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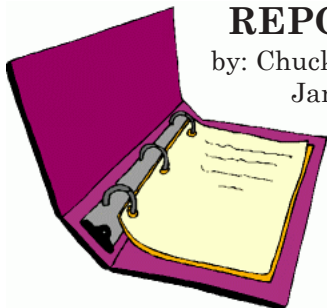
Northeast Hoosier
Division 3 NCR

National Model Railroad Association



SUPER'S REPORT

by: Chuck White
January 2008



I don't want to be redundant, but there are several topics that I would like to emphasize.

ELECTIONS

We will be having elections at our meeting next week. As I stated last month, if you are interested in holding an office within our division, please attend and make your interest known to us. At the same time, if you do not want to be an officer in our division, please let me know ASAP. The current nominees are listed in Dan's notes.

DREAM PLAN BUILD DVDs

As was mentioned last month, we have been viewing these videos at our meetings, in place of formal clinics. Each DVD includes several clinics, of which so far, I've found almost all of them to be pretty interesting and also pretty good. At the same time I want to emphasize to everyone that these are available for loan to division members. Simply contact myself or one of the other division officers arranged to borrow any one of the 15 of these that we own. I presently have the first five of them, that I will be returning at our next meeting.

SHOW AND TELL

For our January meeting, you are welcome to bring a Railroad related book. It can be about the model or the prototype. It can be hardcover or soft cover. It can be something you received for Christmas, or a bargain you recently picked up. If you want to bring more than one book, that's fine too. So far, I have three that I will be bringing.

Here are some other items of interest that I would like to pass along.

FOSTORIA

At a recent division meeting, Gary Evans gave us a presentation about his visit to their Rail Festival last summer. Anyway, during a Magical Mystery Train Trip to the swap over in Lima the last weekend, we ran into a lady from their Chamber of Commerce, who was promoting the 2008 Festival. Besides a brochure about Fostoria, we also picked up a copy of the Ohio rail map published by ODOT. From what she was telling us, it sounds like it's going to be a bigger and better event, than the one Gary gushed about. Oh yeah, the date for the 2008 Festival is September 20.

ANN ARBOR

It probably isn't too early to start planning for a trip to the fabled Ypsilanti show. According to the information I received, it will be held on the weekend of February 16th & 17th. I've never been to this show, but I'm planning to attend this year. If anyone would like to go with me, please let me know.

FAST FREIGHT '08

This is the name of the NCR convention. It will be held in Toledo from September 19-21. I've recently learned they will have featured clinics by: Andy Sperandeo, Gerry Albers, Allen McClelland MMR, and Dan Lewis MMR. I should be receiving a DVD soon, which I will circulate amongst division members. I had a great time at the last NCR convention in Toledo. I'm looking forward to going to this one. Unfortunately, I just noticed that it conflicts with the Fostoria Rail Festival. Oh well, I suppose its better that we have a variety of these events from which to choose, rather than none at all.

CALL BOARD

This is the name of the newsletter from Division III of the Mid-Central Region, our friends in Dayton. I receive it monthly at no cost. If any of you would like to also receive it, let me know, or you can send an e-mail to the editor Mr. J. Hedge at hedgejn@Hotmail.com. J. is the brother of our former member Jeff Hedge.

This division puts on a lot of special events. Their monthly programs are usually very interesting. There meetings are held on Sunday afternoons. The next one will be on January 20. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please let me know.

Take care
Chuck

Meeting Notes

North East Hoosier Division 3
December 2007

Attendance

Dan Brown, Rich Swihart, Stan Roth,
Dan Metzger, Chuck White, Gary
Evans, Dick Moessner

If you want to run for any office show
up 2nd Tuesday January 8th to
volunteer and vote.

Fun Stuff

DVD - Dream Plan Build
Locomotives - Rich Swihart brought
2 Walthers HO Trainman Wabash FA-
1's

Audit committee of accounts Dick
Moessner, Don Rhodenbaugh, & Alan
Bell

Request Credit Union to show records
to officer. by Dick 2nd Gary motion
carried.

Reports

Treasure's: None.

Gary Sturm has 2 scanners for sale.
Contact Gary.

Calender of Events

2009 Regional Convention
First meeting Monday January 28th
7PM at Fort Wayne Marriot

Op Sessions-CIRROPS is April 4th -
6th in Indianapolis.

Announcements

Next months show & tell.

Old Business
Spring Meet on March 15th.

Bring book.

**New Business
Elections**

Nominations for officers

Board of Directors Dave Miller by
Chuck 2nd Dick

Super Chuck White by Dick 2nd Gary
Dispatcher Gary Evans by Chuck
2nd Dick

Scribe Dan Metzger by Chuck
2nd Gary

Paymaster/Treasure Dick Moessner
volunteered 2nd Gary

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



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



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Gary Evans
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Snow and Plowing

by: Dick Moessne

I read an article about RR snowplowing in an old magazine, and learned that:

- Rotary snow plows are not used much any more. They are too slow and only cut a narrow fixed swath. Russell & Jordan plows with extendable wings cut wider swaths and are faster (with enough HP behind).

- Russell plows- the ones that look like a caboose with a plow blade on one end – take a crew of three. The lead operator works the right wing and the flanger blade between the rails. The helper works the left wing. The foreman sits in the middle and handles communication with the loco pushing.

- The part of the plow that looks like a cupola is called the turret. That's where the crew rides. The turret is strongly braced and padded to protect the crew.

- Russell plows usually get two locos. One does the actual pushing. The other follows behind, ready to drag the plow and first loco out if they get stuck.

- Plows may hit a big drift as fast as 45 mph. The foreman and lead operator have to know the line well enough to be able to tell the loco crew how fast to go.

- If a drift turns out to be over the top of the plow, the crew opens a turret window to climb out. Badly stuck plows have to be dug out by hand.

- When all else fails, the plow crew may drill into the snow 8', put in a stick of dynamite, and blast the drift out of the way.

- Out in North Dakota, blizzard winds not only blow snow, they blow dirt as well. The combination is called "snirt" and is harder to plow than plain snow.

- The most successful snow-fighting gets done in the summer. Rights-of-way are being regraded to eliminate places where deep drifts collect.




Rotary snow plow



Russell snow plow

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