

The Kingpin



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National Contest Awards: First Place Scratch built Structures and Mt. Albert Scale Lumber Co. Best Use of Scale Lumber for **Steve Zapytowski MMR's** BFDMC Stamp Mill 3. Steve is from Division 1 and is the MCR Contest Chair.

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Letter from the President

Bob Weinheimer MMR

As you might note from the minutes of the September 30 meeting of the Mid Central Region Board of Directors*, the most discussed subject was conventions. The Cincinnati Division presented the report of their convention. This is an excellent document that should serve as a guide for convention planners in the coming years. Not only do they discuss what went well, they shed light on things that could have been done better. We heard updates from the next two upcoming conventions: Boardman, OH in 2019 and Pittsburgh in 2020.

More detail on the 2019 meeting, The Bullet, can be seen at www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/the-acy-bullet-2019. The host Division is not one of our larger Divisions and can use some help. This is your chance to make a difference, look at the convention site for more information. While you are on the site, sign up for the convention! The next issue of the Kingpin will be a printed issue and will contain full convention information.

The 2020 convention in Pittsburgh will be in the same hotel as the 2012 convention. I hear the hotel has been upgraded but its location cannot be better as it across the street from Rook Yard, an active railroad yard that has seen the transition from the Pittsburgh and West Virginia to the Norfolk and Western to today's Wheeling and Lake Erie.

I was getting a bit anxious about the site of the 2021 convention as no Division had stepped up to offer to host us. MCR Vice President Mike Hohn talked with a few folks and it now appears that Divisions 12 and 11 will host us in Erie, PA in 2021. The groups are now in the process of preparing a formal bid for Board approval at its next meeting.

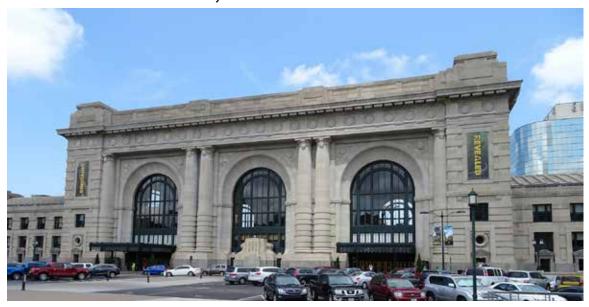
Our 2022 convention is looking more and more like it will be a joint event with the Mid West Region and the North Central Region. We have not firmly committed to this effort and I have suggested to representatives of the other Regions we look at MCR convention bid process as a way of guiding us. We also have two member who will represent MCR as this effort proceeds: Jerry Doyle and Fred Soward quickly agreed to take on this role. The Boards of all three Regions will have to agree to the whole process but I hope that can be done in the coming year.

We also heard about significant Achievement Program activity and congratulations are for Steve Zapytowski and Mark Norman who have earned their Master Model Railroader certificates since the last BOD meeting.

I close by noting that elections at the National level will again take place early in 2019. There is one position, At Large World-Wide Director, a position on the NMRA Board of Directors, that we will all take a role in electing. It appears there will be several candidates with a variety of backgrounds. When you receive your voting materials, either online or paper, please take the time to carefully examine the statements of each of these candidates. Consider their credentials for running a nonprofit organization such as the NMRA and look at what they want to accomplish if elected. This is your opportunity to make a difference and to make your vote count.

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NMRA National Convention in Kansas City



The convention was held at the Westin Crowne Plaza Hotel (not pictured) with a good attendance by Mid Central Region members. The facility provided ample space for all activities and was in walking distance of Union Station, The World War One Memorial and Museum (on a steep hill, however) and a free streetcar running through downtown.

The usual convention functions seemed to run flawlessly. Joel Priest MMR and his crew were astounding in their technical abilities to set up and resolve clinic AV issues. I crossed my fingers that the silent auction would go smoothly and it worked!

I only attended one tour, which gave me my money's worth as it covered much of the central rail activities as well as visiting ancient areas of town. I didn't manage to get on THE tour of the week: a visit to RMC Editor and convention Chair Stephen Priest's layout, which the lucky visitors all said was fabulous. Maybe next time.

Union Station could be reached by an elevated walkway from the hotel, but the air conditioning was dead, so street access was a viable alternative. The station has been restored within the last decade or so and contains a lot of businesses, including a science museum, restaurants, an Amtrak station a Post Office, and a free room filled with various train layouts, seemingly aimed at - and receiving - families with young children. On interest to us was an enclosed bridge crossing all the tracks behind the station. The tracks were busy all the time. While the bridge's metal slats made it impossible to throw large objects or jump onto passing trains, they were spaced far enough apart to allow decent photography. The far side of the bridge was close to a BBQ restaurant, which was magnet for quite a few of us.

The free streetcar near the station was a fun and free ride through town lasting maybe half-an-hour. It was a convenient way for most of us to get to the convention center (a mile or so from the hotel).

Just about everyone seemed happy with the National Train Show. The glass-half-empty guys talk about what vendors weren't there but I concentrate on who was there. Then again, if *my* vendors weren't there, I'd probably be in the half-empty camp. Anyway, lots of layouts were on display.

Union Station: front interior



Union Station: side reflection





An area known as West Bottoms, relatively close to the hotel, with lots of activity. The bridge features two levels of tracks. The vertical extensions are screws to raise the bridge in case of flooding.



A view from the pedestrian bridge behind Union Station.



The World War One Museum contains one of the few remaining tanks from that war.

The free streetcar, shown waiting at the side of Union Station. The picture was taken from the walkway connecting Union Station and the hotel.



