

# The Kingpin



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## From the President's desk...

Summer is upon us and besides enjoying all the outdoor activities that this season brings, it's always good to "beat the heat" by retreating to the basement for some model railroad time.

Many of our MCR members enjoyed the *Operations Dayton 2013* MCR Spring Convention sponsored by Dayton Division 3.

Congratulations to Ray Baldwin and his Team for their planning and execution of a well-run convention that was enjoyed by all. The tours, extensive operating sessions, clinic program, contests, and modular layouts offered something for everybody. Congratulations to the Contest winners-the entries were superb!

Congratulations are also due to this year's recipients of the **Director's Award**, Frank Koch from Division 7, and the **Wenderfer Award**, Dave Hazlett from Division 1. Dave deserves great credit for his longtime efforts to promote the hobby of model railroading and Frank has been a tireless supporter in running and administering the Achievement Program for the MCR.

As well, I recognize and thank my predecessor, Dick Briggs, for his service as our MCR President from 2008 through 2013. We couldn't let talent like that go to waste, so we have installed Dick as the new MCR Contest Manager! Many thanks to former MCR Contest Manager, Howard Smith, MMR, for his years of dedicated service and countless hours spent in running our Contest Program and judging at MCR events. Take a rest, Howard, you deserve it!

The future MCR Convention venues were presented and voted on at the last MCR B.O.D. Meeting in Dayton. Future MCR Conventions are **Lexington, KY**, Division 10 in 2015; **Columbus, OH**, Division 6 in 2016; **Louisville, KY**, Division 8 in 2017; and **Cincinnati, OH**, Division 7 in 2018. Don't forget the **2014 NMRA National Convention** in **Cleveland** jointly sponsored by Divisions 1, 4, and 5. These will be great events for Region Members and their families to enjoy in the coming years.

In National news, the N.M.R.A. has hit its initial funding goal of \$250,000 to build a permanent *Magic of Scale Model Railroading* gallery at the *California State Railroad Museum*. A worthwhile endeavor, the MCR has certainly played a part in this with Divisions 7 and 9 contributing funds to keep this important project moving forward. Visit the N.M.R.A. website to learn more details.

Here in the MCR, the team of Committee Managers who have been with us for a few years has stayed intact. I thank them for their service and together with myself and the other officers of the Mid-Central Region, look forward to serving you in the future.

OK, folks-enjoy your summer, there are plenty of train meets, flea markets, and model railroad shows going on to keep model railroading in your summer plans!

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## Operations Dayton 2013 Model Contest Winners

### Steam Locomotive

1st Place: Gary Burdette C&O H4 2-6-6-2  
 2nd Place: Ric Zimmerman o-6-oT Switcher #14  
 3rd Place: Don Phillips On30 Steam Critter

### Diesel & Other Locomotive

1st Place: Sam Swanson On30 Whitcomb #6  
 2nd Place: Paul Maciulewicz SP SD50 #5514  
 3rd Place: Ric Zimmerman Colorado Central RSD-5 #1602

### Passenger Car

1st Place: James Grell PRR M70 RPO Car  
 2nd Place: Ric Zimmerman Colorado Central Short Dome Lounge  
 3rd Place: Don Phillips On30 Combine

### Freight Car

1st Place: John Hemsath Swift Reefer  
 2nd Place: John Hemsath B&O Wagon-Top Box Car  
 3rd Place: Larry Smith Ma & Pa Flat Car

### Caboose

1st Place: Matt Goodman N&W CF Caboose  
 2nd Place: Larry Smith Southern Caboose  
 3rd Place: Ric Zimmerman Colorado Central Transfer Caboose #0890

### Non-Revenue

1st Place: John Retterer M.O.W. Boom Tender  
 2nd Place: Ric Zimmerman Colorado Central Wedge Plow #X012  
 3rd Place: Gary Burdette C&O Jordan Spreader

### On-Line Structure

1st Place: Larry Smith Intermodal Yard Office  
 2nd Place: James Rollwage Sterling Mine  
 3rd Place: Gary Burdette Thurmond Coaling Dock

