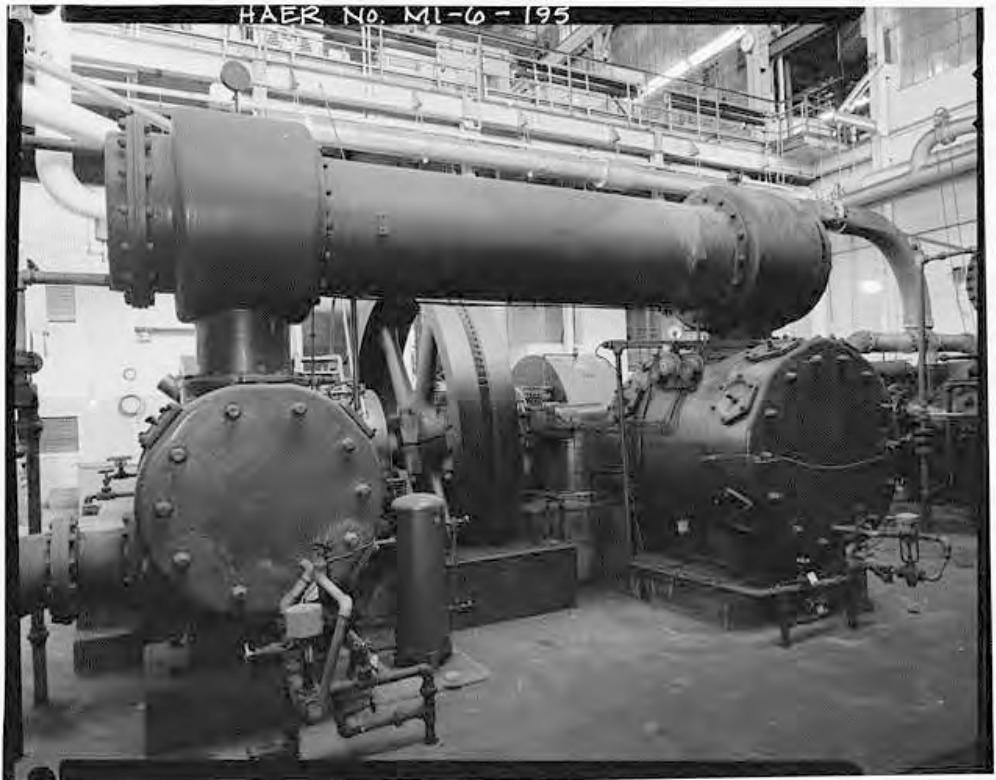
by John Carty

photos by Richard Schumacher, author and internet files



Clutter covers the world. In modeling terms, we call this clutter “details”. Adding details to a model transforms it from a simple representation of the prototype into a realistic recreation of the same. Many articles grace the modeling press regarding architectural details, but few address the additional details which indicate habitation and use. Some of these details are available commercially, but many can be easily fabricated using readily available materials.

The first thing to



consider is size. Many models, especially structures, require compression in order to fit the available space. This compression requires fore thought. Furniture must retain their relationship to scale figures in order to

be plausible or buildable. Detailing remains an art in that proportion, size, and style must be considered. Sometimes an older or newer version of an item may be preferable to what the period requires, e.g. an enclosed phone booth rather than a phone shelter or a four-legged chair instead of a swivel chair.

Next, remember that everything you see consists of simple shapes. Even the most complicated contraption you

can imagine consists of a set of relatively simple components. So, when creating details for a model, you always seek to break down the project into its basic components. Let us be honest: carving a miniature swivel