National Contest Results for the Region

Model Contests

First Place	Scratch built Structures	Steve Zapytowski	BFDMC Stamp Mill 3	Division 1
Second Place	Scratch built Freight Cars	James Grell	NKP Wood Gondola	Division 4
Second Place	Kit Built Diorama	James Grell	Capt Ahab's Fish & Fry	Division 4

Peoples' Choice

First Place	Favorite Train	James Grell	1930's Auto Train	Division 4
Second Place	Model Photo	Bruce Huskill	Tillamook	Division 1
Third Place	Model Photo	Neal Schorr	Trains Passing at View Town	Division 2

Judged Photo

First Place	Color Print Model	Bruce Huskill	Tillamook	Division 1
Second Place	B&W Print Model	Neal Schorr	Yard Goat at East Altoona	Division 2
Best of Show:	Photos	Bruce Huskill	Tillamook	Division 2

Model Contests Special Awards

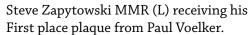
Mt. Albert Scale Lumber Co. Award	Best Use of Scale Lumber	Steve Zapytowski	BFDMC Stamp Mill 3	Division 1
National Contest Chairman's Award	Chairman's Choice	James Grell	Capt Ahab's Fish & Fry	Division 4

Special thanks to Paul V. Voelker for providing all contest information and photos. Besides handling all photography for the National contest, Paul is the editor for the NMRA Turntable.

Congratulations to all winners and thanks to all who participated.



Jim Grell's gondola.





All photos courtesy of Paul Voelker.



Jim Grell (L) wins for Favorite Train from Bill Brown MMR.

From the Editor

If you are around children, and that includes at division activities, family, church, and just plain walking down the street, you owe it to them to take the Boy Scouts of America online course in Youth Protection. You don't have to be registered with the Boy Scouts. Start at my.scouting.org (it will require you to create a login account). I just finished the course in order to renew my Railroading merit badge counselor certification but it's got lots of information that everyone should be aware of. The bad guys don't conveniently wear shabby trench coats and the course helps to say what really needs to be watched in people (it's behavior not appearance). The Scouts' policies are worth noting as well.

For those of you who regularly attend the National Convention, UK clinician and former NMRA Director Kathy Millatt has been busy with an English TV show called The Great Model Railway Challenge. They have 15 teams of 6 modelers (actually modellers) who have 24 hours for each team to construct a running 10' x 15' OO scale layout. Kathy is one of the judges. The show is scheduled to air in England this Fall. All this information comes from the September 2018 issue of Railway Modeller, pages 718-719. I bought my copy at Barnes & Noble. Hopefully the show will appear on this side of the Atlantic sometime.

If you want to start a lively conversation, walk into a room and mention just about any politician's name. But if you really want to start a lively conversation, walk into a group of people associated with an NMRA contest and say "judging flatcars with loads". Some people will tell you that the load doesn't count at all, others will say that it is completely part of the model to be judged. Some people pick a shade of gray, giving some credit toward the load but still focusing on the car. I was told recently to read the judging requirements. I did, and-sorry, maybe I'm not too sharp - I'm still not clear on the answer (I'm not a judge, just a bystander). To borrow a phrase from Rachael Madow: watch this space. I'm still asking. Maybe there's a magazine article in the future to help clarify to all. In a somewhat related matter, be sure to notice Bob Frankone's articles in the NMRA Magazine (last month and this) on flatcar loads.

Nominations for MCR Officers

The Nominating committee for the MCR 2019 elections consisted of: Bob Shreve from Division 7 (manager), Bob Belt from Division 10, and Jim DiPaola from Division 1.

An announcement of the upcoming election and a solicitation for candidate submissions was placed in the June, 2018 edition of the MCR KingPin, as well as July / August editions of each division's newsletter.

The nominating committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for the 2019 MCR elections:

President – Bob Weinheimer Vice President – Dave Neff Secretary – Jerry Doyle Treasurer – Bob McKay

Per current MCR regulations, this report shall be included in the Fall issue of the KingPin. An invitation was emailed on or about October 1, 2018 calling for nominations to be submitted by petition to the nominating committee within the next 30 days of that email. That email list was derived from the Kingpin email list.

Respectfully,

MCR 2019 Elections Nominating Committee

Bob Shreve Bob Belt Jim DiPaola

September BOD Meeting

The Regional Board met on September 30, 2018 in Columbus. Prior to the meeting, President Bob Weinheimer MMR called for reports to be emailed for attendee review, with any updates to be given during the meeting. Secretary Jerry Doyle recorded updates in the meeting's Minutes, shown below. Individual reports follow the Minutes. Written reports were not posted by Division 5 or 11 but verbal presentations were given at the BOD by representatives of those divisions.

National Model Railroad Association Mid-Central Region Board of Directors Meeting Schmidt's Restaurant - Columbus, Ohio Minutes September 30, 2018

Attendance:

Bob Weinheimer, President; Mike Hohn, Vice President; Bob McKay, Treasurer; Jerry Doyle, Secretary; Steve Zapytowski (P), Division 1; Keith DeVault, Division 2; Mark Stiver, Division 3; Lee Sheffield, Division 4; Mike Buehner, Division 5; Greg Short, Division 6; John Shields, Division 7; Fred Soward, Division 8; Jerry Doyle (P), Division 9; Bob Belt, Division 10; Howdy Veihdeffer, Division 11; and Brad White, Division 12.

Also in attendance were Gail Yarnell, Asst. Sup. Div. 3; Don Wilke, Webmaster; John Burchnall Cincinnati Express Vice Chair; Bob Shreve, Nominating Committee Manager; Bruce DeMaeyer, Module Manager; Steve Studley, Midwest Region President; Barbara Soward; Bernadine Zapytowski; Paul Novak, Membership; and Dave Williams, Newsletter.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Weinheimer at 12:49 p.m.

