

THE HANDCAR

FALL, 2009

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, and the MCoR Annual Business Meeting. These meetings were held from June 11-14, 2009, as part of the MCoR Annual Convention held in Wichita, Kansas and are reported on below. The Wichita convention was a great success! If you weren't there, you missed a good one.

Speaking of conventions, details for the 2010 MCoR Convention are beginning to take shape. The convention will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa from June 10-13, 2010. This will be the 60th Anniversary of the MCoR, and should be a special event. John Shaw and his Eastern Iowa Division group are planning a great convention! If you haven't been to a MCoR Convention for a while, you should think hard about attending. Information and registration forms are available on the MCoR website. Watch for additional information in future issues of the *Caboose Kibitzer*.

The annual MCoR Board of Directors meeting was held on June 13, 2009, with the results of the Region's recent election announced. Effective September 1, 2009, your new President is Paul Richardson, MMR and your new Vice-President is Whit Johnson. Bob Wintle, MMR was elected as Secretary and John Shaw won reelection as Treasurer. 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. Please give them your support and congratulations!

My two years in office have passed quickly. It has been my privilege to serve all of you in the MCoR as President. I have said before, and I say again, I believe we have the best and most active region in the entire NMRA organization! Many volunteers are responsible for this...please offer them your support. These people are listed in the *Caboose Kibitzer* Call Board and on the MCoR website www.MCoR-NMRA.org.

I hope to see you at future MCoR and Division events. Until then.....Happy Railroading!

Larry Alfred, MMR
Soon to be MCoR Past-President

MCoR Board of Directors Meeting
Best Western Hotel
Wichita, KS June 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of MCoR was called to order at 15:08, June 13, 2009, in the meeting room at the Best Western Airport Hotel in Wichita, KS. The presiding officer was President Larry Alfred MMR. A quorum was present, including the following officers and members:

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| Larry Alfred MMR | MCoR President, MCoR Convention Department Chair |
| Richard Napper MMR | MCoR Vice President, Kansas Central Div. Director |
| John Shaw | MCoR Treasurer, Webmaster |
| Whit Johnson | MCoR Secretary, MCoR Contest Chairman |
| Robert Folkmann | Kate Shelley Division Director |
| Jim Dimatteo | Ozark Mountain Area Director |
| Steve Marquess | Maple Leaf Area Director |
| Brad Morneau | Turkey Creek Division Director |
| John O'Neill MMR | Platte Valley Division Director |
| Edward Bommer | Indian Nations Division Director |
| John Averill | Great Midwestern Division Director |
| Jim Anderson | Gateway Division Director |
| Dennis Brandt | Cowboy Line Division Director |
| Barry Quensel | Oklahoma Heartland Division Director |
| Phil Aylward | Chisholm Trail Area Director |
| Allen Merta | Eastern Iowa Division Superintendent |
| Gary Hemmingway | MCoR Convention Department Member |
| Louis Siebel | MCoR Advertising Chairman |
| Marty Vaughn MMR | MCoR AP Chairman |
| Stephen Priest MMR | NMRA <i>Scale Rails</i> Editor |
| Cynthia Priest | <i>Caboose Kibitzer</i> Editor |
| Robert J. Wintle Jr. MMR | MCoR Member |
| Jim Flynn | MCoR Member |

There were two proxies presented:

Whit Johnson for Gene Tacey
Allen Merta for Steve Malcolm

Last Train Ride was announced for: French Gratts, George Maulsby, Dave Eisenstein, and Carl Feyerharn.

The minutes of the January 2009 BOD meeting were published by Whit Johnson, MCoR Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes of the January 2009 BOD Meeting was made by John Averill, seconded by Louis Siebel.

PASSED

Treasurer, John Shaw, provided a printed report on MCoR Finances. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Ed Bommer, seconded by James Anderson.

PASSED

Sales Manager Report was presented with no new sales since the last report. Patches are still in inventory and available at the convention registration table.

A report on the donation to the NMRA Kalmbach Library MCoR Section was presented in the BOD Meeting handout by Whit Johnson. National has advised that several of the books have been received and a letter will follow final receipt of the order.

Directors Reports: Reports were presented as published.

Membership Report was presented as published in the Handout.

Convention Committee: Larry Alfred, MMR is the Convention Department Chairman again. Anyone interested in assisting in the contest for the Region should contact Larry or Whit Johnson.

The 2009 convention is being held in Wichita, KS, with Phil Aylward (Chisholm Trail Division Director) serving as the Chairman. Phil reported that there is a convention car for the 2009 Convention available. Attendance is somewhere over 70.

The 2010 convention in Cedar Rapids, IA was discussed. Registration is now open.

There was a proposal for the 2011 convention to be in Norfolk, NE presented by Dennis Brandt. A motion was made to accept the proposal for the 2011 convention by Robert Folkmann, seconded by John Averill.

PASSED

The AP report was published in the handout.

The Election Committee report was presented as published. The new officers elected are Paul Richardson, MMR – President, Whit Johnson – Vice President, Robert Wintle Jr, MMR – Secretary, and John Shaw – Treasurer

A motion to accept the election report and destroy the ballots was made by John Averill, seconded by Ed Bommer.

PASSED

A motion was made to officially thank the Lawrence Model Railroad Club for serving on the Ballot Committee by John Shaw, seconded by Richard Napper, MMR.

PASSED

Webmaster report was published. John Shaw (Webmaster) reminded everyone that space is available to Divisions for a web page.

There was no Heart of America Fund Report received from NMRA. Whit Johnson to follow up with new NMRA Treasurer, Kevin Feeney.

