



# The Dispatcher

Northeast Hoosier  
Division 3 NCR

National Model Railroad Association

Notes from Monthly NMRA Meeting held on July 14, 2009

## Introductions / Attendance

Dan Metzger, Dan Brown, Chuck White, Dick Moessner, Gary Evans, Eddie Allen, Rich Swihart, Brian Judt, Don Rhodenbaugh, Chris Wehman, Rick Van Laar, Walter Griffin, Alan Bell

## Bring and Brag – Motorcars

Chuck - Presentation on NARCOA

Clinic: Dream Plan Build DVD

## Meeting

### Reports

Chuck talked about his trip to the national convention.

Notes From Last Time - Dan Metzger. Treasures Report – Dick Moessner We are solvent. 27 registrations for the convention.

Hobby Shop Liaison – Don Rhodenbaugh

Starting in September, First Place Hobbies will be open on the first Thursday of the month until 8pm. You can call or email your order in advance, and pick it up at the store.

www.myatomic.com is another hobby shop in Fort Wayne.

Achievement – Rich Swihart

Newsletter / Web Site – Rich Mohr

T-Trak – Dan Metzger – Set up at Van Wert July 18 and 19. If you want to scenic a module, let Dan know.

Operations SIG/DCC/Layout Design SIG/Industrial SIG

Supers Report – Chuck White

2009 Regional Convention – Next Meeting: 6:30 pm July 28, at the Marriott

Get your shirt orders in by the end of August, if you are volunteering for the convention.

Dream Plan Build DVD's – Dick Moessner – New DVDs - 33 total.

Other Reports

Kosciusco county is now part of our division.

## New Business

Motion by Dick Moessner for postage stamps, second by Don, approved.

## Calendar of Events

### Op Sessions

Fort Wayne group – 3rd Friday. See the Division 3 Yahoo group for the locations.

John Reitz – every Thursday. 7:00 P.M. Broad Top Mountain Yahoo Group.

Joe Berger – Last Saturday of the month.

Continental – First Saturday of the month.

Bruce Carpenter – First Saturday of the month.

Van Wert Show – July 18, 19.

Round Robins

Layout Work Sessions

Swaps & Train Shows

Maumee Valley Show and Swap, October 31.

## Announcements

Door Prize Drawing: Brian Judt (Gary Evans used a random number generator to pull the door prize number.)

Other events pertaining to our group: TV shows:

RFDTV – various railroad videos 7 PM Mondays, and repeated at other times.

PBS – Tracks Ahead 11:30 AM Fridays

**Next Meeting: August 11, 2009**

Show & Tell/ bring & Brag: Railroad Hats

Clinic: Cincinnati Northern DVD

Dick Moessner is challenging everyone to bring in their Wabash Motors cutout building next week.

Adjourn



North Central Region NMRA  
Northeast Hoosier  
Division 3

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## SUPER'S REPORT

by: Chuck White  
August, 2009



The 2009 NCR Convention is less than three months away. The dates are October 15-18. It's now "crunch time" for us. Here are several related items to note:

### MODEL RAILROADER PHONE & EMAIL LIST

A number of years ago, we created a database for Model Railroaders in our area. It has grown to over 70 names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. When privacy concerns became an issue, we ceased updating it and publishing it. Now, with many new faces in our group, we again need a resource for contacting people. After some discussion amongst the officers of our NMRA division, we've decided to update and publish this list. However, we're not going to put it on the 'net, email it, or otherwise distribute it electronically. It will be available only on paper. You will need to come to one of our meetings to receive a copy, or send me a SSAE if you cannot attend our meetings/events.

Below is a list of the people whose data is contained in this list. If you do not want your information disclosed in this manner, you need to advise me ASAP. This list will also be our source for contacting individuals to volunteer for help with our convention in October. If your name is not in this list, and you would like to have it added, please contact me with your: Name, Spouse's name (if you want it included), your mailing address, Home Phone, Work Phone, Cell Phone, Email, and club affiliation, (NMRA, NEINS, TRAIN, MVRRC, GTRAC, etc). Finally, we

cannot accept any responsibility for the accuracy of this information. This list may not be duplicated, redistributed, or copied for any reason.

### Here are the names:

Kit Anderson, Jim Arens, Jeff Ashby, Scott Achison, Lou Bailey, Victor Baird, Jim Baker, Kevin Barweiler, Craig Beaverson, Alan Bell, Joe Berger, Richard & Sally Berger, Craig Berndt, Steve Brigham, Dan Brown, Bruce Carpenter, John Cartwright, E.J. Caylor, Carl Dirig, Gary Evans, Joe Goebel, Walter Griffin, Ted Hansen, Lon Hawkins, Blaine Heinfeld, Ron Highland, Fred & Ruth Hissong, Brent Howard, Dick Jackson, Gale Jordan, Brian Judt, Brad Kinsey, John Kirchner, Chuck Langdon, Alan Lawson, Chris Lord, Kenton Lord, Mike Meissener, Dan Metzger, Max & Alleyne Metzger, Dave Miller, Ken Miller, Mike Miller, Dick Moessener, Rich Mohr, Roger Moses, Drake Omstead, Bob Petit, Jr., John Phenicie, Chris Piano, Bill Piercy, Robert Pike, John Reitz, Don Rhodenbaugh, Bill & Steve Rigg, Glenn Roon, Ron Ross, Blaine Ryan, Rich Schwab, Ritchie Short, Michael Sperry, Eric Sponhower, Bruce Stier, Mike Stryjewski, Tim Stryjewski, Gary Sturm, Rich Swihart, Alan Toy, Rick Van Laar, Bill Wemhoff, Chuck White, Tony Williamson, Mark Wilson, Bob Young, and Jerry Zigler