Minutes of the last BOD meeting:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected from the May 18, 2018 BOD meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

President's Comments:

Bob Weinheimer thanked Division 7 once again for a great convention. He mentioned the region's AP activity with five new MMR's in the last year. The Facebook page has over 300 new likes. There was a Facebook Live broadcast of Gerry Leone's banquet speech at the May convention that was widely viewed. Bob noted there were at least a dozen new shops that have begun participating in the NMRA discount program. The policy on campaigning was stressed at the national board meeting. Also, the terms *MMR* and *Modeling with the Masters* are copyrighted, *Master Model Railroader* should join that group in the near future. He also reminded everyone that division officers must be current NMRA members to serve.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob McKay reported a balance of \$29,748.90. He noted the surprising expense of the Super's Breakfast at the 2018 convention. There was some discussion over the high cost and possible remedies at future conventions.

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Vice-President's Report:

Mike Hohn reported on the update of the clinician database. He is seeking the most current information for clinicians. He also noted the updated BOD listing which is an ongoing task.

Committee Reports

Contest: Steve Zapytowski reported modules will be displayed in the contest room for the next convention. There was discussion of the judging of modules and the scoring sheet. Bruce DeMaeyer noted that the module contest as a work in process and modules are essentially a fourth type of contest with similarities to photography.

Nominating Committee:

Bob Shreve reported there is a slate of candidates for elections. He has worked to make the ballot and publishing it in the King Pin work smoothly. Streamlining the process and reducing costs are the objective

Webmaster:

Don Wilke informed everyone a new password will be coming in a few weeks. Also he reported on the clinician database.

King Pin:

Dave Williams reported the deadline is October 15 for the next King Pin.

Projects:

No report.

Modules:

Bruce DeMaeyer is open to invitations from any division for a presentation on T-Track and modular railroading. He has visited four divisions so far with intentions to visit the others by the end of the year. Bob asked each division to consider designating a contact person for T-Track.

Membership:

Paul Novak noted there were still some issues with Division 12's membership reporting. He is still seeking a solution. He reminded supers that the information on the membership lists were property of the NMRA.

Achievement Program:

No verbal report, see written report

Education:

No verbal report, see written report

Division Reports:

- Division 1 Nothing new to add to the report already submitted for the meeting.
- Division 2 Nothing new to add to the report already submitted for the meeting.
- Division 3 Train show coming up in four weeks. Gail inquired about event cancellation insurance.
- Division 4 Nothing new to add to the report already submitted for the meeting.
- Division 5 The Division is in a solvent position, the Railfest is planned in March as usual. Mike reported on the success of BSA activities. Mike Buehner was reelected as superintendent. Membership numbers are steady.

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- Division 6 -- Greg handed out flyers for the Division Six swap meet in Brownsville, Ohio November 4.
- Division 7 The 51st annual swap meet is upcoming.
- Division 8 Fred reported on the Louisville Train Day which is intended to get children involved in model railroading. Instead of formal clinics, information stations were used to get new people involved.
- Division 9 Nothing new to add to the report already submitted for the meeting.
- Division 10 Bob Belt reported Train Day at the Library show in Lexington, Kentucky. He reported overwhelming attendance with numerous children attending. This was the second year for the event.
- Division 11 Howdy reported on charging a rail car on the Everett RR. Mall show at Indiana, Pa.
- Division 12 Mini convention September 14, 2019.

Old Business:

2018 Convention – John Burchnall discussed potential reasons for the large attendance. There were 51 non-affiliated attendees and half the Division members registered for the convention. Some divisions had large attendance with no relationship to geographic distance to the convention. He reported some feedback on what was popular with fellowship mentioned prominently. Budgeting and cost control were noted as key elements for success.

2019 Convention - Steve Zapytowski reported the Youngstown Steel Heritage Museum will be acquiring the Erie-Lackawanna 3639, an EMD SDP45. The division plans to support the restoration. Brad White expressed interest from Division 12 to help with the convention.

2020 Convention – Keith DeVault displayed a poster for the Steel City Express. Registration is projected to be \$40-45.

New Business:

Adding Modules to Contest – Bob Belt moved and Mark Stiver Seconded a motion proposed by Steve Zapytowski, Contest Manager: "As contest chair for the Mid Central region I wish to propose the inclusion of modules as part of the judged contest as a beta test at the 2019 convention at Boardman as a proof of concept. I'm submitting this with the cooperation of Bruce DeMaeyer which represents the culmination of an ongoing conversation that started at the Cincinnati convention in May of 2018. We wish to have the competition open to T-Trak as a category with N-Trak combined with the various flavors of HO scale modules as two judged categories. Larry Smith will lead the judging of the modules. We propose first, second, and third place awards in both categories along with a single People's Choice Award and a single Best of Show award.

Assuming the success of the proof of concept then a proposal will follow the

convention to permanently include modules as a part of the Mid Central Region annual contest," The motion passed unanimously

2021 Convention – Divisions 12 & 11 have expressed interest in jointly hosting the convention potentially in Erie, Pennsylvania.

2022 Convention – Proposed joint convention with Midwest, Mid Central and North Central

Steve Studley, MWR President, gave a brief overview of the evolution of a joint convention with a potential date of May 11-15 2022. The question of moving the meeting to an earlier date was raised. The idea of moving the date to sometime in April will be considered. The potential format is clinics in the morning and evening with operating sessions in the afternoon. There will be a white elephant table and showcase display (non-contest) area.

The desire is to have a central location with South Bend, Dayton, Indianapolis, and Toledo as potential locations. The number of attendees will likely be larger than typical conventions and factors that affect attendance need to be considered.

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Steve Studley encouraged MCR members to contact Bob Weinheimer with ideas. Bob shared that Fred Soward and Jerry Doyle have agreed to serve on a joint convention planning committee for MCR.

The issue of conflicting with the national NMRA convention was raised and Bob Weinheimer responded this had been addressed and would not be a concern.