### Off-Line Structure

1st Place: James Grell *Miss Primrose's House*  
 2nd Place: Charles Fackler Jim Beam Rack house  
 3rd Place: Larry Smith Small Town Church

### On-Line Display

1st Place: Gary Burdette Coke Ovens  
 2nd Place: James Foster *Stine Lichen HOn30 Railway*  
 3rd Place: James Foster *Atlantic & Ohio Railroad*

### Off-Line Display

1st Place: Judy Gliebe *John's Mobil Station*

### Best of Show, Model

Dan Kennedy *Electric Furnace*

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**Operations Dayton 2013  
Photo Contest**Continued:  
**Operations Dayton Winners****Black & White Print, Model**

1st Place: Dave Williams *Waterfront at Night*  
 2nd Place: Randy Seiler *Page, WV Sanding Facility*  
 3rd Place: Randy Seiler *Virginian at Mullens*

**Color Print, Model**

1st Place: James Rollwage *Picking up the Loads*  
 2nd Place: Richard Flock *Work Crew*  
 3rd Place: James Rollwage *Service Stop at LaSalle*

**Black & White Print, Prototype**

No entries

**Color Print, Prototype**

1st Place: Richard Flock N&W #1218  
 2nd Place: Dan Mulhearn B&O #7608 in Mance, PA  
 3rd Place: Dan Mulhearn BN #2512 at Celillo Park, OR  
 H.M.: Ric Zimmerman GW #90 at Strasburg

**Slide, Model**

1st Place: Richard Flock *Erie Diesels*  
 2nd Place: Ric Zimmerman *V&O Afton Yard*  
 3rd Place: Ric Zimmerman *Brick Ovens, V&O*

**Slide, Prototype**

1st Place: Ric Zimmerman *AC&Y Yard, Akron*  
 2nd Place: Paul Maciulewicz *Frisco #1522*  
 3rd Place: Paul Maciulewicz *N&W #1218*  
 H.M.: Paul Maciulewicz *L&N #152*  
 H.M.: Ric Zimmerman *Across Cold Creek, Georgetown, CO*

**Best of Show, Photo**

Richard Flock *CSX #7680 at Homestead* -----  
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***National Model Railroad Association***  
***Mid-Central Region Board of Directors Meeting***  
***May 17, 2013***

The Mid-Central Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Miamisburg, Ohio in conjunction with the MCR 2013 Convention. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 PM. The MCR President, Vice President, and Secretary were present, the Treasurer was absent. Divisions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, and 10 were represented by their Superintendents while Divisions 4 and 5 were represented by proxies. Divisions 8 and 11 were absent. Guests included Assistant to the NMRA President Mike Brestel and Central District Director Pete Magoun.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2012, meeting as published in the *Kingpin* and distributed to Board of Director members.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the report of the Treasurer present in his stead at the meeting.

**Vice President’s Report**

Merlyn Jarman deferred his report until later in the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**Contest:** Howard Smith reported that there are lots of models in the MCR convention contest and that judging would begin at 9:00 AM Saturday, May 18.

**Achievement Program:** Frank Koch was not present but submitted a written report that was distributed to BOD members.

**Nominations:** Wil Davis reported that the audit of the election results was approved and that the new MCR officers would take office at the MCR banquet, May 18.

**Membership, Web Site, *Kingpin*, and Education** reports were not received.

**Division Reports**

As nearly all Superintendents read their reports during the meeting, the full text of their written reports is included here.

**Division 1:**

Membership: Current membership is at 103. We are working with Division 6 to move eight members in Wooster, OH back to Division 1. We also have a petition from one member in Aurora, OH, zip code 44202, that wants to move his zip code to Division 5. This would have an impact four division members.

Finances: We are financially solvent. We are still in application process for our 501(c)3 but moving along. We have submitted our 990 EZ for 2012 and two rebuttals and now are waiting the final answer. Without the help Jerry Krueger of Division 4, I don’t think we would be this far along.

Newsletter: We still are sending our *Peddler Freight* publication out to every active member and club in the division. We still have several members that receive mailed copies. We did retain the hobby shops that were advertising with us.

