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The Head End

by Whit Johnson
MCOR PRESIDENT

Fall is here and it is back indoors for most of us modelers.

Train shows and meets will be picking up as we enter into "Model Railroad Month", that is right, November is almost upon us once again.

Please take a look at the "Switchlist" that Louis Seibel publishes for us and take time to support the events that are local to you as well and some of the larger ones we may travel to this fall. If you are not receiving the "Switchlist" in your email, please contact your Division / Area director and they can get you a current copy.

Please also remember to let us know whenever there is an event in your Division so that we can add it to the list. We try to get the current list out at least once a month.

Recently I became aware that the NMRA is working on some pilot programs within the US to help promote the hobby. Please support your Division or a neighboring Division if this is taking place near you.

As we get back indoors this fall I would ask each of you to consider a contest model that you could prepare and bring to your local meet, as well as to the Regional Convention next year in Memphis. I know that we have a lot of excellent modelers within MCoR and I would encourage everyone to bring something for the contest next year.


On the topic of conventions, this summer the Board of Directors accepted a bid from the South Central Area in Missouri. The guys there are working on convention near Jefferson City a location we have not ever held a conven-

tion. I would like to encourage everyone to consider what might be of interest in your own Division and would it be possible to share it with MCoR.

During a recent visit with a group of Modelers I reminded them that, "The Division, the Region, and the NMRA, are what we put into it". Each of us has talent to share, whatever it may be, and participation at each of these levels will make our experience better. Today I have many friends and have had many experiences I would have missed if I had never attended and National or Regional convention, or taken part in a Division meet.

Please don't miss out. I hope to see you at a meet or convention soon.

Keep the rails shining!
Whit Johnson



Conductor's Call

BY TED TSCHIRHART Editor

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**Send to your information to
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The NMRA Achievement Program Yahoo Group is for those who are members of the NMRA and are working on their Achievement Program Certifications. Here you can get questions answered, find a mentor/coach, or get a kick in the pants to get you started. The group is about helping people.

We REQUIRE that you be an NMRA member and if you are signing up, please provide us your NMRA membership number. Not a member? Please join! www.nmra.org. While you are there, read the rules and regulations for the Achievement Program.

<http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/>

90% of the questions that are being answered on the forum are in the regs.

Naturally things turn to the dark side from time to time, so here are some guidelines.

BEFORE YOU HIT SEND, ASK YOURSELF...

- Did I ask for help?
Did I help someone?

If your message can't pass the test then you are probably talking about NMRA politics, whining, complaining or way off topic. Please be on your best behavior. This is a fun site and we would like to keep profanity and rudeness off the list. The moderator has an itchy trigger finger!

Topics that are allowed:

- AP Topics on any of the 11 possible AP Certificates
 - MMR questions
 - National/Regional/Divisional/International AP Chairman questions
 - Questions about contest rules
 - Questions about model research, assembly, et al.
- Questions about merit judging

Topics that are NOT allowed:

- NMRA politics
 - Recommendations for improving/modifying or changing AP guidelines (send those to the NMRA)
 - Politics in general
 - Religious topics
 - Off topic gags and jokes
- Accusations or criticism of any member

This is a PRIVATE group for friends that are working on their NMRA and Moderators are not required to warn members of being put on moderate status or suspension or removal of membership. While we are not an NMRA sanctioned group, we do follow NMRA rules and will act to promote the organization.

If you are moderated/banned from the group and you think it was done unfairly, you are welcomed to contact the list owner Scott Perry at scottgerry@comcast.net.

Please address questions to Scott Perry at scottgerry@comcast.net. We're glad to have you aboard!

Scott Perry
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The Switch List contains all known Mid-Continent Region, NMRA, train shows and Division meetings. It also lists all known club shows and swap meets in the Mid-Continent Region (IA, IL, MO, AR, NE, KS, and

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Eastern Iowa Division: The Next Eastern Iowa Division Meeting will be Sunday, October 13, 2013 from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Bertram Township Hall 211 Angle St. Bertram, IA 52403 For other division activities check out our website monthly at: <https://sites.google.com/site/easterniowadivision/> or the division's Facebook Page at: Eastern Iowa Division. For further information you can contact the division's Superintendent, Tony Bowen MMR at: railroadteacher@gmail.com

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KATE SHELLEY DIVISION meets the 4th Thursday of every month except Nov. which we meet the 3rd. Dec. we have no meetings. The Ames Public Library is being remodeled, so contact KSD officers per the NMRA website for latest meeting place. This arrangement is in effect until mid-summer 2014. Business meeting starts at 6 PM and at 7 PM we have a get together, anything railroad goes. The Library is at 515 Douglas Ave. Contact KSD thru the NMRA web site.

OK HEARTLAND DIVISION, NMRA meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome. Info: www.okcnmra.org

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MODEL RAILROAD MONTH

November is Model Railroad Month. Perhaps you can share your hobby with your co-workers, at school by show & tell?

Monthly News in a Glance

NRHS

November 8, 2013 -Topeka Chapter Meeting will be held at Preston Hale Room Old Prairie Town, 124 NW Fillmore 7:00. Program: Bob Helling

November 16, 2013 - Wichita Chapter Meeting will be held at, Sedgwick Co Historic Museum, 204 South Main, 2:30. Program: Chris Gabel, Ft. Leavenworth "Civil War Southern Generalship". Note changes in place, date, and time.

