



The Kingpin

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Merlyn Jarman
MCR President

From the President's Desk.....

As I write this column, the holidays are in full swing and thoughts turn to model trains at many public locations for all to see. Among many locations here in greater Cincinnati, we have model trains at our Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati Zoo, and the Krohn Conservatory to name a few. I'm sure you can think of many locations like this in your area-too bad we can't see these all year round!

From the Region.....

Fall 2014 BOD meeting

Division updates:

At the recent Mid-Central BOD meeting held in late September, all Divisions reported in on their current Division activity. All are in solid financial positions and many are either sponsoring fall train shows or planning for upcoming holiday model train displays. Several Divisions reported on their continuing model railroad youth programs with the Boy Scouts or 4H organizations. Division 5 is sponsoring a "how-to" model railroad program at a community college venue. Division 9 hosts a "MADD" (Modeling artifacts, display, and discussion) program for their members to learn more about modeling. A couple of the Divisions have run member bus trips to visit MCR member's layouts or prototype railroad attractions. Division 10 continues with their planning for the Spring 2015 MCR convention. Greg Short is the new Superintendent of Division 6 in Columbus. Division 4 has seen growth in their membership propelled through the recent NMRA National Convention held in Cleveland.

MCR Regulations:

Also at the BOD meeting, final revisions were made to the MCR Regulations to address issues relating to election of Division and Region Officers, defining duties for the MCR Advisory Council, clarification for exhibits and contests held at general membership meetings, and definition of quorum needed for MCR BOD meetings. This has been a "work in progress" for the past two BOD meetings, but is now mission accomplished and posted for your viewing on the MCR website.

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Upcoming MCR Conventions....signed up for Lexington yet?

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Our friends at Division 10 in Lexington are well into their planning for the upcoming Spring 2015 Mid-Central Region convention to be held May 14th-17th, 2015 in Lexington, KY. The “**Thoroughbred Limited**” Convention Team has a wonderful slate of prototype and general interest tours that will please almost any interest. This includes prototype tours at Norfolk Southern’s Toyota auto loading facility and TTI’s operations in Paris, KY. As well, there is a special private tour of a first class horse farm. Of course, they will also have layout tours, operating sessions, and a complete schedule of clinics. Center of operations will be the beautifully remodeled Campbell House hotel in the heart of Lexington. Sign up now and come on down to Bluegrass Country for a lot of fun! (Learn more at www.thoroughbredlimited2015.yloosite.com)

Right behind the 2015 Convention, the folks at Division 6 in Columbus are planning their 2016 MCR Spring Convention—“**Rails to the Capitol**” to be held in Dublin, OH. in late April, 2016.

Spring 2015 MCR elections:

Election of new MCR Officers will be held this spring. Candidate information and an official ballot are in this issue of the “Kingpin”. Please vote and support these candidates, they are willing to offer their time and talents to serve you, the MCR members!

NMRA Director at Large position

Speaking of elections, our very own Bob Weinheimer is running for a positon of NMRA Director-at-Large on the NMRA Board of Directors. I hope you’ll consider supporting Bob’s candidacy for this position.

Region structure kit project:

Dick Briggs continues to work with our kit manufacturer on bringing out the MCR schoolhouse structure kit that will be produced in HO and O scale versions. We are waiting for plastic brick sections to arrive and then get our kit into the laser cutting queue for manufacturing-packaging-labeling before being shipped to us. We are hoping for an early Feb. 2015 release.

Other MCR news...

Updated MCR Contest rules:

Dick Briggs, MMR, our Region Contest Chairman provided updated Region Contest Guidelines with information on the Region’s role in administering model and photos contests run at our Region Conventions.

EduTRAIN

MCR Education Chairman Tom Miller and MCR EduTRAIN representative Dave Neff provided an update on the development of NMRA’s EduTRAIN clinic programs.

Achievement Program

Frank Koch, our Region Achievement Program Chairman, reported 17 merit awards, 3 achievement certificates, and 1 Golden Spike award that have been issued through September 2014. Several MCR members are within striking distance of receiving their Master Model Railroader award!

As of September, 2014 MCR membership stands at 1,678 members.

More information on all of the above is available on the MCR website.

In closing.....

I hope you will take some time to re-connect with childhood memories of trains or create some new ones with your kids or grandkids this holiday season. Peace be with you and your families during this magical time of the year.

Best Regards,
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End of the line....

