



The Kingpin

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Merlyn Jarman
MCR President

From the President's Desk.....

As I write this in late February, we are still very much in the grip of winter with many of us having experienced some real "snowmageddon" events in the last couple of months. Certainly, my snow blower earned its keep this winter and it ain't over yet! Oh well, just more time to spend model railroading when it's not great weather outside!

Spring Mid-Central Region Membership meeting on 6-14-14

We are getting closer to our Saturday, June 14th **MCR Membership meeting** to be held in **Marion, OH.** along with our friends at Division 6 in Columbus. We'll have more details for you as we get closer to this event and they will be published in a Kingpin issue before the meeting.

In any case, I hope you will make plans to attend as we invite you to enjoy some model railroading camaraderie, clinics by Division 6, a short MCR business meeting, and **TRAINS!** The busy crossing of NS and CSX at this location never disappoints, so bring your camera!

National Convention time not too far away-are you in?

We are fortunate to have the **N.M.R.A. National Convention** being held in our Region this year in nearby **Cleveland, OH. June 13-20th, 2014.** If you haven't already done so, make plans to attend this fine event sponsored by our hardworking friends in Divisions 1-4-5. They have a full program of clinics, model -prototype- general interest tours, "Modeling with the Masters" program, and other fun activities.

If you have never attended a National Convention-check this one out as the opportunity to totally immerse yourself in model railroading for a week of fun is just too good to miss out on. As well, there are plenty of activities for your spouse. Visit their website at: www.2014cleveland.org

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MCR Achievement Program

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Time to recognize those who have diligently worked to earn Achievement certificates towards their MMR:

MCR AP - Winter 2013-2014

Golden Spike Award

Dennis Coglianness, Div. 2

MCR AP Merit Awards

John Hemsath, Cars, Div.4

Lou Jacquith, Structures, Div. 10

Mark Wright, Structures, Div. 6

MCR AP Certificates

Larry K. Smith, Cars, Div. 10

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Charles Fackler, Cars, Div. 8

John Hemsath, Volunteer, Div. 4

Robert Belt, Electrical Engineer, Div. 10

William Connell, Electrical engineer, Div. 6

MCR Master Model Railroader**Larry K. Smith, MMR #527 (Div. 10)****Let there be light!**

Due to the generous contribution of (now) former Division 7 Superintendent, Randy Kerka, the Mid-Central Region now has it's own digital projector! This will be a great asset to use at Conventions, meeting presentations, and planning sessions for various MCR functions. Thank you, Randy, for helping us to "shed some light" on our group presentations-we will look forward to using this equipment at future events!

National news....**New European Division**

In case you hadn't heard, there are efforts underway to establish an N.M.R.A. Region in continental Europe. As many are aware, there is an N.M.R.A. British Region which is very active. Spearheaded by Nobby Clarke of the British Region, the new European Region would include modelers from Switzerland, Germany, Norway, Russia, the Netherlands, and Sweden. The petition to let this happen will be presented to the N.M.R.A. Board of Directors-all of sudden the N.M.R.A. will 'go global'!

Headquarters building sale redux

Much has been written about the sale of the (now) former N.M.R.A. building in Chattanooga, Tn. Although it served us somewhat well for many years, times have changed and it seems a fundamentally sound move that will take an underperforming material asset of our organization and turn it into monies that the N.M.R.A. can use to fund many current and future programs. The N.M.R.A. staff continues their work mostly uninterrupted by the move at a new office building location in the greater Chattanooga area.

EBay giving Works Program

Did you know that the NMRA participates in eBay's "Giving Works Program"? It allows eBay users to donate a portion of the proceeds from their sales items to their favorite charity. To participate and donate to the NMRA, simply specify "National Model Railroad Association" as your chosen charity. Just set a percentage of your final selling price to donate and eBay does the rest, you keep the difference. It doesn't even have to be model railroad or railroad memorabilia related items. Literally, anything you sell on eBay can have a portion of the proceeds donated directly to the NMRA.