November 22, 2013- Kansas City Chapter, Meeting will be held at Union Station, Arthur Stillwell Room, 7:00. Program: Marcus Crosby, part I on "Harvey Houses and Trains at LaPasada". Information: Deek Deitrick, adeitrick@swbell.net

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November 12; Platte Valley, meets at members' home. Information: John O'Neill, jponeill@computer-concepts.com

November 17; Heartland N-TRAK of Greater Kansas City, meets at members' home. Information: Dick Cooper, nscale@kc.rr.com

November 17; Indian Nations, meets Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., Tulsa, 9:30-12:30. After meeting Layout tour at one of the members' layout. Information: Dave Salamon, drs_rr@yahoo.com

November 26 Turkey Creek, Shawnee Mission High School, Johnson Dr. & Metcalf, 7:00. Program: clinic by Pat Harriman. Information: Louis Seibel L-seibel@comcast.net

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November 16; Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, meeting at members' layouts. Information: Claudia Rollstin, Claudia@gardenrailwaygizmos.com

Train Shows

November 23rd & 24th The 2013 Booth Hill Model Railroad Club Train Show in Dodge City, KS, at The Western State Bank Expo Center, 11333 HWY 283 South, Dodge City, KS, 67801. This is located just SW of the intersection of HWY 283 and 56 on the South side of town. Show times are 10am to 6pm on Nov 23rd and 11am to 4pm on Nov 24th. Admission is \$5.00 each with children 10 and under Free when accompanied by an adult. There will be several Vendors at the show. Tables are \$15.00 each. Please register your need for number of tables by SEPTEMBER 30th, if at all possible, to reserve floor plan space. Other Model Train Clubs are invited to be a part of our show, and usually do, from Garden City, McPherson, Bennington, KS, North Platte, NE, Woodward, OK., and of course , Dodge City. We do not have a web address. I am the contact for the show: Don Delzeit 2415 Howell Ave, Dodge City, Ks, 67801. Phone 620 338 7139. My email address is ddelzeit@dodgecity.net. If I am unavail-

able, call Henry Turner Phone 620 271 4306
November 30, December 1, 2013: The Great Train Expo. Gateway Center is located at One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL. Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE ! Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

November 30th, 2013 The Joplin Museum Complex will host a model train show and swap meet on Saturday, November 30th from 9:00am to 3pm. Admission is \$3 adult, children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult. Included will be operating layouts and over 70 tables of items for sale or trade. The Joplin Museum Complex is located at 7th and Schifferdecker Streets in Schifferdecker Park between the golf course and swimming pool. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. For additional information please contact Rick Gardner phone 417-673-4888 or e-mail rickgardner4449@gmail.com.

New

December 1 2013 Mid America Train and Toy Show KCI EXPO CENTER 11730 N. Ambassador Dr. Kansas City, MO 64153 Open 9am - 2pm Admission \$5, 12/Under Free Trains, Models, RR Collectibles & More Models, RR Collectibles & More Collectible Toys, new & used Free Train Movies Door Prizes 200 Dealer Tables Free Parking 913-651-5864 steve@midamericatrainandtoyshow.com

New

December 7-8, 2013 Annual Oklahoma City Train Show Join us this year for the **GREAT TRAIN SET GIVEAWAY** Oklahoma State Fairgrounds Travel & Transportation Building 1313 W. Britton Rd. OKC, OK 73114 Show times are 9am to 5pm, Saturday and 11am to 5pm, Sunday, Admission is \$10.00 Children 12 and under are free! Phone no. 405.842.4846 <http://www.okctrainshow.com>

December 7 – 8 and 14 -15 2013 The Santa Claus Express Saturday Sunday is pulling into the Midland Railway again this year!! Address is 1515 W. High Street Baldwin City, KS 66006-0005 Trains depart at 10 am, 1pm and 3pm. Enjoy Christmas music, Carolers singing your favorite Christmas songs, a cookie and hot cocoa! Santa will be on the train in his own specially decorated car! Bring your cameras and take photographs with Santa Claus! Each child receives a small gift or candy cane from Santa! Tickets are available ONLINE at www.midlandrailway.org or at the ticket window the day of the event. (Ticket window opens at 9 am each day of event.) Tickets are \$15 for ages 12 and up; \$8 for ages 1 to 11*Please dress warm. Train has limited heat and you will be walking through the cars to meet Santa. Blankets, coats and tons of smiles encouraged!! Depot (785) 594-6982 *Answered during operating hours* 1515 W. High Street, Baldwin City, KS 66006-0005

December 28-29, 2013: The Great Train Expo Overland Park International Trade Center 6800 W 115th Street, Overland Park, KS. Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national,

traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

February 1st & 2nd 2014 the Great Train Expo Saint Charles, MO Saint Charles Convention Center Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and

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February 8 & 9 2014 WICHITA TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET

Sat. 9am to 6pm Sun. 11am to 4pm. Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd. Wichita, KS. Sponsored in part by, Chisholm Trail Division NMRA, Swap tables, Modular Layouts, Switching Contest, Model Contest, Photo contest, Live Clinics and Much, Much More!! Adult Admission \$8.00 for both days \$1.00 off with a non-perishable food item, Children under 10 Free, and Scouts in uniform Free. Advance Table Registration: Eight foot tables are \$25.00 each if paid before 12/31/1213 after that they are \$30.00 each. Contact Phil Aylward at 316-259-5190 mail registration to; 603 Chestnut. Halstead, KS. 67056 Email: aylward1@cox.net.

