



# The Kingpin

Newsletter of the  
**Mid Central Region**  
National Model Railroad Association  
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Georgia Dahlberg poses with her Best of Show model  
6 cu. ft. Bucket Ladder Dredge: "Petunia"

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## President's Letter

Bob Weinheimer MMR

MCR President

The Mid Central Region convention hosted by the Cincinnati Division was an outstanding success and if you were not there you missed one of the best ever events. The convention was well attended, I believe the attendance was 367, more than any convention in recent memory. Among the attendees were several NMRA officials. They included NMRA President Charlie Getz, NMRA Vice President of Special Projects Gerry Leone MMR, incoming NMRA President Pete Magoun MMR, NMRA Director Bill Neale MMR, and NMRA Marketing Consultant Christina Zambri. NMRA Director and Past President Mike Brestel and NMRA Chief Financial Officer Frank Koch, both Cincinnati Division members and deeply involved in convention planning were also present. Attendees came, I was told, from 19 states. I saw numerous name tags from Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan and even one from Arizona. This was almost like being at a National convention with all the visiting officers, board members, and those who came from far and wide.

Southwestern Ohio is a true model railroading paradise and dozens of layouts hosted visitors and operating sessions. Indeed, the one gripe I heard was that there were so many that one had to prioritize visits as there was no way to see all of them. When the large number of clinics was included, decision making was even harder. I find my way to that part of Ohio several times each year and have already visited many of those layouts but still wanted to see more.

The contest was well run. Steve Zapytowski MMR did a great job organizing and streamlining the work processes. The contest room was a bit smaller than usual, but Steve made it all work. A training session for judges resulted in a full complement of judges. Between the size of the room and the number of judges it was necessary to close the room during judging. This is not how we normally do things, but it was unavoidable this year. Steve has put together a strong contest team and I expect the contest to run very smoothly in the years to come. Congratulations to Georgia Dahlberg MMR for winning Best of Show in the model contest and Keith Devault won Best of Show in the photo contest. Full contest results are elsewhere in this issue of the Kingpin.

The Board of Directors met Friday evening with Charlie Getz, Pete Magoun, Frank Koch, and Mike Brestel as visitors. The meeting went very smoothly. All had submitted written reports on time and only a few had verbal updates at the meeting. One item of discussion was the explanation of the National policy banning campaigning for NMRA positions and issues at any level, this was approved at the National BOD meeting in February. It looks like it might have a loophole or two, I expect these to be plugged at the next National BOD meeting in August. Another item was to amend the regulations to clarify the officer nomination process. There were some points that were in direct conflict and I thank Steve Kaplan for leading the effort to streamline this process. The Board approved the changes and the Regulations will be updated. The other item was to explore the idea of a joint Region convention with the North Central Region and Mid West Region in 2022. Those Regions include much of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana. The board said we should at least look into this idea. The meeting lasted only about an hour. The full minutes are also in this issue of the Kingpin.

Saturday evening was the time for the banquet and awards. David Neff was presented with the Directors Award for his fine work in mentoring the formation of Division 12. Bruce DeMaeyer was presented with the Russ Wenderfer Award by the Cincinnati Division for his work on expanding the hobby via his tireless efforts promoting T-Trak. The banquet speaker was Gerry Leone MMR who gave a wonderful presentation from his days in advertising.

Sunday morning the officers and superintendents met along with nearly all the National visitors, Charlie had to catch an early flight home. We discussed ways to improve member awareness of the Partnership Program as well as other features of the members-only part of the web site. That really ends up being a Division issue and the suggestion was made that live demonstrations be given if internet access is available. Bruce DeMaeyer also spoke in more length on T-Trak and also showed two T-Trak modules. It looks like this is really taking off as several Divisions are developing T-Trak groups. A full display is expected at future MCR conventions.

Throughout the convention we saw the power of social media. Christina Zambri aggressively took photos and posted them on the NMRA Mid-Central Region page. One included many shots of Bob Lawson's photogenic layout, it gathered several thousand views by the time the convention was over. As a final touch, Christina used Facebook live to broadcast Gerry's dinner talk to the world in real time. If you want to see what he said, just visit the page. The last time I checked the collective number of view of Christina's efforts was around 20,000. Yes, this convention had lots of attendees and lots of attention.

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I mentioned David Neff and his efforts in the formation of Division 12. The Division was chartered in November 2017 shortly after our fall board meeting. The convention issue of the Kingpin had no room for anything but the convention material so this is the first mention in the Kingpin. The Division is formed from the counties in Pennsylvania and New York that moved from the Niagara Frontier Region in 2015. These counties had been for some time an inactive Division in NFR but they are now the MCR's Alleghany Western Division. The Superintendent is Brad White, the Assistant Superintendent is Mike Hauk, and the Clerk/Treasurer is Dave Ellis. You can visit their web site at <http://www.div12mcr.org/>

I will close by noting that our next Board of Directors meeting will be September 30 in Columbus, OH. Details will be available through your Division Superintendent as the time approaches.



photo provided by Don Wilke

Bob (right) presents Howdy Lamprecht with MMR #610. Howdy is a member of Division 6.

## ***Cincinnati Express*** Newsletter Report

Wow, the ***Cincinnati Express*** has left the station. We had fun hosting this convention and from the feedback we've received our guests loved it as well. We're very proud of Cincinnati Division 7, our city and our area's layouts. We could not wait to share them with everyone.

When we started planning this convention three years ago we were hoping for 220 registrants, maybe 250, and had a wild idea of 300. We ended up with an incredible 365 registrants from 19 states, including 90 spouses (the MCR average is about 50) and 13 children. We're planning to survey attendees to try to determine why we had such great attendance. We expect there will be many reasons, including great planning/design, great layouts/attractions, great team, great hotel, relatively low registration fee, great publicity/transparency and great execution.

Our guests were treated to 67 amazing layouts, 10 bus tours, 52 clinics, 150 guest operator positions (across 19 layouts), layout open houses and op sessions all 4 days, and a wonderful hotel. 117 attended the special EnterTRAINment Junction event and 167 came to our Saturday night reception and banquet. It was wonderful to see all the hard work pay off for our leaders and volunteers.

Charlie Getz (President), Pete Magoun (Incoming President), Gerry Leone (Vice President), Frank Koch (Chief Financial Officer), Mike Brestel (At Large World-Wide Director), Bill Neale (Central District Director), Don Phillips (Publication Manager), and Christina Ganzer-Zambri (Marketing Consultant) all participated from the NMRA Headquarters Team.

Hal Miller, Editor of Model Railroader Magazine, Lou Sassi, Contributing Editor of Model Railroader Magazine and Gerry Leone made wonderful presentations as our featured clinicians. Gerry also kept us all in stitches as our banquet speaker. That talk can be viewed on MCR's Facebook page.

There were an incredible number of planning and execution activities done to make this convention a success. While we still have a few wrap-up activities to do, we are all taking a deep breath now. Thanks to all of you that came, and all of you that welcomed our many out-of-region friends. Please enjoy the following photos from the event. We hope to see all of you next year as we renew old friendships and make new ones in Boardman, Ohio when Division 1 hosts our next convention.

*Rick Crumrine*

Chair

*John Burchnall*

Vice Chair



NMRA President Charlie Getz fields a question



Others in the Leadership Team participate



Charlie Atkinson, Chair of the 2005 Cincinnati Limited National Convention



Attendees plot their strategy while studying the convention program and layouts packet



Relaxing in the Atrium



Vice Chair John Burchnall relaxes



Lots of White Elephants to buy



Paul Musselman and the Company Store



Attentive attendees at Asst. Super. Chuck Endreola's Clinic



Bus tour group staging in the Atrium



Boarding one of 10 comfortable buses



Two of our 13 young modelers having fun

*Photos by Don Phillips*



Enjoying the Wine Tasting at the Meet and Greet



Zumba demo at the Meet and Greet



Happy customers at the greeting card making clinic



Charlie Getz brown bagging it into the Wine Tasting?



Larry and Hildy Bonhaus treating us to great music



Neil Young's layout at EnterTRAINment Junction



Tri-State N-Trak guest layout at EnterTRAINment Junction



Water Fitness Aerobics in the hotel pool



Tri-State N-Trak guest layout at EnterTRAINment Junction



Ohio Valley Sipping & Switching Society guest layout at EnterTRAINment Junction

*Photos by Don Phillips, John Burchnall and Ruth Anne Burchnall*



EnterTRAINment Junction's "Train Journey" model railroad



Behind the scenes at EnterTRAINment Junction



Matandy Steel on the "Steel Tour"



