

The Kingpin



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From the President's desk...

Well, the dust has settled from the great spring convention and those who have summer activities, other than the "trains in the basement" are in full swing with your nine irons and other implements of frustration.

Congratulations to all those who entered the model contest at the Pittsburgh Convention. There were some super entries in both the photo and model categories. Congratulations also go to the three new Superintendents who were elected. Jerry Ashley, MMR, from Division 8, Mike Hohn from Division 2, and Rolly Miller from Division 11.

I also need to recognize Paul Novak for receiving the "Director's Award" and Nick Folger for receiving the "Wenderfer Award". Both of these dedicated members have spent countless hours behind the scene providing valuable support to the Region and the Divisions.



MCR President Dick Briggs presents the Directors Award to Paul Novak.

In addition, congratulations to Larry Kline who received his Master Model Railroader certificate from Mike Brestel, NMRA president.

Now for the "thanks a big bunch" list. Thank you to the three outgoing Superintendents for all their service to their Divisions and to the Region for their service on the Board Of Directors. Susan Werner from Division 2, Mark Norman from Division 8, and Paul Kurutz from Division 11. A special thank you to Division 2 for hosting a great convention and all the folks who volunteered to work as judges for the model contest and photo contest, clinic presenters, and other activities while at the convention.

I'm sure that I have left someone off the list and I apologize for any omissions made. They were not intentional, I assure you.

I have appointed a Nominating Committee, chaired by Wil Davis, Division 3; Susan Werner, Division 2; and Bob Lee, Division 6, to secure a slate of qualified candidates for the Regional Election in 2013. Anyone interested in serving as a Regional officer, please contact the Committee. You can use the following e-mail address to contact them.

Contact the MCR 2013

Nominating Committee at:

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(all three members will receive your e-mail, to contact them individually, use their e-mail address on page three.)

Happy Modeling!

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2012 Model Contest Winners

Steam

| | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1st | James Ferguson | Lebanon Valley #44, 4-4-0 |
| 2nd | Dennis Vaccaro | GNSN #301, HOn30, 2-6-2 |

Diesel

| | | |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1st | Chris Broughton | N-Gauge SD 45-2 #1601 |
| 2nd | Pete Birdsong | Davenport Mechanical #3 |
| 3rd | Philip Gliebe | Narrow gauge, center cab |

Freight Car

| | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1st | James Ferguson | Dry Ice Car #5023 |
| 2nd | James Ferguson | PFE Reefer #55239 |
| 3rd | Larry Smith | Ma & Pa Flat Car #120 |

Non-Revenue

| | | |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1st | Daniel Kennedy | Charging Larry Car |
| 2nd | Martian Brechbiel | Snow Spreader |
| 3rd | Gary Burdette | American Log Loader #40 |

Caboose

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|-----|---------------|----------------------|
| 1st | Larry Kline | Pennsy Cabin #981380 |
| 2nd | Jame Ferguson | NYC Caboose #18452 |
| 3rd | Larry Smith | L&N Caboose #1086 |

Passenger Car

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|-----|----------------|----------------|
| 1st | Jim Grell | LE&WV Diner D6 |
| 2nd | Larry Richards | Paint Creek #1 |

Traction

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|-----|------------------|-----------------|
| 1st | Martin Brechbisc | CG&W Sweeper #8 |
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On-Line Structure

| | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st | John Wissinger | Monitor Sash & Door |
| 2nd | Jim Grell | Moriarty's Produce |
| 3rd | Gary Burdette | C&O Richmond Car Service Office |
| HM | Larry Kline | P&WV Longview Station |
| HM | Larry Smith | Sem-abandoned Warehouse |
| HM | Larry Smith | 45° Bridge |

Off-Line Structure

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|-----|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1st | James Ferguson | Victorian House |
| 2nd | Charles Pravlik | Blast Furnace |
| 3rd | Larry Smith | Kearns Barn |

On-Line Display

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|-----|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1st | Bob Lawson | McCabe Pulpwood Yard |
| 2nd | Rev. Robert McKay | Harrisburg Station |

Off-Line Display

| | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------------|
| 1st | Larry Richards | Fresh Eggs |
| 2nd | Jim Grell | Alice's Restaurant |

Best of Show

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|----------------|--------------|
| Daniel Kennedy | Sinner Plant |
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Photo Contest

B&W Model

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd

B&W Prototype

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd

Color Model

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd

Color Prototype

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd

Color Slide Model

- 1st

Color Slide Prototype

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd

Best of Show

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Results not available at
 the time of publication.



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Mid Central Region members mark your calendars, July 13th to 20th 2014 for the NMRA National Convention to be held in Cleveland. A GREAT opportunity for region members to attend the National Convention right in our own region. The committee is looking for clinicians and layouts to be open for tours and OPSIG sessions. Contact Jerry Krueger at jakrueg@neo.rr.com or Chuck Klein at cltrn@aol.com



The Kingpin

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**National Model Railroad Association
Mid-Central Region Board of Directors Meeting
April 27, 2012**

The Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA in conjunction with the MCR convention. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 PM.