Narrow Gauge Convention Discussion -- Fred Soward shared some thoughts on attending the National Narrow Gauge Convention. First - no clinics in the afternoon, only layout tours. This removes tough choices about which to attend and finding layouts after dark. Vendors were also available all day as an alternative to layout tours. Bob McKay mentioned the issue of recruiting vendors. There was discussion about the issues of having vendors. Mike Hohn mentioned several ideas such as opening the show to the public for one day. His overall point was there was no single model for success for a well-run convention. Mike Buehner noted his experience with getting operating sessions and how the venue dictates this.

Electronic Election Ballots – Bob Weinheimer noted several regions, as well as NMRA national has begun using electronic voting. He noted the marginal cost of our current paper system is almost nil. Don Wilke noted that the address label affixed to the reverse provides additional securing.

For the Good of the Order:

Brad White asked about Division 12 BOD minutes being published in the division newsletter. He also asked about layout tour hosts being NMRA members and the practice reimbursing travel costs for clinicians. There was a general consensus that MCR members do not receive reimbursements for convention clinics, but they are provided in rare cases otherwise.

Mark Stiver shared that a rare Smith & Barney interurban car was restored and moved to Carillon Park. A new building has been constructed to house it.

Mike Buehner noted the Painesville Railroad Museum received at complete collection of Lionel models and servicing equipment. An effort is underway to fund a building to house the new collection.

Bob Belt mentioned Division support for the new railroad museum in Ravenna, Kentucky with the possibility of developing a model railroad display at the museum.

John Burchnall suggested putting attendance information on the MCR site. He also mentioned the usefulness of direct mail post cards and 2'x4' yard signs for their train show. The response has been more cost effective than previous advertising efforts. The signs are place about 2 weeks before the event.

Greg Short mentioned a trip to Mad River museum. He shared it was a great museum and positive experience.

Fred Soward mentioned the power of Facebook advertising for their Louisville Train Day.

May 9, 2019 – Spring BOD meeting.

Adjourned 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Doyle, MCR Region Secretary

Division 1 currently has 96 members. Our membership has been between 95 and 100 members for the last 3 years. Our HO and N scale modules were set up at the Stark County Fair August 28th thru September 3rd. They were set up in an exhibition building that did not have air condition and manned the modules during some very hot days. With a couple of fans and lots of water the Module Group did a great job of educating the public about model railroading. The next set up for the Module Group will me on November 3, 2018 at Mount Hope, Ohio. This is a very large train show with over 600 tables of vendors.

We're working hard on the 2019 MCR Regional Convention and have a great program lined up. Our convention committee is meeting every 2 weeks. Prototype tours and non-rail tours have been confirmed with the committee and will be announced shortly. We are now in the process of recruiting volunteers which is a very important component of our conventions. Assistant Superintendent Steve Zapytowski has a more detailed report.

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent

Division 2

September 1, 2018 Keith DeVault, Superintendent

Our membership currently stands at 212, and we are starting a membership drive with our inactive list to see if we can get them to renew their membership.

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 is held the last Saturday of April at Robert Morris University. 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; 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.

Sept. 30, 2018

Division 3's membership continues to be around 150. Our average attendance for monthly meetings is around 35 to 40, slightly down a little because of summer activities.

Division 3's financial position remains strong, and we have just renewed our 501@3 non-profit Certification.

We had a table display at the Carillon Park's Railfest in late June, a booth at the Montgomery Fair in July. and a table at Dayton's Makers' Faire in August.

Division 3 is now preparing for our biggest event of the year, the Dayton Train Show. This takes place the first weekend in November and this year will be at the new Montgomery County Fairgrounds. This will be the fourth different venue in the past four years, but we hope this will be a more permanent location for the future. At present, all the table space is sold and we have many exhibitors lined up.

Submitted by Mark Stiver, Division 3 Superintendent

Division 4

Lee Sheffield - Superintendent

Membership

Membership stands at 195 as 08/30/18. We picked up two new members in August. At their first meeting we have them introduce themselves and talk about their experiences in model railroading. We continue to emphasize that we are here to work with them to make the hobby more enjoyable. Remember the first rule of model railroading is to have fun!

Finances

Division 4 remains in very good financial shape.

Activities

Our Module Group continues to be our leading connection with the public. We just returned from the National Train Show in Kansas City where we had a joint layout with our fellow module owners from the Hub Division in Boston, Mass. In the last few years we find ourselves to the point where we have to pick which venues we want to display at so we don't overdue things and burn out our members.

November will bring us our annual Training Day event followed by a month long setup with Trees and Trains in Lorain.

Our meetings are well attended with approx 85 members showing up. Many times as I scan the room during meetings I see the chairs are all filled and we have standing room only.

Contests have really been popular with some interesting themes thought up by our Contest Chairman.

Clinics following the meetings are well attended also. We are making it a point to present clinic topics which cater to beginning model railroader as well as the more seasoned. This seems to help our new members get accustomed to model railroading rather than intimidated.

Our new car project, the Davies Steel hoppers are selling well. You can see a photo of the finished car on our website.

The Division continues to support and mentor the Medina County 4H Model Railroad group. Steve Kaplan has completed the donation of the Colin Clark estate. The family of Colin Clarke donated his entire layout and model railroad collection to the 4H group and Steve orchestrated the dismantling, moving and disposition of the collection.

And don't forget our Great Berea Train Show on October 6th & 7th.

Membership; The membership of Division 6 had been on a slow decline over the past year sadly due to the passing of older members. However we recently had a increase thanks to the Kokosing Valley Model Railroad Club becoming a 100% NMRA club. The hope is to do a follow up with them in the near future to see how it is working for them.

Finances: The Division is in very good financial stand at this time. Our only major expenses were our Boy Scout program, and a donation to the Mad River and NKP museum for our visit there.