Website: The anticipated update of our website has not materialized. In addition, our webmaster has resigned. So we are now hunting for a new webmaster.

Modules: Or module group has backed out of participation at the *Thomas the Tank Engine Days* on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad due to soot and grime. We will continue to be present at the Dalton, OH show in March and November. Our module chair has been kind to lend us his command stations and boosters for these shows but the division will need to get their own in the near future.

Train Show: The membership has decided to not hold a train

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 NMRA Cleveland 2014  
 13–20 July 2014  
 Cleveland, Ohio  
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show this year. It seems most of the membership has sold off their extra stuff. Instead we are working towards having a training day. The details are still being ironed out at this time.

**Division 2:**

The Keystone Division is financially sound and remains an active component of the organization. The Company Store continues to add revenue to the Division 2 coffers through offerings of books, calendars, and car kits at a discount to the members.

Our membership currently stands at 244, down 7 from six months ago. We continue our recruitment efforts through our presence at the *Greenberg Train Show* and the exhibit of our Free-Mo modules at which we invite guests to run the trains.

We held a very successful two-day mini-convention, our *Model Railroad Jamboree* in April. It comprises one day of clinics and a day of self-guided layout tours. We advertise it as open to everybody, with a higher registration fee for nonmembers of the NMRA; the difference in fee pays for a six-month NMRA membership if they take us up on our offer. We had 145 persons attend, out of which 21 were nonmembers. Charlie Getz, NMRA President, was a clinician and the banquet speaker.

Division meetings are held 10 months of the year at sites all around the Division. Each August, we have a picnic to which the entire family is invited. The picnic has been within sight of a railroad line for added interest to the members. This has been a successful event each year.

Our newsletter, *The Keystone Flyer*, published 10 times a year to coincide with each

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**Operations Dayton Winners**

**Operations Dayton 2013 Arts & Crafts Winners**

**General**

1st Place: Diane Montgomery *Seaside Wood Basket*

**Needlework**

1st Place: Kathleen Lach *Freight Train*  
2nd Place: Greg Heeter *Fish Cross Stitch*  
3rd Place: Kathleen Lach *Trolley & Train Set*

**Railroadiana**

1st Place: Gary Burdette *Big Creek*  
2nd Place: Shirley Folger *Riesling & Chardonnay RR*

**Best Of Show, Arts & Crafts**

Gary Burdette *Locomotive Shop Drawing*

**Operations Dayton 2013 Peoples' Choice Awards**

**Steam Locomotive**

Don Phillips 1880 Dunkirk Climax

**Diesel and Other Locomotive**

Eric Zimmerman Colorado Central RSD-5 #1602

**Passenger Car**

Don Phillips On30 Combine

**Freight Car**

Larry Smith Tennessee Midland flat car

**Caboose**

Eric Zimmerman Colorado Central o890

**Non-Revenue Car**

John Retterer M.O.W. Boom tender

**Structure, On-Line**

Dan Kennedy Electric Furnace

**Structure, Off-Line**

Paul Kurutz Keystone Company Store

**Display, On-Line**

Gary Burdette Sewell Coke Ovens

**Display, Off-Line**

Brian Jones *Public Hanging – Noon Today*

**Photo or Slide**

Nick Folger *Long Forgotten #2*

**Arts & Crafts**

Kathleen Lach *Freight Train*

**Favorite Train**

James Grell *1930's Freight*



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meeting, is mailed to each member as well as numerous “expatriates” around the country. *The Keystone Flyer* can be accessed on our website, [www.keystonedivision.org](http://www.keystonedivision.org)

Division 2 constantly strives to find new ways to recruit new members, bring members to the meetings, and encourage participation in division events. We now have a welcoming committee to help new attendees and members to feel a part of our meetings and activities.

