

The Dispatcher

Northeast Hoosier
Division 3 NCR

National Model Railroad Association



SPECIAL NOTICE:

The January 8th meeting will be the last held at SIRVA!
We are currently scouting a new location.
Your help or ideas will greatly be appreciated!

The date of the Spring Meet is 24 March 2007.

Meeting Notes

North East Hoosier Division 3
December 2006

Attendance

Dan Brown, Rich Swihart, Gary Evans, Tim Stryjewski, Micheal Styjewski, Dick Moessner, Dan Metzger, Anita Hale, Chuck White, Don Rhodenbaugh, Alan Toy, Fergus Moore, Sharon Moore, Drake E Omstead, Dave Miller

Craig Berndt gave a power point presentation on the New York Centrals Jet powered RDC. Trains Febuary 1989 has an article Reports

Treasurers Report

Still in black.

Super Report

36th Trainfest in Milwaukee had 200,000 sq ft with layouts manufactures and dealers. Craig Beaverson volunteered to take over the Achievement Program.

T Trak Report

More modules are being built. If you want a different size contact Dan Metzger.

2007 GLE Report

Volunteers are still needed. 2009 NCR convention

The motel will be the Marriot at Washington Center and Coldwater. 2007 Three Rivers Op Sig

Use of the Court Yard of Marriot at Washington Center and Lima. Approval was made by Dave Miller and 2nd by Dick Moessner. Motion carried. Op Sig is April 13th through 15th.

Old Business

Inventory of Tony Romero's collection will be January 14th. Help is needed.

Glenn Roon has resigned his position as BOD member. Chuck White and Don Rhodenbaugh nominated Gary Evans. Vote will be in January meeting.

Annual Meet - March 24th

Need volunteers, door prizes, layout at show, layout tours and clinics. If anybody knows a place for Spring Meet in 2008 let Dan Metzger know.

New Business

Motion was made by Dick

Moessner and 2nd by Don Rhodenbaugh to buy a container to hold achievement paperwork. Motion carried.

January will be at 6:30PM. Is last meeting at Serva. Need to find a new meeting place. If you know of any place let us know.

Calendar of Events

Swaps and Train Shows
Indianapolis January 5th
Valparaiso March 17th
Maumee Valley in Febuary

Op Sessions

Gary Evans is hosting January 20th at 1PM to 4PM.

Door Prizes

Dave Miller won gift certificate to Cowen's Creations.

Chuck White won gift certificate to Hobbyland.

Special Note

Gary Sturm is recovering well after surgery.

Next meeting will be January 8th at 6:30 PM. We will have to be let in by Alan Toy.

Please arrive on time!

Wanted:

Layouts and Operators for NMRA Spring Meet Open House

The NMRA Spring Meet will be held on March 17, 2007. It has been a tradition to have a Layout tour on Saturday after the Meet and possibly on the following Sunday.

Please contact Gary Evans if you are willing to have your layout included in the tour. Include such details as your desired hours, location, need for assistant operators, and any special circumstances.

Also, please contact Gary if you are willing to assist someone else with their open house.

Contact Gary at 492-1718 or garytrain@peoplepc.com.

Another announcement:

The January Round Robin will be held on Saturday, January 20, 1:00PM, at the layout of Gary Evans. Contact Gary if you need directions.

We thank these companies for their supporting the hobby.



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GREAT LAKES EXPRESS 2007

Sunday July 22 thru
Saturday July 28, 2007

Register now: www.gle2007.org

Due to the Holidays the Fourth Installment was received 4 days after the previous Dispatcher was published. Because of this both issues are included this month.

GLX VOLUNTEERS

by Barry Hensel
Div 6 newsletter editor
GLX Volunteer co-chairman

GLX VOLUNTEERS

HI! This is the **FOURTH** in a series of articles that will help explain the volunteer jobs that we NEED help in filling, for the National Convention, next July! This month let's have a look at these jobs-**SILENT AUCTION- CONTEST ROOM- BANQUET** SSSSHHHHH..... it's a silent auction! When you sign-up for this job, you'll be seeing lots of desirable prizes that others will be bidding on. Your job will simply be to watch the items to make sure they do not get misplaced and that bidders do not get in each others way. Then when the auction is over, you'll help move the items so that those that won can pay for their item and pick-it up. You will NOT be collecting the money!