John Shaw presented the information on the next MCoR car project. The details were published in the BOD Handout. The car will be a CRANDIC (Cedar Rapids and Iowa City), gondola that was actually used in interchange service. This car is planned for release in conjunction with the 2010 Convention in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Old Business

The zip code review committee presented a report published in the handout. There are three NMRA members seeking boundary change at this time. A petition is ready to go for their signatures pending this meeting. A motion was made to accept the boundary change proposed on the stipulation that all three members sign the petition by Robert Folkmann, seconded by Ed Bommer.

PASSED

New Business

John Shaw raised the issue that there is a discrepancy in the costs for the *Caboose Kibitzer* when compared to the quote we received from the new publisher. John is to follow up with them reminding them that we have a budget that is not flexible.

A motion to purchase two replacement bulbs for the MCoR projector was made by Jim Dimatteo, seconded by Barry Quensel.

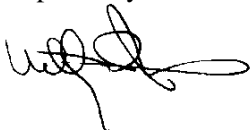
PASSED

Motion to adjourn was made by John Averill, seconded by John Shaw.

PASSED

Meeting adjourned 16:30

Respectfully submitted,



Whitney D. Johnson
MCoR Secretary

Annual MCoR Business Meeting

Best Western Airport Inn

Wichita, KS

June 13, 2009

President Larry Alfred MMR called the meeting to order at 20:30.

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

The Larry Long Memorial Award was presented to Earl Mullins MMR.

The Kenny Cline Memorial Award was presented to Miles Hale MMR.

The Kenny Johns Memorial Award was presented to Whit Johnson.

The Convention Department Award was presented to Phil Aylward.

President Alfred honored Robert Riebe and William Riebe, NMRA MCoR members since January 1957. William is attending his 51st convention and Robert is attending his 50th convention.

President Alfred announced that the 2010 MCoR Convention location is planned for Cedar Rapids, IA and registration is open this weekend. The 2011 MCoR Convention is to be in Norfolk, NE (details to come).

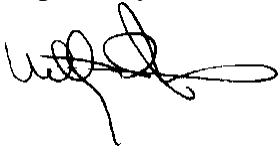
President Alfred introduced the newly elected officers. Paul Richardson, MMR – President and Whit Johnson – Vice President will take office on September 1, 2009. Robert Wintle Jr., MMR – Secretary will assume office at the close of this meeting. John Shaw – Treasurer was reelected.

In the absence of President-Elect Paul Richardson, MMR, Vice President-Elect Whit Johnson recognized President Larry Alfred, MMR for his service to the MCoR. President Alfred was presented with the Past Presidents Award.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Shaw, seconded by Robert Wintle Jr, MMR. PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 20:45.

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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| Lester Lorhan | Platte Valley Division |
| Donald Vetter | Great Midwestern Division |
| Paul Speer | Great Midwestern Division |
| James D. Dustin | Great Midwestern Division |
| Duane Parsons | Great Midwestern Division |
| Robert Kennedy | Great Midwestern Division |
| Norman Anderson | Great Midwestern Division |
| Grant Bosch | Great Midwestern Division |
| Ron Bosch | Great Midwestern Division |
| Murray Bouschlicher | Eastern Iowa Division |
| Dennis Brandt | Cowboy Line Division |
| Craig Drenkow | Cowboy Line Division |
| James van Delden | Cowboy Line Division |
| Darrold Lidgett | Cowboy Line Division |
| Bryan Lidgett | Cowboy Line Division |
| Floyd Britton | Turkey Creek Division |
| Kevin R. Salvo | Platte Valley Division |

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| Larry Lamb | Volunteer | Great Midwestern Division |
| Duane Parsons | Volunteer | Great Midwestern Division |
| Paul Speer | Volunteer | Great Midwestern Division |
| Mike Armstrong | Author | Eastern Iowa Division |
| Steve Marquess | Official | Maple Leaf Division |
| Robert Wintle | Cars | Maple Leaf Division |
| Shelly Levy | Author | Turkey Creek Division |
| Fran Hale | Electrical | Turkey Creek Division |
| Fran Hale | Civil Engineering | Turkey Creek Division |
| Steve Marquess | Volunteer | Maple Leaf Division |
| Howard Junker | Author | Platte Valley Division |
| Edward Bommer | Official | Indian Nations Division |
| Barry Quensel | Official | Oklahoma Heartland Division |
| James F. Dimatteo | Volunteer | Ozark Mountain Area |
| Brad Slone | Motive Power | South Central Missouri Area |
| Brad Slone | Author | South Central Missouri Area |
| Howard Junker | Electrical | Platte Valley Division |
| Peter H. Jaynes | Dispatcher | Eastern Iowa Division |
| Peter H. Jaynes | Author | Eastern Iowa Division |
| Peter H. Jaynes | Structures | Eastern Iowa Division |
| Peter H. Jaynes | Scenery | Eastern Iowa Division |

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

MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS

Robert Wintle MMR 419 Maple Leaf Division

Please congratulate all these members next time you see them, they have worked hard to earn these certificates. Based on the number of members who have completed 5-6 certificates and I think we are going to have a number of new MMRs in the next couple of reports, including the Region's first female MMR, two from Iowa (are you reading this Allen?) and I even have some hope that a certain individual here in Turkey Creek will actually finish his cars certificate and his MMR, right Jim Flynn?!

If you live in an Area as opposed to a Division and are interested in participating in the AP program contact me and we'll find ways to help you get started...

If you are in Norfolk, NE in October for the Cowboy Lines meet, I'll see you there.

Marty Vaughn MMR
MCoR AP Chairman