**Division 3:**

Division 3 membership has shown slow but steady growth over the last six months. We are now hovering around 170 and have had several derailed members return, in addition to new members. Monthly meetings have shown a similar slow, but steady increase with the average attendance around the mid 50s. We continue to attract visitors from neighboring divisions and we welcome them. Meeting presentations included a series on *Selecting a DCC System*, *Programming DCC with Decoder Pro*, *Operating with Panel Pro*, *Constructing Backdrop Structures*, and a popular session of member’s photos. We are planning another road trip foray into Indiana in August which will feature stops at museums and layouts.

Our convention committee has worked hard to present a first class convention which is well underway as you read this. As I write this, the budget is in the black and we should be able to maintain that status. If you hear a loud sigh on Saturday night, it will be our committee’s sigh of relief.

We held our second *Model Railroad Training Day* in January. It was moved up a couple of months to try to capture some of the after Christmas interest in trains. This year’s event featured several in depth presentations on layout planning and electricity which were topics requested in last year’s survey. Attendance was improved over last year and there was a lot of interest by those who attended. We handed out another survey and the responses were overwhelmingly positive. We hope to repeat next year with even more growth and some new topics.

The division remains in good financial shape with the balance of our assets in certificates of deposit. We moved our accounts from a commercial bank to a credit union, and have found the move to be to our benefit. Our previous bank had merged several times and had begun to nickel and dime us at every opportunity. Our current financial institution does not have the fees, has online statement access and paid us a significant membership dividend in February.

The *Call Board*, our monthly newsletter, continues under the management of Mr. J. Hedge as Editor. We supplement our hardcopy *Call Board* publication with an excellent division web page under the guidance of Mr. Norm Courtney. The web page has become a timely asset in keeping our members informed. Our Face Book page continues to attract a following with over 275 “friends” and we get about 700 visits a week. We have “friends” from around the world.

Our biggest activity has been the *November Train Show*. Attendance was down about 10% last year, but there was no single reason we could pinpoint. We still made money and we are looking for a new chair, as the present chair wishes to retire after this year after a successful five year run. Dealer tables continue to sell out early in the year with a waiting list. At these shows we subsidize NMRA memberships at 50%. Each year we enroll new members for the National NMRA and a significant percentage are from other divisions.

In other outreach efforts our division’s switching layout, *The Dalmatian Switching District*, was set up at six events including our train show and *Model Railroad Training*, and has been operating here at the convention. We donated \$200 to a group who constructed a 4 x 8 layout for the Dayton Gospel Mission. The Mission’s Director was interested in having a display for children who would likely never have the ability to own one of their own. It was on display from mid-November to the end of January and was a big hit with children of all ages.

All in all, a very busy and successful six months!

**Division 4:**

Membership: The division membership remains stable,

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about 200 members.

**Division Initiatives:** We continue our priorities of increasing membership, increasing retention, engaging youth, and providing grants. We are now actively engaging new visitors and members at meetings to introduce them to others living close to them, and make them more comfortable and welcome. We have also begun a mentoring program. The division is working with the Medina County 4H group of model railroaders to provide them with technical assistance and grants. Lastly, the division sent National NMRA a \$500 grant for the *Sacramento Rail Museum NMRA Exhibit*.

**Finances:** The treasury remains stable. We are reviewing various marketing ideas to implement for our major fund raiser, the *Berea Show* in October.

**Outreach:** We are expanding our November *TRAINing Day* with added advertising. We are partnering with *Accurail* and *Walthers* to distribute buildings and car kits which will be given “free” to participants during construction clinics we will be holding during the event. Additional clinics and demonstrations will be held as well.

**Division 5:**

David Neff reported verbally that membership is around 9- with meeting attendance of 30 to 35. The division had a good *Railfest* in March, this funds their budget. They also received a grant from the visitors bureau for improved advertising. They have good media connection through a member. They have a Facebook link to web sites and general information to attract members. They also have a Boy Scout Railroad merit badge program. The date for their *Promo Day* is not yet decided.

**Division 6:**

Our membership level has drop since our last report. In October of 2012 we reported at total of 177 members, as of May 2013 we report a total of 173, a decline of 5. However our renewal rate is great.