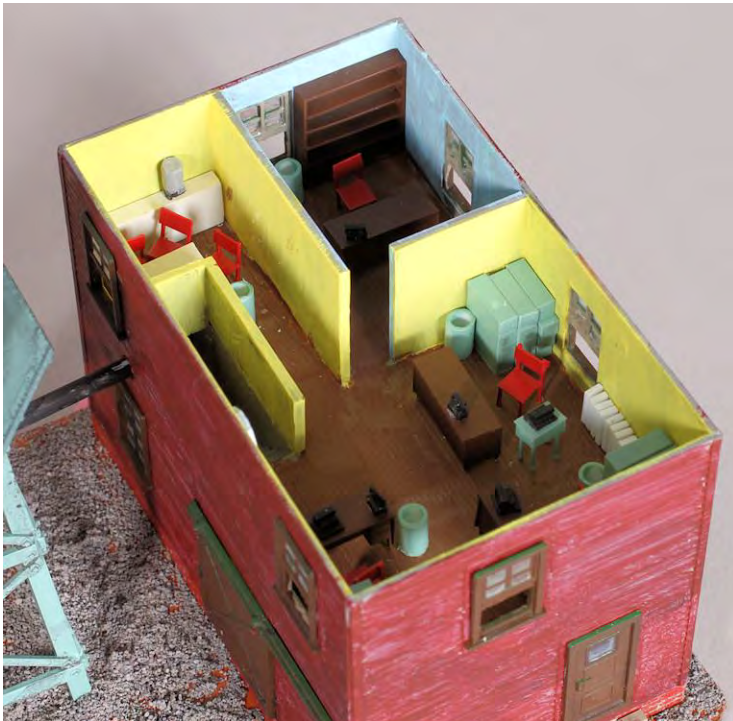
chair from a single piece of strip styrene just seems a tad impractical. Also, the item you create need not possess all of the details of the prototype. The shapes you choose guide the viewers eye to to fill in the blanks.

Industrial boilers provide a relevant example of the concept of simple shapes as shown in the picture on the previous page.

These boilers consist of a cylinder supported by a base, while others may look like half of a cylinder on top of a rectangular box. A control panel or box may or may not be necessary, depending on the location of the boiler in your model.

The levers of an interlocking tower provide another example: styrene rod or metal wire may be painted to resemble the levers. This pictures also illustrates other details: desk, chairs, file cabinet, waste basket, clock,

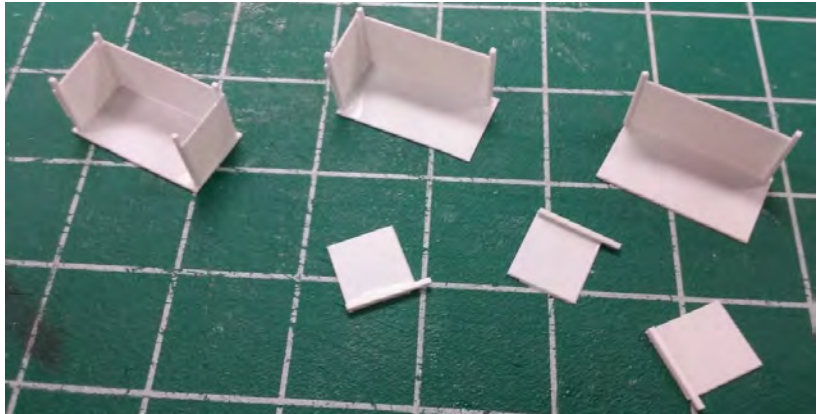
typewriter, and telephone.



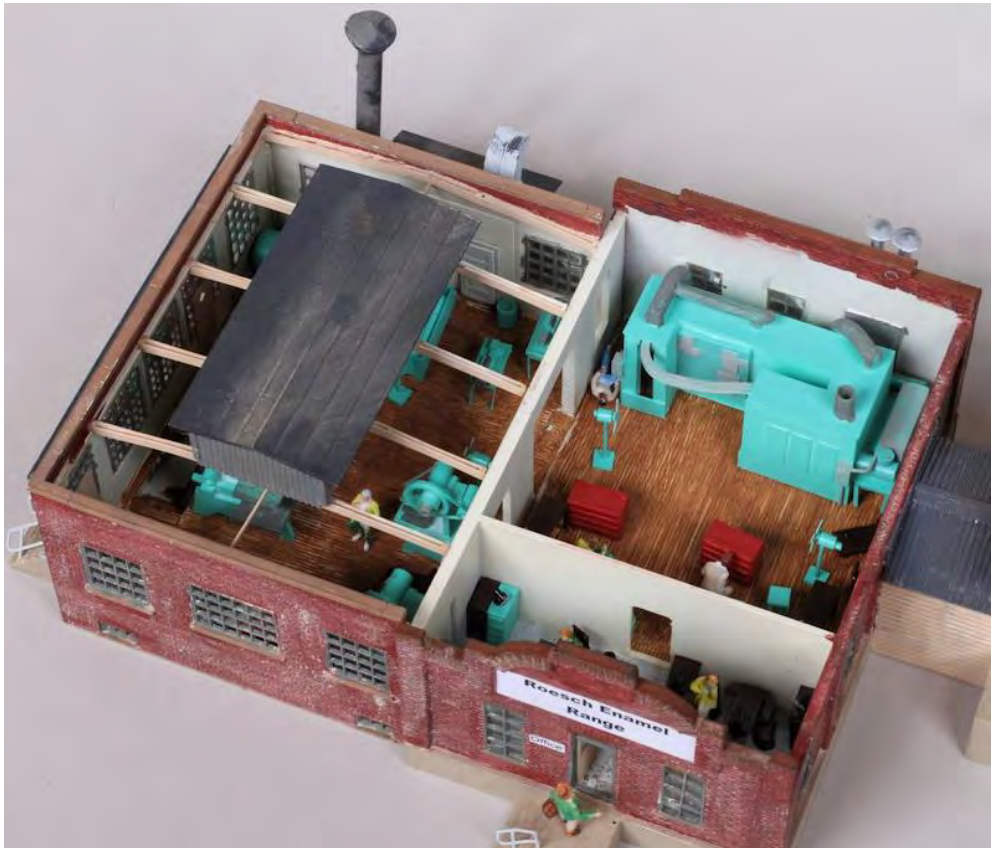
The phone and typewriter consist simply of stacks of bits of styrene: for the phone, a 9" piece of .100" x .020", a piece of .040" or .060" square, and topped with a slice of .100" or .125" channel for the receiver and for the typewriter use 1/8" piece of .156" x