February 8th & 9th 2014 The Great Train Expo Council Bluffs, IA Mid America Center Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

New
February 15, 2014 Lawrence Model Railroad Club from 9am

until 4pm for more information contact Jan Bröcker ToToTrains, LLC 1031 Vermont Street, Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66044 Phone 785-766-0467 www.tototrains.com, brocker@sunflower.com

February 22, 2014 Eleventh Annual Great Northwest Arkansas Train Show will be presented by Sugar Creek Model Railroad and Historical Society. Venue is the Holiday Inn NWA Convention Center in Springdale, AR, near intersection of I-540 and US 412. Open 9:00 AM to 4 PM, with food service on site and nearby restaurants. Admission is \$7.00 with \$1.00 off with non-perishable food item. Children under 12 and active duty military are free. There will be 150+ tables of vendors and several operating layouts in various scales, with more floor space than in past shows at the Center. Plans include the Lionel Challenge, demonstrations and mini-clinics. Door prizes plus grand prize of two round trip tickets on A&M Railroad with hotel package. Information: www.trainshow-NWA.org. Contact Keith at 479-871-2802 for vendor info.

March 8th & 9th 2014 the Great Train Expo Wichita, KS. Century II Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the

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March 15th & 16th 2014 The Great Train Expo Tulsa, OK Expo Square Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE ! Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

New

March 15th & 16th, 2014 The Garden City Model Train Show, Garden City, KS Presented by the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club In the Exhibition Building on the Finney County Fairgrounds Show times are 10 to 6 Saturday, 11 to 4 on Sunday On display will be all of the Club layouts, plus layouts from other clubs, covering G, O, On30, HO, and N scales \$5.00 for Adults, children under 10 are FREE with paid adult Vendor tables are \$15.00 each Several model train retailers are coming to Garden City, bringing the latest products for you to buy This is your chance to get new ideas for your

layout, take pictures, ask questions, and visit with the Pros who built these layouts If you're interested in joining the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club, memberships are available.

Info: Robert Simmons at 620-521-3591, or e-mail trainman55@hotmail.com

Saturday, March 15, 2014 36th Annual Ozarks Model Train Show & Swap Meet Remington's 1655 W. Republic Road, Springfield, MO 65807 9 am to 3 pm \$7 adults, children under 12 free. **A portion of the admission goes to Crosslines See a large array of display layouts featuring a variety of scales, door prizes, food/refreshments throughout the show. Planned activities include kids can ride the Kiddie Train, test their skills operating a train on a virtual railroad, take the throttle of an OMRA train, earn a Whistle Blowers certificate and compete in the LCCA's track laying contest in three age divisions. Bring your pre-1970 train for an appraisal or find out what it will take to make it run like new. Table rental \$25 each including lunch. Bottomless coffee all show for \$1. Vendors from the Fall Meet save 10%. Tables and special requests: Dave Brashers, dbrashers69@yahoo.com or 417-848-1739. Registration forms available on website: <http://omraspringfield.org>. Ron Williams MMR at 417-883-5350 or email at rwilliams3129@gmail.com web site <http://omraspringfield.org> **March 21-23, 2014 5th annual Tulsa Layout Design and Operations Weekend** \$35.00 includes Catered BBQ lunch (after March 1 price goes up to \$45.00) <http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/> Shiner's Temple 28th & Sheridan Tulsa, Oklahoma. Watch the web page for the presenters and topics and additional information. Registration page will be activated after the presenters are confirmed. All other questions email: ldop-chairman@tulsanmra.org or Dave Salmon at drs_rr@yahoo.com**

March 23-24 The Great Train Expo Des Moines, IA at Iowa Events Center Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N**

Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE ! Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

April 12th & 13th, 2014, 20th Annual Train Show, show sponsored by West-Central Division, Hours 9-5 Saturday the 12th and 10-4 Sunday the 13th At D&N Event Center, 501 East Walker Road, North Platte, Nebraska, One day admission \$4.00 per adult, \$1.00 for children under 12 (under 5 free with paid adult). Union Pacific extra fare bus tours on Saturday only. Vendor Tables \$12.50 each till April 1st. After April 1st tables are \$20 each. For additional information or questions contact: Gene R. Tacey, P.O. Box 485, Sutherland, NE 69165 e-mail taceys@gpcom.net phone 308-386-2489

New

May 2-4 2014 the Annual Thousand Lakes Region hosted by the Prairie Lakes Division Convention will be held in Sioux City, Iowa at the Stoney Creek Inn. The convention will feature prototype tours, clinics, contests, home layout tours, swap meet. For more details go to the <http://www.thousandlakesregion.org/> Jay Davis (712) 834-2073 jdandice22c@hotmail.com

Just let you know that the Z gauge convention has been cancelled. Regards,
Ben Thielemann

May 2-3 Z scale National Convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in KC on Friday and Saturday, Thursday is check-in / set up day, Friday is our event day for registered attendees, and Saturday is the public show day. We'll have Z scale exhibitors and Z module groups on the show floor. We expect just over 100 registered attendees and between 100-200 walk-ins on the public show day (Saturday). For more information contact Ben Thielemann Convention Coordinator info@nzsc.org or www.NZSC.org

June 14-15, 2014 Memphis 2014 Rails Across the River: The Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum and the Bluff City Division of the NMRA are proud to host the 2014 Joint Convention of the Southeastern Region and Mid Continent Region of the NMRA. The convention will be held at the Harding Academy, 1100 Cherry Rd, Memphis, TN 38117. For more information, registration and hotel information please visit the website www.ser-nmra.org
The Switch List is a service of Mid-Continent Region, NMRA.