All attendees introduced themselves then the roll was taken. The Vice President and Treasurer were absent, the President and Secretary were present. All divisions except 5, and 6, were represented by their Superintendents. Division 6 was represented by its Assistant Superintendent with a

written proxy. Division 5 was represented by its Assistant Superintendent but without a written proxy. Committee Mangers present were Contest, Kingpin, Membership, and Webmaster.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2011 meeting as posted on the MCR web site.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted to board members at the meeting.

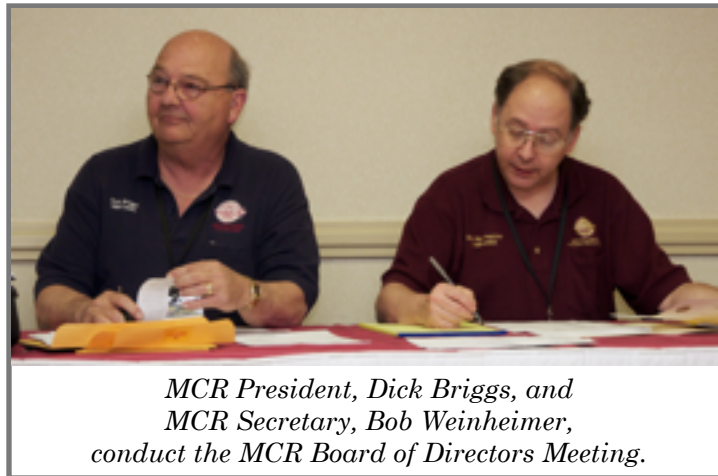
Vice President's Report

Discussion of the 2013 convention was deferred until later in the meeting. It was noted that Division 10 has expressed an interest in hosting the 2015 MCR convention.

Committee Reports

Membership: Paul Novak asked that the distribution list for Division membership records be clarified by each Superintendent. He also needs to know of all officer changes.

Contest: Howard Smith reported that the Pittsburgh contest is successful, thanks to all participants.



MCR President, Dick Briggs, and MCR Secretary, Bob Weinheimer, conduct the MCR Board of Directors Meeting.

Achievement

Program: Frank Koch was not present; his report is on the MCR web site.

Kingpin: Don Wilke noted that the *Kingpin* newsletter is distributed three times per year. There are about 240 email address updates and about 135 members still receive the *Kingpin* via the US

Postal Service.

Web Site: Don Wilke reported that he needs all contact information for any new or changed Division officials. These changes should be sent to the web master and the MCR VP within the next three weeks. The password for the Officers page will be changed at the end of May.

Education: Thomas Miller was not present; his report is on the MCR web site.

Division Reports

Full written reports are on the MCR web site; these comments are summaries of oral reports made at the meeting.

Division 1: Randy Dettmer reported that membership is steady; finances are good, working on 501-c3. Flea market was in November, new web site redesign in the works. Modular group is visiting possible display venues. Meeting attendance is becoming too large for meetings in members' homes, other meeting locations are needed.

Division 2: Susan Werner reported that they are losing

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**MCR 2013 Convention
Dayton, Ohio - 15 – 18 May
www.mcr2013convention.com**

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members to relocation and death, financials are steady. Working hard on convention.

Division 3: Wil Davis reported that membership and finances are stable, train show is the only income. Working on 2013 MR Convention. The Division was gifted with a small layout; they are taking it around the Division for display. The newsletter is mailed to all members, changing to email would increase cost of postage for remaining mail recipients due insufficient numbers to maintain the bulk mail permit. In short, it's cheaper to mail them all.

Division 4: Art Bumpus reported that finances are good; the October train show was good. Division 4 is starting the *Martha Newberry Structure Award*. Ms. Newberry won best of show in the MCR 2011 Contest at Geneva-On-The-Lake and recently passed away. She was an excellent structure builder and embroiderer.

Division 5: Dave Neff reported that membership is steady and that finances are good. The recent train shows was good. About 40% of members attend meetings; they are trying a new format with the business part of the meeting at the end. The HO and N modules are successful. The Division is partnering with Juvenile Diabetes; they raffled off 15 1 year memberships.

Division 6: William Connell reported that membership and finances are steady. Meeting attendance has increased slightly due to the addition of clinics and road trips including an upcoming bus trip to Cincinnati. The Division has added a Media Coordinator. The newsletter continues to improve, still mailing 45 copies.

Division 7: Randy Kerka reported that membership increased by 39 to 330 since the first of the year. The finances are better due to improved car projects, flea market, and train show. An effort is being made to make meetings more interesting to a wide range of interests; this will be reflected in an improved clinic program. The newsletter is still the Division's single biggest expense.

Division 8: Mark Norman reported that membership and finances are slightly improved, the

Division has received 502-c3 status. The new swap meet venue is very successful.