Newsletter: Our newsletter continues to grow in content thanks to our editor who is always looking to add content. Since the advent of going to a online version we have been able to include items such as posting photos of all the contest entries that take awards.

Projects: We still have a very limited number of HO scale Midland Station kits as well as some Buckeye Steel Gons. If interested check our company store on the Div. 6 website. Due to our being nearly sold out of the previous items we are now looking at doing another project, we will have more information by the next newsletter in the spring.

Train show: The Division will be having a new version of the train show in November. It will now be a swap meet in format. Please see our website for more information.

Bus Trip: The Division sponsored a bus trip for the membership in August. This years trip was to the Mad River and NKP Museum in Bellevue. We had a great time visiting with them and thanks to the staff it will be a memorable day. A major shout out to Div. 4 member as well as museum member, George Keller for his assistance insetting the day up and showing us a great time. If any division would like to visit with them get in touch with him as I am sure he will treat everyone like he did us. And not to be forgotten is the quality of the museum itself, which is first class. It has been decided that we will do another trip in 2019 and we in the process of selecting where.

Club News: Some time ago it was reported that the Columbus Club had lost its home of so many years. For those who did not know they had been on the grounds of the former Buckeye Steel foundry. Well it is sad to report but the foundry buildings have been for the most part been torn down and the steel from then are in the process of being recycled. This is a historical loss to Columbus not just in jobs but the buildings themselves being gone leaves a giant bare spot in the landscape. As someone who has worked that part of town for my whole career and responded to many emergencies there is just looks weird seeing it gone. On brighter news the Zanesville Club is once again holding a open house on November 10 and 11 from 12 to 5. If anyone would like to attend the Club is located at 24 S.6th St. in downtown Zanesville.

Cincinnati Division 7 Report for September, 2018 MCR BOD meeting

Our membership count at the end of August was ~260, which is steady for the last 12 months. Our monthly meetings continue to draw about 50 to 80 people, depending on the meeting location and speaker. The division continues to be financially strong and able to plan and execute our yearly plans. At our latest board meeting we decided to make getting regional and national clinicians for more of our monthly meetings a priority, and will change next year's budget accordingly. We continue to include two home layout visits after each monthly meeting, and continue to try to find new layouts to showcase in addition to return visits to the many good layouts we have been able to see in the past.

In May we had the very successful Regional Convention. Attendance was better than expected. Typical regionals the last several years draw about 220 people. We had 360. Our convention committee has completed and submitted a report detailing what we did and what we learned that can help other divisions that will host upcoming conventions. Our convention team also pledges to be available to other MCR divisions to offer one-on-one advice and help to go beyond what we have documented in the report.

We are currently focused on the final planning for our 51st Annual Cincinnati Model Train show the weekend of October 13th and 14th at Lakota West High School. Planning has already started for our Flea Market in March; and for our annual bus tour in May.

This winter, we will again work with two local Boy Scout Councils on their Model Railroad merit badge programs. Additionally, we will continue our local library book donation program later in 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].

Our newest focus this year is on recruiting and retaining new members. Our assistant super Chuck Endreola is leading this effort with the help of two others. We plan to contact all new members reported to us from National to make sure they are personally welcomed into the NMRA and to acquaint them with our local division activities. We already recognize new members at our monthly meetings. Now we hope to make sure that any one attending a meeting for the first time is also personally welcomed by a member of the new committee during the break in the middle of the meeting and then gets a follow-up contact after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

John Shields

Division 7 Superintendent

Division 8 membership has remained fairly constant. Although we have gained several new members this year through new memberships, several longtime members passed this year.

The Division is in good financial shape with a very successful spring train show & sale. The fall train show & sale is on track for November.

In early June, we worked with one of our local hobby shops and two of our local model railroad clubs to hold a free model railroad weekend. Friday and Saturday attendance was lower than we'd hoped for, but acceptable. On Sunday, we opened for members (matches) from the Louisville Big Brother/Big Sister organization as this was in support of Ivan Baugh, a recently deceased member whose family donated his collection for sale in support of the event. In addition to visiting with us and other area model railroaders to find out about the hobby, the matches were able to run trains on four layouts, assembling a blue box boxcar to take with them, and enjoy a free pizza lunch.

Our annual picnic this year was with Division 10, in conjunction with an outing to Ray and Renee' Grosser's to visit their 7 ½" gauge railroad. We will continue to look for additional opportunities to join forces with Division 10.

We are in the final stages of preparation for the first Louisville Train Day, an event which will be free to everyone. Project Manager Tom Guenthner has convinced all Louisville area club modular layouts to be in attendance as well as a personal N scale logging railroad layout. Former Superintendent Mark Norman is working with several Division 8 members to prepare a variety of 15-minute mini-clinics to be presented throughout the day.

Assistant Superintendent Eric Waggoner and Membership Chairman Cecil Stewart have developed a new member program that we have begun implementing this year. We expect to have it fully implemented by the end of the year. They are also working on a draft of a retention program. Eric has reached out to Christina Zambri for assistance with our new member mentoring program.

We have renewed and expanded our marketing efforts. Trustee Ron Ellison has been working to refine our efforts, beginning last year prior to being on the BoD, and has recently developed a marketing matrix, identifying 24 media outlets for us to approach with our events. We are also working toward a programmed approach to Facebook posts.

Fred Soward Superintendent

Division 8 is a 501C3 Organization

Dan Mulhearn, Division Superintendent

The time for reporting to the BOD has rolled around again. It should be noted that Division 9 is still rolling smoothly down the track. This is in large measure due to the activity and enthusiasm of our officers, committee chairs and the members.