Mid Continent Region Achievement Program Results

The following are the merit awards earned at the 2013 MCoR convention in Overland Park, Kansas

Steam Locomotives:

Phillip Bonson - HOn3 Shay #6
Phillip Bonson - EL 2-8-8-0 Vanderbilt

Diesel Locomotives:

Al Warren - CNW GP15-1 #4419
Dave Roeder - ADM #1934 GP9

Freight Cars:

Al Warren - SP Wood Chip Car #354851
Dave Roeder - HOn3 Flat Car #55

Maintenance of Way:

Bob Libbey - Triple decker Dormitory Car

Passenger Cars:

Nelson Moyer - CB&Q Baggage Car 1045
Nelson Moyer - CB&Q Baggage Car 1023
Gary Davidson - D&RGW #202 Combine
Dave Roeder - HOn3 Observation

On-Line Structures:

Gary Davidson - CG&S Boiler House
Jack Ferris - Two Pen Stock Yard

On-Line Displays:

Ron Morse - Viki Jo Gold Mine Display

Over the summer we have had a number of AP certificates submitted and approved by the MCoR AP chairman.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Certificate:</u>
Ryan Moats	Motive Power
Craig Drenkow	Volunteer
Jack Rosenfield	Scenery
Robert Perkins	Chief Dispatcher
Gary Tyler	Volunteer
Dave Jacobs	Prototype Model
Robert Simmons	Structures
Robert McBean	Structures
Robert McBean	Scenery

Mid-Continent Region NMRA Regional Contest 2013



Steam Locomotives - First Place
Phillip Bonzon MMR EL 2-8-8-0 & Three Truck Experimental Vanderbuilt Tender



Diesel Locomotives - First Place
Al Warren MMR CNW GP-15-1 #4419



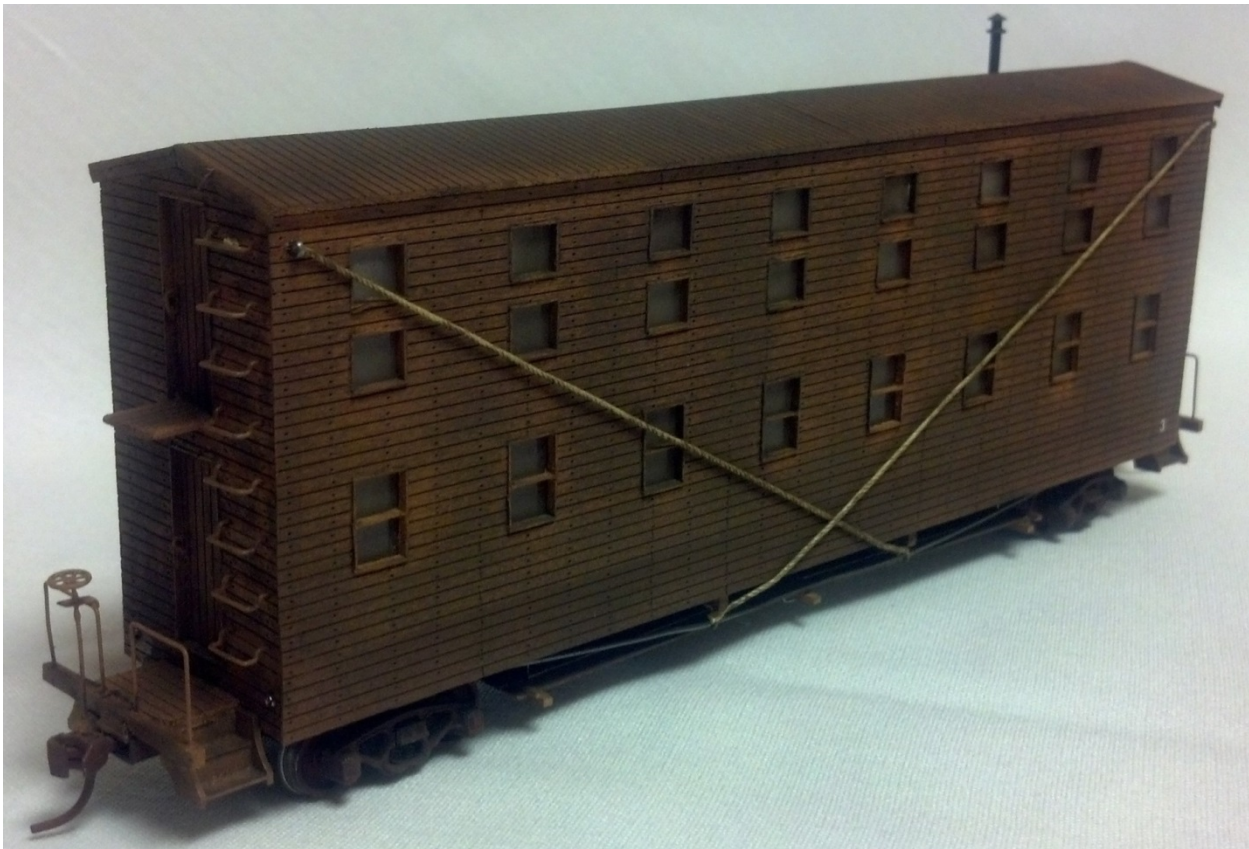
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Dave Roeder MMR SNR #55