With great sadness we must report that long time Mid-Central Region member Jerry Ashley of Louisville, KY. took his final journey on December 7, 2014. In his work-life, Jerry was a Terminal Operator for Chevron USA. In model railroading, he was a long-time member of the Kentucky and Indiana model railroad club and accomplished his goal to achieve the Master Model Railroader award becoming MMR #411. Jerry was a former Superintendent of Division 8 in Louisville as well as past President of the Mid-Central Region. We shall all miss Jerry's wit, encouragement, and contributions to our hobby.

A Word From the Editor

In the last issue we shared many photos of MCR members who won awards at the Cleveland convention. As hard as I tried, I did overlook one member's good work. Randy Seiler of Division 7 won 3rd Place in the Photo contest, Color Models category, with a photo of a NYC locomotive on Division 7 member Gerry Albers' layout. Randy told me he wrote not so much to blow his own horn, but to blow the horn of his Division. Congratulations to Division 7 and Randy for doing so well in the contest.

Speaking of contests, Division 2 member Dennis Vaccaro took home some awards from the Mid-Eastern Region convention held in Hagerstown, MD in October. Dennis won first place Steam, the New Modeler Award, and the Clyde L. Gerald Award for the best kitbash for his kitbashed 2-6-2 tender engine made from a Railway Recollections resin kit. The other model, another kitbashed steam engine, won second place at the convention. If this one sounds familiar, it took third place at the Cleveland convention. By the way, both models earned merit awards.. Keep up the good work!

A printed version of this newsletter is being sent to all MCR members as it contains convention coverage as well as an election ballot. This is amore complete version containing BOD meeting minutes, and EDUtrain item, and and Division 6 kit announcement. Only the ballot in the printed version will be accepted for the election.

As promised in the printed version, here are links to the MCR convention web site and the MCR contest form. Note that only the MCR contest entry form will be accepted, those from National will not be accepted. Printed copies will be available at the convention.

Convention web site: [click here](#)

MCR Contest entry form: [click here](#)

**National Model Railroad Association Mid-Central Region
Board of Directors Meeting September 28, 2014**

The meeting was held at Schmidt's Restaurant, Columbus on September 28, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Merlyn Jarman at 12:20 PM. Present at the meeting were the President Merlyn Jarman, Vice President Bob Weinheimer, Secretary Art Bumpus, and Treasurer Jerry Doyle. Superintendents attending, included Divisions 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,10 and representatives Jerry Doyle for Division 9 and Dale Smith from Division 5. Division 11 was absent. The Contest Manager and Special Projects Chairman Dick Briggs, Membership Chairman Paul Novak, and Webmaster Don Wilke were also in attendance. The Achievement Program, Education, and Nominating Chairs were absent.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$30,399.56.

The Vice President reported that 61% of the electronic version of the Kingpin was opened. This issue included 31 pages with many pictures. Without a paper version to be mailed, the electronic version can have unlimited length without the issue of postage costs. The next issue of the Kingpin will be sent via US mail because of elections. After the first of 2015, an electronic version of the Kingpin will include material that could not be included in a paper version. Region members are encouraged to submit articles for the E version which will count toward meeting the Achievement Program requirements for Author.

Committee Reports:

Membership was reported as 1,580 in August 2013, and 1,678 in August 2014.

Contest Chair, Dick Briggs, reported he visited Division 10 to provide technical assistance for judging. He expressed a desire to also provide technical assistance for other Divisions in order to promote judging consistency and uniformity.

The Achievement Program was reported as having its most activity in Divisions 4 and 9.

Webmaster, Don Wilke reported that the National contest winners will soon be posted to the website.

For the Edu-Train program, Merlyn Jarman reported a Powerpoint and video presentations library will be available in the future for download from the NMRA website. Potential Edu-Train clinics were presented at the Cleveland National Convention. As more clinic presentations become available, they will be added to the library.

Division Reports:

All Divisions reported that their finances were stable and membership was steady, or rising.

Division 1 - Reported that their Division count is now at 148. IRS questions regarding their 501c3 application are projected to reach finalization by 12/31/2014.

Division 2 – Outreach efforts to increase membership are accomplished through the Boy Scout annual jamboree program and manning of tables at train shows. Last January, Division 2 transported and set up modules in Pittsburgh for the benefit of visiting Australian youth. The “Aussies” brought photo production equipment to capture the event “on film”. The activity was worthwhile, with one caveat. Transporting modules from a warm home environment for transport in the cold wreaks havoc on modules.

Division 3 – One of the excursions held by Division 3 was a trip to RJ Corman. The Division’s Train show is being re-organized due to the past chairman having to step down. Seven new individuals are picking up activities to run the train show.

