



# The 400



North Shore & Western Division, Midwest Region, NMRA

January 2007

## Digital Projector Fund

More and more of the presenters of our clinics are using digital media and are requesting that we supply a digital projector for their presentations. The Glenview Public Library has a digital projector. Unfortunately, it is not available for use by outside groups. So far, we have been able to borrow a digital projector for use by our clinicians, but we can not count on borrowing a projector whenever we need one.

While digital projectors were quite expensive when they were introduced a few years ago, their cost has declined significantly. Several of the divisions in the Midwest Region have purchased digital projectors for use during their meetings. A digital projector that will meet our needs will probably cost about \$1,000. The division does not have the funds for such a large expenditure. At our October meet I suggested a fund raising campaign. Several members said they would contribute to the fund and one member said he would match contributions dollar-for-dollar up to \$500.

So far we have received contributions totaling about \$250. With the match we have \$500 toward out goal of \$1,000. Twenty-five members contributing just \$10 apiece would get us to our goal. Don Cook, our Assistant Superintendent, is coordinating our fundraising effort. Please make your check payable to North Shore & Western and send it to:

Digital Projector Fund  
C/o Don Cook  
2500 Tenth Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085-7050

Thanks very much for your support!!! —*Jim Spice*

## Achievement Program

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

Currently, our Achievement Program Coordinator position is vacant. If you are willing to take on this responsibility, please contact me. In the meantime, anyone who wants to have a model judged under the Achievement Program must contact me at 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. —*Jim Spice*

## 2007 Spring Convention

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

**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 28, 2007**

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**Contests**

Contests for the remainder of the 2006-2007 season are:

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| January 28  | Steam Locomotives                           |
| February 25 | Freight Cars                                |
| March 25    | Diesel & Other (Heavy Electric) Locomotives |
| April 29    | Non-Revenue Cars (Caboose, MOW, Etc.)       |
| May 20      | Three Contests:                             |
|             | 1. Favorite Train                           |
|             | 2. Traction                                 |
|             | 3. Freight House Kitbash                    |

Let's see some entries in each of these contests!!! —*Don Cook*

**Freight House Kitbash**

At our May meet we will hold a kitbashing contest. The idea is to take the snap together Bachmann "Plasticville" Freight Station kit and make it into something different. We held a similar contest a few years ago. Jim Spice won the popular vote contest by converting the freight station into a roadside diner. Here's a shot of the diner on Jim's layout.



If you want to participate in the contest this May, you can get a kit by contacting Jim Spice or by seeing him at a meet. We are requesting a \$10 donation to the digital projector fund for the kit. With the match, your participation in the contest will result in a \$20 donation to the fund! —*Bert Lattan*

**Elections**

At our May meet we will elect officers (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster) for the 2007-2008 season. If you want to run for an office, please contact Jim Spice. —*Bert Lattan*

## North Shore & Western Division Midwest Region, NMRA

### 2006-2007 Schedule

(As of January 5, 2007)

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Clinic</b>                                | <b>Contest</b>  | <b>Other</b>   |
|-------------|--|---|--|
| <b>2006</b> |  |   |  |
| Sep 24      | “Run What You Brung”                         | Favorite Summer Project<br>(Any Category)                                       | Layout Tour  |
| Sep30-Oct1  | No Clinic                                    | No Contest  | Modular Layout<br>Southland Show<br>Richards High School<br>Oak Lawn                             |
| Oct 22      | C&NW Systemwide<br>By Don Cook               | Structures  | Layout Tour  |
| Nov 19      | Tank Cars 101<br>By Rich Mahaney             | Passenger Cars  | Layout Tour  |
| Dec 1-3     | No Clinic                                    | No Contest  | Modular Layout<br>Glenview Public Library<br>Fri: Setup 5 pm–9 pm<br>Sat: 9 am–5 pm; Sun: 1–5 pm |
| <b>2007</b> |  |   |  |
| Jan 28      | Force of Trains<br>By Mark Llanuza           | Steam Locomotives   | Layout Tour  |
| Feb 25      | Researching the Prototype<br>By David Leider | Freight Cars  | Layout Tour  |
| Mar 3-4     | No Clinic                                    | No Contest  | Modular Layout<br>Highwheeler Show<br>Harper College<br>Palatine (Tentative)                     |
| Mar 25      | A Day on the 743<br>By Fred Henize           | Diesel & Other (Heavy<br>Electric) Locomotives                                  | Layout Tour  |
| Apr 20-22   | No Clinic                                    | No Contest  | Midwest Region Convention<br>Horizon Convention Center<br>Muncie                                 |
| Apr 29      | Operations<br>By Dave Popp                   | Non-Revenue Cars<br>(Caboose, MOW, Etc.)  | Layout Tour  |
| May 20      | TBA  | Three Contests:<br>1. Favorite Train<br>2. Traction<br>3. Freight House Kitbash | Annual Meeting of Members<br>Election of Officers<br>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.

### 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**