The American Sign Museum tour



Tropicana plant and "Juice Train" tour



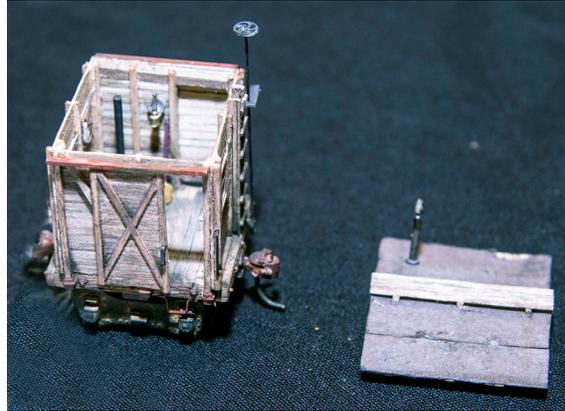
# 2018 MCR Convention Contest Results

## Popular Vote

Favorite Locomotive: Robert Belt – McKen Motor Car



Favorite Car: Charles Endreola – Bobber Caboose



All model photos David M. Williams

Favorite Structure: George Keller – Kimball Elevator



Favorite Display:  
Robert Lawson  
Charles Endreola Furniture Company



Favorite Prototype Photo: Keith DeVault – B&O Grafton

Model Photo: Bruce Hukill – Tillamook



Favorite Arts & Crafts Entry:  
Marie Waite – Boxcar Buzz

## Model Contest

### Steam Locomotive

1st Place: Ronald King – Erie Berkshire 2-8-4 3331



### Diesel & Other Locomotive

1st Place: Robert Belt – McKeen Motor Car



2nd Place: Paul Maciulewicz – Southern Pacific DD50



3rd Place: Eric Zimmerman – Low Nose RSD 12, Colorado Central 1830



## Traction

1st Place: Peter Weiglin – Lehigh Valley Transit Light Weight Interurban #1006



2nd Place: Chuck Klein – Cleveland Transit #498



1st Place: Roy Allan – DRGW Postal Express #63

## Passenger Car



2nd Place: John Santell – Johnsville Southern Private Car



## Freight Car

1st Place: Jim Grell – NKP 40' wood gondola



2nd Place: Kevin Jones – 18' on 30 high Side Gon #145

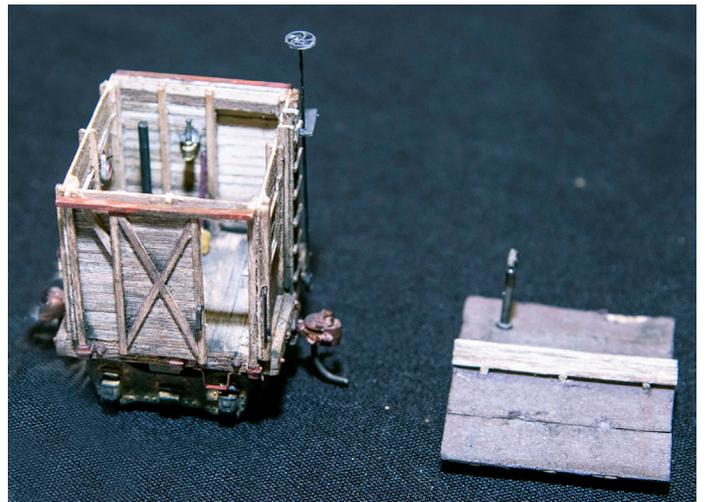


3rd Place: Jim Grell – Pere Marquette box car

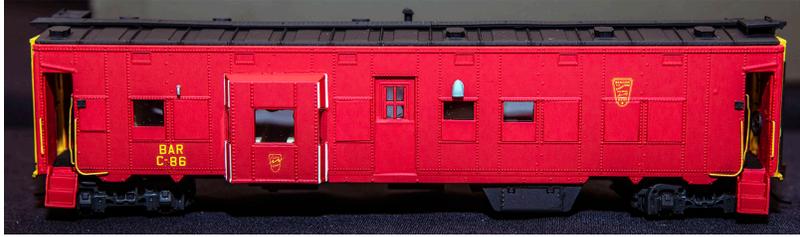


## Caboose

1st Place: Charles Endreola – Bobber Caboose

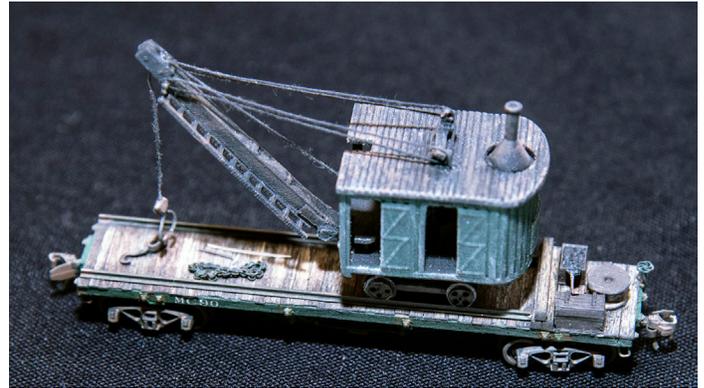


2nd Place: John Santel – BAR Caboose



### Non-Revenue Car

1st Place: John Santel – Barnhart Loader



2nd Place: Bruce DeMaeyer – Skagit River car

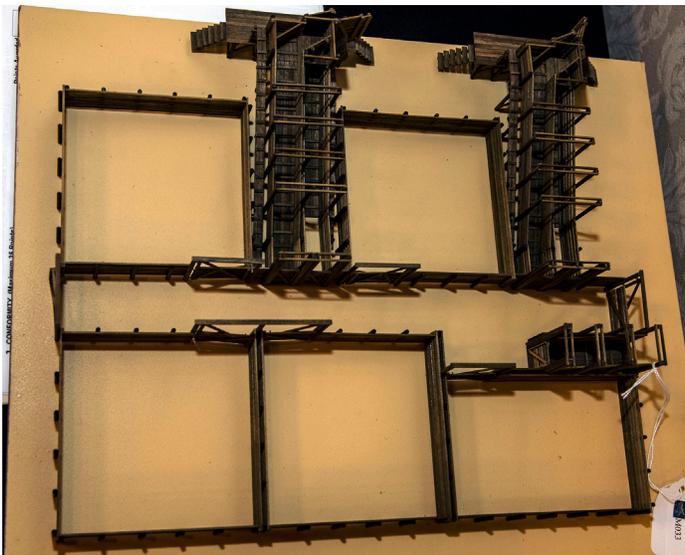


3rd Place: Bob Frankone – 200 ton crane & work Caboose



## Structure

1st Place: George Keller – Kimball Elevator

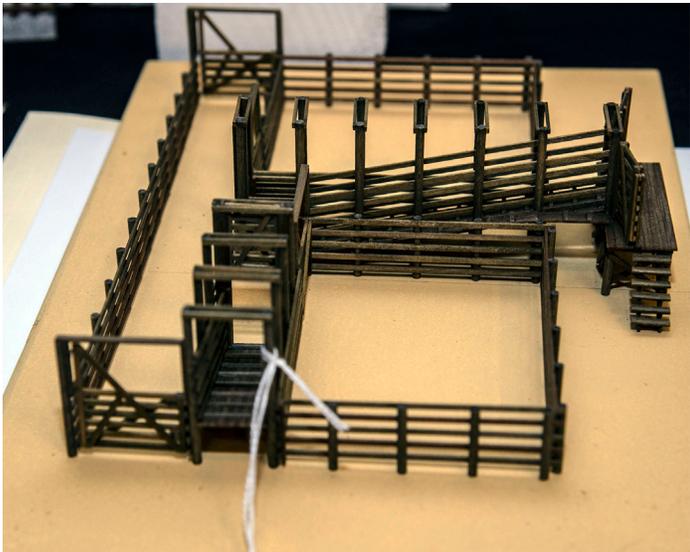


2nd Place (tie): Cecil Stewart – Stock Pens Twin Double Deck Chutes with 5 Holding pens

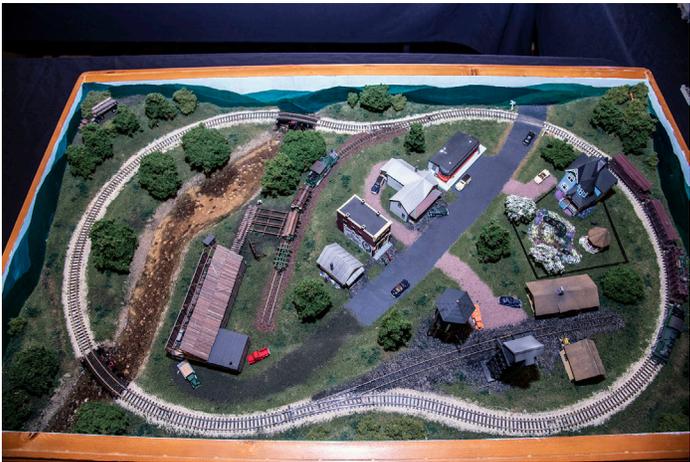
2nd Place (tie): Cecil Stewart – Bushy Creek Trestle



3rd Place (tie): Cecil Stewart – Cattel Pens Single Deck Chute with 2 holding pens



3rd Place (tie): John Santel – Sawmill



## Display

1st Place: Chuck Endreola – The Princess Evelyn



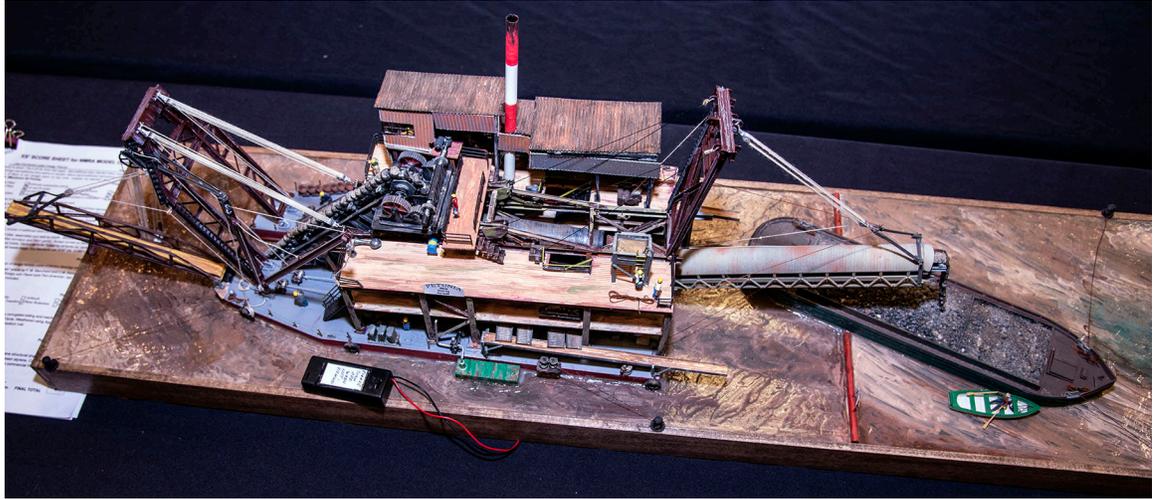
2nd Place: M046 – Bob Lawson – Charles Endreola Furniture Company