Division 4 – For at least the next 6 months, Division 4 will be the largest Division in the Region. This is due to Cleveland hosting the National Convention in July. The challenge now is to engage an influx of Rail-Pass newbies in an attempt to see them continue as NMRA members. The Division newsletter is now in electronic format only. This allows for an expanded newsletter without any postage cost issues. It was recommended that model railroaders attend

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modeling displays put on by the International Plastic Modeler's Society. While they don't model railroad themes, their expertise at weathering and detailing can be useful to model railroaders. Continued from page 4

Division 5 – The Division will host a “how to” show in order to promote the hobby. This show will be held in conjunction with the Cleveland 2 rail “O” scale meet being held November 2, 2014 at Lakeland Community College.

Division 6 – There is a change in leadership with Greg Short the new superintendent of Division 6.

Division 7 – The treasurer has recommended, and the Division is now using new investment vehicles to maximize the return on its capital. The Division's primary revenue is through the use of flyers and the mailing of post cards to past show attendees.

Division 8 – The 2017 Regional Convention will be at the Galt House in downtown Louisville. Planning is underway for the event.

Division 9 – Jerry Doyle described their MADD (modeling artifacts, display, and discussion) program. This is achieved through the use of hands-on clinics.

Division 10 – Rick Cobb indicated they were preparing for the Lexington Convention. See Convention Report below.

Division 11 – The Division is financially stable and membership is slowly rising.

Old Business:

Conventions:

2014 Cleveland National Convention – A BIG success, with approximately 1,150 registrants. Members are urged to read President Charlie Getz's comprehensive summary about the convention in the NMRA.org magazine.

2015 Lexington, Kentucky – The Campbell House, a newly renovated hotel, will be the convention site. The room rate is \$99.00. Registration will be open by October 7th. Payment may be made through Pay Pal, or send a check. There is no code for reserving your room at the hotel. The convention committee is supposed to notify the hotel that you are registered and will be staying at the hotel. The NS and TTI (Toyota Auto Loading facility) prototype tours are limited to 28 people, so register early. Layout tours are set, with approximately 20 layouts on tour. Thirty clinicians will be presenting 45 different clinics.

2016 Columbus Convention – Embassy Suites will be the convention hotel, 4/28/2016 to 5/1/2016. The room rate is \$129.00 and includes breakfast, managers snacks, and afternoon beverages (libations). Prototype tours include the Denison Railroad Museum and the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek. There will be 70 clinician slots, prototype modeling, and general interest tours, as well as layout tours.

MCR Manufacturers liaison position:

The Region still has this position open. Anyone who has contacts with manufacturers is urged to contact Merlyn Jarmann.

Update of MCR regulations:

At the last BOD meeting in June 2014, the BOD approved numerous changes to the MCR regulations including the incorporation of past approvals, making changes to include the names of positions and thusly eliminating references to “him” and “her”, and certain substantive changes. Upon further review, it was identified that other items in the regulations were also in need of modification for clarity, addition of essential responsibilities, and deletion of certain subjects no longer relevant to BOD meetings. Pursuant to BOD review and discussion, a motion was made by Division 7 Superintendent Bob Shreve and seconded by Division 1 Superintendent Randy Dettmer to adopt the changes and updates to the Mid Central Region (MCR) Regulations as presented and discussed 9/28/2014. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

New MCR kit project:

Dick Briggs presented a prototype mock-up of a 30' x 40' one room school house. The structure will have a brick veneer. The simplicity of the building makes it an excellent structure for kit bashing and a structure Continued on page 6

that can represent many different uses. A quote from Mountaineer Precision Products forecasts the cost of the project at \$3,558.80 for 100 HO, 10 S, and 10 O scale kits. It will be marketed by the Region and Divisions in such a manner as to provide both with a profit. The kit is to be available for the 2015 Regional Convention. A motion was made by Division 2 Superintendent Mike Hohn and seconded by Division 7 Superintendent Bob Shreve to proceed with the project as presented by Dick Briggs. The motion passed unanimously.

Update of MCR Contest Rules:

Dick Briggs provided the BOD with a draft Regional Contest Guideline Proposal. The purpose of the proposal is to clarify responsibilities of the Division and Region. It also changes contest categories to match those used in NMRA National Contests. Feedback from the BOD will be incorporated for implementation at the 2015 convention.

Merlyn Jarman announced that Bob Fink is the chairman of the nominating committee and should be contacted for documentation on the roles and responsibilities of Regional BOD officers should any NMRA member wish to seek office.