Attendance continues to be strong, which is very gratifying in a Division as geographically large as ours. This good attendance can be attributed to the interesting clinics, contests and displays provided by our committees and enjoyed by our members. We are also fortunate to have the use of the former C&O depot in St. Albans for our events. The depot is centrally located on our east-west axis but it is toward the south end on the north-south axis. We have members traveling, in some cases, in excess of two hours to attend events. The month of May is still Steel Is King month where we meet in Parkersburg, WV and are hosted by the owners of two steel industry related layouts. September finds us meeting in Portsmouth, OH enjoying the hospitality and layout of Mark Maynard. This year we were again glad to include Division 6 at Mark's for a joint event. In November we have traditionally met at Bluefield to enjoy the Pocahontas Chapter NRHS train show. A new group will be running that show this year, we will be in contact regarding meeting space for the Division. Most events include a Company Store table where members may sell their no longer wanted equipment. We also continue a raffle with donated items. We promote the AP program by having judging available at most events. Our judges are also willing to travel to judge less portable items. This year we will be continuing the Gary J Burdette Memorial Square Foot Challenge. Members will construct a mini module on a square foot piece of foam insulation. This year the module will feature a cutout cardboard depot. Members will present their work at the December event. We are looking forward to results as spectacular as last year's challenge.

The Division continues to be financially stable. Our expenses are minimal and we do have a comfortable financial cushion. Ten percent of Company Stores goes to the Division. The proceeds from our raffle are donated for the upkeep and utility bills of the St. Albans depot. We are grateful to the City of St. Albans for their continued interest in the upkeep of the depot, as well as their allowing us the free use of the building.

Our Division continues to be strong, thanks to the great membership. I believe we also find strength in the fact we are fortunate to be in a strong Region, under a strong team at National. We look forward to the adventures ahead

Respectfully submitted
Dan Mulhearn, Division Superintendent

Membership: Remains constant with average now at 65 – up from the average of 64 in the last report. As of August 2018, NMRA is reporting 65 active members. Monthly meetings average between 20 and 25. However, we are expecting some losses due to member and family health and gains from new NMRA members.

Finances: Basically, sound with income and outflow balanced. We have recently had several more donations for both T-Trak and the Ravenna project.

Programs: The regular meetings continue to be held on the 1st Sunday of each month except July. The meetings are rotating between Lexington Public Library Branches. Since our clinician pool is small, we have been working with neighboring Divisions to share clinics.

Our 'Trains Day at the Library' program and T-Trak member involvement has grown since May, 2018. The next 'Trains Day at the Library' event is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, at the Tates Creek Branch of the Lexington Public Library with joint participation from the newly formed Division 9 T-Trak SIG. Based on our experience in the time required to set up and tear down the T-Trak display, we have changed the event timing to a single day. The library has also planned railroad themed programming in the week before the event and has reported significant interest on their Facebook site. We also plan to display and operate the Division starter HO layout in the Library's rotunda. We have also participated in shows in New Haven and Morehead, Kentucky and will be at the Division 8 Trains Day on September 22.

Since May, a T-Trak SIG has been formed in the Division. In addition, Bruce DeMaeyer has been appointed the T-Trak Coordinator for the 2019 Akron-Canton-Youngstown MCR Convention.

Discussions are underway to start an Operations SIG with those members who routinely conduct operation sessions on their home layouts – exclusively HO right now.

The Division newsletter – The Lantern – and our website are active and in continual update. The Facebook page has continued to improve due to the work of Brian Jones.

Bob Belt, Superintendent

As Division 12 comes up on its first anniversary we can report progress. Our membership continues to grow, last count we were up to 35 members. It seems our roster problems have finally been straightened out at the National office. As of the most recent roster we only had 2 members missing. (One of which was our clerk)

This past June we had our first Division picnic at a wonderful rail fan friendly picnic grove located between the CSX and NS mainlines in Westfield, NY. We plan to make it a tradition. Our meeting had to be paused several times for the many trains to pass.

Our N-Scale T-Trak group had its first public display at the Jefferson Historical Society Train Swap and Sale: Jefferson, OH, July 21, 2018. Our next scheduled public display will be at the Erie, PA train show Sunday November 4th. We are also exploring setting up in December in some local Libraries in our Division.

Jason Graves has stepped up to be our Operations coordinator. Division member Bill Schopf hosted an op-session, for division members after our August meeting.

We are in the early stages of planning a one day mini convention/all day clinics. Including some type of make and take project.

Lastly the Division 12 layout tour is scheduled for November 10 and 11.

Sincerely Bradley White Div.12 MCR Superintendent

Education Report

BOD Education Manager Report Mid Central Region National Model Railroad Association Tom. Miller Education Manager September 30, 2018

Executive Summary

The NMRA 2018 National Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, from August 5-12, 2018highlighted the EduTRAIN program as growing throughout NMRA. The EduTRAIN® program offers a national curriculum which has reviewed and approved several programs. It is ideal for NMRA MCR regional members who may not have made it to the convention.

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_edutraintm.pdf

All members of the NMRA Mid Centraql Region 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 Mid Central Region 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 education@midcentralregionnmra.org with a summary of your proposal. Would be glad to have it!

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Miller

Thomas W. Miller Ph.D.

MCR Education Manager

National Model Railroad Association

Vice President's Report

Michael Hohn, MMR

Since May 2018, I have done the following:

Updated the list of Mid Central Region Board of Director members and the officers of each division to reflect changes.

Updated the clinics database through 2017 by adding information from MCR conventions in Lexington, Columbus, and Louisville. Clinicians for the 2018 convention are next. Meanwhile, organizers for future conventions are encouraged to contact me at any time.

Updated MCR Board membership and Clinicians Database will be posted on the MCR website.