.030" strip under a 5/32" long piece of .040" x .060" strip topped with the

smallest piece of rod you can get. I make file cabinets in two different ways: a block of 1/8" x 3/8" styrene



with .010" x .125" drawer fronts added (above), or a stack of 3/8" long .100" x



.125" blocks (below). These constructs lead the viewer to fill in the blanks.

Notice also the bits of paper on the desk (one is an old issue of Model Railroader) and the calendar on the wall. I imported a photo of the magazine into word and shrunk it and created the calendar which I shrunk as well.

The book shelves and radiator in the photo to the left consist of pieces of styrene arrange to evoke the item they imitate.

Desks require a bit more engineering. A desk is about two feet deep and four to five feet long. The top stands thirty inches above the floor. Given these dimensions, the top measures $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{9}{16}$ " or $\frac{11}{16}$ " while the sides are $\frac{7}{32}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ " and the front $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{16}$ " shorter than the top. The legs are $\frac{11}{32}$ " long pieces of .020" square styrene. The parts assemble as illustrated above. Drawers could have been added, but no one notices their absence, rendering them superfluous. Not to mention simplifying construction considerably.

Chairs are constructed in a similar manner with seats and backs consisting of fifteen scale inch squares of .010" styrene, eighteen scale inch

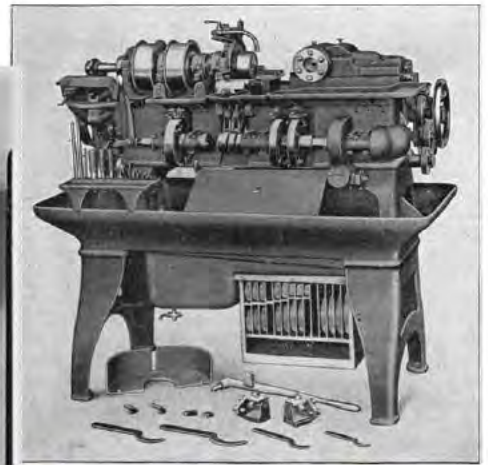
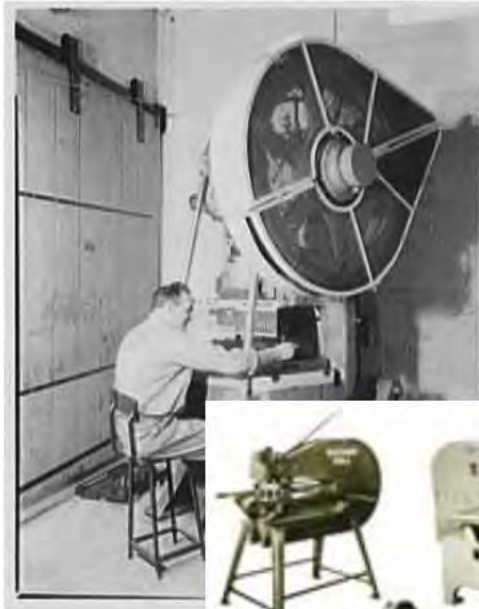
long front legs and thirty-three scale inch long back legs. Liquid cement makes construction a breeze, with a steady hand and no sneezes.