3rd Place: Jim Grell – Capt. Ahab's Fish & Chips



# Best of Show Model

Georgia Dahlberg - Petunia



Model, B&W Print

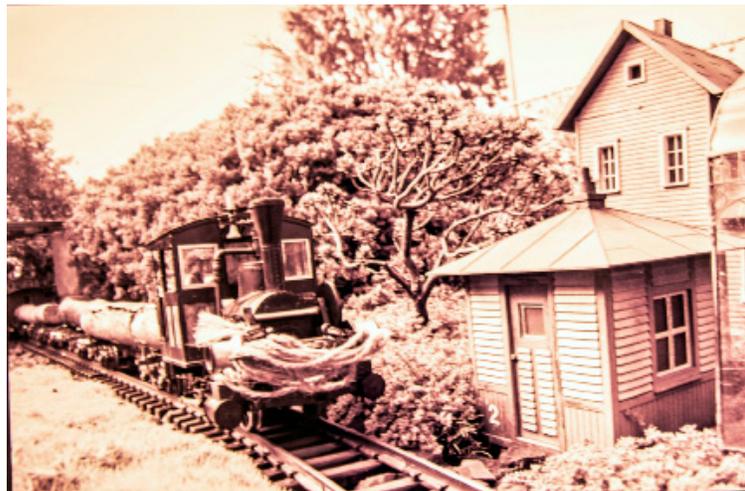
1st Place: Keith DeVault – B&O 5692



2nd Place: Neal Schorr – Saddle Tank Switcher at East Altoona



3rd Place: Rick Ware – Maple Creek Red Mountain, NC



## Model, Color Print

1st Place: Rick Ware – Loco 271 Red Mountain, Sn3



2nd Place: Walt Herrick – Rush Hour



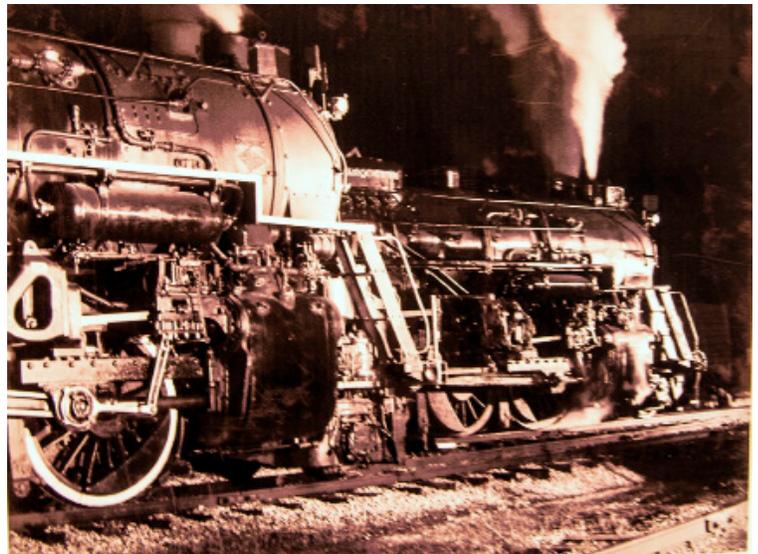
3rd Place: Bruce Hukill - Tillamook

Prototype, B&W Print

1st Place: Keith DeVault – B&O 7404 at Rowlesburg



2nd Place: Rick Ware – NKP 765 & PM 1225, Owosso, MI



3rd Place: Keith DeVault – B&O at Grafton



## Prototype, Color Print

1st Place: Mike Hauk – West Bound Willard, NM



2nd Place: Mike Hauk – Moron Rocks, Cajon Pass, CA



3rd Place: Keith DeVault – CSX 7652 Out of Tunnel



Best of Show Photo

Keith Devault B&O 935 Leaving Grafton



Railroadiana

1st Place: Marie Waite - Boxcar Buz



Needlework

1st Place: Rick Waite - Old Deaf School Park Pond



2nd Place: Peggy Doerflein - Eeyore



## General

1st Place: Donna Kowicki – Handmade Holiday Cards



2nd Place: Donna Kowicki – Baskets



Best of Show Arts & Crafts: Marie Waite – A Capitol Fourth



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National Model Railroad Association Mid-Central Region  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel – West Chester, Ohio  
Minutes  
May 18, 2018

**Attendance:**

Bob Weinheimer, President; Bob McKay, Treasurer; Jerry Doyle, Secretary;  
Jim DiPaola, Division 1; Keith DeVault, Division 2; Mark Stiver, Division 3; Steve Kaplan, Division 4; Dave Neff,  
Division 5; Greg Short, Division 6; John Shields, Division 7; Russ Weis, Division 8; Dan Mulhearn, Division 9; Bob Belt,  
Division 10; Howdy Veihdeffer, Division 11; and Brad White, Division 12.

Also in attendance were Gail Yarnail, Asst. Sup. Div. 3; Rich Lach, past Sup. Div. 3; Bruce DeMaeyer, Att. Sup. Div. 10;  
Mike Brestel, Div. 7 BOD and At-Large Worldwide Director; Dave Williams, Kingpin Editor; Lee Sheffield, Asst. Sup.  
Div. 4; Steve Zapytowski, Asst. Sup. Div. 1; Rick Crumrine, Div. 7 Show Chair; Frank Benders, Asst. Sup. Div. 2; Ron  
Ellison, Div. 8; Fred Soward, Div. 8; Bob Shreve, Div. 7; Frank Koch, Div. 7 Treasurer, NMRA CFO, MCR AP Chair;  
Charles Getz, NMRA President; and Peter Magoun NMRA President-Elect.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Weinheimer at 9:05 p.m.

**Minutes of the last BOD meeting:**

A motion was made by Steve Kaplan to accept the minutes as corrected from the September 25, 2016 BOD meeting. The  
motion was seconded by Mike Brestel and carried with no opposition.

**President's Comments:**

Bob Weinheimer read the official NMRA policy passed at the February 2018 BOD meeting regarding the use of NMRA  
assets in campaigning for NMRA office. The purpose of the policy is to make the NMRA neutral regarding such issues.

“It is the policy of the NMRA that NMRA-owned or NMRA-controlled social media shall not be used for campaigning  
by any NMRA candidate or other person. Social media can be used for programming announcements and house-organ  
news and information provided by official National, Region, and Division sources. Social media may also be used to direct  
readers to candidate-neutral and policy-neutral sources of information on other media. NMRA assets, including private  
member information such as mail or email addresses or other contact information, cannot be used for campaigning. No  
candidate-specific information may be distributed using NMRA resources. A mailing or emailing containing information on  
all candidates, or directing readers to a source of information on all candidates or issues, may be distributed using NMRA  
resources.”

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bob McKay reported a balance of \$29,590.16.

Steve Kaplan asked Bob McKay when the remaining CD would be up for renewal. Bob responded that it would be in the  
near future.

The amount of \$292.58 from the Niagara Frontier Region has been disbursed to Division 12.

**Vice-Presidents Report:**

No report.

**Committee Reports**

**Contest:** Steve noted that having a convention committee greatly expedited the registration process for the convention. He also mentioned we have a record number of photo contest entries.

**Achievement Program:**

On Tuesday Steve Zapytowski will become the newest MMR.

**Webmaster:**

Don Wilke was absent. Bob Weinheimer reminded each division to send the email addresses for new officers.

**King Pin:**

The deadline is June 15 for the next newsletter.

**Division Reports:**

Division 1 - Nothing new to add to the report already submitted for the meeting.

Division 2 – The Bi-Annual Jamboree had 135 attendees including 16 nonmembers.

Division 3 – Mark Stiver was introduced as the new Supt. Gail Yarnail is the new Assistant Superintendent. The Division recently held a successful model railroading training day. Bob Weinheimer was helpful with guests and providing a presentation.

Division 4 – The Division had a display at the Great Lakes Science Center that was seen by over 100,000 people. A new HO Davies Steel hopper car is available for \$20 each or \$72 per four pack. The manufacturer ScaleTrains.com provided models for display.

Division 5 -- Nothing new to add to the report already submitted for the meeting.

Division 6 -- The Columbus MRR Club has been torn down but the group is still in existence.

Division 7 -- John Shields welcomed everyone to their convention.

Division 8 -- A Sunday activity with Big Brothers/Big Sisters is planned. Activities will include being able to operate on a layout and build simple kits.

Division 9 – Dan reported on an active contest program with lots of enthusiasm.

Division 10 – Bob Belt thanked Bob Weinheimer for filling in on a recent clinic. Several new members have become involved in a modular layout project. Bob Belt thanked Bob W. for taking time to visit the divisions.

Division 11 – 25% of the Division membership is attending the current MCR convention.

Division 12 -- Brad thanked the MCR for the support and Dave Neff for help. Three meetings have been held so far with new members showing up at each meeting. Mike Brestel noted it took 11 years to get the Division move completed. There might be a few other counties in the area that have expressed interest in moving.

**Nominating Committee:**

The committee will be soliciting candidates, look for a notice in the near future.

**Old Business:**

2018 Convention – The final tally for this year’s convention is 362 registrants from 18 states which is a record for recent conventions. The question was raised as to why there was such a spike in attendance this year. Bob Weinheimer mentioned the great convention presentation by John Burchnell.

2019 Convention - Steve Zapytowski requested each person take as many pens, brochures, and scratch pads as they could to publicize the upcoming convention. The 2019 convention will be held in Boardman, Ohio. The name will be *The AC&Y Bullet*, which was a mixed train on the AC&Y. Planning meetings have been ongoing for over a year. They are still seeking someone for help in the marketing area. The first deposit has been made at the Holiday Inn with two more payments to follow. The division reports that it is in a good financial position and is able to handle the finances for the convention. There will be vendor tables, HO and N layouts and a dedicated non-rail clinic room. Fred Soward provided complete documentation from the 2017 Louisville convention which has proved extremely helpful.