To participate, just type <http://givingworks.ebay.com> and then enter "National Model Railroad Association" in the search box in the upper left hand corner-it's easy and worthwhile!

Got Show?

Don't forget to send your **train show or swap meet announcements** for your Division to our V.P. and Kingpin Editor, Bob Weinheimer, in order to get them posted on the **MCR Events page**. Many Divisions have Spring model railroad events, so let everyone know!

Stay well...Spring is right around the corner!

Best Regards,

Merlyn

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Bob Weinheimer MMR

I was very pleased by the positive response to the last issue of the Kingpin. A number of you took the time to say a few nice words and they are most appreciated. On the other hand, of the thousand or so email recipients of the email with the link to the Kingpin, only about 43% opened the email. Of that number about 10 chose to unsubscribe, saying in effect, I don't want your newsletter. Of course, if you are reading this you are already one of those who probably opened and read the last one and for that I am grateful.

One of the challenges of editing a newsletter such as this is to provide content. We do publish the minutes of the two Board of Directors meetings but that's as much a formality as anything, I never felt they made for exciting reading. The annual convention issue is usually full of good things but since we are hosting a National Convention and not a Regional Convention this year that content was missing.

With no Regional Convention this year I am sure you will be really looking forward to 2015. Bruce DeMaeyer of Division 10 in Lexington has sent along a description of what to expect. The issue that comes out around the first of 2015 will include full details. In the meantime, mark the dates and plan the trip to Kentucky.

We do have another nice another article from Tom Miller for you this time but we always need more. Do you have some modeling tip or technique to share? Have you taken a train trip recently? Tell us about it. Have you attended another NMRA region's convention? Tells us about it.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AND NEAR THE MID CENTRAL REGION

March 23, 2014	Carbon Model Railroad Society Train Meet	Palmerton PA	pdf flyer
April 4, 5, 6, 2014	9th Annual Collis P. Huntington Model Train and Toy Show	Institute, WV	flyer
April 6, 2014	Clinton Central MRC Train Meet	Mill Hall PA	pdf flyer
April 6, 2014	Medina Model Train & Toy Show	Medina OH	web site
April 6, 2014	Springfield Model Train Show	Springfield, OH	web page
April 12, 2014	Bucyrus Model Railroad Assoc.	Bucyrus, OH	web page
April 13, 2014	Beaver County SPRING Model RR Show	Monaca, PA	web page
April 20, 2014	Firelands Model Train and Toy Show	Sandusky, OH	web page
April 24-26, 2014	Central Ohio RPM Meet	Marion OH	facebook page
April 26, 2014	Division 2 Jamboree	Moon Twp PA	web page
May 1-4, 2014	PRRT&HS Annual Meeting	Camp Hill PA	web page
May 3, 2014	Sixth Annual Model Railroad Home Tour	Westmoreland County, PA	web page
May 3, 2014	Train Collectors Association - Spring Train Show	Parma, OH	web page
June 14, 2014	Mid Central Region Annual Meeting	Marion OH	See page 11
June 14, 2014	Mid Central Region BOD Meeting	Marion, OH	See page 11
July 12-13, 2014	Greenberg's Train & Toy Show	Monroeville PA	web page
July 13-20, 2014	NMRA National Convention	Cleveland OH	web site
July 18-20, 2014	National Train Show	Cleveland OH	web page
August 23, 2014	2014 N-Scale Weekend	Everett, PA	web page
August 23, 2014	Cleveland Back to School Train Show	Parma, OH	web page
September 21, 2014	Firelands Model Train and Toy Show	Sandusky, OH	web page
September 28, 2014	Penn - Ohio Model Railroaders 19th Annual Train & Toy Show	Sharon, PA	email
October 4-5, 2014	The Great Berea Train Show	Berea, OH	web page
October 11, 12, 2014	Division 7 Train Show	West Chester, OH	flyer
October 26, 2014	Medina Train and Toy Show	Medina, Ohio	web page
November 1, 2014	2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet	Kirtland, OH	web page
November 1-2, 2014	Dayton Train Show	Dayton, OH	web page
November 9, 2014	Dalton Train Show	Dalton, OH	web page
November 23, 2014	Christmas Train & Toy Show	Kirtland, OH	flyer
November 29, 2014	Train Collectors Association - Thanksgiving Train Show	Parma, OH	web page
November 30, 2014	Kittanning Train & Toy Show	Kittanning PA	map
December 7, 2014	Medina Train and Toy Show	Medina, OH	web page
December 14, 2014	Massillon Train & Toy Show	Massillon, OH	web page