The next Regional BOD meeting will be 5/15/2015 in Lexington.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Art Bumpus, Secretary MCR

EduTRAIN® is on Track and coming to the MCR
Tom Miller
Education Manager NMRA MCR

There is an emerging program on the horizon that the National Model Railroad Association wants you to hear about and considers an innovative step in the education arena. It is titled NMRA EduTRAIN® and is a program intended to help the NMRA better fulfill its charter objective of providing education and training for model railroaders. As conceived, it is intended to provide another reason for model railroaders of all skill levels to join the NMRA and consider participating in the NMRA Achievement Program.

While still in formation, information has been shared with Regional Education Managers about the EduTRAIN® project. There is in development a complete curriculum of re-usable turnkey clinics covering all aspects of model railroading from kit building to scenery, electricity and electronics, layout construction, scenery, and operation. NMRA EduTRAIN® clinics will include traditional presentations as well as demo labs and hands on (Make and Take) workshops where the primary objective is to teach. When fully implemented, NMRA EduTRAIN® will allow a model railroader to progress through all phases of model railroading, according to their interests, from novice to Master Model Railroader.

NMRA EduTRAIN® is being offered by the NMRA as a recommended practice, not a mandatory requirement. Once approved, clinics will be available through the NMRA to regions and divisions for presentation at official NMRA events. NMRA EduTRAIN® does not include or replace other informational clinics such as layout tours, travelogues, or general information on railroad practices at NMRA events. If you have a favorite clinic, NMRA EduTRAIN® does not render it obsolete. But if you have a clinic that does a particularly good job of teaching other modelers how to do something related to model railroading, AND you are willing to consider including it in the EduTRAIN® program, please contact Tom Miller NMRA MCR Education Manager at tom.miller@uconn.edu with a summary of your proposal.

The NMRA Education Department wants to encourage the formation of *Special Interest Groups (SIGs)* that have an educational perspective. A NMRA Special Interest Group (SIG) is an independent group of members organized to provide a forum for the exchange of prototype or model railroad information. According to NMRA, these SIGs could take several forms. Among such Special Interest Groups is an “NMRA-only” model railroad group with a focus on skilled model railroaders. A second model for a Special Interest Group would involve an open model railroad group. This SIG permits anyone to join regardless of NMRA membership status. The third form or kind of SIG focuses on Prototype model railroading. This SIG may explore Prototype railroad historical, technical, and restoration. Members of a prototype railroad group would not require individuals to be members of the NMRA, however the SIG Coordinator must be an NMRA member.

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The benefits of the NMRA SIG Program may include fellowship among interested model railroaders and encourage NMRA membership to interested individuals in the community who are not yet members of NMRA or our Mid-Central Region. Consider visiting the NMRA EduTRAIN® web site and learn more about this program still in developing but headed our way on track 1. All NMRA members are encouraged to stay in touch with the EduTRAIN® program by signing up for updates. The link for that sign-up is available on the EduTRAIN® website. That NMRA website is available at <http://www.nmra.org/edutrain>

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For Sale!

Division 6 MCR, NMRA, Inc. is offering a limited run, laser cut model of the **B & O RR**, station located in Grove City, OH for sale. The model is has a footprint of approximately 50' x 20' and is available in N, HO, S and O scales.

Prices for the models as follows:

N Scale \$25.00	HO Scale \$35.00	S Scale \$59.00	O Scale \$69.00
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Models can be purchased at any Division 6 meeting or by mail. Send your order with check or money order, payable to: **Division 6, MCR, NMRA Inc.** to **Division 6 Building Sales, 320 S Main St, Prospect, OH. 43342.** Include \$5.00 shipping charge per kit.

GROVE CITY, OHIO MIDLAND STATION

This building is currently located next to the Genesee & Wyoming RR track between Park and Grant streets on Front Street in downtown Grove City, Ohio. The building is owned by the Grove City Historical Society who plan to eventually relocate it to Century Park where it can be preserved and enjoyed by future generations.

When the Cincinnati, Midland City and Columbus RR built the station in about 1885 only the South end of the station housing the station agent and waiting room was completed. The freight room was added at a later date.