Caboose - First Place
Dave Roeder MMR BN #10991



Passenger Car - First Place
Nelson Moyer MMR CB&Q Baggage #1023



Non-Revenue - First Place
Robert Libbey Triple Decker Dormitory Car



On-Line Structure-
Jack Ferris

First Place
Two Pen Stock Yard



Off-Line Structure - First Place
Miles Hale MMR Garage



People's Choice Winner - Vicki Jo Mine
Best of Show Winner - Vicki Jo Mine
Ron Morse MMR



Narrow Gauge Light Iron Award Winner -
Gary Davidson Narrow Gauge Combine DRGW 202

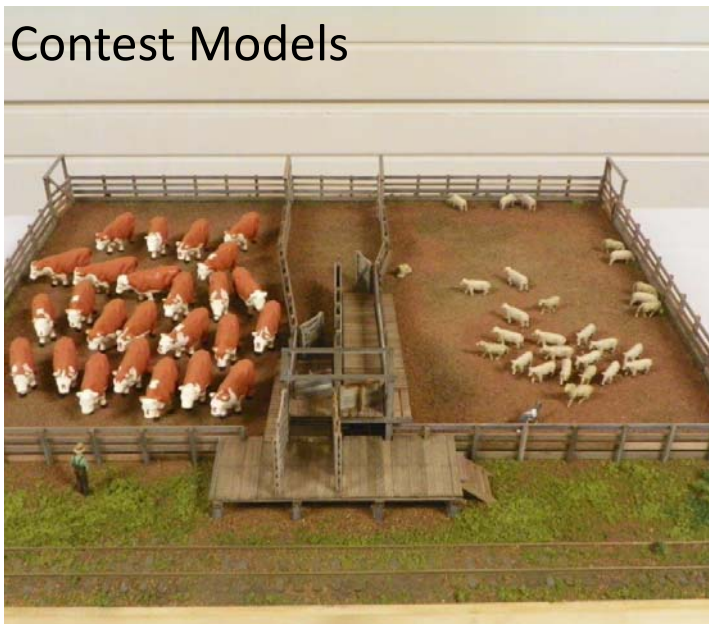
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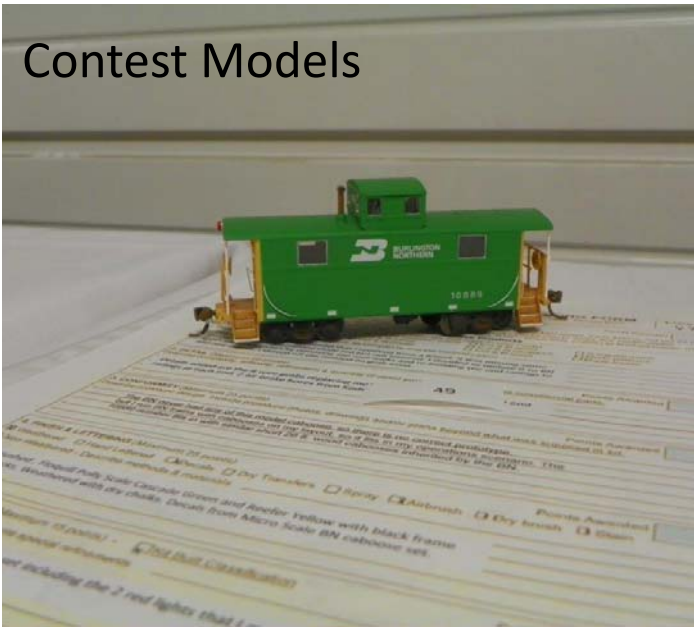
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Larry Long Award

Year	Recipient	Award Location	Notes
2000	Richard Orr	Ames MCoR	Convention
2002	Ted Fuller	North Platte MCoR	Convention
2003	Whitney D. Johnson	Olathe, KS MCoR	Convention
2004	Venita Lake	Collinsville, IL MCoR	Convention
2005	Henry W. Kraichely	Topeka, KS MCoR	Convention
2006	Robert A. Folkmann	Council Bluffs, NE MCoR	Convention
2007	John H. Averill	Lenexa, KS MCoR	Convention
2008	Louis O. Seibel	Branson, MO MCoR	Convention
2009	Earl Mullins MMR	Wichita, KS MCoR	Convention
2010	Allen G. Merta MMR	Cedar Rapids, IA MCoR	Convention
2011	James Wells	NE MCoR	Convention
2012	Ronald W. Gawedzinski	Saint Louis, MO MCoR	Convention

In Recognition of dedicated service as the Mid Continent Region's Division volunteer of the Year



Larry Diehl receiving Larry Long Award from Allen G. Merat, MMR, James Wells and Ronald W. Gawedzinski

All Ye Rounders!

