

The Kingpin



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From the President's desk...

Fall is upon us and it's time for your favorite football team to get serious about the season in front of them. It is also the season for model railroading to again be reenergized. November is *Model Railroading Month* so it is time to dust off the tools and get back to building our miniature empires.

The fall Board of Directors meeting is behind us and we are looking forward to the activities scheduled for the rest of the year and beyond. The Divisions are all busy with great activities on their schedules and I encourage you to attend an upcoming meeting in your area this fall. If you are not sure where or when, let me know and I will put you in touch with your Division Superintendent.

We are looking forward to the upcoming election of Regional Officers. I encourage all of you to cast your vote on the ballot included in the next issue of the *Kingpin*. Also included in that issue will be the registration and information packets for what sounds like a truly great convention in Dayton,

Ohio, hosted by our friends in Division 3. We are also looking for a few volunteers to serve on the MCR Audit Committee. The Region needs to audit the Treasurer's books prior to handing them over to the next administration at the *MCR 2013 Convention*.

Lastly, an unacceptably large number of our members are not receiving the *Kingpin* and possibly other communications from the NMRA National Office or their Division. It is most important that you update your changes of mail address and e-mail address with the national headquarters. We do not want to lose contact with our members. If you know someone who is not receiving newsletters or the *NMRA Magazine*, ask them if they have moved and forgotten to update their information. We also have a problem with the lucky "snowbirds" as the USPS does not forward our bulk mailings. I suggest that those lucky folks try to check the Region Website for upcoming events, particularly Regional Convention information. Happy Modeling!

Dick Briggs, MMR,
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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.)

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

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



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National Model Railroad Association

Mid-Central Region Board of Directors Meeting

September 23, 2012, Columbus

The Mid-Central Region Board of Director's Meeting (BOD) was held at Schmidt's Restaurant in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 12:58 PM. All attendees introduced themselves then the roll was taken. All officers were present and all Divisions except Division II were represented by their Superintendents. Committee managers present were Contest, Membership, *Kingpin*, and Webmaster.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2012 BOD Meeting as distributed to board members prior to the meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted to board members prior to the meeting. Treasurer Paul Smith noted that our assets have increased by about \$1233 since the current officers took office in mid 2009.

Vice President's Report

Merlyn Jarman circulated a roster of Division officers and key personnel for correction. He also reported that he has updated the Clinician Database and asked for any additions and corrections.

Committee Reports

Membership: Paul Novak reported that while most Divisions' membership is stable,

Division 7 has grown significantly. Paul also asked that the distribution list for Division membership lists be kept current.

Contest: Howard Smith reported that there were 91 models and 83 photos entered in the contest at the *2012 Spring Convention*. Twenty of those received merit awards. Howard also noted that a model that was judged at 109 points at the MCR Convention scored 105 points at the recent National Convention, a good reflection on MCR judging. Howard is also looking for contest judges.

Achievement Program: Frank Koch reported, in absentia, that the first ten months of 2012 have been a good time for the AP program in the MCR. Twenty members earned AP certificates and two new Master Model Railroaders were recognized: Larry Kline and Ron Bribler. Full details are in Frank's written report.

Kingpin: Don Wilke reported that the deadline for the fall issue is October 1. The winter issue, containing convention information, officer candidate information, and ballots, has a deadline of December 15. There are numerous bad addresses in the NMRA records, Division Superintendents are asked to update these.

Web Site:

Don Wilke

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reported that the updated Clinician Database will be posted to the web site. He also noted that effective September 24 there will be a new password for the Officer Archives.

Nominations: Wil Davis reported that there is one candidate for President, Vice President, and Treasurer and two for Secretary. Bob Fink will be the Election Teller. Nominations close December 1, all petitions must be received by that time.

Division Reports

Full written reports are on the MCR Officers WEB Site, these comments are summaries of oral reports made at the meeting.

Division 1: Current membership is 99, finances are solvent, newsletter being sent to every active member in the Division. A new WEB Site is coming and the module group is very active.

Division 2: The Division is solvent and membership is about constant. Meetings are usually held at clubs, these clubs have been holding their own in spite

of the tough times. *Highline to Pittsburgh* was successful. Achievement Program is active, there are now 3 MMRs in the Division 2. The newsletter is published 10 times per year and is available on the WEB Site.