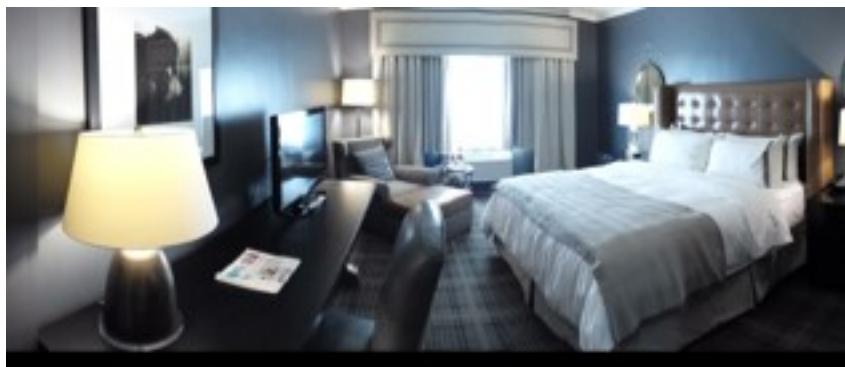
In 1891 daily passenger service was added between the then village of Grove City and Union Station in downtown Columbus to provide commuter service to the factory workers in the area surrounding the Union Station. Passenger service was discontinued in the 1950's. In 1891 the Baltimore and Ohio RR assumed operation of the Midland Route.



**The Thoroughbred Limited 2015 Convention Committee
Invites 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 has just completed a \$14 million renovation. A special convention rate (\$99) is now available for reservations and is available until April 12, 2015. And for those wanting to make this into a real vacation, the convention rate is good for three days before and after the 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 13 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 (TTI) 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

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and we'll be raffling off a number of very impressive layout products all during the convention.

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You'll be less than 2 miles (6 minutes) from the center of downtown Lexington, with wonderful restaurants, a great night life, historic Rupp Arena 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.

The Convention Hotel

The convention will be held in The Campbell House Hotel, 1375 S. Broadway in Lexington Kentucky. Hotel Direct Phone: 859-255-4281

Group Name: National Model Railroad Association
 Group Reservation Link: NMRA Mid-Central Region Convention
 Reservation Number: 407-992-2553 Group Code MRR

Reservations must be made by April 12, 2015 to obtain our special rate.

Operating Sessions

There will be three separate operating sessions all held in the evening of Thursday May 14, 2015. There will be room for 8 operators at each session and will be filled at the registration desk at the hotel in a first come, first served basis.

Larry Smith, MMR has a large 55x20 basement layout in a very nice layout room.

The scenery is about 70% complete. Operation is mostly local and through freight with an occasional passenger train. The layout uses the Digitrax DCC system. If you have one, please bring a Digitrax throttle.

Bill Robbins, operates on a large basement layout, using the Digitrax DCC system. The scenery is complete, characterized by many nicely built and carefully painted structures. The railroad operates both freight and passenger trains. If possible, please bring a Digitrax throttle

Bill Paulsell, MMR operates the smallest of the three layouts , a 23x11 with a duck-under. The layout height is 56 inches. The urban scenery is about 80% complete. Using Digitrax, the layout is primarily a point to point passenger operation. Switching involves diners, passenger cars, RPOs, and express cars.
 The era is roughly the 50's. No need to bring throttles.

Clinics

We have a very strong clinic program. Clinic timing is still being developed in conjunction with the clinicians. Check on the website for the latest information.

Gerry Albers & W. Allen McClelland HLM MMR (dual presenter):

- Design & Prepare a Railroad Room/Basement
- Design & Build a Layout
- Signal a Layout (live demo layout)

John Bowling

- Building a Craftsman Diorama

Dick Briggs MMR, Bob Fink MMR, Howard Smith MMR & Gary Burdette MMR

- Building with the Masters (Extra Fare)

Randy Coffman

- So You Want Square Corners

Bob Belt

- SMD LEDs - Where to Use for Practical Lighting

Mike Brestel, HLM

- C & O Coal Lines thru 1980s
- Operations on the Nicholas, Fayette, & Greenbrier R.R.