I built the machinery in the photo ON the preceding page using similar techniques. Here, I used plenty of photographs and illustration to achieve convincing looking details. I also added drive wheels to the machines,



since I depicted them as being belt-driven. Note that the lathes and screw machines have pans for containing the cutting oils, while the presses have large drive wheels and parallel plates on which the dies were set. Here are some of the reference materials used, note that having people in the photos helps to provide a frame of

reference as to the size of the machine:



The fans were built in a similar manner, with blades crossed on the end of motors assembled from rod and tubing. The tool boxes consist of styrene

boxes to which I applied .010" drawer fronts. Work benches consist of legs attached to tops with bracing applied. A piece of car siding provides the deck of the carts to which handles were bent and slices of 3/32" styrene rod for wheels were attached. The enameling machine was based on the photograph at right.



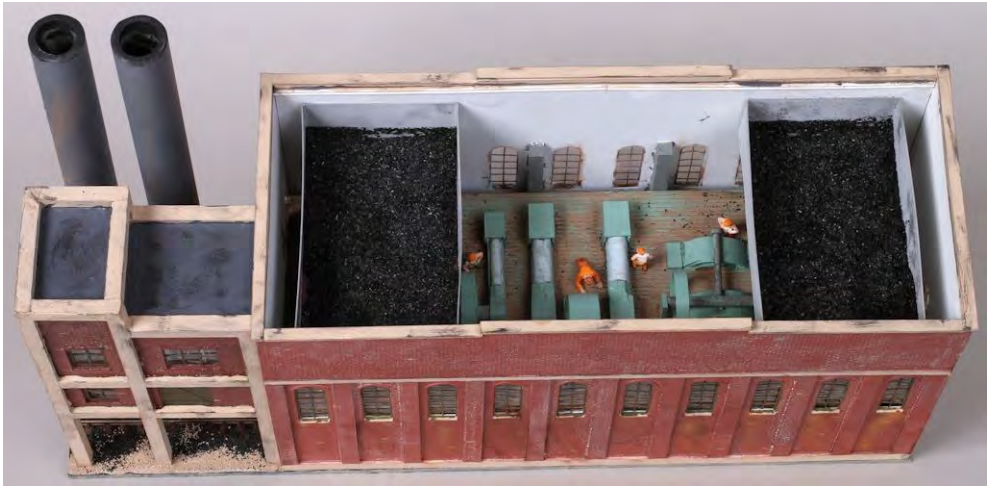
St. Henry Church (cover photo) and Immaculate Conception Church (below and right) feature many fabricated details. Each of the pews with kneelers consists of a back, seat, two ends, and kneeler all from styrene. The pulpits and chairs in the sanctuary result from similar construction. When making such items, always construct a few extras so you only use the best ones. I made the organ and bench, as well as the tabernacle and altar, from strip styrene as well. A collection of styrene rod, brass and styrene tubing, and wire make up the pipes for the organ and candles.

The Winstanley Powerhouse contains four steam-powered electric turbines. These beasts consist of a turbine made from the styrene core from a roll

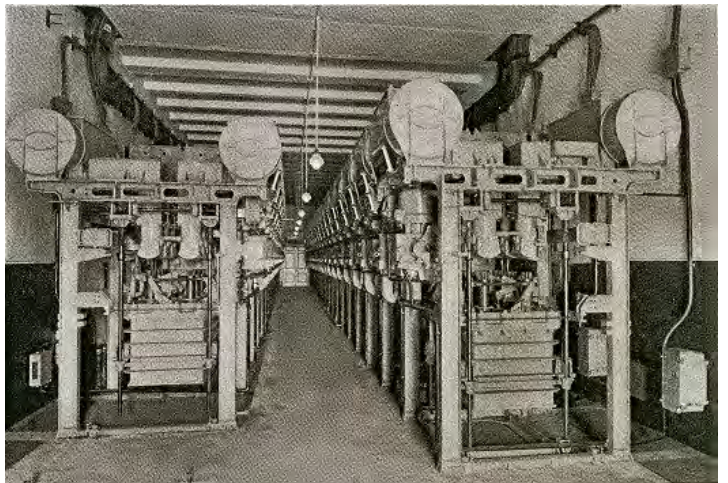


photographs after reading the description I found in *Electric Railway Age*. The air compressor consists of a similar set of components.

of tape, flanked by drive shafts. This represents a case of mimicking the



For the switchgear (model not shown) I inserted photographs of the actual equipment used in the powerhouse (at right). I imported the photo into Microsoft Word and manipulated it in order to fill the space. Hopefully, you can use these examples to create unique details to add to your own models.