Working in the **CONTEST ROOM** will also be exciting, as modelers from around the country and world bring in models to be judged. You will assist in getting the models registered, but mostly your job is to keep an eye on all models to make sure spectators do not touch them. It's a security type of job!

The **BANQUET** takes place on Saturday night at the Henry Ford Museum. This is one job that is very short lived, as you are only needed on Friday and Saturday night. And only 6 people are needed for the whole job! While I'm guessing at this one, I would expect you would be

greeting guests on Saturday night, as they arrive and perhaps helping them find a table. The Friday night assignment would be to simply help out the NMRA staff that has planned the entire evening. I do NOT believe you would be doing any type of set-up or anything like that!

Starting in January, we should be able to actually sign you up for a specific job!! Please contact me to get on my general help list and I'll contact you again, for your job selection. It's best to email me at barry76Lt@wowway.com or call evenings, 6-10pm 734-397-5182. I hope you will consider helping out with at least one job and one shift. Please consider one of these jobs to help with the convention!

GLX VOLUNTEERS

HI! This is the **FIFTH** (and LAST!) in a series of articles that will help explain the volunteer jobs that we NEED help in filling, for the National Convention, next July!

As reported at the Div 6 meeting, the "Rail Gang" round-robin group I am in has taken the job of the NMRA booth at the National Train Show, so those jobs are gone. However, lets look at the last few jobs that we will need help with-

NMRA COMPANY STORE - GENERAL HELP

The company store is just that, THE place to buy anything & everything NMRA! This includes shirts, jackets, convention cars and all kinds of stuff... even salt-pepper shakers! So if you

have a passion for retail sales, this is the job for you!! The store will be set-up all week long in a room at the hotel. Then on Thursday evening, it will be moved to the TRAIN SHOW for the weekend. Thus, if you sign-up for the weekend shifts, you'll be getting free entry to the National Train Show!

GENERAL HELP is also just that... helping with whatever - whenever -where-ever. OK... it's the GO-FER job! You could be "going for this, going for that... so this could be one of the more interesting jobs, as you just don't know what you will be needed to do! OK, that covers ALL of the jobs that we will need to do for a successful convention! I hope these insights have helped you make a decision on what job you will be doing-volunteering for. Remember, we will need as many people as possible.

We do not want people getting burned out, but enjoying their experience of working the National convention. Remember, it's been 29 years since the Detroit area hosted this event. We HAVE to show everyone that WE, the Detroit area (and the North Central Region) are not what many in the press would have you believe we are! With your help, we can put on the BEST convention the NMRA has ever seen!!

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GREAT LAKES EXPRESS 2007 Continued

We are already on our way to that goal, with the many, many tours and events that are on the schedule already! And one last time, let me remind you of your Volunteer Benefits that you get for volunteering to help-

- **FREE** volunteer t-shirt
- **FREE** parking
- **FREE** layout tours/clinics (if you sign-up for those jobs)
- Possible free room for a night (you will be sharing!)
- NMRA Banquet tickets available
- Great post event party!
- The greatest satisfaction possible!
- **FUN!**

And remember, you do not have to register, if you are not attending any tours, clinics, contests, etc!! Starting THIS MONTH, I will be able to actually sign you up for a specific job!! It's best to email me at- barry76Lt@wowway.com or call evenings, 6-10pm 734-397-5182. I hope you will consider helping out with at least one job and one shift. Please consider one of these jobs to help with the convention!

Register now:
www.gle2007.org

What is the NMRA?

The NMRA is the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. It is a non-profit educational association whose purpose is both to promote the hobby of model railroading, and to help set standards within the industry.

But the NMRA is far more personal than that. The NMRA is people... people across the globe, people in your area, and people just down the street who love model railroading and want to help others get that same enjoyment out of the hobby.

Read on. You'll see that the NMRA is many things to many people.

The NMRA is Fellowship...

Members at all levels of the NMRA are eager to share their knowledge and friendship.

Divisions There are over 150 NMRA Divisions – groups of NMRA members in local communities. Most hold regular meetings featuring interesting and informative presentations on subjects ranging from "how-to" clinics to prototype railroad slide presentations. Many also have a regular newsletter for members.

Regions There are 18 NMRA Regions across the globe and each Region is made up of many Divisions. Regions usually hold annual or semi-annual conventions which can include presentations and clinics, as well as tours to model layouts, prototype tours, and even banquets and swap meets. All Regions have a member newsletter.

