



# The Dispatcher

Northeast Hoosier  
Division 3 NCR

National Model Railroad Association



Minutes of NMRA NCR  
Northeast Hoosier Division 3 meeting,  
July 10, 2007.

### Attendees

Bell; Caylor; Evans; Griffin; Hale;  
Metzger, A.; Metzger, D.; Metzger, M.;  
Moessner; Moore, F.; Moore, S.;  
Rhodenbaugh; White;

### Fun Stuff

Model Railroad Time Tables were  
shown by Caylor, Evans, Griffin,  
Rhodenbaugh, and White.

### Reports

T Trak: D. Metzger is preparing an  
inventory of modules.  
Operations: CIRROPS, in  
Indianapolis area, will be hosting  
2007 OPSig. Fort Wayne will need  
layouts for 2009 OPSig.

### 2009 NCR Convention

There has been no discussion with the  
Fort Wayne Marriot; a meeting will  
be set up after Detroit convention.

### Regional/National Info

No activity thus far; help from  
residents in affected counties is  
requested.

### Old Business

Division 3 brochure: Brochure should  
be in local shops.

### New Business

Van Wert Railroad Heritage Weekend:  
Sat., July 21, 10 – 5; Sun, July 22, 12  
– 5; The museum is on North  
Washington.

### Calendar of Events

Swaps & Train Shows: October 27,  
Maumee Club;  
Looking ahead to Train Festival at  
Science Central on Thanksgiving  
weekend.

No door prize drawing.

Fun Stuff for next time (August 14) –  
Bring & Brag: Railroad lanterns,  
locks, and related memorabilia.

Clinic: DVD show.

*We thank these companies for  
their supporting the hobby.*



**1st Place Hobbies**  
117 E. Market St  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
[www.1stplacehobbies.com](http://www.1stplacehobbies.com)

- ◆ R/C Cars, trucks, planes, boats, (gas and electric)
- ◆ Plastic model kits
- ◆ Model trains
- ◆ Rockets
- ◆ Paints & adhesives
- ◆ Kites

Phone: (260) 827-0765  
Fax: (260) 824-5509  
Mon-Fri: 10:00am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 12:00-5:00pm



**PHIL'S HOBBY SHOP**

3112 N. Clinton Ft. Wayne, IN 46805 219-471-1340	422 Clinton Street Defiance, OH 43512 419-782-8020	1722 Lake Avenue Ft. Wayne, IN 46805 219-426-5056
--------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------

**COWANS CREATIONS**  
17425 ST RD 37  
HARLAN, IN 46743



260-402-5376

(260) 483-8136



416 West Coliseum Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805

[www.hobbyland.com](http://www.hobbyland.com)

**To YOU... Our great Volunteer Team...**

The Great Lakes Express 2007 National Model Railroad Convention and National Train Show are now complete. It is with great pride that I give you the following information...

\* Our attendance goal was 1200 and we had 1148 registered/paid attendees... Close enough for me!!

\* It is reported that 20,000+ people attended the National Train Show, which is the 4th largest attendance since this format was started in 1996.

\* We did have THE largest National Train Show ever and sold out vendor spaces quicker than any other Train Show.

*(... now for the best part.....)*

\* Compliments on the number of volunteers, quality of volunteers and friendliness of the volunteers were made starting on Saturday and continuing ALL week!!!

One attendee told Dave Thornton that he has been at every convention for the past 24 years and ours was the best BY FAR!!!

\* GLEX has made NMRA history as being the BEST run convention EVER!! And GLEX will be known for many, many years as one of the best conventions by content, with the 100+ layouts toured, 35+ prototype tours

and massive non-rail program!

WOW.... !!! It was an awesome week and YOU, yes, YOU made it happen and happen in a HUGE way!!! I was getting very embarrassed as I kept getting complimented for the job I did in recruiting you as volunteers. I feel all I did was take down names and it was YOU that really did the work and deserves the compliments!! THANKS!!!

We have a wrap-up meeting later this month, so if you have any issues you want addressed, please let me know and I'll take those to the meeting.

ALSO, if you need a signature on your AP volunteer form, please send that to me with a stamped return envelope and I can sign that for you. Please send that to me at- 43642 Lotus Dr Canton, MI 48188

And don't forget our post-convention party. Saturday, October 20th!! We're hoping to have some layout tours during the day and the actual pizza-beer party later in the early evening. We'll send out more info once we get the plans all set.

Once again, a HUGE THANK-YOU!!! To you for helping out at the convention!!

Hopefully it won't be another 30 years until we host again! (well, actually, you have another chance to help in 2012, as the convention will be in Grand Rapids, MI!!) So THANKS

again, and again, and again!! You made us proud!!

Sincerely,  
Barry Hensel  
Volunteer Coordinator



**Meeting Location:**

Every month on the second Tuesday  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Church of the Covenant  
10010 N Coldwater Rd  
Just south of Dupont



*Please use the South-East Drive & Entrance*

**North Central Region NMRA  
Northeast Hoosier Division 3**



**Superintendent:** Chuck White  
**Dispatcher:** Dan Metzger  
**Treasurer:** Gene Cowan  
**AP Chairman:** John Rietz

**Board of Directors:** Gary Evans  
**Division Scribe:** Dan Brown  
**Newsletter Editor:** Rich Mohr