Division Minutes

by *Gregor Moe*

Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2018

Superintendent: Jim Ables, Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent: Don Ayres

Paymaster: Richard Velten

Clerk: Gregor Moe

MCoR Director: Jon Marx

Activity Coordinator: Ron Gawedzinski

Publicity Chairman: Don Ayres

Membership Chairman: Bill Linson

AP Chairman: John Carty

Contest Chairman: Tim Stout

Clinic:

Guest Gary Brandenburger presented another fantastic clinic, first reviewing what we had learned previously about LED's, showing various circuits to control them, and ending up with a demonstration and discussion of Miller Engineering signs and how they work.

Business Meeting:

Superintendent Jim Ables called the meeting to order. There were 30 members present. There were also 4 guests including our clinician, Joshua Marino, Randall Colton, and Chris Rathert.

Minutes of Previous Month's Meeting

Minutes from the December 2017 meeting were available for review prior to the meeting start. Minutes were approved with corrections. Corrected minutes are published in the RPO.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Velten presented the December 2017 paymasters report. The opening balance was \$20,201.42. During the month we had receipts of 275.12 (mostly the holiday party deposit refund) and expenses of 555.48 (rent paid to VFW for use of their hall, and MR101 expenses). The closing balance was \$19,921.06. The treasurer's report was approved. Rich also presented a five page annual summary for calendar year 2017 and invited questions after the meeting. Rich also reported that he had just received the "annual

stipend" from NMRA of \$146.00, which is based on our membership numbers.

Merchandise Report

Rich Velten reported we have a good supply of wheel sets on hand. Also on hand are NMRA standards gauges.

RPO Report

John has set 1 April 2018 as the deadline for the spring edition submissions.

Directors Report

All current officers have been officially certified (as members) by NMRA. Jon mentioned that there was an open item at Region where, upon death of a Division member, Division would purchase flowers, with partial reimbursement from Region. Another issue Region is considering is whether to combine South Central and North Central Regions of Missouri. NMRA would have to approve this. Region is discussing our MR101 effort and also looking at what other Divisions are doing in this area. MCoR's take for the 2017 Regional convention was \$3000. There will be no Regional Convention this year because the National will be in Kansas City.

Achievement Program (AP) Report

John Carty was not present, but Jim said that he was aware of several submissions awaiting NMRA action.

Publicity Chair Report

Don stated that volunteers were still needed for the St Charles Train show.

Outside Activities Report

Ron was not present. No report.

Old Business

Don again synopsized the MR101 class results: 3 children present, 14 total attendances, 2 possible new adult members. Looking ahead, the committee is thinking of focusing on adults with the next possible training in the first quarter of 2019. Volunteers' names were taken to be presenters at the future day-long event. Greg Gramlich mentioned that Mark Twain Hobbies have a classroom available that we could use.

The 2020 convention is still tabled, but John Schindler did make an appeal for members to have their layouts ready to be on tour.

New Business

Moe Berk made a motion to have the Division purchase, when the Division becomes aware of a member's death, flowers to recognize a member's death. Motion was amended to make a \$25 donation to the decedents designated charity. Motion passed. Responsibility will be on the Clerk to do this.

Announcements

Jim Ables showed several slides pertaining to membership metrics.

Jim had the signup sheet for the Mark Twain Club discount for those interested.

A volunteer has come forward to do the typing input for the new directory – Dale DeWitt

Chris Oesterich asked for volunteers to open their house for a Division operating session. Hank Kraichely volunteered.

Upcoming clinic

February's meeting will be at the dealership owned by Brad Joseph where there will be a display of Milwaukee Road memorabilia.