John Burchnall

- Engineering Secrets of the Eastern Loggers

Bob Dawson

- The Arbegust Branch, a railroad you can model

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- Georgia Dahlberg MMR**
- Scratchbuilding with Styrene
 - Casting Small Parts
- William (Bill) Edwards & Paul Godwin**
- Correctly Modeling the Fifties - dual presenter
 - Hard Water - dual presenter
 - Scratchbashing - dual presenter
- Jim Foster**
- A Philosophy of Portable Layouts
 - Improving Your Layout with Vehicles & Trash
- Charlie Getz (President, NMRA)**
- Meet the Prez
 - NG Freight Car Foibles
- John Gorman**
- Locomotive Speed Matching Using Electronic Speedometer
- Bob Lawson**
- Scenery for All Geographic Areas Using Foam
- Terry Luginbuhl**
- DCC Installs with Sound
 - Helix How To's...
 - The Mysteries of Consisting
 - DCC Configuration Variables
 - Decoder Pro, Connecting and Using
- Mike Mereness**
- Coal source of revenue for RR
- Joe Nichols, Sr. MMR**
- Detailing Passenger Car Interiors
 - Functions of a Steam Locomotive
- Wesley Ross**
- How To Get Started Collecting Railroad Memorabilia
- Howard Smith MMR**
- Adding Signals to Your Layout
- Sam Swanson**
- Figures Large and Small
- Bob Weinheimer MMR**
- Getting Started in Operations
 - Operations on the Pennsylvania Southern
- Bruce DeMaeyer**
- Building a Scratch-built Modern Oil Refinery in N scale
- Bob Fink MMR**
- Small towns & Railroads
 - Building Turntable
- Bob Frankrone**
- Open Loads – Commercial and Scratch
- Phil Gliebe**
- All Critters Great & Small
 - Kitbashing MDC Overton passenger cars
 - Shelf layouts for operations
- Dan Kennedy**
- Scratch Build Basic Oxygen Furnace
- John Listerman**
- Backdrop painting (tentative title)
 - Perspective in colors (tentative title)
- W. Allen McClelland HLM MMR & Gerry Albers**
- The V & O Today (K&M Subdivision)
 - Trendsetting: The V & O Story
- Ron Morgan**
- Modeling the Walthers Ethanol Plant - Sounds Corny
- Joe Nichols, Jr. MMR**
- TBD
- John M. Smith & Ron Sturges**
- JMRI with PanelPro - dual presenter w/display
- Ed Swain**
- Using Low Profile Buildings as a Background
- Mark Underwood**
- Computer hook up and Initial JMRI set up
- Al Westerfield MMR**
- History, modeling a specific area Bronx EL

Contest

This year we will be following a new set of contest categories that have recently been approved by the MCR Board. A new NMRA MCR Contest Entry Form (#901, Revised 7/28/2014) is page XXX. A subset of these categories will be used for the Peoples Choice Awards.

The Mid-Central Region (MCR) Contest Committee will be taking a more active role in admin-

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istering the model and photo contests conducted at our annual MCR conventions. This will ensure year to year continuity in the administration of this function and alleviate confusion before and during the event. The principle change aligns the categories so that they agree with the NMRA National Contest. Bring along your best work and enter it in our Contest.

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All of the awards will be presented at our Banquet on Saturday evening.

Tours

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

On Friday afternoon, we will have an extra fare guided tour to the Bluegrass Scenic Railway and Museum in Versailles, KY and on Saturday afternoon, we will have an extra fare guided tour to Don Saager's 7.5" gauge layout in Stamping Ground, KY.

On Saturday afternoon, we will have a private, unique guided tour of one of the most beautiful thoroughbred horse farms in the Bluegrass.

Layout Tours

There will be self-guided tours of thirteen beautiful layouts presented by members of Division 10. Some of the tours will be available on Friday evening and all will be available on Sunday.

Company Store

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. Door prizes will be awarded every day.

In addition, we have commissioned for sale two Accurail HO scale boxcars logoed in one of Kentucky's finest bourbon distillers, Buffalo Trace. You can order these in different combinations when registering for the convention.



Ya all come, now

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



NMRA MCR CONTEST ENTRY FORM



MCR Form #901 Rev. 7/28/2014. All previous forms obsolete
Please Print All Information

ENTRANT/MODELER

Entry No. _____

Name _____ Region/Division _____ NMRA # _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone (____) ____ - _____ Email _____

CONTEST EVENTS

ENTRY NAME: _____

MODEL CONTEST

Category

- Steam Locomotive
- Diesel & Other Locomotive
- Traction
- Passenger Car
- Freight Car
- Caboose
- Non-Revenue Car
- Structure
- Display

PHOTO CONTEST

Category

- Model, B&W Print
- Model, Color Print
- Prototype, B&W Print
- Prototype, Color Print