2020 Convention – Keith DeVault passed out brochures for the Steel City Express convention in 2020. There will be a  
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number of tours including CSX. The hotel is located adjacent to the W&LE Rook Yard. They hope to keep the registration affordable and he noted parking is free.

### **Proposed changes to MCR bylaws: (also see following pages -ed)**

**Article 7 sec 5.** To allow the Manager and other members to have discussions with potential candidates who may be attending the convention. Keith DeVault moved Mike Brestel seconded

**Article 8.** Established additional space for new divisions in the section concerning the MCR divisional organization. Moved and seconded.

**Article 10 sec 1 & 3.** Provides more specific wording relating to the timing of balloting and petitions for elections. Bob Belt moved, Dave Neff seconded.

All recommendations passed unanimously.

**MCR Facebook Page** – Division activities and pictures have been shared to the MCR page. A recent posting of layout pictures had 2,000 hits in the last day.

### **New Business**

**T-Track** -- Bruce DeMaeyer reported on recent success with 16 modules and 7 shows. Divisions 9 and 12 are becoming active in T-Track as well. Bruce expressed a desire for members to bring modules to the 2019 Akron convention. Bob Weinheimer mentioned there would be more discussion at the Super Breakfast Sunday morning.

**2022 Convention** -- Bob Weinheimer mentioned the possibility of MCR Mid-West and North Central regions having a joint convention in 2022. Possible locations and dates were mentioned. Finding an acceptable date could be an issue.

Keith DeVault contacted someone who had been involved in a joint convention in 1996 for input. Typically the hosting division shoulders the majority of the work. Bob Belt mentioned a joint convention from 2014. Steve Kaplan asked Charlie Getz about any thoughts from NMRA National regarding the timing of the convention. The potential date would probably conflict with the NMRA convention being held in the UK. Peter Magoun stated he didn't see a problem with potential conflicting dates.

There was discussion as to how the work would be shared among the participating regions.

Based on a show-of-hands vote by the BOD Bob Weinheimer will pursue the issue.

Bob Weinheimer brought up the 2021 MCR convention. No location has been chosen yet.

### **For the Good of the Order:**

Charlie Getz announced that Modeling with the masters is trademarked. The title Master Model Railroader will soon be as well.

September 30, 2018 – Fall BOD meeting.

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Adjourned 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Jerry Doyle, MCR Region Secretary

Refer to following pages for referenced MCR Bylaws

**Motion for action by the Mid-Central Region  
of the National Model Railroad Association**

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Article X. Nominations, Ballots and Voting, Sections 1 and 3

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Article X. Nominations, Ballots and Voting, Section 1 is hereby amended as follows:

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Section 1 is amended by replacing “by the appointed time” with “ the earlier of the date of the Fall Regional Board meeting or October 31. The Committee report shall then be distributed to the membership in the Fall *KingPin*, or by email, and said distribution shall invite nominations by petition, within the next 30 days.” Also, the word “Region” is repeated in succession in line three – one shall be removed. Also, a reference to Division Nominating Committee was removed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence from the end.

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Section 1 will then read: “The Region Nominating Committee for Region offices shall be composed of a Manager and at least two (2) other members, all of whom are appointed from different Divisions of the Region by the Mid Central Region President. No current Region officer may serve on this Committee, nor sit with it during its deliberations. The Region Nominating Committee shall report the Region nominations to the Region Secretary by the earlier of the date of the Fall Regional Board meeting or October 31. The Committee report shall then be distributed to the membership in the Fall *KingPin*, or by email, and said distribution shall invite nominations by petition, within the next 30 days”. The Region Nominating Committee may use the petition process for their own nominations. The Committees shall obtain enough information for a short biographical sketch about each nominee containing his background, age, family, interests, model railroading experience, and qualifications. These sketches shall be included with the ballot mailing.

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Article X. Nominations, Ballots and Voting, Section 3 is hereby amended by replacing the last clause of the sentence (the 90 day period) with “within 30 days of the announcement of the Nominating Committee report per Section 1 above”

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The section will then read as follows: “Nominations for Mid Central Region offices may be made by a petition to the Region Nominating Committee Manager, signed by fifteen (15) members of the Mid Central Region, within 30 days of the publication of the Nominating Committee report per Section 1 above”

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**Article VII. Committees, Section 5. Election/Nominating Committee**

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Article VII, Section 5 is hereby amended by adding the following to the first sentence – “Prior to the Annual Convention preceding an election year,” and “and at least two other members”.

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The sentence will then read “Prior to the Annual Convention preceding an election year, the Mid Central Region President shall appoint a Region Election/Nominating Committee Manager and at least two other members for the Region elections.”

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The purpose of the above is to allow the Manager and other members to have discussions with potential candidates who may be attending the convention.

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**Article VIII. Divisional Organization**

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Article VIII, Divisional Organization is hereby amended as follows:

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1. Sections 12, 13 and 14 are sequentially renumbered as Sections 14, 15 and 16.
  2. Section 13 is “RESERVED”
  3. Section 5 is amended by eliminating the New York and Pennsylvania counties
  4. Section 12 is amended to read as follows: “
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**Division Twelve** shall consist of Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties in New York, and Crawford, Erie, McKeen, Potter and Warren Counties in Pennsylvania.

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## A Morning with Bill Miller

by Dave Williams

The May 2018 issue of Model Railroader carried the unfortunate news of Bill Miller MMR's passing. Our paths only crossed for one morning, but it was an important event for me. The originally scheduled MMR for one of the Modeling with the Masters sessions during the Cincinnati 2005 National had to cancel at the last moment. Someone called Bill and Mary Miller and asked them if they could possibly fill in. They agreed and spent one or two very long nights cutting wood and putting the clinic together. The result was a session on scratchbuilding a small bridge using a Wayne Weslowski diagram. Bill and Mary covered a lot of techniques, with an emphasis on making wood look aged. I think for most of the fifteen to twenty other people in the room, the actual assembly was pretty easy. The N scalers, as usual, put together fairly perfect bridges in record time. I think they stood up and left in unison. Everybody else at least finished by the scheduled end time. Except me. My bridge was a disaster, with pieces glued in all the wrong order. Fortunately it was just wood glue, so nothing was stuck to my fingers to slow me down even further. I'm not real good at doing things with my hands in a hurry (even if you sometimes define "hurry" as two or three hours). Bill came over and sat next to me. I think a lot of guys would have just said "nice try" and let it go. I would have gone back to my room thinking about the techniques that I learned and been ok with it. However, Bill carefully examined each mistake and pleasantly explained it as he pried that piece of wood off. When he was done, he pretty much just handed back a bag of individual sticks. I was glad that he'd explained my errors but it wasn't until I got back to my hotel room that I realized that Bill had given me a clean slate to start over, using the additional information. I sat down periodically over the next couple of days and slowly rebuilt the bridge the way it was supposed to go. Thanks to Bill Miller, I wound up with one of my best models, and the confidence to keep scratchbuilding.

## From the Editor

First, thanks to everybody who anything to do with the convention contest room. Everybody seemed pretty easygoing even at the busiest of times.

This issue is a monster. Print it only if you have stock in a paper and toner company. Sorry if you gave me something that didn't make it in. And if you're looking for that unified appearance with carefully matched fonts, it'll have to wait - changing the type would be like taking a can from the bottom of the pyramid (a lot of contributed PDFs here as well). I'll once again direct you to Division 11's excellent Event List on their website instead of me trying to do a flawed copy here. Thanks to everyone who did contribute items, especially the Cincinnati convention report with lots of pictures.

I'm pretty excited about the National being held in England in 2022. As Charlie Getz said, if travel expenses will be an issue, start saving for it now. You're going to encounter a bunch of people who rival us in devotion to both prototype and modeling (modelling) interest. The National Railway Museum in York will amaze you and they have some permanent layouts that will make the extra travel cost worthwhile. In the meantime, I hope to see a lot of MCR members in Kansas City in August.

Dave Williams

editor



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## T-Trak in the Region

Much progress is being made by modelers in the region who have recognized the membership growth opportunities created by the now fast moving growth of T-Trak modules. The best source to capture data on this trend is at our National Conventions. The last three conventions have seen significant increases in participation by modelers and Kansas City is likely to set a world record for the most modules ever linked together in a T-Trak group layout.

Actions are being taken in our region to try to capture this wave of interest inside of our own region. Division 9, 10 and 12 are all forming Special Interest Groups (SIG) relating to T-Trak. Others are expressing interest.

T-Trak affords a low cost, easy to build and display opportunity to build modules that can linked together locally and regionally into larger operating layouts. While this wave supports N-Scale, it does so because the scale optimizes the amount of available space on the module and thus provides a modeler who may not have space for a home layout to participate in the hobby. The fact of the matter is T-Trak supports modeling, not N-scale.

At the recent BOD meeting in Cincinnati, approval was given to proceed with the inclusion of a member supported T-Trak layout at the 2019 Regional Convention. It should be noted that this is not an exclusive effort; other modular projects are similarly encouraged for the convention.

In addition, effort is underway to formulate a plan to include the judging of the modules along the same lines as is done at the National convention and Train Shows.

Bruce will be attending many of the division meetings to explain the concept during the coming months. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about the program.

He will be issuing a "Call for Modules" in the next issue of the Kingpin.

In the meantime, all the divisions are encouraged to start a SIG within their organization. Encourage T-Trak activity in your division.

We all look forward to you and your friends to participate in this new member growth opportunity.

Information on this subject can be found at:

<http://ttrak.wikidot.com>

<http://t-trakhandbook.com/>

Bruce DeMaeyer from Division 10 is spearheading the T-Trak effort in the Region.