Division 9: Bob Weinheimer reported that membership is down slightly but that meeting attendance is still high. Finances are good. Meetings are held at a central location and around the Division at Portsmouth, OH and Parkersburg and Bluefield, WV. AP activity is high with 7 certificates earned since the last board meeting. The newsletter continues to improve; it is distributed electronically with only 8 snail mail recipients.

Division 10: Pete Birdsong reported that membership, finances, and meeting attendance are all up. The University of Kentucky is offering programs railroad education programs at all levels.

Division 11: Paul Kurutz reported that membership is up and finances are stable. They meet at members' homes. The recent train show sold out table space and had record attendance. They are updating their web site. They also made a trip to the East Broad Top last year.

Old Business

2012 Convention: Susan Werner reported that there are 278 total registrants at the convention as of the time of the board meeting.

2013 Convention: Ray Baldwin reported that convention planning is on schedule, monthly committee meetings will start in July. The hotel is booked. Non-rail clinics are lacking. There are 17 operating layouts including 2 that will be in the hotel. The convention will open Wednesday.

2014 National Convention: Chuck Klein reported that convention planning is on track, registration fees and the like will be available after the 2013 *Grand Rapids Convention*. Tour planning is underway; they are also seeking strong clinics.

Clinician Database: This has been updated

Scott County, IN: Scott County, IN is now part of the Mid West Region.

Awards: The *Directors Award* and *Wenderfer Award* all had good candidates

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New Business

MCR Elections: These elections are next year and a Nominating Committee is needed.

Superintendent Breakfast: This event will be Sunday morning; the subject will be how to involve new members in the Divisions.

Erie County, PA: There is still nothing for the board to decide regarding the possible move of this county from the Niagara Frontier Region to the MCR.

Adams County, IN: This County is currently part of MCR Division 3, but is very close to Ft. Wayne, IN. The one member living in this county wishes it to be reassigned to the North Central Region and its Division in the Ft. Wayne area. MCR permission for this county to move was approved on a voice vote. There are several other counties in this part of Indiana that may be more appropriately moved the NCR but there are no members there asking for changes at this time.

Special Projects: President Dick Briggs reported that Tom Buehler is looking into a new laser cutting provider. He is also review our way of handling

these projects. In one scenario, Tom would generate the drawings, provide them to the laser cutter, then do all kit packaging. Dick suggested we try one small project to determine if this idea is feasible. If there are no objections (there were none voiced) then Dick will pursue this approach.

Good of the Order

Member Gregg of Division 2 provided maps of the MCR showing Division boundaries county by county.

Randy Dettmer noted that several Divisions had uncontested officer elections. Is it necessary to incur the cost of elections in such cases? It turns out that MCR Regulations would need to be changed to allow this. Also, it would be necessary for the *Division Nominating Committee* to document that it had made a good faith effort to find multiple candidates.

NMRA President Mike Brestel reported that of the 12 counties in east central Indiana (see Adams County, IN under New Business) that are now part of Division 3, there are 13 members.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 PM



NMRA President, Mike Brestel, introduces the eleven Master Model Railroads attending the MCR 2012 Convention Banquet.

15–18 May 2013
 Operations Dayton
 MCR 2013 Convention
 Dayton Ohio
www.mcr2013convention.com

13–20 July 2014
 NMRA Cleveland 2014
 NMRA National Convention
 Cleveland, Ohio
www.2014cleveland.org

Best in Show at
HIGHLINE to Pittsburgh

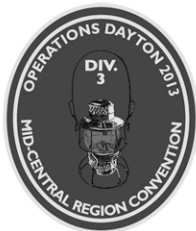


Best in Show – Photograph



Best in Show – Model

HIGHLINE to Pittsburgh Contest Winners are available at:
http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/conventionFold/2012_convention/12_Index.html



Operations Dayton Ohio 2013 May 15th - 18th



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Door Prizes, White Elephant Sale, Garden Railroads, Packard Museum,

Kings Island and MUCH MORE! A Truly Family Friendly Event!

For More Information along with Clinic and Tour updates go to our web site:

www.mcr2013convention.com/

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Mid-Central Region Calendar

29 July – 4 August 2012

Grand Rails 2012
 NMRA National Convention
 Grand Rapids, MI
www.gr2012.org

6–9 September 2012

Empire Junction '12
 Syracuse, NY
<http://empirejunction.org>

October 2012

Mid-Central Region Board of Director's Meeting
 to be announced

15–18 May 2013

Operations Dayton
 MCR 2013 Convention
 Dayton Ohio
www.mcr2013convention.com

14–20 July 2013

Peachtree Express
 NMRA National Convention
 Atlanta, GA
www.nmra2013.org

13–20 July 2014

NMRA Cleveland 2014
 NMRA National Convention
 Cleveland, Ohio
www.2014cleveland.org

Open House? Train Show? Contact The MCR WEB Master to add an event to *The Kingpin* and the MCR WEB Site calendar.

This issue of the *Kingpin* was delayed due to unforeseen problems for the publisher and the weather. DON