Division 3: The Division's membership holds steady around 160. *2013 Convention* planning is coming right along. The Division will hold another *Model Railroad Training Day* in January. The Division's biggest activity is its *November Train Show* with over 5000 attendees last year.

Division 4: The Division's membership and finances are slightly improved over the past year. The various outreach programs are doing well.

Division 5: Membership and finances are stable. *Promotional Day*, November 3, is an event to teach various skills, there is no charge. The Division has a new meeting site and has changed the meeting agenda to have the clinic first followed by the business meeting. A projection camera for hands on clinics can be had for

\$69. -----
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The Kingpin

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or

[Kingpin Publisher](#): Don Wilke

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Division 6: The Division’s membership is down slightly, finances are good. Meeting attendance is about the same as last reported, there were two joint meetings with Division 9. A bus trip to *Entertainment Junction* was successful.

Division 7: Division membership is up by 59 this year to about 330. The Division is running a budget surplus for the year. Promotion for the annual train show has shifted from a heavy dependence on mass media to modest newspaper advertising, targeted mailings, and hobby shop flyers. A New Member Ambassador has been named and makes sure all Division meeting attendees wear a name badge. The newsletter has been going electronic but about 150 are still being mailed. Unfortunately, reducing that number will increase costs due to the economics of bulk mailing permits.

Division 8: The Division is alive and well. The gentleman who had provided printing services for the Division at no cost has passed away, so they will have an additional expense with a new printer. Membership is 144. A recent meeting at a club in Radcliffe, Kentucky resulted in six new members. The Division train show had to move back to its earlier location but hopes to return to the Convention Center (site of the 2007 *MCR Contention*.) for next year.

Division 9: Membership is about 60 and holding, the Division has very good meeting attendance with 20 plus at most meetings and at least half the members attending one or more meetings per year. Finances are good, a raffle covers most newsletter costs. Meetings are held around the Division including Portsmouth, Ohio, and Parkersburg and Bluefield, West Virginia. Starting in January, the main meeting site will be the St. Albans, West Virginia, C&O Depot. Achievement Program activity continues at a high level. The newsletter is produced monthly, all but nine members receive it electronically. The rest are printed at home and mailed first class.

Division 10: Division finances are good. Elections were held recently and Lou Jaquith will be the new

Superintendent. The Division will host a class in *Model Railroading 101* as part of a program on lifelong learning at the University of Kentucky. The Division will present a proposal to host the 2015 *MCR Convention*.

Division 11: Superintendent Roland Miller reported, in absentia, that membership holds steady and that finances are stable. They recently had a field trip to the *Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad*. Meeting attendance is 15 to 25 and are held at different members’ homes each month. The Jamboree was a big success with over 80 attendees.

Old Business

2012 Convention: A full report has been submitted. There were 280 total attendees. Clinics were on 75 minute headways which worked well, there were 28 speakers and 32 clinics. There were some issues with audio visual systems, these related to software issues. Operating sessions attracted 44 attendees. A few O scale convention kits are left. The handling of the contest results between the end of the contest and the banquet had some issues. The convention made about \$12,000.

2013 Convention: The convention will be in Dayton, May 15 to 18. Convention preparations are moving right along. There are currently 36 clinics and 6 non rail clinics, these are listed on the web site. Several tours are in the planning stages. The banquet will feature entrees with red meat, white meat, and no meat. Each is priced individually, the banquet form is on the web site. Registration will be \$60 after January, until then it is \$45. The Contest Manager worked closely with the Pittsburgh contest and learned many lessons that will be applied in Dayton. Several layouts will be open for operations and tours. Tony Koester will be the banquet speaker.

2014 National Convention: Planning is moving along well in conjunction with the NMRA National Office, online registration is now available. A meeting of the three host Divisions will be held September 27 to firm up contacts for clinics and tours. There are about 100

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and it truly does have something for the entire family.

