

THE HANDCAR

FALL, 2007

This publication, *The Handcar*, is prepared by the MCoR President twice each year and distributed to all Region members, regardless of the member's Caboose Kibitzer subscription status. It contains information of potential interest to all members, including the minutes from the MCoR Board of Directors meetings, held twice each year.

The annual MCoR Board of Directors meeting was held on August 4, 2007, with the results of the Region's recent election announced. Effective September 1, 2007, your new President is Larry Alfred, MMR and your new Vice-President is Richard Napper, MMR. Whit Johnson and John Shaw won reelection as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. These officers, as well as the other appointed region officials, are continuing to work hard at helping make your NMRA and MCoR membership a real value.

The recent MCoR Convention, held in Lenexa, Kansas, was a great success! If you are not aware, the convention was organized on a very short schedule, because there was difficulty in getting a local group to volunteer to host the convention. Turkey Creek Division agreed to combine the Region Convention with their annual division meet. Louis Seibel and the host committee did a great job in putting this event together! Although this arrangement worked out well, I would much rather see a full region convention, as we typically have.

Speaking of conventions, the 2008 MCoR Convention will be held in Branson, MO. Jim Dimatteo and his Ozark Mountain Area group are planning a great convention! If you haven't been to a MCoR Convention for a while, you should think hard about attending. They are a great way to broaden your model railroading experience, see old friends, and meet new ones. Information and registration forms have been sent to region members, and will be available in the Caboose Kibitzer and on the MCoR website. A little farther down the road, the 2010 convention will be hosted by John Shaw and his Eastern Iowa Division group in Cedar Rapids, IA. Watch for more information as time goes on. The 2009 convention date is still open, and we want to hear from groups out there that are interested in hosting this convention. Please consider this....there is a lot of help available!

In closing, I want to say that I am very appreciative of the opportunity to lead the MCoR for the next two years. I believe that we have the best and most active region in the entire NMRA organization! Over the years, I have made many friends throughout the region and hope to meet many more during my term in office. But, keep in mind that organizations tend to be more effective with good communication. So, if you have problems or concerns about something, please let me know. To the extent that I can, I will help you resolve those issues. In addition, I encourage you to communicate, as appropriate, with your Division or Area Director. These people are listed in the Caboose Kibitzer and/or on the MCoR website www.MCoR-NMRA.org.

Until next time.....Happy Railroading!

Larry Alfred, MMR
MCoR President

MCoR Board of Directors Meeting
Lenexa Community Center
Lenexa, KS
August 4, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of MCoR was called to order at 4:06 P.M., August 4, 2007, at the Lenexa Community Center in Lenexa, KS. The presiding officer was President Richard Napper. A quorum was present, including the following officers and members:

Richard Napper MMR	MCoR President, Kansas Central Div. Director,
Larry Alfred MMR	MCoR Vice President
John A. Shaw	MCoR Treasurer, MCoR Webmaster
Whit Johnson	MCoR Secretary, MCoR Contest Chairman
Rick Liebich	MCoR Photo Contest Chairman
Paul W. Meyers MMR	Turkey Creek Division Director
Marty Vaughn MMR	MCoR AP Chairman
John O'Neill MMR	Platte Valley Division Director
Kerry Lindenbaum	Turkey Creek Division Superintendent
Paul Richardson MMR	MCoR Member
Gary Hemmingway	MCoR Area Meet Chairman
Louis Siebel	MCoR Advertising Chairman
Barry Quensel	Area 15 Director
Clark Cooper	Eastern Iowa Division Director
Jim Anderson	Gateway Division Director
Robert Folkmann	Kate Shelley Division Superintendent
John Averill	Great Midwestern Division Superintendent
Jim Dimatteo	Ozark Mountain Division
Steve Marquess	Maple Leaf Division Director
Doug Good	Western Heritage Division Director
Gene Tacey	Nebraska West Central Division Director
Dave Salamon	Indian Nations Division Superintendent
Edward Bommer	Indian Nations Division Superintendent
Allen Merta	MCoR Member
Rich Maheny	Eastern Iowa Division Superintendent

There were no proxies were presented.

Last Train Ride was announced for: Neal Leavens and Tom Shook MMR

The minutes of the January 2007 BOD meeting were published by Whit Johnson, MCoR Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes of the January 2007 BOD Meeting as published was made by John Averill, seconded by Louis Siebel. PASSED

Treasurer John Shaw gave a report on MCoR Finances. A motion was made to accept the report by John Averill, seconded by Louis Siebel. PASSED

Sales Manager Report was presented as published.

Directors Reports: Reports were presented as published.