[bdemaeyer@att.net](mailto:bdemaeyer@att.net)

## MCR Election Announcement

The following MCR Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2019:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

The current Vice President is term limited and is ineligible to be a candidate for that position in the 2019 election.

The current President, Secretary, and Treasurer are eligible to be candidates for their current positions in the 2019 election.

Any MCR member in good standing who wishes to be considered for candidacy for one of these positions should send a notice of their interest to [nominations@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:nominations@midcentral-region-nmra.org)

Thank You.

MCR 2019 Election Nominating Committee

Bob Shreve

Bob Belt

Jim DiPaola

## Superintendent and Committee Reports

Reports were submitted prior to the May BOD meeting.

Division 1 currently has 97 members. Our membership has stayed between 95 and 100 members over the last few years. On April 8, 2018 Division we had our HO scale modules running and a Division display setup at the Youngstown Model Railroad Club Flea Market and signed up three new members. Our success can be attributed to our Division members who manned the display and engaged people in conversation.

Our Contest Co-chairs added a diorama to the monthly event contest category. The diorama had to be a maximum of 2 square feet and had to be constructed on a wood or foam base. We had 8 entries and most of them incorporated the use of electronics into their modules.

We've been working hard on the 2019 MCR Regional Convention and have a great program lined up. Our committee has been meeting monthly and in the process we've learned a lot about the railroad our Division was named; the Akron, Canton and Youngstown. Assistant Superintendent Steve Zapytowski has a more detailed report.

On a somber note we had one members pass away since the last MCR BOD meeting; Clint Foster.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent  
Division 1

## **Division 2 Report to the Board of Directors**

**Mid-Central Region, NMRA**

**May 1, 2018**

**Keith DeVault, Superintendent**

Our membership currently stands at 226, which is the correct total. There was a computer glitch with the national headquarters records.

Our recruitment efforts through our presence at the Greenberg Train Show several times per year and the exhibit of our Free-Mo modules at which we invite guests to run trains, has shown great success in securing new members. Our Annual Model Railroad Jamboree held in the spring is open to regular NMRA and non NMRA members, providing us another opportunity for recruiting members. We had a total of 114 members and 16 non NMRA people attending at the Jamboree, which was just held the last Saturday of April. We feature well known guest speakers at the dinner banquet.

Division meetings are held 10 months of the year at different sites in the Division. Each August, the division hosts a family picnic at a park near the mainline of Norfolk Southern. We wish the trains would wait before passing while we hold our business meeting.

Our newsletter, The Keystone Flyer, published 10 times a year to coincide with each meeting, is emailed to each member, as well as numerous former members around the country. The Flyer can be accessed on our website: [www.keystonedivision.org](http://www.keystonedivision.org); the web version is in color. The website gives a greater opportunity for more information. We mail the newsletter only to about 20 members that do not have computer access. The website chairman does a great job in posting the flyer and other important news items that affect our division. Switching to an online version versus the postal delivery, we save thousands of dollars each year in the cost of printing and postage.

Plans are already underway for the 2020 Steel City Express Regional Convention to be held May 28 to May 31 at the Greentree Hilton in Pittsburgh. Mark your calendars for this outstanding event.



## State of Division Three, MCR, NMRA

Period Covered: October 2017 – May 2018

Prepared for: **Mid Central Region, BOD** – May 18, 2018

Division Three membership continues to be steady with monthly averages at 152. Slight decrease in membership reflects adjustments for deaths, rail pass expirations, and regional realignment. Monthly meeting attendance also remains steady averaging 40-45 members.

The Division remains in good financial shape with the balance of our assets in certificates of deposit. All our legal documents are in good shape both with the state of Ohio and the IRS. We continue to have hired both a local lawyer and a tax agency, have obtained the appropriate vendor's license, and have paid our state taxes for our company store sales. We continue to be a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Organization based on promotion of the hobby and public education relative to railroading.

Our monthly newsletter, the Call Board, continues to be published by our Editor, James Hedge. Our webmaster, Dana Yarnall, has both division websites (one for the actual division and the other for the Dayton Train Show) current and up to date, and both show significant activity. Our Facebook account, managed by Gail Richardson, is busy mostly with train show and public event activity.

Since the last MCR BOD meeting in October 2017, we have conducted our own 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dayton Train Show from 4-5 November 2017 with an attendance of 4,300 attendees, Christmas Holiday in the City in Springfield OH on November 26 with an attendance of 15,000, the University of Dayton Christmas on Campus on December 8, 2017 with an attendance of 3,000, our Division 3 Auction on February 20, and our Division Model Railroad TRAINing Day on March 17, 2018 with an attendance of 101. On Nov 12, 2017 we hosted a joint meeting with Cincinnati Division 7 and invited MRC Editor Stephen Priest to be our featured speaker; he spoke on his involvement in designing various products for model railroad manufacturers. Our division elections took place at the April 15, 2018 general meeting. The division continues to rent a storage unit to house our Loop Layout, test track, tug-o-war and hill climb tracks, company store inventory, VHS tape library, and train show and other event supplies in an effort to consolidate our assets and ease the storage burden in our homes.

Our successful train show in Nov 2017 took place in the third different venue in three years since the closing of our prior venue in Dayton which had 90,000 sq ft available. For the last two years we have used vacant mall store fronts with significantly less space and a different set of site problems for each location. We are now working with the new Montgomery County Fairgrounds to enter into an agreement to plan our train shows at the soon to be opened new fairgrounds. This should give us a permanent home and the stability we need to continue this demanding program. I am ecstatic to report that last year's train show was extremely successful; that we conducted all events as scheduled; we had an overall respectable attendance of 4300 attendees; and that we made a profit. We were able to pull off this show due to the valiant efforts of Gail Yarnall, Dana Yarnall, Rick Lach, Gordon Carlson, Peter Guise, and Don and Marsha Schutrum. Div 3 has also begun an N scale module, under the guidance of Dayton N Trak, to be used as a teaching device. Construction continues for the public at Schultz's Hobby Shop. The module will be added to their layout at shows

Our elections for Supt, Ass't Supt, and Chief Clerk took place on April 15, 2018, and we proudly announce our new Superintendent Mark Stiver, our new Assistant Superintendent Gail Yarnall, and our re-elected Chief Clerk Tom Mrocza who assumed their duties on May 1, 2018. Congratulations to all three. We continue to thank our volunteers and committee members who keep our programs going, and we eagerly anticipate another successful program year with great activities. We also plan to be busy for the next six months: Carillon Park Railfest in June, the Maker Faire in August, Division Bus Trip in August, our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dayton Train Show in November, the Springfield Holiday in the City in November, and the University of Dayton Christmas on Campus in December.

Respectfully submitted: Rick Lach, Past Superintendent

Note: This report has been coordinated with Mark Stiver and Gail Yarnall, newly elected Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent

## Division 4, MCR, NMRA Status Report, May 2018

Steve Kaplan, Superintendent

### Membership

Division 4 membership is currently at 191.

### Finances

The Division's finances are stable, with about \$43,000 in liquid assets. The total will continue to decrease since we are committed to spending down the windfall profits from the 2014 National Convention on our current membership.

### Community participation

The Division participated with the Midwest Railway Preservation Society to staff a 3 ½ month (6 days per week) railroad display at the Great Lakes Science Center (GLSC). We furnished and staffed a 30 foot modular dogbone layout. Other members participated by giving small how-to-model table presentations. In addition to displays of model railroad equipment (most furnished by the Division), there were displays of actual prototype equipment and memorabilia. The Science Center held a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, at which time they expressed great appreciation for our service, and made it clear that we will be welcome again. Members logged over 1,600 volunteer hours for the NMRA Achievement program.

At the same time, the module group was again having our annual Training Day followed by the month long modular setup in Lorain for the Black River "Trees and Trains" holiday festivities in December.

Our module group continues to set up at about 10 to 12 shows and libraries throughout the year, and will be displaying at the 2018 NMRA show in Kansas City (along with the Hub Group from Boston). One significant aspect of our module group's operations is that members are out in front of the modules instead of lurking behind, and are quick to hand the controllers to interested youths to allow them to run the trains. Several of our new members have come to us through these displays – including some recent father/son combos

### Other Division Four matters and accomplishments

We have a new car project – 3 bay/ 70 ton/ offset side hoppers labeled for Davies Steel. We will have some to show at the Convention.

Attendance at Division meetings is averaging around 85. Our clinic programs are carefully thought out to inspire members to participate, and we see that 80 to 85% of the meeting attendees are in fact staying until the end of the ensuing clinics.

To further interest in the NMRA Achievement Program, if a member brings a structure, item of rolling stock, or even the paperwork to a meeting, they can have it judged there and comments on the why's of the result are reported as a regular part of the meeting.

Biannual elections were held and Lee Sheffield will become Superintendant commensurate with the June meetings.

# Western Reserve Division 5

## 2018 Spring Report

Since the Fall 2017 report, the Division held a successful How-to-Build a Model Railroad Day in November, with operating layouts and members manning various 'stations' describing basic (and some advanced) modeling techniques.

Our Division remains financially healthy and once again hosted our annual public show and income generating Railfest in March. Attendance was down somewhat since this was held St. Patricks Day weekend with the actual celebration on Saturday, which is the usual day that modelers attend. However, family attendance on Sunday was also decreased from the previous year. Nevertheless, revenues generated were ample for the following year's operating budget.

We continue to apply for and receive grants from the Lake County Visitors Bureau which supplements our advertising budget for the following year's Railfest.

Monthly meeting attendance continues at 30-35 which is roughly one-third of the NMRA registered membership within our Division. Typically, we see 2/3 of the total membership one to several times during the year, and the remaining third not at all. Bring and Brag continues to be a major focus, and clinic programs have been a blend of how-to modeling techniques presented personally or by video.