Drawings

50/50 winner: Bill Linson

Gift Card winner: Hank Kraichely (again)

Foam cradle donated by Bear Creek Model Railroad: Don Ayres

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Ayres for

Gregor Moe,

Clerk, Gateway Division

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Clinic:

Carl Wessel discussed how he got onto the Kankakee Belt and a bit of its history, the materials He has to base the layout and operations on, the planned method of operations for the layout, the planned method of operations for the layout, the anticipated waybill handling of the cars and equipment, and the current status and future plans of the layout construction.

Business Meeting:

Superintendent Jim Ables called the meeting to order. There were 35 members present. There were also 2 guests Denng Kettler, and Randall Colton.

Minutes of Previous Month's Meeting

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Treasurer's Report

Rich Velten presented the January 2018 paymasters report. The opening balance was \$19,921.06 during the month we had receipts of \$232.12 and expenses of \$79.00 mostly administration expenses. The closing balance was \$20,074.18. The February opening balance was \$20,074.18 during the month we received \$16.33 and expenses of \$86.98 for postage and copies. The ending balance was \$20,003.53. The treasurer's report was approved.

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Directors Report

Jon Marx reported that the membership report had not come in yet.

Achievement Program (AP) Report

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Publicity Chair Report

Don thanked the volunteers that worked the Boeing Train show.

Outside Activities Report

Ron reported that the group has a tour of Gateway Rail Services facilities April 21 from 10 am to 2pm. He said he is working on a tour of a major manufacturing co for this fall during the week.

Old Business

Don again said that the next MR101 class will be directed at adults.

The 2020 convention is still tabled, but registration will go live on line in July 2018.

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The NMRA has a program to get members a discount at businesses.

Announcements

Grant line is going out of business in May.

Upcoming clinic

April clinic will be by Tom Ose on uses of adrinols on your layout.

Drawings

50/50 winner: Carl Wessel

Gift Card winner: Willie Richter

Foam cradle donated by Bear Creek Model Railroad: Jon Marx

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregor Moe,
Clerk, Gateway Division

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., May 21, 2018

Gateway Division Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd, at Woods Mill Road (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO (West St Louis County), 7 p.m.

Sat., June 9, 2018

5th Annual Train Show to benefit the American Heritage Railroad, American Farm Heritage Museum, 1396 Museum Ave., Greenville, IL, Admission \$4, children under 12 free.

Mon., June 18, 2018

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

Mon., July 16, 2018

Gateway Division Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd, at Woods Mill Road (Hwy 141),

Ballwin, MO (West St Louis County), 7 p.m.

Fri. and Sat., July 20 and 21, 2018

2018 STL RPM, Gateway Convention Center, Collinsville, IL, 9:00 to 9:00 on Friday and 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturday. Admission for Friday & Saturday is \$25.00, While Saturday only is \$20.00. Gateway Division of the NMRA is working in conjunction with the STL RPM hosts on the 12th annual event.

For information about the upcoming St. Louis

Railroad Prototype Modeler's Meet, go to:

http://icg.home.mindspring.com/rpm/stl_rpm.htm

and follow the links for more information.

Or, just Google "St. Louis RPM".

Sun. thru Sun., August 5 thru 12, 2018

NMRA National Convention and National Train Show, Kansas City, MO. For more information and to register go to www.kc2018.org.

Mon., August 20, 2018

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

Sat., September 8, 2018

Boeing Employees Railroad Club Railroad Swap Meet, Greensfelder Recreation Complex, Queeny Park, 550 Weidman Rd., St. Louis, MO, 63011, 10 am to 3 pm, Admission \$3, children under 12 free.

Mon., September 17, 2018

Gateway Division Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd, at Woods Mill Road (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO (West St Louis County), 7 p.m.

Mon., October 15, 2018

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

Sat., November 3, 2017

Gateway Division Fall Meet, Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd at Woods Mill Rd, Ballwin, MO, 9am - 3pm, includes Model & Photo Contest, swap meet, modular layouts, and layout tours.

Admission: \$7, Children under 12 are free

This show is sponsored by the Gateway Division and we'll be looking for your help in supporting the event.

Mon., November 19, 2018

Gateway Division Holiday Party, Details to be announced.

Mon., December 17, 2018

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 \$72 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. The division's official mailing address is on the "Contact Us" page on the website: <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/gateway-nmra-contact-us/>. Checks may be sent

to Gateway Division NMRA, PO Box 7742, Chesterfield, Missouri 63006-7742. 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

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