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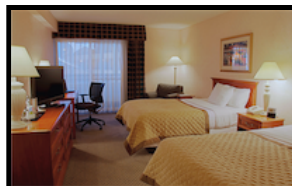
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ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THOSE WITH A
FLAIR FOR WORLDWIDE TASTE.*



Operations Dayton 2013

Early Registration Form

May 15-19 2013

Sponsored by

NMRA, Mid Central Region, Division 3

The Miami Valley Division



Primary registrant MUST be an NMRA member at time of Convention
(See fee for joining if you are not a member)

Primary Registrant Badge Name

NMRA Number Region Division

Address City State/Province

ZIP/ Postal Code Phone E-mail

Number of Persons Attending Names of others

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Early Basic Registration (Through Jan 31, 2013)		\$45.00	
6 month NMRA Rail Pass Membership (only needed if you are not currently an NMRA Member)		\$9.95	
Family Members (Same Household)		\$15.00	
		Total	

Note: sign up for special activities, tours and extra fare items will be sent out to all early registrants at a later date.
Activity assignment will be based on the order that the registrations are received.

Make checks payable to: NMRA MCR Division 3

Mail to: **Convention Registrar, Peter Guise**

231 Walnut Grove Drive, Centerville, OH 45458-4158

Phone (937) 371-2115

Email mcr2013registrar@gmail.com

Room reservations should be made directly with the convention hotels. Convention events are at the Wyndam Garden.

Wyndam Garden Dayton South, 31 Prestige Plaza Drive, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342 , Phone (937) 434-8030

www.wgdayton.com Rate is \$91 per night + applicable taxes. Reserve under group code **05156805NA**

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Dayton/South , 300 Prestige Place Miamisburg, Ohio 45342 Phone (937)436-2400

www.doubletree.com Rate is \$99 per night + applicable taxes. Reserve under group code **C-RRR**

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registrations after the Grand Rapids convention. A new family registration package is being offered. Volunteers are always needed. Starting after the *Atlanta 2013 Convention*, the magazines and other publications will be promoting the *2014 Cleveland Convention*. The new convention center will open in 2013 and should be through any shake down issues by the time of this convention. Dave Neff, Clinic Chair, will be using the MCR Clinician Database, those in the database should expect to hear from him requesting clinics. He asked that Divisions put a call for clinics in their newsletters.

Nominations: Nominations for the Directors Award and Wenderfer Award are coming up so please be thinking about this. An email will be sent requesting nominees.

New Business

2015 Convention: Pete Birdsong presented a proposal to hold the *2015 MCR Convention* in Lexington, Kentucky. This proposal was approved by the Board.

Region Boundary Changes: This program has been completed at the National level. A couple of MCR counties were moved to other Regions, but in all cases this made perfect sense. This was a tedious process that was well done.

Audit: As the MCR Treasurer is about to change, we need an Audit Committee.

Regulation Review: We need to review the MCR Regulations as a whole and to consider a change to allow election of officers by acclamation when the situation is appropriate.

Good of the Order

The *2013 Convention* cars will be a pair of Accurail Refrigerator cars, one wooden and one steel. They will be lettered for the *V&O* with MCRX reporting marks for Mid-Central Refrigerated Express. There will be three numbers for each car and one will be numbered 2013 for the convention. These are colorful cars and have never before been produced.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Robert M. Weinheimer, MMR
MCR Secretary



Denny LaMugusa' N Scale
Great Northern
Photo by: Pat Taylor



Miami Valley Modulars
Staging Area
Photo by: Pat Taylor



Dave Holls' Penn Valley
Photo by: Pat Taylor



Gerry Albers HO Virginia RR
Photo by: unknown

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Mid-Central Region Calendar

4 November 2012
Model Railroad Flea Market
 Division I
 Akron Yacht Club
 Akron, Ohio

11 May 2013
Steel is King Day
 Division 9
 Parkersburg, Wet Virginia

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17 May 2013
 Mid-Central Region Board of Director's Meeting
 Dayton, Ohio



14–20 July 2013
Peachtree Express
 NMRA National Convention
 Atlanta, GA
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NMRA Cleveland 2014
 NMRA National Convention
 Cleveland, Ohio
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Open House? Train Show? Contact The MCR WEB Master to add an event to *The Kingpin* and the MCR WEB Site calendar.