We are working with neighboring Divisions 1, 4, and 12 to develop a regional clinician list for a 'clinic exchange' program whereby members from one Division agree to reasonable availability and travel within this geography to give clinic programs at the others.

The NMRA members acquired from the transfer of counties in North Western Pennsylvania and Southern New York along the state border from the Niagara Frontier Region a couple of years ago and were integrated in Division 5, have now with our help created their own separate Division 12 within the Mid Central Region.

After some difficulty, successor officers for the Division have been sought, nominated, and elected to take office June 1.

It is with great sadness that we lost one of our longest, best-liked, and most active members, Dale Smith, a couple of months ago. He is greatly missed.

Dave Neff

Superintendent

# May 2018 BOD Report

## Division 6, MCR

**Membership:** The membership in the Division has remained fairly steady. We have welcomed some new members and have lost a few. It does seem like the ones we are losing are due to age and death rather than loss of interest in the NMRA. Along with this we have formed a new Division Committee that has the purpose of gaining and retaining members. The bulk of the members of the committee are newer and younger members of the Division. It was felt that using them maybe they can get some fresh ideas and plans to help the Division attract and retain the members. I hope to have more on their findings and progress at a later time

**Finances:** The Division is very healthy financially. Our outlays have become minimal and we still have a small cash flow from our previous project offerings.

**Projects:** The Division still has a number of items in stock. We have not yet decided on doing another project, only a discussion as of yet.

**Boy Scout Merit Badge:** The Division had planned to do a program last November for the Eastern Ohio Council, but due to issues on their end we had to cancel. We did however hold a Merit Badge Day for the Central Ohio Scouts in February. This was not quite as well attended as our previous year's event but was a great success. We had a great day with the scouts and they learned about railroads. We do still intend to keep this a annual event

**Train show:** This is still being planned. It is looking like a target date for November and will be a swap meet in style.

Meetings: Our meetings thus far this year have been well attended. Please remember that we have our annual June meeting in Marion at the Marion Union Station, all NMRA members are welcome to attend. This is an all day event with several clinics and plenty of socializing and train watching. We are also going to hold another first for the Division as we are going to do a bus trip for a meeting. Generally in the past all bus trips have been an extra event in which we did not have a business meeting involved.

Respectfully submitted

Greg Short

Superintendent Division 6

## Cincinnati Division 7 Report for May, 2018 MCR BOD meeting

Our membership count at end of April was ~260, which is steady for the last 12 months. Our monthly meetings draw about 50 to 80 people, depending on the meeting location and speaker. We have regular monthly meetings ten months out of the year, skipping March when we have our annual Flea Market and May when we generally have some other special member event (like a bus tour to a neighboring division).

In January we transitioned officers for the division. Bob Shreve completed four years as Super and "retired" to other division projects. John Shields (previously Assistant Super) was elected as the new Super and Chuck Endeola was elected the new Assistant Super.

In March we had another successful Spring Flea Market. Attendance was about the same as last year. We reduced paid advertising and increased our yard signage compared to the previous years and believe this is working well for us. We were able to get additional space at the school where we hold this event; and so were able to sell more vendor tables. Net we increased our income.

Our latest car project is an Accurail 36' double sheathed wooden boxcar. The cars are available in four versions. Two are lettered for Virginian & Ohio revenue service, one for Virginian & Ohio MOW service, and one for the Miami Valley Railroad, a V & O predecessor railroad. The cars are in stock and available from Division 7. Publicity has been appearing in various model railroad publications in the last several months. These cars will be for sale at the upcoming convention as well (so you can save the shipping cost!).

As mentioned in previous reports, we had another successful Cincinnati Model Train show the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This was the 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the division had a show in the October / November timeframe. The combined income from the Fall Train Show and the Spring Flea Market continue to cover the division's expenses for the year. Plans are already well along for our 51<sup>st</sup> Cincinnati Train Show on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at Lakota West High School.

In February we again worked with two local Boy Scout Councils on their Model Railroad merit badge programs. This involves two or three instructional sessions including an operating session at a local model railroad club. Three to six members volunteer at each site to run this program. We also completed our local library book donation program at the end of the year. We donate about a dozen current model railroad books to each of a total of 12 local library systems on a rotating basis [three systems each year on a four year rotation].

All is ready for our 2018 MCR regional convention, *The Cincinnati Express*. As of the first of May, we had over 300 registrants. We budgeted to break even at about 220 attendees (the average for MCR conventions going back to 2011); so we expect to be safely in the black. There are lots of activities for

both modelers and spouses. We have had enough signups that all advertised tours and events are going forward, with no cancellations.

Respectfully submitted,

John Shields

Division 7 Superintendent

Dear President Weinheimer,

The Division 8 membership has remained fairly constant.

Our division is in good financial shape with a very successful spring train show.

With regards to our two train shows; we have had a different member running the last three shows and has made many changes. The changes have proven to be good ones as our spring show had elevated attendance.

Fred Soward was elected the division's new superintendent - Fred will take over at our May general membership meeting.

Sadly one of our members passed away a few months ago and his son donated his father's train items. Our deceased member was a Big Brother and it was suggested we do something railroad wise with that organization. In June we along with one of our local hobby shops will have some Big Brothers/Sisters to run trains and build some blue box kits.

This year we are planning our annual picnic with the Division 10 in conjunction with an outing to Ray Grosser's to see/ride his 7 1/2 gauge railroad. We can see more joint events between the two divisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Weis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Russell Weis, Superintendent Division 8

## NMRA MCR DIVISION 9

### *The Coal Division*

#### Report to the Board of Directors; May 19,2018

Dan Mulhearn, Division Superintendent

If it is allowed to present a railroad analogy; Division 9 is rolling at track speed and seeing green signals. We have had another good year, with a lot of enthusiasm being displayed. Special kudos must go to our very active Assistant Superintendent, Bob Osburn. Also we have to thank each of our committee chairs and our *Up The Holler* editor for the hard work and willingness to advance the goal of enjoying and promoting our hobby. The individual members who are the heart of the Division are also to be commended for their enthusiastic attitude. The geographic area encompassed by our Division is quite large. In spite of that we have excellent attendance; with more than a few members traveling two hours and more each way to participate. Membership has remained stable.

The Division is financially stable, with minimal expenditures needed due to our fortunate circumstances. Most members receive our newsletter electronically which is a savings. We are fortunate to have the use of the former C&O depot at St. Albans, WV as a meeting venue. We contribute to the depot with the proceeds of our monthly raffle; all the raffle items are donated by members.

Most meeting events are held at St. Albans; however we do, during the year, do some events at other venues. May is **STEEL IS KING** month and we are hosted in the Parkersburg area by Dave Stout and Paul LaPointe and their steel industry related layouts. September is our traditional visit to the far west reaches of the Division as we are hosted by Mark Maynard at Portsmouth, OH. This event always features a delicious barbecue, layout operation, a white elephant table, raffle, contest and clinics. Finally, in November, we travel to the far south east of the Division to hold our event at the Pocahontas Chapter, NRHS train show at Bluefield, WV. In the past we have also held meeting events at Elkins, WV and Marion, OH.

A typical meeting event starts with a business meeting, which we attempt to keep thorough but brief. We have a company store where members may sell items they no longer need. Ten percent of the sale price goes to the Division. The MADD display, initiated by the late Gary Burdette is a display of anything model or prototype railroad related; sort of a grown up show and tell. The contest features different categories each month. Winners are selected by member vote. While everyone is ogling the contest items, the raffle goes on. The day concludes with a clinic. We have had some wonderful and informative clinics and Bob Osburn works hard at keeping them coming. The clinics are the result of the enthusiasm and expertise of our members, and are a highlight of our events. This past December we held the first Gary Burdette Memorial square foot challenge. Members were given a square foot of insulation foam and a flat printed cardboard building to be cut out and assembled. The variety and craftsmanship of the resulting mini modules was simply astounding. We are looking forward to the second edition of the challenge this coming December..

Division 9 continues rolling down the track into 2018; we are excited about where the journey will take us

Respectfully submitted;

Dan Mulhearn, Division Superintendent.



## State of Division 10, MCR, NMRA

Period covered: October 2017 – May 2018

Prepared for: MCR Board of Directors – May 2018

Membership: Gaining since October, 2017, with average now at 64 – up from the average of 62 in the last report. As of May 2018, NMRA is reporting 68 active members – which has helped raise the average. Monthly meetings continue to average between 25 and 30. Gains are attributed to members moving into Division and some added spouses.

Finances: Basically, sound with income and outflow balanced. We have recently had several more donations of equipment with sales donated to the treasury.

Programs: The regular meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month except July and the meetings are rotating between Lexington Public Library Branches. Several recent clinics have been presented to focus on ‘back to basics’. Our 2018 program theme is moving toward Achievement Program content to encourage members to participate.

Our ‘Trains Day at the Library’ program and T-Trak member involvement has grown since October, 2017. We have participated in several T-Trak shows in Louisville and Bunker Hill, Kentucky. The next ‘Trains Day at the Library’ event is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2018, in Lexington with joint participation from the Division 8 K&I T-Trak group and the newly formed Division 9 T-Trak SIG. We also plan to display and operate the Division starter HO layout built last year as a teaser in the rotunda of the Tates Creek Branch of the Lexington Public Library. We have also changed the event timing to a single day to accommodate both the traveling groups and based on our experience in the time required to set up and tear down the T-Trak display. The library is also planning railroad themed programming in the week before the event.

The original two T-Trak program objectives; first teaching kids about model trains and how they operate, and second getting parents and grandparents to join the NMRA, remain. A third objective has been added: To encourage ‘arm chair’ modelers and those modeling in other scales to participate in the T-Trak module build and display. The third objective has been an overwhelming success. More than 10 modelers Division 10 members have built T-Trak modules. We now have eight Division 10 owned modules and ten built and owned separately.

The ‘opportunity market’ of the T-Trak movement has definitely expanded.