Our financial status is still above board. We continue to receive revenue from the sale of items left in our company store. We have a new project to generate monies from the sale of track cleaning

**MCR 2016 Convention**  
**28 April –1 May 2016**  
**Division 6**  
**Columbus, Ohio**

pads. We will have them available in all scales at the convention.

Our meeting attendance has not changed since last

reported even thou we have changed our meeting structure to include clinics on “how to”; bring and brag with preliminary feedback for AP award application. We still have our big event each June at the *Marion Union Station* in Marion, Ohio and our joint division meeting with Division 9 in September.

Our Media exposure has expanded to face book and twitter and we have added a few more layouts to the you-tube site:

[www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision](http://www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision)

Our newsletter, *Super's Signal*, has expanded to about 10 pages per issue. Most new members are receiving it electronically which has reduced our mailing cost.

Division 6, in conjunction with Division 1, is purposing a membership move for those members who live in the Wooster, Ohio zip code of 44691, in hope that they could and would attend division meetings. This move would shorten the distance travel to attend a meeting.

**Division 7:**

**Membership:** Update... since April, at which time our new member drive had increased our membership by 39 in 2012, we have added 20 more new members! Although there has been some attrition, our division roster is still healthy with just under 330 current members. We are still waiting to see how many of the RailPass sign-ups early in the year will re-rail but our confidence is high. The new folks are blending in with the old heads and we are excited about the future. Our *Cincinnati Model Train Show* is in October, when we will again begin our annual New Member Drive.

**Finances:** Division 7's budget is running right on target for 2013.

**More About Marketing:** Our *Cincinnati Model Train Show Postcard Database* now

contains about 6,500 targeted names. We now feel

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 comfortable promoting the show with only the database, the *Cincinnati Enquirer* (hardcopy and electronic), and hobby shop and member distributed flyers. All other “throwaway” newspapers and all radio spots have been eliminated and are not missed. At the 2012 show we were fortunate to book a five minute interview on the local Fox affiliate in Cincinnati on Saturday morning before the show opened. Our tracking information is that about 100 said they came to the show because they saw the interview (with me, no less). 100 adult ladies equates to 100 families or 400 people. In 2013 we will try harder for more free TV publicity. Bottom line is that Division 7 is spending much less to promote the *Cincinnati Model Train Show* but full well expects an attendance increase due to our “Direct” marketing efforts. This year we will again promote our show with yard signs.

Monthly Meetings: The secret to a successful division is to put great people in a position to affect positive results. Assistant Superintendent, Bob Shreve has secured great clinicians and well thought out topics keeping meeting interest high. With so many new folks, it is especially important that our meetings and clinics are fresh and maintain the interest of all members. Due to the large number of new members, 2013 clinics are emphasizing basic modeling and layout building. Our New Member Ambassador program is working well. We see to it that ALL division meeting attendees wear a name tag. If a member does not have an “official” Division 7 name tag, we give them a HUGE stick-on paper name tag to wear. Interestingly, sales of our engraved plastic name tags have surged in the last few months! We have an unusually high number of quality layouts within our division so layout tours are a big reason that we consistently average 80 to 90 folks at each meeting.

Newsletter, *Oil Can.*: Speaking of the *Oil Can.*, the US Mail version of the *Oil Can.* continues to be our largest single expense item. The Enhanced (color and more pages) *Electronic Oil Can.* is available both on our Web Site and via email and gets better every month! However, we are still mailing 150 Oil Cans to members at significant cost to the division even with the use of our bulk mailing permit. If we were

a small division, we would just make the decision to go totally electronic. As it stands, we are reluctant to pull that trigger and deal with the repercussions.

**Division 9:**

Membership: Membership holds at about 60 with regular meeting attendance of 20 to 25. We seem to be doing better at holding onto RailPass members but have lots a few members who are not regular meeting attendees.

Finances: The Division is in good financial shape. Our new *Raffle Manager* has done a good job of arranging for interesting and profitable raffles. The proceeds more than cover the cost of the newsletter.

