



# The 400



North Shore & Western Division, Midwest Region, NMRA

September 2006

## From the Superintendent

Greetings All!

Another great season is about to commence here at the North Shore & Western Division. Of course you all know what that means...more bad jokes from your Super! I do hope you all had an excellent summer and managed to get in a little train watching, building, riding, etc. It really seems like the time went way too fast for me!

You have elected me (read: railroaded) to another term as your Super. Really, I am proud to be with this fine bunch of folks and will do what I can to try and bring you another season of informative, inspirational and, of course, entertaining presentations. But as always, I need your input. What do you want to see? This is *YOUR* NMRA. Send me an e-mail or give me a phone call and tell me what you would like to see. And, for those of you (and I know there are a lot of you) that are just itching to get your feet wet presenting a clinic, well, put something together and tell me about it. If you need some help, there are many who can help you. Remember you can apply this toward your AP awards certificates.

Now, as Monte Python would say, "for something completely different." This year I think we are going to start out our year with a new concept: Run What You Brung." In other words, you, the members, are the clinic. I want each one of you to bring something that is railroad related, of interest to you, and share it with the group. This can be a module, model, slides, videos, anything! I'm hoping we get quite a varied amount of items. So let's all put our minds to work and think of something that we have and bring it! Oh, and if you don't have anything right now, you still have a few weeks (hint, hint). We have a slide

projector/dvd/tape player so it can be something along those lines if you care to go that way.

I know a lot of you in the Division get this newsletter and have not been able to get to a meeting. I want to extend an invite to you in particular to try and join us this year. I think you will enjoy us and of course *YOU* are one of us. So come on out and meet us and let us get to know you and what interests you in our great hobby.

The schedule of meeting dates at the Glenview Public Library is on our web page and on page 5 of this issue. It is a good idea to check these dates from time to time, as sometimes we can get "pre-empted" by the Library. Hopefully this will not happen this year, but as a guest in their room, we are subject to their schedule changes. And, for those of you that are not "computer enhanced" (sorry Don), we will do our best to keep you informed ahead of time if a situation like this arises. *(Continued on Page 3)*

**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 24, 2006**

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**Contests**

The winners of the May Favorite Train Contest were:

1st Place	Mike Hirvela/CNW Extra 236E
2nd Place	Don Cook/GN Gas Electric

Come on guys. Let's have someone give Mike some competition besides me. Our first contest for the year is Favorite Summer Project (Any Category). For a complete list of this year's contests, see the 2006-2007 Schedule on page 5 of this 400. Remember, we have prizes for first place!

Contest rules are as follows:

1. Anyone can enter a model in a contest.
2. Models must be entered with the Contest Chair before the meet begins.
3. Entry can be a kit, kit-bashed or scratch built, but must be finished and must have at least two modifications, not including couplers on rolling stock.
4. All work must be your own.
5. First place models from prior Division, Region or National model contests are not eligible.
6. Supplementary information such as plans, photographs, etc. may accompany the model.
7. Entrants should be able to answer questions regarding construction techniques, etc.
8. First, second and third place will be decided by popular vote.
9. The Contest Chair will count the ballots.

While models entered in contests must be complete, you can display "Show & Tell" models at any meet. "Show & Tell" gives you an opportunity to display work-in-progress, which can be an inspiration to others. —*Don Cook*

## The 400

The 400 is published monthly from September to May except in those months when a meeting is not scheduled. It is distributed at least ten days prior to each monthly meeting. The September issue includes a schedule of all meetings and other events planned for the year, including the annual business meeting that is normally held in May. The September issue is sent without charge to each resident and non-resident member by electronic or regular mail.

The issues from October through May are 2-3 page meeting notices that are distributed without charge to each resident and non-resident member who provides an electronic mail address. Resident and non-resident members who do not provide an electronic mail address or who want a printed copy of the 400 may receive a copy by paying a subscription fee of \$4.00 for eight issues.

If you received this issue of the 400 by e-mail, you are already subscribed to electronic delivery. If you received this issue of the 400 by regular mail and you want to subscribe to electronic delivery, send an e-mail with the subject "400 Subscription" to [mwrsecy@comcast.net](mailto:mwrsecy@comcast.net). Please include your name, your e-mail address and your NMRA number, if any, in the body of your message. If you are an NMRA member, you will also begin receiving an e-mail notice whenever a new Midwest Region *Waybill* is available for viewing or downloading from the Midwest Region website.

If you received this issue of the 400 by regular mail and you want to subscribe to the monthly meeting notices, send your name, address and NMRA number, if any, together with your check for \$4.00 to:

Bert Lattan  
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Make your check payable to North Shore & Western Division, NMRA. Please write "400 Subscription" on the memo line of your check. —*Bert Lattan*

## Achievement Program

The Achievement Program is designed to recognize your progress as a modeler. We encourage your participation.