If you have an item to add to this list, please send it to the editor at editor@midcentral-region-nmra.org.

**Thoroughbred Limited 2015
MCR Regional Convention
Lexington, Ky**

Bruce DeMaeyer – Chair 2015 NMRA MCR Convention

The Thoroughbred Limited 2015 Convention Committee is inviting members of the Mid Central Region to attend the Regional Convention in Lexington KY to be held May 14-17, 2015.



The convention activities will take place at the newly remodeled Campbell House. The hotel is currently undergoing a \$14 million renovation. A special convention rate (\$99) will be available for reservations sometime after December 1, 2014. And for those wanting to make this into a real vacation, the convention rate is good for three days before and after to convention.

We have a very detailed website and encourage you to visit it often during the next few months as we cement our plans for the clinics, tours, contest and Banquet. Visit us at:

<http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com/>

We will provide extra large clinic rooms with on-site audio/visual technical support, and the best of clinicians during the convention. The clinic rooms are all in close proximity to each other, and to the rest of the convention accommodations, with ample close-by restrooms.

There will be over 20 layouts available for you to visit. All will be self-guided so you can arrange your schedule accordingly.

We are planning a clinic/tour schedule that is as free of conflicts as possible, and multiple presentations of the same clinics where needed to avoid additional conflicts. We will also have three layouts open for operations.

Our extra fare planned prototype tours include a visit to the Transkentucky Transportation. (TII) maintenance facility in Paris KY. and the Toyota intermodal and auto-loading facility in Georgetown Ky.

We are planning a very special company store for you to buy and sell some outstanding products and we'll be raffling off a number of very impressive layout products all during the convention.

You'll be less than 2 miles (6 minutes) from the center of downtown Lexington, with wonderful restaurants, a great night life, historic Rupp Area for basketball fans, and many historic sites to visit, including Mary Todd Lincoln's home and the famous Henry Clay Estate. Enter the tranquility of Shaker Village in nearby Pleasant Hill or visit the Kentucky Horse Park, the largest such facility in the United States. So much to do, so little time. Spring is so beautiful in Kentucky. You might just want to consider taking advantage of the hotel's low rates for 3 days before and after the convention, and make this a family vacation that you will never forget.



With Charlie Getz as our banquet speaker, great clinics and tours, a super hotel facility at a great price and laid-back Southern Hospitality, I can assure you that you'll have a good time, and return home relaxed but full of enthusiasm and new ideas.

We are planning an extra fare guided tour of one of the most beautiful thoroughbred horse farms, and a guided tour of a world famous bourbon distillery, or you can see them all on an unguided Bourbon Trail tour (with free samples!).

On Friday afternoon, we will have an extra fare guided tour to the Bluegrass Scenic Railway and Museum in Versailles: We will be providing lunch, a tour and a train ride on their newly renovated historic main line to the Kentucky River

On Saturday afternoon, we will have an extra fare guided tour to Don Saager's 7.5" gauge layout in Stamping Ground, KY. This live steam layout features 4800' of track, a 180' S-curve trestle 22' high, and a 100' tunnel. Abundant locomotives and rolling stock are provided by Don and several other participants in the layout.

Want something really different? How about getting together with a few buddies and your camera, and check out our on-line Norfolk Southern ATCS traffic monitor in the hospitality room to see what's coming along their double-track main line at Virginia Avenue. Then drive a few blocks in towards town from the hotel on South Broadway Street. Approaching Virginia Avenue, you'll find several fast food restaurants and plenty of parking. After a quick lunch, walk down to Virginia Avenue, turn right and continue to the Virginia Avenue bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks. Get a few good live action shots, and head back to the hotel in time for the next clinic.