Meetings: As noted above meeting attendance is good. Our new home in the C&O station in St. Albans, WV has been a big improvement over our older digs. We have more room for contest and raffle displays in addition to the occasional interruption by full scale CSX trains going by. Given the large area covered by the division we still plan to venture out to the corners. Our May meeting was in Parkersburg, WV where we visited a couple of steel mill themed layouts hosted by a couple of our members. We were joined by five member of Division 2 from Steubenville, OH. Other meetings are scheduled for September in Portsmouth, OH in conjunction with Division 6 and in Bluefield, WV.

Clinics: Every time we think we are at the bottom of the barrel a bunch of folks step forward with new and interesting subjects. We are still considering bringing clinicians from outside the division from time to time, more so now that we have a much nicer meeting location.

Education: Gary Burdette, Assistant Superintendent, has been working to develop ideas for an education section for our web site. For now there are a few pages on the site but not quite finished enough for public viewing. Gary is also working with the group chaired by Jim Six at the national level

Achievement Program: Participation in the AP program has hit a lull but we

see a number of certificates -----  
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of several members.

Newsletter: Our monthly newsletter, *Up the Holler*, is meant to be in the hands of members 7 to 10 days before the next meeting. Editor, Dan Mulhearn, has done a good job of packing 8 to 12 pages with a lot of interesting reading, we hope you enjoy it. All but 10 members receive the newsletter electronically. We print very few copies; the printing is done on a wide format ink jet printer owned by one of the members.

**Division 10:**

Membership in Division 10 is maintaining in the low eighties.

Attendance at meeting has been in the mid thirties.

Finances: Currently we have \$3421.08 on hand as of May 1, 2013. Since we suspended the auction last summer our funds have again depended on donations. Work is in progress to collect items for auctions that will be starting at the next meeting.

**ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS:** Our newly elected Superintendent Lou Jaquith had to step down due to medical reasons. I was elected to complete Lou's term in January. Brian Jones was elected as the new Asst. Superintendent.

Our annual field trip to Cass, WV, is planned for August. It is a great time and a chance for members to ride the last and biggest Shay every built, still in existence. It is also a chance to stay in one of the original company houses.

Plans: The division is currently gearing up for the *2015 Regional Convention*. The *Thoroughbred Limited 2015* is being chaired by Pete Birdsong and many of the members have accepted roles to make this a great success.

MCR 2015 Convention  
*Thoroughbred Limited 2015*

14–17 May 2015

Division 10

Lexington, Kentucky

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

**COMMITMENT, PARTICIPATION AND SUMMARY:** We are continuing to have fun and increase membership, attendance, and participation through the support of our officers and chairpersons and membership.

**National:**

Mike Brestel noted that three *e-Bulletins* have been issued so far but there is a 20% bounce rate. If you did not get one, please confirm your email address at [nmra.org](http://nmra.org)

Pete Magoun noted that the *e-Bulletin* will not be used to ask for money, it is only to provide information. Surprisingly, some members are opting out of receiving it.

**2013 MCR Convention:**

Ray Baldwin reported that there were 209 primary registrations with 12 no shows and 6 refunds. He noted that the hospitality room has plenty of coffee and that there is a lot of non-rail activity. A final report will be issued this summer.

**Old Business**

**2015 Convention:** Pete Birdsong reported that *2015 Convention* planning is in good shape.

**2014 National Convention:** There was no *2014 National Convention* report.

**Clinician Database:** Merlyn Jarman reported that the clinician database has about 200 clinics, this can be a good source of clinicians for division meetings. He also circulated a copy of the MCR contact database asking members present to review it for any corrections.

**New Business**

**Division Move:** A motion was made and seconded to move zip code 44691 from Division 6 to Division 1. This zip code is close to Akron, the heart of Division 1 and members living in this zip code tend to go to Division 1 meetings. A letter and SASE were sent to all members in this zip code, all members responding want to make the move. The motion was approved.

**Additional Division**

**Move:** A similar issue affecting Divisions 1 and 5

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**BOD Meeting**

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will be handled in the same manner.

**2016 MCR Convention:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold the *2016 MCR Convention* in the Columbus, Ohio area with Division 6 as the sponsor. It is anticipated that the attendance will be 150 to 200, the registration fee should be about \$60, and the usual activities will be held.