By Mike Fleming

The Bluff City Division and the Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum will be hosting the combined Southeastern and Mid-Continent Regional convention in Memphis on June 13-15, 2014! Memphis is a logical choice for such a convention since it sits on the border of the two regions. Memphis historically is a railroad town and it still is, with 5 class 1's and 2 regional railroads serving it. All of the class 1's have done major facility improvements here in the last several years. Trolleys are represented here with the Memphis Area Transit Authority downtown trolley system bringing back memories of the Memphis Street Railway. Many facets of this history will be featured in convention events. The convention will be based at Harding Academy, a local Christian School with a wonderful facility centrally located in an east Memphis neighborhood. The clinics, model displays and contests, meetings, and an encore of our popular Friday night show from the 2006 Railin' on the River Convention will be here. There is ample space here for many activities and will be a convenient starting point for prototype and home layout tours. The prototype tours we are working on include tours of several of these improved rail yards, a MATA trolley shop tour, a steel mill tour, and of course the FedEx Super hub tour that was extremely popular in 2006. We may extend the convention activities into Thursday to allow us to offer a third night for this tour. It is limited to 25 persons per night and will be first come first served so if you want to see one of the premier industrial to36 in the world get your registration with that request in early. We are working with MATA on including a pass to ride the trolleys during the convention in your registration. There are several high quality home model railroads available for tour including the late Louis Ertz's West Tennessee Central Railroad, an exquisite O scale layout that has been featured in Model Railroader and O Scale Railroading magazines. We also have a unique situation in Memphis with all of the club model railroads being housed in the same building. There are seven model railroads in six scales that will be shown. For all of the OpSIG members the N scale layout modeling the L&N Memphis Sub is set up for operating sessions. It has 22 scale miles of the 210 mile division modeled. There are a couple of special events happening around convention time that will be included in the convention activities. Central Station, home of the Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum will be 100

years old and we are going to have special events throughout the year to commemorate that milestone. The convention will be one of those events and we are arranging to have a special tour of the station for the convention. The other event will be the opening of the Harahan Bridge walkway/bikeway which will allow you to walk or bicycle across the Union Pacific Harahan Bridge. The opening is scheduled close to convention time so it will be included in convention events. For the ladies, across the street from Harding Academy are Dixon Gallery and Gardens and Audabon Park and Memphis Botanic Gardens. Oak Court Mall and other fine shopping are close by and some of the ladies here are planning several other activities. The convention website will be on the Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum website by mid-June and will include the ability to register on line. Be watching at: www.mrtm.org

Mid-America Train & Toy Show 2013 SHOW DATES

March 3 ~ August 18 ~ Dec. 1

KCI EXPO CENTER

11730 NW Ambassador Drive KC,MO
I-29 exit 13 East

Toys, Trains, Models, RR Collectibles, Toys & More
Admission: \$5 Adults – 12/under Free w/adult

Open 9am – 2pm

7 am Early Admissions \$10.00 each

Showing Free Train Movies * Door Prizes
200 Dealer Tables * Free Parking

For more information visit:

www.MidAmericaTrainAndToyShow.com

Steve & Sherri Stich @ 913.651.5864
POB 369 Leavenworth, KS 66048

Kenny Cline Award

This award is given by the last three recipients, in recognition of outstanding service to the Mid-Continent Region and to the Hobby of Model Railroading.

Kenny Cline served as Secretary/Treasurer for several terms, as Vice-president for 1 two year term (1977 & 78) and served as President for one year term (1979) before passing away in office. Allan Pollock, his Vicepresident, complete his uncompleted term. The highest award that the Mid Continent Region can bestow upon an individual is that of the KEN CLINE AWARD. This award, established by the MCoR BOD in June of 1981, is given annually to someone in recognition of service to the Region, the NMRA, and the hobby in general. It occurred to me, however, that many of our members never had the privilege of knowing Ken personally. I asked former MCoR President Warren Weston, MMR of Lee's Summit, MO to tell us all a little about this gentleman whom our Region holds in such high esteem. The following, with a little editing on my part, are the words of Warren Weston telling us about his good friend, Ken Cline."...it was suggested that I put some memories down so that you might also know

Ken Cline better. Ken, Kenneth R. Cline lived in Independence, MO with his wife Irene, and raised three daughters. Ken has a B.S. in Education and a M.S. in Guidance and Counseling. He was employed by the Independence School District as a visiting teacher (truant officer). We had started a new model club (HO) that had finally found a home in the basement of a hobby shop on East Lexington near the square.

During this era (the early 60's) we moved across the street to another basement that was more accessible and business-like. By accident, we found that we could get rid of most of our trash just by wrapping it up to look valuable, then carrying it to the top of the stars. By the time we got back up with another load to take home, the first package was gone. Bill Herdinger, Tom Bennett, Larry Kombrink, David Wade, Chuck Schrivener, Ken, and this writer, were some of the members of this group.

After a heart attack in the Mid 50's, Ken moved from modeling airplanes and boats, to TT scale model railroading. Later came HO and then he saw the "true light" of modeling as spoken by Swede Norlin; Sn3. Model building was always good therapy for Ken. He built a 10'x20' Sn3 layout in his * basement, and the S Gang; Jim Phelps, Dave Engle, Mike Kane, Dave Pausell, Pete Bellos, Jim Graham, Dick Y. Wholf, and others would get together. At the 1970 Convention, he took a First Place for his Rio Grande work gondola.