Anyone who wants to have a model judged under the AP must contact me as least two weeks prior to a meet. This notice is required to ensure that qualified judges are available on the meet date to assess your model. —*Neil Kilgallon*

## 2007 Spring Convention

The Midwest Region Spring 2007 Convention will be held at the Horizon Convention Center and The Roberts Hotel in Muncie, Indiana on April 20, 21 & 22, 2007. The convention registration form is on page 4. More information is on the Division website (<http://home.comcast.net/~nswnmra/>) at the bottom of the page. —*Bert Lattan*

## From the Superintendent

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Contests: The contest schedule is also here and on the website. You do not have to be a member to enter and it is a "popular vote" contest so anyone can win (BIG prizes. Well sorta). So keep Don busy and bring stuff! Also, along those lines, if you are working towards your AP certificates and need something judged, get in contact with our Division. AP Chairman.

Layouts: As always, we are looking for layouts to visit after our meetings (layout tour). So, if you have a layout you would like to share with us or know of one, contact me and let's get it scheduled.

Well enough of this literary dribble. I have a layout to work on. So I hope to see you all at the Library in the coming months. Let's all get together and make this another great Model Railroading season! "It's not so much the Trains as the People!" —*Jim Spice*

# THE HOOSIER CONNECTION 2007

Central Indiana Division, MWR, NMRA

Invites you to the Midwest Region Spring Convention  
April 20, 21, & 22, 2007

Muncie, Indiana

Horizon Convention Center and The Roberts Hotel

Primary Registrant \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Names \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Req'd. for member price)

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

	Before <u>Mar. 1, '07</u>	After Mar. 1, '07	Number	Total
Full Fare	\$45	\$50	_____	_____
* Non-Member, Add	\$10	\$10	_____	_____
One Day	\$20	\$20	_____	_____
Non rail/Youth	\$25	\$25	_____	_____
Sat. Buffet Banquet	\$25	\$25	_____	_____
<u>(Note special diet requirements on back)</u>	<u>Total enclosed</u>		_____	(Check or M.O.)

Number of Friday night operating session participants \_\_\_\_\_ (free)

\* Non-member price applies if primary registrant is not an NMRA member.  
 \$10 Fee will include a six month "Rail Pass" trial membership, while available.

Make check or Money Order payable to "The Hoosier Connection"

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## North Shore & Western Division Midwest Region, NMRA

### 2006-2007 Schedule

(As of September 9, 2006)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Clinic</b>	<b>Contest</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>2006</b>			
Sep 24	“Run What You Brung”	Favorite Summer Project (Any Category)	Layout Tour
Oct 22	TBA	Structures	Layout Tour
Nov 19	TBA	Passenger Cars	Layout Tour
Dec 1-3	No Clinic	No Contest	Modular Layout Glenview Public Library Fri: Setup 5 pm–9 pm Sat: 9 am–5 pm; Sun: 1–5 pm
<b>2007</b>			
Jan 28	TBA	Steam Locomotives	Layout Tour
Feb 25	TBA	Freight Cars	Layout Tour
Mar 3-4	No Clinic	No Contest	Modular Layout Highwheeler Show Harper College Palatine (Tentative)
Mar 25	TBA	Diesel & Other (Heavy Electric) Locomotives	Layout Tour
Apr 20-22	No Clinic	No Contest	Midwest Region Convention Horizon Convention Center Muncie
Apr 29	TBA	Non-Revenue Cars (Caboose, MOW, Etc.)	Layout Tour
May 20	TBA	Two Contests: 1. Favorite Train 2. Traction	Annual Meeting of Members Election of Officers Layout Tour

Except as noted under “Other,” meetings are held on Sundays from 1:30–4:00 pm in the Maynard Room of the Glenview Public Library at 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL. The library opens at 1:00 pm. Contest entry is from 1:15-1:30 pm. From time-to-time layout tours follow the regular (non-module) meets from 4:00–6:00 pm.

Additional information about any meet is available from Ingrid Drozdak, 4850 W Ainslie Street, Chicago, IL 60630-2402; (773) 545-5936; [ingridtreelady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ingridtreelady@sbcglobal.net). Members who have clinic ideas or who want to host a layout tour should contact Jim Spice, 10141 Yorkhouse Road, Beach Park, IL 60087-2405; (847) 662-7267; [jimjet2@comcast.net](mailto:jimjet2@comcast.net).

### 2006-2007 Season

#### Dates

#### Place

#### 2006

#### 2007

September 24  
 October 22  
 November 19  
 December 2-3\*

January 28  
 February 25  
 March 25  
 April 29  
 May 20

*\*Modular layout.*

**Meeting Time: 1:30–4:00 pm**  
*Library opens 1:00 pm*  
*Contest entry 1:15 pm*

**Glenview Public Library  
 1930 Glenview Road**