Enjoy meals in the Campbell House dining room, walk to lots of fast food restaurants nearby, or sample the many world class restaurants in downtown Lexington.

Lexington is a vibrant city with Southern charm and hospitality. We honor our heritage of horses, bourbon and history. Traditional? Maybe. But boring? Never!

We look forward to seeing everyone in the Bluegrass Country in May 2015

The Classic 2-10-0 Steam Locomotive FD 21-3000, Novosibirsk: Work-horse of the World War Era in Russia

By Tom Miller, Picture by the Author

The steam locomotives of Europe on and around World War II have always intrigued me. In visiting Europe and Russia including Novosibirsk Siberia, I was able to examine one of the power house engines of that period. The Steam locomotive FD 21-3000, Novosibirsk was a workhorse of the Soviet's during this period. Much like this 2-10-0 steam engine, this engine resembled locomotives popular in Europe, particularly in Germany and Britain during the same period. In Russia use of this type was confined to the period during and after World War II. In the United States, the 2-10-0 was not popular but was a favorite of a small number of railroads, mostly in mountainous terrain.

The 2-10-0's main advantage was that five out of six of its axles were powered, meaning almost all the weight was available for traction rather than being distributed over pilot and trailing wheels. The long rigid wheelbase caused problems on tightly curved track, so blind drivers were the norm, either on the central axle, and/or on the second and/or fourth axles. To accommodate this problem lateral motion devices were attached to the leading drive axle. The wheel arrangement's disadvantages included that the firebox size restriction caused by the lack of trailing wheel. Thus the firebox was fitted in between the wheels and was long and narrow. It would be mounted above the driving wheels, and was wide and long but shallow. Several versions of this locomotive chose the latter option. A firebox mounted over the drivers restricted the diameter of the driving wheels, which in turn limited speed. The 2-8-0, "chopping" at speed ensured a rough ride for the crew due to instability caused by the wheel arrangement. Most 2-10-0s were not operated at speeds greater than 50 mph (80 km/h).

The powerful 2-10-0 locomotive was a solid workhouse freight locomotive in the former Soviet Union. Interesting they came from several sources including US imports built by ALCO and Baldwin, respectively. The 2-10-0 L (Lebedyanski)—series locomotives were one of the more advanced steam locomotives built in the former Soviet Union. They used an automatic stoker to feed coal and had a relatively low axle load (18 tons or 40,000 lb) to be compatible with the war-torn railroads of the Soviet Union at that time.

The 2-10-0 arrangement was a very popular one in Germany. The first were built by the individual state railways from 1915 to 1918, and these later became the DRG BR58. The DRG then produced a number of standard classes of 2-10-0s: the heavy 3-cylinder BR44 (1753 built), the two-cylinder version BR43 (35 built), and the lightweight BR50 (3164 built). During wartime, the BR44 and BR50 designs were simplified as ÜK (Übergangs Kriegslokomotiven, or interim war locomotives). By 1941, it was clear that even these were too complicated, expensive, time-consuming to build, and used too much of materials in



short supply, so new Kriegslokomotive (war locomotive) designs were developed; the lightweight BR52 (6161 built) and the intermediate weight BR42 (844 built). Postwar locomotives of these types, particularly the BR 52, were spread all over Europe and were taken into service by the railways of many different countries including France, Belgium and Austria. Examining the powerhouse Steam locomotive FD 21-3000, Novosibirsk in Siberia Russia was a dream fulfilled for a classic trains enthusiast.

NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE
Chuck Klein and Jerry Krueger
Co-Chairs 2014 NMRA Convention

The Cleveland Convention Committee is inviting members of the Mid Central Region to attend the NMRA National Convention in Cleveland July 13 – 19, 2014.