Convention Committee: Larry Alfred, MCoR Convention Committee Chairman addressed the BOD to report that the 2008 convention will be in May. Branson, MO is the location and early registration is

encouraged with a discount that will end in September. Jim Dimatteo will be the local chairman. Planning is well under way. An email vote of the BOD approved the bid for Branson earlier this year.

The AP report was published in the handout.

President Richard Napper announced that the mailing permit in St. Louis has expired after two years with no activity. John Schindler the mailing chairman has resigned and there is no replacement at this time.

Old Business

The committee to review MCoR as an organization was reorganized to include Robert Amsler, Larry Alfred, Richard Napper, and Rick Liebich. Others are encouraged to volunteer for this important review into the future direction and goals for MCoR.

A report on the MCoR Elections for 2007 was presented by Marty Vaughn. Marty made several recommendations for the future election processing within MCoR, including the appointment of a nominating committee for the 2009 elections as soon as possible. The report is published in the BOD handout and the election results were as follows:

Larry Alfred	President
Richard Napper	Vice President
John Shaw	Treasurer
Whitney Johnson	Secretary

A motion to accept the results and destroy the ballots was made by Ed Bommer, seconded by Jim Anderson.

PASSED

The special projects committee for the Rock Island Car project has ended. Volunteers for a new committee to review and propose the next special project are being solicited.

The library committee will receive the amount of money that is earmarked for the MCoR library and will need to address that use prior to the next BOD meeting. It was determined that the amount is 25% of all interest on the MCoR Mutual Fund. A motion was made to verify this amount as a percentage of all the interest on these accounts by John Averill, seconded by John Shaw. PASSED

New Business

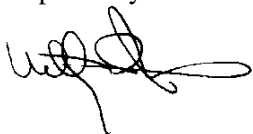
A presentation was made by the Eastern Iowa Division to host the MCoR Annual Convention in Cedar Rapids, IA, 2010. A motion was made to accept the bid as presented by Larry Alfred, seconded by John Averill. PASSED

A motion was made to adjourn by Gene Tacey, Seconded by John Averill.

PASSED

Meeting adjourned 5:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Whitney D. Johnson
MCoR Secretary

Annual MCoR Business Meeting
Lenexa Community Center
Lenexa, KS
August 4, 2007

President Napper called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M.

A motion was made that the Minutes of the last meeting be approved as printed was made by John Shaw, seconded by Louis Siebel. PASSED

The next regional convention in Convention will be in Branson, MO.

The MCoR Election results were presented as follows:

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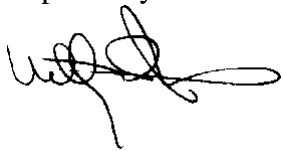
The MCoR service awards were presented as follows:

K. B. "Kenny" Johns Memorial Award	Larry Alfred, MMR
Kenneth R. Cline Memorial Award	Tom Shook, MMR
Larry R. Long, MMR Memorial Award	John Averill

Motion to adjourn was made by Kerry Lindenbaum, seconded by Louis Siebel. PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Whitney D. Johnson
MCoR Secretary

Achievement Program Report

Since the last report published in the Hand Car, the following certificates have been earned.

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Rick Daniels	Turkey Creek Division
Peter Jaynes	Eastern Iowa Division
Mike Tomei	Turkey Creek Division
Robert Perkins	Eastern Iowa Division

AP CERTIFICATES 15

John O'Neill	Author	Platte Valley Division
John O'Neill	Cars	Platte Valley Division
John O'Neill	Civil Engineer	Platte Valley Division
Brad Morneau	Volunteer	Turkey Creek Division
Sheldon Levy	Electrical	Turkey Creek Division
Sheldon Levy	Civil Engineer	Turkey Creek Division
Robert Wintle	Dispatcher	Maple Leaf Division
Robert Wintle	Electrical	Maple Leaf Division
Mike Tomei	Scenery	Turkey Creek Division
Tony Bowen	Electrical	Eastern Iowa Division
Chuck Heying	Cars	Turkey Creek Division
Chuck Heying	Civil Engineer	Turkey Creek Division
Chuck Heying	Dispatcher	Turkey Creek Division
Gary Hemmingway	Author	Kansas Central Division
Charles Stapleton	Cars	Turkey Creek Division

I am also pleased to report to you that since the last Hand Car we now have three new Master Model Railroaders in the MCoR.

MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS 3

John O'Neill	MMR 395	Platte Valley Division
Charles Stapleton	MMR 398	Turkey Creek Division
Chuck Heying	MMR 399	Turkey Creek Division

Please congratulate all these members next time you see them, they have worked hard to earn these certificates. As you can see it has been slow for the AP in eastern Nebraska, Oklahoma and Arkansas. I sure would like to see some AP certificates from those divisions in the next report. If you have any questions on your own round robin or about the AP in general, please email or call me.

Marty Vaughn, MMR
MCoR AP Chairman