Contest Report

2019 - The Cincinnati Express

Entries: Awards:

39 model entries 16 first place plaques and ribbons

9 display entries 14 Second place ribbons
66 photo entries 9 Third place ribbons
6 arts and crafts entries 7 People's Choice plaques
120 total entries 1 Best of Show plaque

30 Merit award ribbons

17 Honorable Mention ribbons

We have about five years of ribbons remaining in our inventory

Judging:

15 Model judges – Chuck Altweis, Bob Belt, Bruce Bowie, Bruce DeMaeyer, Chuck Endreola, Michael Hauk, Bruce Hukill, George Keller, William Mense, Dan Mulhearn, John Santos, Todd Seligman, Lee Sheffield, Larry Smith, and Richard Turton

1 Photo judge - Mike Brestel

2 Arts and Crafts judges - Sally Jonas and Jean Jarman

Contest photos - Dave Williams

The contest administration committee 2018 – Steve Zapytowski, chair, Dave Williams, Lloyd Horst (DNS), Bob Belt, Bruce Hukill, Dan Mulhearn, Alyce Altweis (walk on at convention)

Contest administration committee 2019 – Steve Zapytowski, (chair, also co-chair 2019 convention), Bob Belt (head of floor operations), Bruce Hukill, Dave Williams (head of clerical operations), Dan Mulhearn, and Alyce Altweis (data entry)

Judge training clinic - Steve Zapytowski

Contest administration clinic - Steve Zapytowski

Plans for next year:

Alyce Altweis -

Protect spreadsheet cells containing formulas to prevent formulas from becoming corrupted

Add region and division in fields of data to be entered

Add entry number to a new column at the right side of the contest spread sheet for ease of administration

Fix the Honorable Mention Criteria so that it aligns with national policy

Use the spread sheet to automatically generate the script for the awards ceremony at the banquet

Dave Williams -

Write a Python program to sort contest photos and then populate the awards ceremony PowerPoint used at the banquet

Steve Zapytowski –

Create a business card claim stub system to speed contest entry process instead of cutting of the current claim stub (suggested by Dave Williams)

Create a large check in area so that we may process three to four entrants simultaneously

Create a proposal to add modules as a judged category at the 2019 MCR convention in conjunction with Bruce DeMaeyer using the current national rules for judging modules

The contest space in Boardman has been doubled to just over 1400 square feet to allow for the placement of T-Trak module entries in the contest room.

Modules of other scales and type may be placed in the hotel Ballroom and may be part of displayed module groups

Module judging will need to happen during Friday evening as the ballroom must be cleared by Saturday at 2:00 PM for the banquet.

We anticipate the Larry Smith will lead the module judging

Purchase a network hub and cables so that a network can be built allowing the three to four computers in the contest room to more effectively share data – I did an experiment using Dropbox to transfer files between machines, but found it to be too slow of a process to use during the contest tabulation and awards presentation process

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Zapytowski

MCR Contest Chair

Comments

This has been a great perod, starting with the successful MCR Convention Contest. It is also a period that saw two new MMR for our Region. The Region is embracing the AP in many areas.

Frank Koch, MCR AP Manager

MASTER MODEL RAILROADER (MMR)

		Division
Steve Zapytowski	MMR #612	1
Mark Norman	MMR #617	8

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	Division		Division	Certificate
Jim Stewart	7	Steve Zapytowski	1	Structures
John Miller	7	Peter Guise	3	Volunteer
Dan Hadley	7	Ronald Morgan	4	Electrical
Randy Seiler	7	William Connell	6	Volunteer
Andre Stone	7	Michael Wolf	6	Volunteer
Gary Ossenshmidt	7	Chris Broughton	8	Civil
Paul Miklos	7	Mark Norman	8	Cars
Peter Weiglin	7	Mark Norman	8	Civil
Tom Patterson	7	Richard Wehr	8	Volunteer
Dan Docter	7	Russell Weis	8	Volunteer
Bob Adams	7	Russell Weis	8	Official
Greg Albert	7	Bruce DeMaeyer	10	Volunteer
Peter Forbes	7	Bruce DeMaeyer	10	Scenery
Todd Smalley	7	Mark Underwood	10	Electrical
Fred Soward	8			

MERIT AWARDS

	Division	Merit Award
Steve Zapytowski	1	Structures - Log Flume with Flume Tender's 'Penthouse'
Steve Zapytowski	1	Structures - Old Man Baldwin's Cabin
Steve Zapytowski	1	Structures - Fairclough Sails
Steve Zapytowski	1	Structures - Mysty River Lift Dock Manager Office & Residence
Steve Zapytowski	1	Structures - Idiotville Water Tank
Steve Zapytowski	1	Structures - Tillamook Station
Steve Zapytowski	1	Structures - BFDMC Stamp Mil #3
Todd Seligman	2	Structures - Company House (89)
Susan Werner	2	Cars - 34' Flat Car, circa 1900 (96)
John Santel	3	Cars - Barnhart Loader
John Santel	3	Cars - Johnsville Southern Private Car
John Santel	3	Structures - Sawmill
Jim Grell	4	Cars - Pere Marquette Box Cr
Jim Grell	4	ars - NKP 40' Wood Gondola
George Keller	4	Structures - Frank's Diner, Monroeville, OH
George Keller	4	Structures - Kimball Elevator
Jim Grell	4	Cars - NKP Wood Gondola
Charles Endreola	7	Cars - Bobber Caboose
Roy Allan	7	Cars - D&RGW Postal Express #63
Peter Weiglin	7	Motive Power - Lehigh Valley Transit Lightweight Interurban #1006
Georgia Dahlberg	7	Structures - Big Brick House
Charles Endreola	7	Structures - Undertaker
Georgia Dahlberg	7	Structures - 6 Cubic Foot Bucket Ladder Dredge "Petunia"
Cecil Stewart	8	Structures - Wright's Creek Bridge
Cecil Stewart	8	Structures - Brushy Creek Trestle
Cecil Stewart	8	Structures - Cattle Pens - Single Deck Chute & 2 Holding Pens
Cecil Stewart	8	Structures - Twin Double Deck Chute Stock Pen with 5 Holding Pens
Cecil Stewart	8	Structures - Stock Pens - Single Double Deck Chutes & 3 Hold Pens
Kevin Jones	8	Cars - 10' On30 Hi-Side Gondola #145
Richard Maloney	8	Structures - Price Cold Storage Co. (104)
Mark Norman	8	Cars - PPCX 800327 Passenger Car
Mark Norman	8	Cars - CSXT 914207 Scale Test Car (121)
Chris Broughton	8	Civil - Trackwork Examples
Mark Norman	8	Civil - Trackwork Examples
Richard Maloney	8	Structures - Sterling Creamery
Cecil Stewart	8	Structures - Wooden Coaling Tower
Roger Mitchell	9	Structures - Bridge
Robert Belt	10	Motive Power - McKean Motor Car
Bruce DeMaeyer	10	Scenery on Layout
Bruce DeMaeyer	10	Structures - GN Snowshed
Bruce DeMaeyer	10	Structures - Shell Mini-Mart
Mike Hauk	12	Structures - Wheelerville Depot
Mike Hauk	12	Structures - Wheelerville Creamery
Mike Hauk	12	Structures - Wheelerville General Store