ARTS & CRAFTS

Category

- General
- Needlework
- Railroadiana

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1 First place or Gold Award winners from previous NMRA National Contests are not eligible.
- 2 This Entry Form (# 901) must be completed for all entries. Judge's Score Sheets (# 902 for Model Contest and # 903 for Module Contest) must also be completed for each entry.
- 3 Supplemental information, including plans, photos and other supporting documentation may be submitted. This should be organized in order by judging factor (Construction, Detail, Conformity, Finish & Lettering, and Scratchbuilt). However, judges are under no obligation to review this material, and the Contest Manager may limit this information.
- 4 The Contest Manager reserves the right to determine how to display entries. Removal of entries from the Contest Room without approval of the Contest Manager and presentation of the claim check is prohibited.
- 5 All entries must have a declared value. (See below.)
- 6 After filling out this Entry Form and the Judge's Score Sheet, if applicable, return both to the Contest Staff who will provide an Entry no. for the Entry Form, Judges Scoring Sheet, Claim Check, and Entry Identification Tag. Place entry with Identification Tag attached in the designated location. Retain the Claim Check, which must be signed and presented to pick up the entry at the end of the contest.
- 7 I hereby certify that this entry is entirely my/our own work or that the original exposure was made by me. I also hereby release the NMRA and all persons connected with this Contest from any liability due to damage to or loss of the entry greater than that covered by the NMRA insurance coverage.
- 8 I hereby grant the NMRA photo reproduction rights for publication of this entry in NMRA Magazine or any other publication of the NMRA, its Regions, or Divisions.

Entrant/Modeler Signature _____

Proxy Signature _____

ENTRY VALUE \$ _____

NMRA CONTEST CLAIM CHECK

I hereby certify that entry # _____ entered the Contest and has been returned to me in satisfactory condition
Entrant / Modeler / Proxy Signature _____

Upcoming events in and near the Mid-Central Region
Thanks to MCR Division 11 for allowing us to use their list.

Jan 2-4, 2015	Western PA MR Museum Open House	Gibsonia PA	web page
3-Jan-15	Show Dogs Train Show	Parma OH	notice
Jan 3-4, 2015	Ohio Valley Lines Open House	Ambridge PA	web page
Jan 3-4, 2015	Mid Mon MRC Open House	New Eagle PA	web page
Jan 3-4, 2015	Anthracite MRC Winter Open House	Hazleton PA	web site
Jan 3-4, 2015	Columbia Historic Preservation Soc. Open House	Columbia PA	web site
Jan 8-10, 2015	Cocoa Beach RPM Meet	Cocoa Beach FL	web page
Jan 9-11, 2015	Western PA MR Museum Open House	Gibsonia PA	web page
10-Jan-15	Clinton Central MRC Open House	Castanea PA	pdf flyer
Jan 10-11, 2015	Greenberg's Train Show	York PA	web site
17-Jan-15	TCA Winter Train Meet	Parma OH	call: 440-656-6322
17-Jan-15	Clinton Central MRC Open House	Castanea PA	pdf flyer
Jan 17-18, 2015	Greenberg's Train Show	Columbus OH	web site
Jan 24-25, 2015	Model RR Club of Buffalo Open House	Buffalo NY	notice
Jan 24-25, 2015	Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show	West Springfield MA	web site
25-Jan-15	New Eagle VFD Train Show	New Eagle PA	web page
Jan 31-Feb 1, 2015	Great Scale Model Train Show	Timonium MD	web site
Feb 7-8, 2015	World's Greatest Hobby on Tour	Columbus OH	web site
Feb 1, 1015	Medina Model Train & Toy Show	Medina OH	web site
14-Feb-15	Hagerstown Model RR Museum Sale	Sharpsburg MD	notice
Feb 14-15, 2015	Hamburg Train & Toy Show	Hamburg NY	facebook page
Feb 14-15, 2015	Greenberg's Train Show	Monroeville PA	web site
Feb 21-22, 2015	Spring Thaw Train Meet	Allentown PA	web site
22-Feb-15	Kittanning Train & Toy Show	Kittanning Township PA	map
Mar 13-15, 2015	NYSME Spring Exhibition	Carlstadt NJ	web page
Mar 14-15, 2015	Division 5 Railfest 2015	Kirtland OH	notice
Mar 20-22, 2015	NYSME Spring Exhibition	Carlstadt NJ	web page
Mar 27-29, 2015	NYSME Spring Exhibition	Carlstadt NJ	web page
Mar 28-29, 2015	World's Greatest Hobby on Tour	Edison NJ	web site
11-Apr-15	Model Train Show & Swap Meet	Bucyrus OH	notice
Apr 11-12, 2015	Brass Expo	Timonium MD	web site
Apr 11-12, 2015	Great Scale Model Train Show	Timonium MD	web site
12-Apr-15	Medina Model Train & Toy Show	Medina OH	web site
Apr 17-19, 2015	Midwest Region Convention	Manitowoc WI	web notice
18-Apr-15	East Coast O Scale Swap Meet & Show	Strasburg PA	web site
25-Apr-15	Division 2 Jamboree	Moon Township PA	Div 2 Web Site
26-Apr-15	PS&N Hist. Society Annual Meeting	Angelica NY	web page
Apr 30-May 4, 2015	PRRT&HS Annual Meeting	University Park PA	dates confirmed
2-May-15	Model Railroad Layout Tour	Westmoreland County PA	pdf flyer
May 14-17, 2015	Mid Central Region Convention	Lexington KY	web site
16-May-15	B&O Historical Society Western Mini-Con	Geuga County OH	notice