National Every summer the NMRA National Convention brings together its members for a week of clinics, contests, layout tours, prototype excursions, the "National Train Show®", and dozens of other exciting activities. Every year it's held in a different city, so it makes an ideal family vacation.

The NMRA is Member Services...

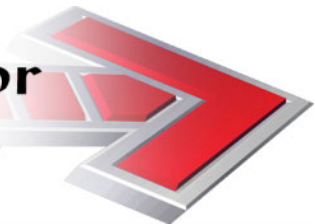
Being a member of the NMRA entitles you to a multitude of services, all geared toward expanding your enjoyment of the hobby. You'll find most of these services listed below in the "Why Join" section.

Every month our large, four-color magazine, *Scale Rails*, will update you on NMRA activities on a Divisional, Regional, and National level. It also includes informative modeling or prototype articles.

In addition, NMRA members have exclusive access to Tape/Slide Clinics, Data and Standards Sheets, The Pike Registry, and dozens of other resources.



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What is the NMRA?

Continued

The NMRA is Standards...

When the NMRA was founded in 1935, model railroading was in its infancy, without standards that ensured interchangeability. The NMRA was the organization that set those Standards and Recommended Practices which still guide manufacturers and consumers alike. In fact, the NMRA recently set the manufacturing standards that continue to guarantee the compatibility of different brands of DCC equipment.

The NMRA is also deeply involved with developing both Module standards and Large Scale train standards, again helping to ensure that hobbyists enjoy the many benefits of equipment compatibility.

The NMRA is The A. C. Kalmbach Memorial Library...

The Kalmbach Memorial Library just may be the largest railroad reference and research center in the world, containing over 100,000 prototype photos, 6,000 books, and more than 50,000 modeling, prototype and historical society magazines. Every day it answers dozens of members' questions about everything from model to prototype railroading.

NMRA members can get answers to questions; printouts of the periodical database; videotapes and tape/slide clinics, and discounts on research services, photo reproductions, surplus books and magazines

The NMRA is the Achievement Program...

The NMRA's Achievement Program, or "AP," is designed to help modelers improve their skills and get more enjoyment out of their hobby. In addition, it gives recognition to those members who have displayed a high degree of skill or service to the hobby.

The Achievement Program helps give you the skills that let you build a model railroad you can be proud of.

The NMRA is Conventions...

Anyone who thinks a local club can offer the same benefits as the NMRA has never been to an NMRA National Convention. Each summer some of the best modelers from around the world gather to teach, learn, compete in modeling contests, and view some of the best model railroad layouts around.

The convention is capped off by the "National Train Show®", one of the largest shows of its kind in the country. You'll typically find over 150,000 square feet of booths from model railroad manufacturers and dealers, most with special "train show deals" or special model introductions.

In addition, Region and Division conventions and meets give members a chance to gather together to gain knowledge and "talk trains" all year long.

Why join the NMRA?

These are some of the many benefits of membership. The blue items link to specific pages on our website, if you'd like to learn more:

Kalmbach Memorial Library – perhaps one of the finest resources available to anyone interested in railroads or model railroads... members get special discounts and first crack at special releases
Fellowship of other modelers

The Achievement Program – there's no better way to improve your modeling

Regional and National conventions
Access to Master Model Railroaders - they come from all over the world to the National convention. MMRs attend most Regional and Divisional functions, too! (MMR list by Number, by Region.)

Monthly Scale Rails magazine
Participation in the "Modeling With The Masters" program
Insurance coverage for club layouts, meets and shows
NMRA Standards & Recommended Practices
Heritage & Living Legends Collector Cars
Participation in photo, slide and model contests with fellow members
Members' Aid Program – have a question? We've got the answers
Pass Exchange – if you have a model railroad pass, why not exchange it with others?

Data Sheets - Need to know the lettering sizes on a Norfolk & Western hopper? Or the corrugation dimensions of metal roofing? It's all here.

Pike Registry --Register your model railroad name

Tape/Slide and Video Clinics - rent them by mail... perfect for home viewing or club presentations

100 % NMRA Club - The extra benefits of having all of your rail club members also members in the NMRA

When you're an NMRA member, you're automatically a member of your Region and Division without paying additional dues!

Special local activities at Division or Region meets can include:

Clinics given by modelers for modelers
Region & Division Collector Cars
Photo and slide contests
Model contests and Popular Vote model contests
Dealers tables
Layout tours and open houses