Ken was later appointed Area Director and under his tutelage we had our first Area Meet. Starting at the Carousel on Troost for just gab sessions. From



here the idea just grew. Elected to the first of five terms as Secretary/Treasurer in 1972, he served the Region well. During this time he received Achievement Awards for Association Official and Association Volunteer. Awarded the Kenny John Memorial Award in 1974 at Des Moines he went on to be elected Vice President in 1977, and Region President in 1979. Just starting his second term as President, he suffered congestive heart failure on September 5, 1980, and died. His San Juan Railroad was now

silent.

Ken was a dedicated modeler and most importantly, a person in service to modelers. He was quiet and jovial with his good humor to keep things running smoothly. He has been missed, and it is good to remember him with the "Ken Cline Award".

<u>Year</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Award Location</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1981	Jack C. Rice	Tulsa MCoR	Convention
1982	Joseph J. Bothman	St. Louis MCoR	Convention
1983	Arthur C. Brown	Omaha MCoR	Convention
1985	Allen Pollock	Little Rock MCoR	Convention
1986	James D. Hammer	Kansas City MCoR	Convention
1987	John C. Kalin	Oklahoma City MCoR	Convention
1988	Robert A. Lenz	Des Moines MCoR	Convention
1989	Ronald E. Williams MMR	St. Louis MCoR	Convention
1990	Robert M. Dye	Omaha MCoR	Convention
1991	David Halpern MMR	Springfield MCoR	Convention
1992	Ronald D. Morse Sr. Sr MMR	Tulsa MCoR	Convention
1993	Larry R. Long MMR	Kansas City MCoR	Convention
1994	G. Patrick Harriman MMR	Carthage MCoR	Convention
1995	Peter T. Bellos MMR	Des Moines MCoR	Convention
1997	Dean Windsor MMR	Little Rock MCoR	Convention
1998	John W. Hardy	Kansas City National	Convention
1999	Randolph P. Meyer MMR	Omaha MCoR	Convention
2000	Richard E. Napper MMR	Ames MCoR	Convention
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K.B. "Kenny" John was a charter member of the Mid-Continent Region. He was an active participant of every Region Convention from 1949 until his passing in 1963.

He was the builder of the Fern Mountain Model Railroad in St. Joseph, Mo, which served as the unofficial meeting place and "club" layout for local modelers around St. Joseph.

Ryan Moats MMR receiving from Whit Johnson



Golden Spike at a Golden Age

by Robert Behlers

I was looking for a hobby and I always did like trains. As a matter of fact, when I was but a young pup, my six siblings and I had to take lodging in an old wooden Pullman car on a side track in South Omaha over by the stockyards. Circumstances dictated that we had to leave our house and find an alternative place to stay for a while. My oldest sister had spoken to a railroader who mentioned that there was this empty car and we soon made sure it was empty no longer. It had been converted to a MOW dormitory with bunk beds, a pot bellied stove, a table and a few chairs. To us kids, it became and was home for the better part of a year. Life was tough, the weather sometimes real cold and food wasn't always on the table on a regular basis. We woke up every morning around five o'clock as the passing steam locomotives would blow on their whistles and blast us out of bed. But we made it until the truant officers got a hold of us and then we went into separate foster homes.

We all grew up and made our living. I farmed for many years down in Wisner, Nebraska. Often I would see the freights and sometimes the passenger trains as they rumbled past towards Norfolk. Some of the local beef cattle found their way in some of those real old stock cars on the way to market in Sioux City, Iowa. In later years, I moved to Wayne and worked in Pender, NE, welding feed bins for cattle until my retirement a few months ago.

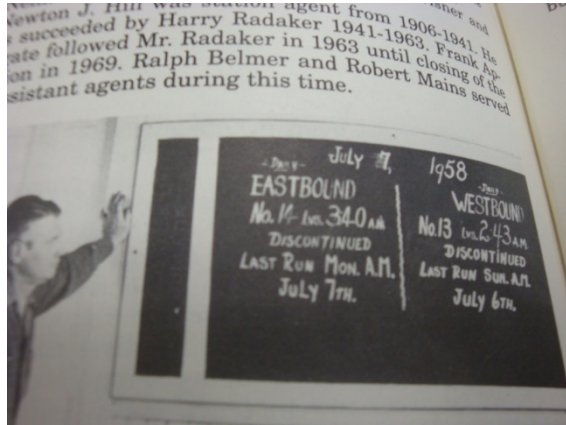


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I eventually joined up with an outfit called the Cowboy Line Division that met regularly in Norfolk, Nebraska. I also became an NMRA member a few years ago. All the guys were pretty nice to me and did encourage me to participate in the Achievement Program. I really didn't know a whole lot about modeling but I do enjoy HO scale and the steam engines. At each monthly meeting of the group, I kept learning a little more about model railroading. For example, I watched how clinics were presented and I actually have presented a few. Contributing articles for the newsletter was also encouraged. I do like to build structures and then write a short article for the newsletter. Another member showed me how to take photos of these structures and I would also include these with my article.