MID-CENTRAL REGION ELECTION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Office: President: Steve Kaplan

Steve served six years as a Trustee of Division Four before being elected Superintendent in June of 2014. An active model railroader since 1968, he previously modeled the V&T but moved forward 80 years when he decided to go DCC, and began constructing a layout based on the Kansas City Terminal Railroad. His other hobby is collecting and researching Postal History, and has served various offices in several international philatelic organizations. A retired CPA, his professional interests now involve working with small non-for-profit clubs and groups, managing their filings and other dealings with the IRS. He lives in Beachwood, Ohio. Steve served as Host Committee Treasurer for the 2014 NMRA National Convention, and was actively involved in the planning as well as the operation of the convention, basically living in the Company Store / Volunteer room. Steve has observed that the NMRA consists of a number of strong Regions, providing service and advice to some very weak Divisions, as well as weak Regions with strong Divisions. He feels that we need to make everyone aware of the MCR as a strong Region with very active Divisions. While continuing the efforts of prior Boards, he would begin his objectives by continuing the “Superintendent’s Breakfast” meetings at Regional Conventions as well as investing time with key Division contacts in developing plans to strengthen the MCR Divisions.

Office: Vice President: Michael Hohn MMR

I was about 8 years old when my parents gave me an HO train set for Christmas, a friend gave me some Model Railroader magazines, and I built a layout in the basement. I put model railroading on hold for about a decade of college, marriage, and a move to WV. I re-entered the hobby after discovering a box of my modeling efforts while cleaning our attic. I soon joined a local club, started attending NMRA meetings, and became active in Division 2. The best part of belonging is all the great people I've met. My service to the NMRA includes editor of our division newsletter for several years and program director for four. I am currently in my third year as Division 2 Superintendent. Meanwhile, I worked my way through the Master Model Railroader program.

Being an officer in the NMRA is not about “running things.” It's about coordinating activities, providing encouragement, listening to members, responding to questions, and providing a link between the national organization and our divisions – in other words serving the members. Although our region's constitution and bylaws list few specific duties for vice president, in recent years that person has helped coordinate annual regional meetings as needed. I believe I am qualified, having served as general chair or co-chair for two regional meetings and clinics chair for two more.

Most importantly, the vice president steps up to the plate, providing assistance to the region president and the other officers; I promise to do so.

Office: Secretary: Art Bumpus

I am currently serving as your MCR Secretary and ask for your vote to continue in that position. My activities in model railroading have included being a trustee for Division 4, layout tour chairman, as well as holding office as Division Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent. I am a layout owner whose layout was on tour during the National Convention. I also participated in the National Convention as Convention Registrar.

I am a firm believer in the hobby of model railroading as an activity which challenges learning skills in the areas of history and research, as well as personal skill building of carpentry, electricity, and the list as you all well know goes on and on. The point is that our hobby is waning in popularity, but is a great way to increase individual personal development. It needs all of the “cheerleaders” it can get to promote ourselves. In the capacity of officeholder in division or region activities, I am allowed a greater opportunity to espouse those values. And, maybe, increase new participation in our great hobby.

So, in closing, I ask for your favorable consideration in your vote as an elected member of the MCR Board.

Office: Treasurer: Jerry Doyle

I first joined the NMRA in 1982 and have been a member continuously since 1990. I model in HO Scale and am interested in anything with a flanged wheel. For the past nine years I've served as Division 9 Clerk and Treasurer and Mid Central Region Treasurer for the past two years. I've been an active member in numerous railroad preservation efforts over the years including the B&O RR Museum and the West Virginia Central RR. I'm the author of two books on diesel locomotive history covering Chessie and C&O and the motive power editor for the C&O Historical Society magazine. Professionally, I am a CPA with a practice in Huntington WV and a tenured Professor of Accounting at Mountwest Community & Technical College (formerly Marshall University Community & Technical College.)

MID-CENTRAL REGION ELECTION BALLOT

Instructions:

- Only Regular members and Life members may vote. RailPass and Family members are not eligible to vote. The mailing label is coded to indicate to the election teller whether you are eligible to vote or not.
- Vote for one candidate for each position. Write in votes are not permitted.
- This page, not a copy, must be mailed to the teller. Do not remove the mailing label or the ballot will be declared invalid. All ballots must be received by *February 28, 2015*.
- Mail ballot to

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