The convention activities will take place at the new Cleveland Convention Center. Lodging for the convention will be at two magnificent downtown hotels. The Renaissance is just blocks from the Convention Center and the Marriott Key Tower is just steps away from the Convention Center. The special convention rate (\$139) will be available for reservations sometime after January 1, 2014.

The Committee has been working hard to put an exciting program together for conventioners. We have just recently put the schedule together for clinics and tours. This will appear in the February issue of NMRA magazine.

There will be 80 layouts available, many will be self guided so you can arrange your schedule accordingly. Highlight of layout tours are several club layouts. The Cuyahoga Valley and Westshore was featured in recent NMRA magazine. The Youngstown Model Railroad Club will be featured in an upcoming NMRA magazine article and the Sebring Model Railroad Club also will be featured in a spring edition of Model Railroader Magazine.

We will have numerous clinicians on varied model railroading themes, a number of historical and prototype presentations plus some new hands on clinics. We will have some nationally know model railroaders who will be giving clinics for the first time at a National Convention. Operation Road Show will teach us how to operate our layouts using Time Table and Train Orders.

The tour schedule will be a no repeat schedule. The varied prototype and general tours include a visit to the General Electric Diesel plant in Erie, PA., The AC&J Railroad in Ashtabula and a ride on the local RTA light and heavy rail system with a visit to the maintenance shops.

For those interested in steel, take a visit to Charter Steel or Reichard Industries where bottle cars are built and reconditioned. In addition to a ride on the Cuyahoga Scenic Railway, we will visit their maintenance shops and one evening the wives and husbands can take a relaxing dinner ride on the train. A couple of walking tours are also being offered. Visit the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank which has one the largest vault doors in the world. Built in the 1920's this architecture represented the power and security of the United States. See Cleveland from the 42nd floor observation deck of the Terminal Tower. This is part of the original Cleveland Union Terminal built by the Van Swearingen brothers.

The most popular tour will be the Ages of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek, OH. This is a private facility owned by Jerry Jacobson. It is not open to the general public and accessed by invitation only. The Cleveland Convention Committee was fortunate to receive an invitation. This will be a limited number of guests tour. A number of these tours will sell out early. Sign-up now before the February insert comes out. Go to the web site www.2014cleveland.org/.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Cleveland, OH this coming July.

NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE

March 6, 2014

To members of the Mid-Central Region this convention report is to update you on what is happening. If you have not registered for the Cleveland Convention we strongly recommend you do so as soon as is possible. The block of rooms at the Marriott Hotel are sold out for the week. There may be some rooms from Thursday on. The Renaissance Hotel as of this writing still has plenty of rooms.

Some prototype and general interest tours are sold out but we still have plenty of interesting tours still available.

The clinic schedule is just about set and will appear on the website soon. We have a number of hands on clinics some for a modest extra fare. We believe these will be very popular, another reason to register ASAP.

Layout tours are posted with anxious owners to show off their accomplishments. The OPSIG group has layouts and times posted on the website.

All activities will take place at the magnificent new Cleveland Convention Center. Operation Road Show will have plenty of room to operate in. Contest room will have room for lots of models. We will have a room for those who want to bring models for display only. We expect a number of RPM modelers to show off their work.

The convention will have plenty of room for the silent auction. With a buy it now feature. So clean out those excess train items this is the perfect place to sell them.

The ladies luncheon will be an interesting off site event with a visit to Petities Garden Center. The banquet will feature a menu taken from dinning car recipes. Our speaker is Ted Goodman architect of Jerry Jacobson's roundhouse in Sugar Creek Ohio.

Don't forget some of the convention merchandise available on the website. Merchandise is pre-order only with pickup at the convention.

See everyone July 13-19 in Cleveland.

Regards

Chuck Klein

Jerry Krueger

Co-Chairs Cleveland Convention.

AROUND THE REGIONS

Editor's note: All Division Superintendents were invited to contribute to this column, if there is nothing here about your Division mention it to your Superintendent.

Division 3 Wil Davis, Superintendent

In addition to our regular meetings with contests and interesting and informative programs, we have two activities which stand out.