The Division newsletter – The Lantern – and our website are active and in continual update. We have added a Facebook website in response to the request from Region and it is gaining in ‘hits’ since inception.

Bob Belt, Superintendent

BOD INFO SPRING 2018

Membership: stands at 32

Treasury: is healthy

Achievement report: Since our last report we have had two Association Official, one Association Volunteer and one Golden Spike Achievement earned by our membership as well as a Merit Award and a 1<sup>st</sup> place in the structure category earned by a Division member at the NMRA MCR Division 2 Jamboree held April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It appears our AP Program is pretty healthy so far. I am aware we have another Association Volunteer in the works as well as a Chief Dispatcher and an Electrical Engineer.

Newsletter: our new editor is doing a great job.

Train shows: another successful Victorian Christmas show. Had to cancel our show at the DuBois Mall due to the change in NMRA fee for Insurance Certificate.

By monthly op sessions: still being enjoyed. Eleven members assisted in an OP session with the Clinton Central Model Railroad Club. They put in a lot of work setting it up us for us and it went very well.

Bring and brag: is going through some changes.

Build and take: went well at the last Victorian Christmas set up.

Howdy Veihdeffer,

Superintendent,

NMRA MCR Division 11

To Bob Weinheimer  
MCR President

RE; Division 12's May 2018 MCR BOD report

Greetings from the Great White North, even with record snowfall here in Erie, we managed to get the groundwork done for establishing the Alleghany Western Division, or as it is legally known: Division 12, MCR, NMRA, Inc.

We have filed all the necessary paperwork with the state of Pennsylvania and the IRS. We are still working out some details with the IRS at this time, but hope to have our 501 (3c) status in the not too distant future.

In December we had our first BOD meeting. We finalized our Division regulations, established meeting order, approved opening a bank account, and the board also accepted the current officers and BOD members until such time as we have our first election (by May of 2018).

Thanks to the generous donation from Division 5 and some individuals we were able to open a checking account to conduct business transactions.

We decided to hold off until after the holidays to try and have our first membership meeting. Then the snow came. And came, and came....

Our first membership meeting was held Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Quality Inn and Suites at Route 97 and I-90 in Erie, PA. For something different we thought we'd have an Ice Storm instead of more snow. So, even with Mother Nature working against us we did have enough members for a quorum. We also had 3 guests from Division 5 in attendance.

The membership at the February meeting approved the Division regulations.

Our membership numbers continue to grow. The membership lists from the national have been somewhat inconsistent. In November of 2017 it looked like we had about 22 members in Division 12. By February the number had grown to 33. We did receive one report that showed we only had 12 members, but most of our BOD was missing from that list. I think most of those problems are behind us.

I am happy to report that Division 12 has a home for our meetings. Most of our regular membership meetings are being held in a restored Trolley Station in Cambridge Springs, PA. One of our division goals is also to have meetings in other areas of our division. Our September meeting is scheduled to be held at the Salamanca Railroad museum in Salamanca, NY. In June we are having a public event at a railfan picnic area in Westfield, NY, located between the CSX and NS mainlines between Erie and Buffalo.

At our April membership meeting the current officers were all nominated and unanimously voted for a 2 year term.

All of our meeting dates for the balance of the year are posted on the Division website. <http://www.div12mcr.org/category/schedule/>

The division also has an active T-Trak group. Their activities are conducted outside our normal membership meetings.

I would like to thank my BOD for their input and Dave Neff for his guidance in getting the [Alleghany Western Division](#) up and running.

I would like to recognize David Ellis, our clerk/treasurer, for the work and time he has put in dealing with various government agencies. He has made sure everything is filed properly and timely.

Sincerely

Bradley White

MCR Division 12

Superintendent

# **MID-CENTRAL REGION AP REPORT**

**November 1, 2017 - May 1, 2018**

Name	Division	Award
<b><u>Golden Spike Awards</u></b>		
Chuck Altwies	1	
Robert Ashley, Jr.	1	
Laura Jodon	2	
Richard Jodon	2	
Roy Allan	7	
Ray Cobbett	11	
<b><u>Merit Awards</u></b>		
Steve Zapytowski	1	Civil - Trackwork
Steve Zapytowski	1	Scenery - Tillamook & Astoria RR
Tom McInerney	4	Structures - Blacksmith Shop
Tom McInerney	4	Structures - Curved Trestle Bridge
Bruce Bowie	4	Structures - Dietsch Bros. Candy & Ice Cream
Tom McInerney	4	Structures - Lighthouse & Lightkeepers House
Tom McInerney	4	Structures - Planing Mill
Bruce Bowie	4	Structures - Portage River RR Bridge
Tom McInerney	4	Structures - Sawmill
Tom McInerney	4	Structures - Stone Barn
Tom McInerney	4	Structures - Warehouse
Howdy Lamprecht	6	Civil - Track Elements
Howdy Lamprecht	6	Structures - Hotel Beverly
Howdy Lamprecht	6	Structures - Olive Grove Lumber Company - Log Unloader
Howdy Lamprecht	6	Structures - Olive Grove Lumber Company - Mill #1
Howdy Lamprecht	6	Structures - Wood Trestle
Roy Allan	7	Civil - Fn3 (1:20.3) Crossing
Roy Allan	7	Scenery - Rio Grande Southern - Western Division
Mark Norman	8	Cars - Caboose: NASA #101
Mark Norman	8	Cars - DLVX 197000 - Military Rocket Flat Car
Mark Norman	8	Cars- CSXT 481638 Gondola with Load
Richard Maloney	8	Structures - Keystone Brewery
Richard Maloney	8	Structures - Muddy River Boat House
Bob Belt	10	Scenery - Belton & Hurlee RR
<b><u>Certificates</u></b>		
Steve Zaptowski	1	Civil
Steve Zaptowski	1	Scenery

George Pandelios	2	Author
Jim Montgomery	3	Volunteer
Judy Zommerman	3	Volunteer
Bruce Bowie	4	Author
Tom McInerney	4	Structures
Howdy Lamprecht	6	Cars
Howdy Lamprecht	6	Civil
Howdy Lamprecht	6	Electrical
Howdy Lamprecht	6	Structures
Robert Lee	6	Volunteer
Brad Jonas	7	Volunteer
Laddie Henninger	7	Volunteer
Mark Underwood	10	Author
Mark Underwood	10	Chief Dispatcher
Bob Belt	10	Scenery
Rolly Miller	11	Official
Rolly Miller	11	Volunteer

**MASTER MODEL RAILROADER**

Howdy Lamprecht	6	MMR #610

This has been a great AP period for MCR, and we congratulate Howdy Lamprecht of Division 6 on becoming Master Model Railroader #610. Interest and activity across the Region continues strong and I envision several more MMR awards in the next year,  
Frank Koch, MCR AP Manager

**BOD Education Manager Report**  
**Mid Central Region**  
**National Model Railroad Association**  
**Tom. Miller**  
**Education Manager**  
**May 29, 2018**

**Executive Summary**

NMRA EduTRAIN® is being offered by the NMRA as a recommended practice, not a mandatory requirement. Once approved, clinics are made 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. Each of the NMRA MCR Divisions has received an announcement and the primer PowerPoint for the EduTRAIN® Program.

Bob Blake [rm7blake@earthlink.net] reports that the EduTRAIN program is growing throughout NMRA. The EduTRAIN® program offers a national curriculum which has reviewed and approved several programs. There are 16 NMRA EDUTRAIN CLINICS available and listed on the NMRA EduTrain site which is available at the following link <http://www.nmra.org/edutrain/edutrain-approved-clinics?page=1> The curriculum committee for EduTrain is comprised of experienced modelers and MMRs from several regions and most with education or training backgrounds. EduTrain website is at: [http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/edutrain/articles/introducing\\_nmra\\_edutrainm.pdf](http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/edutrain/articles/introducing_nmra_edutrainm.pdf)

Education is an important mission of the NMRA magazine. NMRA Magazine is in need of a steady supply of articles and photos. Anything submitted can be returned after use. Email is the preferred means of communication. all material is to be returned, However, if you so designate, it will be sent to the NMRA Kalmbach Memorial Library in Chattanooga Tennessee for preservation. Carefully identify all submissions with your name on each item. The name can be put on a Post-It if writing on the object is not feasible (on an original timetable, for example). Authors are encouraged to be diligent to about naming all CDs, prints, slides and timetables.

All submissions should be insured including valuable photographs, timetables, maps or similar non-replaceable items. PRRP, Ltd., White River Productions and the NMRA are not liable for any damage that occurs to photographic resources. Every effort is made to

handle all material in the safest manner, and to date we have seen no damage occur to contributors' slides, prints or other material.

The largest portion of pages in the NMRA Magazine is devoted to articles. These can range from a short paragraph essay on a particular subject to full-length multi-page articles. They can cover prototype, modeling, or experiences. Perfect grammar and spelling are not necessary as the editorial staff will address these issues. Maps, drawings, plans, or artwork should be as "clean" as possible. Average photocopies are sometimes difficult to work with. If you have an original, we can scan the original without having it sent out to a production firm, so send that material with the article. To increase your chance at being published, articles from 3 to 6 pages should be your target.

Photography is an important part of the magazine. For black & white, 8x10 black & white prints are best, but we can work from smaller prints. Color prints are generally problematic, but a really sharp print can be used. For color, original color slides are best. E-6 process slides are easier to scan and correct. Most slides can be converted adequately to black and white. For a color article, a fairly large number of images are necessary to get good layouts that work well. If you don't have the photographic resources we may be able to help. In general, the narrower (and older) the subject the more difficult it is to find supporting photography. We also scan directly from both black & white negatives and color negatives, and even large format negatives all in house. Digital photography has brought both advantages and problems to the world of publishing. Close-up model photography demands at least f22 be used. If your camera is incapable of good depth of field, we will not be able to use the images. In order to use digitally captured images, the camera must gather at least 5 mega-pixels worth of data. Lower resolutions will appear pixilated when printed. We will reject any images that do not meet these minimum requirements.