### FORT WAYNE SHOPS CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

As mentioned above, we'll need your help. Rich Swihart wrote an article in our last newsletter about the tasks where we'll need your assistance. I'm hoping to have it reprinted in this issue. One key item to note is that your basic convention fee will be waived if you volunteer. All we ask is that you buy a convention shirt. We'll sell these to you at our cost, and you need to do this by the end of August. Contact Don Rhodenbaugh at 260-483-2091 or email him at drrhody@verizon.net. Also, if you want: a convention car, convention mug, go on one of the prototype tours, or attend one of the make & take clinics, you'll need to pre register for the convention, and remit your payment. The number of cars & mugs will be limited. Once they are sold out, no more will be available. Get your registration & order in now!

### 2009 NCR CONVENTION CAR

We have ordered 100 Cylindrical Covered Grain Hoppers from Accurail. Here's a picture of our art work:

The reporting marks will be for the INE with the number 2009. The price per car is \$15.

### CONVENTION MUG

We are again offering a ceramic mug. The price for each is \$6. 72 have been ordered. We hope to have the art work posted to our web site within the next week or so.

### OTHER ITEMS FROM CHUCK

#### Hartford Convention

I had the opportunity & privilege to attend the NMRA's Annual National Convention. It was held from July 4-12. It was a week jam packed with Model Railroad related activities. I went with the group from Rails On Wheels and their portable/modular Operations Road Show layout. We hosted 10 operating sessions with about 100 participants. It was one of the highlights for many who attended the convention.

You might check out the blog on their web site. I personally was also able to attend: several other Op Sessions (Including ones in the Bronx & Rhode Island), a number of clinics, participate in the Silent Auction, tour several home layouts, and the National Train Show. Next year's convention is in Milwaukee. The ORS guys won't be going, but I plan to head up there.

### STEAM FESTIVAL IN OWOSSO

I wasn't able to make it, but Don Rhodenbaugh did. He said it was simply fantastic. Published accounts of this event advised over 36,000 people attended. The Ft. Wayne's Historical Society 765 was one of 8 steam engines present. We may never have an opportunity to see live steam (like this event had) ever again.

**NMRA ANNUAL PICNIC**

It's time again for our annual picnic. We usually have it the weekend after Labor Day. Watch for more details in our next newsletter. You do not need to be a member of the NMRA to attend. Our host will once again be Alan Toy at his country home near Ossian.

**LAST WORDS**

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Mine has included a non model railroading trip to Cleveland, where I was able to visit the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. If you like R&R music, and have never been there, you need to go. Plan to spend the entire day. It is worth every penny of the \$22 admission. I also attended the Brickyard 400 in Indy. It was my first NASCAR race, and quite a treat. Now it's time for me to devote all of my efforts for our convention. Take care.  
Chuck



**Here's important information about this fall's convention**

By: Rich Swihart

Summer is right around the corner and October will be here before you know it. Have you made your plans to attend our convention? Have you considered volunteering?

It takes many volunteers to run a convention so we would like your help. By volunteering for just a few hours, you will get in for FREE, and will not have to pay the registration fee. We would like all the volunteers to look the part, so please wear your convention shirt.

Here is a list of the positions and their duties:

**Dispatcher:** Keeps convention goes on the right track. Sits at information table and answers questions.

**Conductor:** (Clinic room host) Takes tickets at the clinics. Makes sure people are in the right place and introduces the clinician. Conductors will also be needed to host prototype tours.

**Station Master:** (Volunteer coordinator) schedules volunteers

**Yard Master:** Assists and fills in for Station Master.

**Porter:** Sets up rooms for each clinic

**Clerks:** Helps in company store.

**Ticket Master:** Oversees the registration table.

**Ticket Clerk:** Helps at registration table.

Or you can help with Home Layout tours, or operating sessions.

If you're interested in volunteering for the 2009 NCR convention, contact Rich Swihart at (260) 484-7632 or swih.rich@msn.com.

So volunteer and help NCR Division 3 put on a great convention and have a train load of fun!



For those that could not go to Hartford this year, I wrote a short report and posted some pictures to my web site.

July 2 I arrived in Hartford so that I could attend the board meeting on July 3 and 4. This is a holiday weekend in the USA and the Marriott was empty. Friday morning, we were the only people in the Marriott restaurant -- with coupons for the non existent buffet. The manager came over and fixed this oversight, allowing us to order anything for the buffet price.

The board met on Friday July 3 and Saturday July 4 at the Crown Plaza. The Hartford National convention started on Sunday at noon and continued until the next Sunday with the National Train Show.

Over 11 days, I took 350 pictures. An edited 42 slide show is available at <http://www.dervinis.com>. Put your mouse at the top of the picture and you can see the captions.

The Metro North and Nutmeg Divisions of the NER NMRA were the local host committee and they put on a great show. They delivered on all of the usual activities, plus they had an amazing collection of model railroads on the tours.

Please enjoy the slide show and I hope to see many of you in Milwaukee next year. It is the 75th anniversary of the NMRA.

Regards,

Eric Dervinis

**The Countdown Continues**



**2**  
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