**2017 MCR Convention:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold the *2017 MCR Convention* in the Louisville, Kentucky area with Division 8 as the sponsor.

**2018 MCR Convention:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold the *2018 MCR Convention* in the Cincinnati, Ohio area with Division 7 as the sponsor.

**Statement of Continued Existence:** A

Statement of Continued Existence along with the accompanying payment will be sent to the State of Ohio.

**Audit Committee:** The Audit Committee should meet in the next two to three weeks.

**Good of the Order**

Merlyn Jarman noted that the Superintendents Breakfast would start at 8:00 AM, Sunday, May 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Weinheimer

Secretary,  
Mid-Central Region, NMRA Inc.



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



Plan to attend the 2015 MCR Convention, hosted by Division 10 in Lexington, KY, May 14-17, 2015. With **Charlie Getz** as our banquet speaker, **great clinics and tours**, a **super hotel** facility at a **great price**, **free breakfasts and cocktails** and laid-back **Southern Hospitality**, we can assure you that you'll have a good time, and return home relaxed but full of enthusiasm and new ideas.

There's so much to enjoy, and Spring is so beautiful in Kentucky, you might want to consider taking advantage of the hotel's low rates three days before and after the convention, and make this a family vacation in addition to the convention.

For all the details, check out our web site:

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

Thanks a million for your support.

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Division 10 Superintendent





*Best in Show – Photograph  
CSX #7680 @ Homestead  
Richard Flock*



*Best in Show – Model  
Electric Furnace  
Dan Kennedy*



*Best in Show – Arts & Crafts  
Locomotive Shop Drawing  
Gary Burdett*



*Martha Newberry Award  
Anderson Foods  
Larry Smith, Division 10*

*Operation Dayton 2013 Contest Winners are available at:*  
<http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/convention.html>

The 2016 MCR Convention, 28 April – 1 May 2016, hosted by Division 6 in Columbus, Ohio, will be at the *Dublin Embassy Suites*. Free parking, free breakfast, and free Manager's Special (cocktails); with clinics, Company Store, and contest room all on one floor, for just \$129 a night. See central Ohio as you've never seen it before. An all-day bus trip, new and different clinics, rail and non-rail activities never before offered, and a large banquet room with a banquet speaker with a different take on building prototype roundhouses. Come for a great time, but don't plan on getting much rest.





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## Mid-Central Region Calendar

14–20 July 2013

*Peachtree Express*  
NMRA National Convention  
Atlanta, GA  
[www.nmra2013.org](http://www.nmra2013.org)

8–11 August 2013

Steel Mill Modeling Seminar &  
Workshop  
Kent State University, Kent,  
Ohio  
[http://  
www.pyamodelrailroad.com/  
Steel\\_Mill\\_Modeling.html](http://www.pyamodelrailroad.com/Steel_Mill_Modeling.html)

27–28 September 2013

1st Midwest All Scale Railroad  
Show  
Greenford, Ohio  
[http://  
www.maine2footquarterly.com/  
midwest\\_allscale.htm](http://www.maine2footquarterly.com/midwest_allscale.htm)

29 September 2013

Firelands Model Train & Toy  
Show  
Erie County Fairgrounds,  
Sandusky, Ohio

6 October 2013

MCR Board of Director's  
Meeting  
Columbus, Ohio

5–6 October 2013

Division 4 Carnival of Trains  
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds,  
Berea, Ohio

19–20 October 2013

Division 7 Fall Train Show  
West Chester, Ohio  
[http://www.cincy-div7.org/  
events.html](http://www.cincy-div7.org/events.html)

20 October 2013

N&W RR Spring Train & Toy  
Show  
Vermillion, Ohio

27 October 2013

Medina Train & Toy Show  
Medina County Fairground,  
Medina, Ohio

2–3 November 2013

Dayton Train Show  
Hara Area, Dayton, Ohio

10 November 2013

Wayne County Train & Toy  
Show  
Dalton, Ohio

13–20 July 2014

*NMRA Cleveland 2014*