The first is our annual train show in November. This nearly 40 year tradition continues to be a success with attendance as high as 5000. We have 427 dealer tables and layouts in all scales from "G" to "Z". One thing that indicates the overall success is that this year all of the tables for 2014 have been sold and there is a waiting list. They usually sell out early, but this is a new record.

The second is our Model Railroad TRAINing event. This was the third year and features free admission, "open" clinics (where the presenter sits at a table and talks to whoever show up and asks questions), to more traditional presentations on a subject using Power Point presentations. This year we added something new with the construction of a 4ft x 4ft HO layout. We were inspired by the National's "Build a Memory" program and used a slightly simplified version of that track plan. The difference was that we didn't just talk about how to do it, we did it and invited the attendees of all ages to participate.

The session started with the construction of the frame and progressed to laying the track with the bulk of the day spent on scenery. (I am not sure what the younger ones liked the most, driving screws with my drill or driving the track nails.) One of the youngsters stayed all day. He was really involved with the scenery, and he did a great job. Everyone who participated received a ticket which was placed in a container and a lucky winner was selected to take the layout home. We also succeeded in signing up four new members.

This was a "fly by-the seat of the pants" activity as we had not attempted anything like this before. We learned a lot and I think everyone is eager to do it again next year. The division put up \$200 seed money (we didn't spend it all) and solicited donations of supplies from three local hobby shops and two manufacturers (Woodland Scenics and True Scene - Fusion fiber). All were very generous with their support. We used a Bachmann starter set and the division purchased additional track. Some division members donated structures and vehicles along with those donated by the hobby shops.

Everyone appeared to have a great time and overall the event was a resounding success. We had great support from the division members who worked hard to make this event a success. We have handed out survey sheets each year, and even though they aren't all returned, they have all been positive in their responses. Of the ones that were returned this year the respondents were very appreciative of the efforts we expended. They said they were made to feel welcome and appreciated people taking the time to talk to them and show them how to do things. A couple of the participants especially appreciated the way we interacted with their sons. All in all a great success!

Division 6

Division 6 Bob Lee, Superintendent

Our membership has leveled out around 162 total. We gain a few and lose a few.

Our financial status has remained the same since last reported. We hope the 2016 Convention will enhance the coffers.

Our meeting attendance has dropped due to the weather conditions we had this winter. However spring is on the horizon and we have a good schedule of things to do to improve figures.

We have 4 AP Awards recipients: Matt Goodman received a Merit Award for his N&W Caboose; John Retterer re-

ceived a Merit Award for his Maintenance of Way Tool Car; Michael Wolf received 2 AP Certificates for Model Railroad Engineer Electrical and Chief Dispatcher and Marla Wright received a Merit Award for a Miner's Cabin. Division 6 has new Officers coming on board in June: Super-Bill Connell; Asst. Super Greg Clark; Clerk-Dexter Hill and Pay Master-Paul Farley.

The Super's Signal newsletter will soon go electronic and we will mail post cards to all members as a reminder of the meetings and events happenings.

Do to the National Convention in Cleveland this year we will host the MCR's annual membership/ BOD meeting along with Div.6/Div.9 joint Division meeting at Marion, Ohio in June.

**Division 9
Bob Weinheimer**

Division 9 keeps moving right along. We just elected new officer who will take up their new roles at our May meeting. Gary Burdette, MMR will be the new Superintendent while Dan Mulhearn will be the new Assistant Superintendent. Our clerk, an appointed officer, will continue to be Jerry Doyle.

Our home base, the C&O St. Albans Depot, suffered some cold weather pipe freeze problems that have not yet been fully repaired but we held our February and March meetings at yet another passenger train station. Division member Matt Crouch is the Station Master for Amtrak's Charleston, WV station. We meet on Saturdays when the Cardinal does not operate through Charleston so the meeting does not interfere with business.



MID CENTRAL REGION ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 14, 2014

MARION, OHIO

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

CLINICS

DIVISIONS 6 AND 9 JOINT MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LOTS OF TRAINS AT A REAL HOT SPOT!





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