I really got started when I made some room in my cluttered basement for a 4 by 8 foot chunk of plywood with a double set of rails on it. I wanted to see if I could somehow put both the town of Wisner and Miss Kitty's Dodge City on it and model two different eras of rail history. I figured that if I placed a partition across this piece of plywood diagonally, both Wisner and Dodge City would have their own space. I really wanted to get my Golden Spike and I decided to do Wisner first.



My friend Jim and I took a road trip and I shot these photos out of the Centennial Book at the Wisner Public Library. The librarian was very nice to let me do this.

I started to make some cardboard structures to get some idea about HO scale size and to also use these on the layout. At a few train shows that I visited, I purchased several used structures, trees, and box cars. Some of these were used to practice my weathering technique. Others, like the reject trees were refurbished or repainted and used. During this last winter, I helped Jim on another project where I learned the basics of fastening rail on cork road bed, attach the electrical wires, and then properly ballast the rails. I made several dioramas that were presented as clinics and allowed me to use my imagination and to also help me learn the basics of scenery. Here follow some examples:



In the above requirement, a flat car was transformed into a lumber carrier with stakes as added details. Next are some cardboard structures and refurbishing a tree:



Presenting the clinic pictured below, I had to lay down rails on cork road bed, ballast these rails, place scenery items including buildings, trees, rocks, bushes, telephone poles, and ground cover. All these little steps would give me some experience to apply on my own layout.



Well, this is it. I am 71 years old and I am going to ask our Cowboy Line Division AP chairman Bryan to check out my efforts and see if I qualify for the Golden Spike award.



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Mid-continent Region registration hotel, Larry Alfred, MMR and Betsy at registration table.



Make and Take, Miles and Fran Hale, MMR's





Sam Barnicle, AA Promotions, helped with set up of tables and curtains.



Robin Rayburn talking about community gardens





Part of the train show committee, Bill Humenzuk, Dale Phetteplace, Larry Alfred



Dave Jacobs giving his clinic

Paul Meyers, giving his clinic



Sheldon Levy giving his clinic

David Popp giving his clinic







Sheldon Levy with his clinic

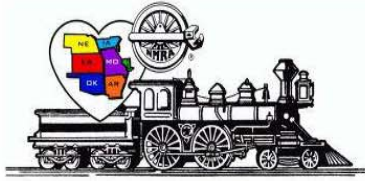


Paul Richardson, MMR with his clinic



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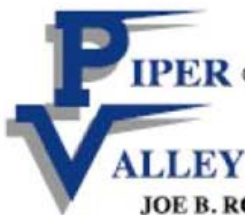
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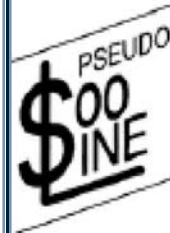
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A Cleveland 2014 Update



Preparation for the 2014 NMRA National Convention in Cleveland is in full swing. The convention committee is working with the facility to ensure that clinics won't be spread out all over the building, and local modelers are preparing over

60 great layouts to tour and operate. Watch *NMRA Magazine* for a preview.

Register for the convention as soon as possible at www.2014cleveland.org, because tour registrations will be assigned by registration number.

The following prototype tours have been confirmed. Most are not normally open to the public, so they'll fill up fast:

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Midterm Progress Report I

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This entire issue of the NMRA eBulletin is dedicated to this mid-term update by President Charlie Getz. This column will also appear in its entirety in the December issue of NMRA Magazine.



First, the very merriest and satisfying of holiday seasons to each and every one of you. It is always a magical time to be a model railroader. In this column, I would like to report on the goals and promises made when I assumed office as your President. Under our revised regulations, I serve a three-year term. I began in the summer of 2012 and thus, this month marks my halfway point. In my first

column in the *NMRA Magazine*, I outlined five areas I hoped to emphasize: modernization, communication, integration, conformance and program/function re-examination. We have made significant progress in all areas although much remains to be done.

Modernization. How we do business is changing. The bylaws are slowly being redrafted to simplify and better define the distinction between our not-for-profit corporate side and our hobby association side. For too long that line has been blurred to the point that we define everything equally in ways that frankly are confusing and unnecessary. By the end of my term, I hope to complete this process. Further, I have used Special Assistants under my supervision on particular programs that do not fall within an existing Department. This provides flexibility and accountability.

Communication. Here we have made great strides thanks to Gerry Leone and his crew, Ben Sevier, Page Martin, Tom Draper and Stephen Priest. The Magazine continues to improve and thrive. The new *NMRA eBulletin* has been well received. The Infoblast continues to provide information to Regions. The Gallery Exhibit is entering its fabrication stage. Next month I will report on that exciting development in more detail. Our website is slowly improving and being revamped. As I write this, "Build A Memory" looks to be a success which we hope to expand. Indeed, our new Marketing Department has been stellar in promoting the NMRA. Alan Anderson continues his fundraising efforts on our behalf. And we have begun EduTRAIN®, our template for a program of clinics to assist Regions and divisions in educating members on a wide range of topics. Started by Jim Six of the Michiana division, Bob Blake is now overseeing this exciting new program.

Integration. This means that for US regions/division, tax-exempt status under our umbrella would be provided with a minimum of paperwork and with complete local control over finances and activities. We only await a final ruling from the IRS and clarification of the procedures to be used to launch this program. We will keep you informed as soon as we know.

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