Webmaster Report

WEB Host Renewal: The region has a multi-year contract with our web host, Go Daddy. That contract ended in the fall of this year. Durning the renewal process, we were told that our WEB Site was located on an older, slower server. The server would be replaced in the near future and they recommended that we move to a newer, faster server. It would be a simple process. If only. It took about three days to get the region web site back up. After talking with three people it was discovered that part of our web name was misspelled and therefore no one could find us, i.e. the site was down.

At the last Fall 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.) 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 my not know that most search engines, including Google, now give priority to sites with a SSL Certificate.

During the update process we added a SSL Certificate to our web site.

Mail Forward Update: The Email Forwarders did not transfer to the new server. I began retyping them from a list that I had. After entering a few email forwarders I tested them and they all bounced, i.e. didn't work. Four days and five people later, one person who knew what he was doing finally found a flag that was set incorrectly, i.e. it was on when it should be off.

I hope all of the officers, supers, and managers have been updated correctly. I sent out a test

email and all by two divisions responded. Thanks for the prompt responses. All of the email forwards appear to be working correctly. Except of course the President's which we have worked around for now.

Group MCR Officers E-mail Address Forwarders: The following group e-mail forwarders are active: officer@midcentral-region-nmra. org forwards to: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary of the MCR. super@midcentral-region-nmra.org forwards to all eleven division superintendents.

MCR Officer's Archive: It's that time to change the login password. I will change it in two to three weeks after the BOD Meeting I will send out an email with the new password.

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. The map is in a vector format which means we can make it almost any size you want.

Thanks. Don Wilke MCR WEB Master

Kingpin (newsletter) Report

The Kingpin should be going out approximately two weeks after the BOD meeting, subject to receiving all applicable reports. Deadline is October 5, 2018, with alibis being patiently listened to. This issue will be emailed. Projected recipient count is 1150, subject to receiving a new membership list.

The primary content of this Kingpin will be Officer reports, information coming out of the BOD meeting and a brief summary of the National convention. I should have national contest information related to the Region. I'll also include some information about next year's Regional convention. (The January issue will contain complete information for the convention).

Division train show information is welcome for the Kingpin.

The Kingpin has incurred no expenses in the current period.

Dave Williams

Kingpin editor

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Upcoming Events

Once again we point you in the direction of Division 11's listing:

www.div11-mcr-nmra.info/events.htm

Thanks to Division 11 Webmaster Bob Netzlof.

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A Place to Visit



SOUTHERN (1525)







Canal Winchester Ohio

Any time I'm in the Columbus Ohio area and have a couple of extra hours, I find myself making the short drive east to the town of Canal Winchester, specifically to the Historical Society located at 10 W Oak St. On the grounds are the prototype for Region's schoolhouse kit. The town's railroad station stands close by, adjacent to an active (or was) track. Also next to the track is a grain elevator. The elevator still has its covered delivery area more or less intact with a trapdoor on the floor for receiving grain and even the mechanism for lifting the front end of the truck or wagon. A couple of cabooses reside on a siding. The town itself, just south of the Historical Society, looks interesting but I haven't had time to stop and explore. One note - I've always been there when everything is officially closed, so I haven't been inside any of the buildings (the station's windows do provide an interior view) and I might suggest being more organized than I am and arrange to visit when everything is open. The Society's website is http://www.cwhistory.org . Dave Williams





Far left: delivery trapdoor; near left: mechanism at top of delivery area. Hopefully the other pictures are obvious from the article.

The Bullet 2019 MCR Convention

The Akron, Canton, Youngstown Division 1 is pleased to be hosting the 2019 NMRA Mid-Central Region Annual Convention. The action packed Bullet convention will be held on May 2 through 5, 2019 at the Boardman Holiday Inn located in Boardman, OH. Registrations and hotel reservations are now open.

See https://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/the-acy-bullet-2019.



Modules will be judged at MCR Convention

Contest Chair Steve Zapytowski has announced that a module competition will be added to the Region's contest next year. The two classes will be T-Trak and Other. The judged criteria will be: Terrain, Structures, Lighting, and Realism/Conformity. Look for more information in the January Kingpin.



National Winner

Bruce Huskill's photo Tillamook

Bruce took 2nd place in People's Choice Photos, 1st Place in Model – Color Photo, and Photograph Best of Show for this picture. It's a scene on Steve Zapytowski MMR's layout. Photo courtesy of Steve.



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