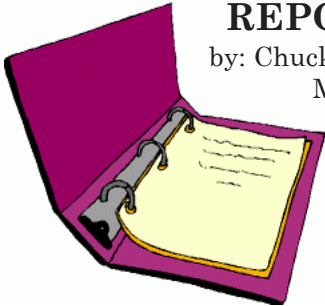


SUPER'S REPORT

by: Chuck White
March 2008



Hi Everyone:

Here is an article written by our current president for the North Central Region. It was recently published in the NCR's newsletter, The Hotbox. Since everyone who receives our newsletter may not also be receiving The Hotbox, I thought it would be worth repeating (for some of you), to have it reprinted in our publication.

Take care.

Chuck

NCR Region Update

By: Tim Fisher

I have received several questions about the Region recently and this has prompted me to provide you all with an update on where things stand.

Election I asked for candidates to run for office at the Grand Rapids convention meeting, October 2006. Only one person came forward to fill six offices. After the National

convention, I began actively recruiting volunteers to run the Region. This took some time as all of us were pretty worn after the push to make the National happen. I completed the project about December first and we have a slate. The ballots are at the printer and will go to all NMRA members in the Region.

We are using the member list provided January 1 to our Registrar. The slate is heavily represented by people that worked very hard on our National Convention Committee.

Candidates are:

President:
Jack Watson Div 6

Vice President:
Dave McMullian Div 1

Secretary:
Larry Wolohon Div 6 and 8

Treasurer:
Dean Pyers Div 8

Director:
Bill Neale Div 6

Director:
Marv Linke Div 8

I expect that we will have a Region meeting in March and will recommend that to our incoming President.

The ballot also has information about the Divisions and the next Region Convention in Toledo, September 19-21, 2008.

National Convention was the primary focus for the Region for the last five years. It was especially intense for 2006 and 2007. Most of the Region board and Division Superintendents filled key committee positions on the National convention. During 2007, I went to at least 30 meetings and have over 1,400 e-mails. If someone wants to know what the Region has been doing, we were running a National convention and some items fell by the wayside.

Hotbox was a casualty. Larry Wright, our editor for 20 years decided to turn over the Hotbox during 2006. We were unprepared. Larry Wolohon and Stu Sonta offered to help out during the crunch. Larry published one final edition and the new team published a second after the Grand Rapids convention. During 2007, Stu's insane work schedule along with my own caught up with us and there was only one issue published for 2007. Stu has a copy going to the printer (the one you are reading). Barry Hensel has recently offered to work on the Hotbox.

Where we need help is on articles. When this edition comes out, we will have used all available articles. We need your help to recruit people from each Division to send us material each quarter. We need people to write and to take photographs.

Membership We have a few less than 1,000 NMRA members in our geographic Region. All NMRA members in our geographic area are automatically members of the North

NCR Region Update

(Continued)

Central Region. Hotbox subscription is at extra charge of \$7 per year. We have about 550 subscribers to the Hotbox. Division membership is defined by County of residence. Marv Linke has a Region map that lays this out on the Div 8 website. Bob Polasky, our long time Registrar has decided to give up the duty to a new volunteer. Marty LaForte has offered to serve as Registrar and has been peppering me with questions.

Mission: The North Central Region is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is the education of NMRA members and promotion of the model railroad hobby.

We deliver our service through:

- 1) Divisions holding regular meetings. There are eight active Divisions. Most meet monthly offering fellowship and clinics.
- 2) Annual convention
 - 2004 Capitol Crossing Div 5
 - 2005 Pontiac Junction Div 8
 - 2006 Grand Rails Div 4
 - 2007 Great Lakes Express
Detroit National
 - 2008 Toledo Sept. 19-21
 - 2009 Fort Wayne
- 3) Region Newspaper the Hotbox
- 4) Achievement Program

Finances: The annual budget is about \$5,000. Most years the income and expenses are even. We plan to publish the Hotbox four times a year and have one additional mailing that goes to all members. The all member mailing is designed to encourage attendance at Division meetings, promote the annual convention and include a ballot on alternate years. Each mailing costs at least \$1,000. Since we are under spending on the Hotbox. Our current cash position is very good. This makes it all the more important to crank up the photos and articles.

Division 9, Ann Arbor is up and running again. John Wissinger got it started and set up initial meetings.

Other Region staff members, not mentioned so far include:

- Contest
Glenn Joppich
- Photo Contest
Dan Lewis
- Achievement
Larry Wolohon
- Convention
Chuck White
- Website
Larry Wright
- Resident Agent
Uwe Thormaehlen

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**



Superintendent: Chuck White
Dispatcher: Gary Evans
Treasurer: Dick Moessner
AP Chairman:

Board of Directors:
Dave Miller

Division Scribe: Daniel Metzger
Newsletter Editor: Rich Mohr



Minutes February 26, 2008

Attendance

E. Allen, G. Evans, D. Miller, R. Moessner, B. Piercy, D. Rhodenbaugh, R. Swihart, C.White.

Fun Stuff

Several persons brought unique cars.

Reports

Treasures!: Voted to accept R. Moessner's report as reconciliation for transfer to new treasurer.

Super's: A DVD and paperwork has been received from Fast Freight 08 committee; D. Rhodenbaugh is viewing the material.

Newsletter: NMRA brochure needs to be updated for new officers.

Annual Meet: Saturday, May 03, 2008. March 10 is deadline for attendee letter and flyer. Evans and Moessner.

Old Business

Meeting location: Remains 2nd Tuesday at church.

New Business

Continuation of Door Prizes: Begin in April; all attendees eligible; see accompanying notice in newsletter.

2009 Convention topics

Convention car ideas: Evans, Fort Wayne Shops 2009 hopper with Three Rivers logo; Moessner, prototype built by Fort Wayne Pennsylvania Shops; Rhodenbaugh, ethanol tank car to tie in with regional plants.

They're ba-a-ck!

Once again Division 3 will reward its loyal members who attend the monthly meetings. Beginning in March, we will have a monthly drawing for gift certificates to local hobby shops. Each will be for \$10. The rules are simple. Two certificates will be given out per month.

There's a limit of one win per member in a six month period. And you must be present to win. Currently we will have certificates from 1st Place Hobbies and from Phil's Hobbies, one each per month.

~~If no one comes to the meeting, I win them all!~~

Sorry – guess I can't do that. So come on out to a Division 3 meeting. *You might go home \$10 richer.* —From Paymaster Dick Moessner”



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