All NMRA members are encouraged to stay in touch with the EduTRAIN® program by signing up for updates on the website. The link for that sign-up is available on the EduTRAIN® website. That NMRA website is available at <http://www.nmra.org/edutrain>. Any NMRA member who has given a clinic and would like to consider it for this program is welcome to do so. A clinic that they want to include in the EduTRAIN® program, please contact Tom Miller NMRA MCR Education Manager at [tom.miller@uconn.edu](mailto:tom.miller@uconn.edu) with a summary of your proposal.

**Respectfully Submitted**

*Tom Miller*

**Thomas W. Miller Ph.D.**

**MCR Education Manager**

**National Model Railroad Association**

To: Mid-Central Region Board of Directors:  
From: Mid-Central Region Membership Chairman  
Subject: Report to Board of Directors

The NMRA has instituted a new membership database recently. Most have noticed that there are numerous changes with the way certain data fields have changed and that there are some data elements that are no longer seen (e.g., "re-rails"). I have been working with NMRA HQ staff in order to try to get the MCR data back to what we were used to seeing before. I ask the Board's patience while we work out the details with HQ staff.

From HQ data the MCR membership looks as follows:

Division	Members
0	3
1	98
2	217
3	145
4	190
5	73
6	160
7	252
8	123
9	47
10	69
11	32
12	32

Respectfully submitted:

Paul J. Novak, Jr.

**MID CENTRAL REGION NMRA INC.  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD  
October 16, 2017 – May 14, 2018**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$24,849.59</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
	BOD meeting lunch fee	\$ 540.00
	Niagara Frontier Region	\$ 292.58
	NMRA NATIONAL	\$1,292.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>\$ 2,124.58</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE:</b>		<b>\$26,974.17</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
	#1155 Schmidt’s Sausage Haus	\$ 395.45
	#1156 GC Office Supply	\$1,383.71
	#1157 Ray Rieser Trophy Co.	\$ 25.80
	#1158 Ray Rieser Trophy Co.	\$ 180.60
	#1159 Stephen Zapytowski	\$ 28.98
	#1160 David Williams	\$ 13.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 2,028.04</b>
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE – May 14, 2018</b>		<b>\$24,946.13</b>
<b>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:</b>		
	Beginning Balance, October 16, 2017	\$4639.58
	Interest Earned	\$ .88
	Accrued Value	\$ 3.27
<b>REDEEMABLE CD VALUE – May 14, 2018</b>		<b>\$ 4,643.63</b>
<b>TOTAL NET WORTH – May 14, 2018</b>		<b>\$29,590.16</b>

**Bob McKay, MCR Treasurer**

# **Mid Central Region Vice Presidents Report**

**Michael Hohn, MMR**

*May 15, 2018*

Since the BOD meeting in Columbus, OH, I have done the following:

- Arranged the Superintendents' breakfast for the Annual Convention in Cincinnati.
- Updated the list of Mid Central Region Board of Director members and the officers of each division.
- Started updating the clinics database. I have information for MCR conventions in Lexington, Columbus, and Louisville and will start putting it together in the weeks ahead. Organizers of next year's convention are encouraged to contact me at any time.

Donald Wilke

MCR WEB Master

[webmaster@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:webmaster@midcentral-region-nmra.org)

May 11, 2018



**The Mid Central Region of  
The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.  
WEB Site Report  
MCR Spring BOD Meeting  
West Chester, Ohio  
18 May 2018**

**MCR WEB Site Update**

**WEB Host Renewal:** The region has a multi-year contract with our web host, Go Daddy. That contract ends in the fall of this year. I recommended at the last BOD meeting that we get a SSL Certificate for our web site.

At the last BOD meeting it was reported that the best security protocol for Wi-Fi had been breached allowing “other people” to gather your personal information (think bank records or family information.) And it has happened again. There are two ways to combat this problem;

One–Update software, which most computer companies have done. (You do keep your software up to date-right?)

Two–Use a secure web site (one that begins with https:) The recommended SSL certificate would make the MCR web site secure by encrypting the data sent to and from the web site and provide us with a site that began with https: It puts the little lock symbol in some browsers. You may not know that most search engines, including Google, now give priority to sites with a SSL Certificate.

I checked two hosting sites and the yearly hosting cost with a SSL Certificate are listed below.

**GoDaddy:** First Year: \$170.76; after that: \$230.76/year

GoDaddy has three different numbers to get this fee, including site backup. The SSL certificate is renewed each year.

**Hosting Check:** A one time \$200 SSL Certificate setup fee plus \$180 for \$380 the first year, and \$180/year after that. The SSL Certificate is included.

Note: All three of our web sites (MCR, MCR Archive, and Officer’s Archive) count as one web site by both hosting companies. i.e. There are no additional fees.

I think if we plan on keeping the MCR web site for more than a few years, Hosting Check is a better option.

Note: If we change the MCR web site host, our web site will be down for a few days. The same for email forwarders. This would happen in late summer.

**MCR Map:** There is now a link at the top of the Division Page of both the MCR Site and the MCR Archive Site to a map of the divisions in the MCR. The map still needs a title (fixed soon) and some links for printing in various sizes.

**Revised MCR Logo:** When the region was applying for its charitable status the region found that the IRS does not allow symbols in the name of organizations. The region therefore changed the official name of the region, dropping the hyphen in the official name. The MCR logo was also changed, also dropping the hyphen. The revised MCR logo is available in four sizes under “Graphics” at the bottom of the MCR Officer’s Archive menu. Also available are four different NMRA logos in various sizes. And two railroad logos from the 2016 MCR convention. Other sizes are available upon request.

**Division Logos:** As time permits I plan on adding the division logos to the same page.

Note: The MCR logos and the division logos are the property of the MCR and the individual divisions and I’m asking permission to copy and post them. They are on this page to archive them and allow other divisions to use them in promotional materials.

**Mail Forward Update:** I hope all of the new officers, supers, and managers have been updated correctly. Addition information below. I have a note to myself to change Division 8’s Super later this month. Please keep me informed about any changes.

**Corrections, additions, or comments:** I may not be at the BOD Meeting to answer questions.

Please contact me at: [webmaster@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:webmaster@midcentral-region-nmra.org) Please include “MCR” in the subject line so the email doesn’t end up someplace weird. I will try to respond within 48 hours.

**The Three MCR WEB Sites:** The MCR WEB Site contains information about the region that has an ongoing interest to the MCR Members.

[www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/mcr\\_home2.html](http://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/mcr_home2.html)

The MCR Archive WEB Site is set up to act as a place to keep information MCR Members might be interested in for for a longer time.

<http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/MainPage.html>

The MCR Officer’s Archive WEB Site is set up for the Directors and the Officers (Superintendents) of the MCR. It requires a LogIn, that will be changed after the Spring BOD and the new LogIn will be sent about ten days after the BOD Meeting. The MCR Officer’s Archive WEB Site contains documents relating to the BOD Meeting, BOD Correspondence, and The Clinician Database. Information on setting up Conventions [not yet provided to the WEB Site]; and Division, Region, and National logos.

<http://officer-archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/logIn.html>

**E-mail Address Forwarders:** Each Division Superintendent and MCR Officer have their own MCR supplied E-mail address; sample: [Division2super@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:Division2super@midcentral-region-nmra.org). This address is listed on the BOD and Committees Pages of the MCR WEB Site, and in the *Kingpin*. Any E-mail send to these E-mail addresses goes to the MCR WEB Site sever, and is then forwarded to your E-mail of record.

**Group MCR Officers E-mail Address Forwarders:** The following group e-mail forwarders are active:

[officer@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:officer@midcentral-region-nmra.org)

forwards to: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary of the MCR.

[super@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:super@midcentral-region-nmra.org)

forwards to all eleven division superintendents.

[managers@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:managers@midcentral-region-nmra.org)

forwards to: achievement, agent, asst. webmaster, contest, conventions, editor, education, membership, nominations, webmaster, 2018convention.

Thanks. Don Wilke

# MCR Contest Chair Report

May 18, 2018

1. First of all I must compliment Brad Jonas and the rest of the Cincinnati Express convention committee on their organization and communication. My questions and emails were answered promptly, sometimes within 30 minutes. I appreciate the ease with which we've been working together.
2. I will continue to present the judge training clinic for the contest. This year it will be at 8:00 AM, Saturday, May 19. Judging will commence immediately after that clinic.
3. Additionally, this year I will hold a contest administration clinic for the members of the contest committee that will be overseeing the contest this year. That clinic will be held on Thursday, May 17 at 1:00 PM.
4. Currently, the contest committee has six members: Steve Zapytowski (chair), Division 1, Chair, Dave Williams, Division 4, and Bruce Hukill, Division 1, Dan Mulhern, Division 9, Bob Belt, Division 10, and Lloyd Horst, Division 1.
5. There has been an ongoing discussion involving the judging of Ntrak modules between Larry Smith, Bruce Hukill, Bob Weinheimer, and myself. This has grown to include all modules and not just Ntrak modules. It has previously been suggested that modules be judged in the category of displays, but the thinking was this creates an apples and oranges situation in the contest. The builders of displays have much more creative freedom than those who build modules. Modules must conform to certain dimensional and electrical requirements. The national has good documentation on modules and the recommended practices for them, but the discussion of judging module is rather thin. The discussion continues.
6. There will be an oral update on the state of the contest at the BOD meeting on May 18.

Steve Zapytowski

MCR Contest Chair

May 8, 2018

# Upcoming Conventions

August 5 - 12, 2108      NMRA National Convention  
Kansas City , MO

May 2 - 5, 2019      The Bullet      - Mid Central Region  
Boardman, Ohio

2020 - Mid Central Region Convention will be in Pittsburgh.