



The 400



North Shore & Western Division, Midwest Region, NMRA

September 2007

From the Superintendent

Ahh...the last signs of summer. The sun is getting lower in the sky when it's time to go to work; crisp mornings with the dew covering the grass and, of course, the pretty yellow color of a school bus in front of me, blocking traffic from all directions!

Anyway this means it is time for another season of NMRA meetings and model railroading. I hope that if you are receiving this newsletter, and you have not had a chance to make it to a Division meeting, you will do so this year. We have some outstanding clinics planned and of course the model contests. Not to mention the great bunch of folks that make up our Division at the "North Shore & Western." This is *your* NMRA. Come out and become a part of it.

I hope we can get back into layout tours this year. Last year we basically ran out of available railroads to visit and just seeing the same ones over and over showed us you were not interested in that. So, if you have a model railroad or know of one that could be available to host an open house, please get in touch with me and we can get it set up.

As always we are looking for Clinics. If you would like to throw your hat into the ring and present something to the group, get in touch with me. If you are going for your AP awards, this is a good way to add points for a certificate.

Last season we had a really good response to the model contests, I hope we can continue with that this

year. Lots of great models!!! Remember this first meeting will be "Favorite Summer Project."

I also want to thank in advance our tireless staff of volunteers, Bert, Don, Jeff, Ingrid & Dave. These folks are responsible for making it happen every month. My hat is off to you all! If anyone wishes to help out and assist us, just raise your hand and we'll get you going. (Get in touch.)

Well, that's about it for me right now. I hope to see you on September 30th. And remember, "Model Railroading IS Fun!" —*Jim Spice*

This Month

Sunday, September 30, 2007

Clinic: Railroad History of Waupaca

Contest: Favorite Summer Project

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Contests

The winners of the April Non-Revenue Cars Contest were:

1st Place	Jim Spice/Crane & Tender
2nd Place	John Perry/SP MOW Flat Car

The winners of the May Kitbashing Contest were:

1st Place	George Milkowski/Ice Dock Factory
2nd Place	Mike Hirvela/Caledonia Station
3rd (Tie)	Dave Johnson/Shops & Steam Heat Provision
3rd (Tie)	Denis Zamirowski/Brewery

Our first contest for this season is Favorite Summer Project (Any Category). For a complete list of this year's contests, see the 2007-2008 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. 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:

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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. See the Division website for links to information about the program.

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. —*Dave Johnson*

100% NMRA Clubs

The "100% NMRA Club" web pages on the national NMRA website have been completely revised and updated by the program's new coordinator, Chuck Diljak.

The "100% NMRA Club" pages now contain a listing of benefits clubs receive by having everyone as an NMRA member. In addition, the webpage contains a listing of the qualifications clubs need to meet in order to be eligible, and some frequently asked questions about 100% Clubs.

On the page you'll find a link to the "100% NMRA Club" application form, and a link to a listing of all the 100% NMRA Clubs in the country, organized by state. There are even handy links to those clubs' websites.

If your members are in clubs that could use the insurance benefits (and other benefits) of being a 100% NMRA Club, be sure to let them know about the updated web pages.

You'll find the main "100% NMRA Club" web page at: <http://www.nmra.org/100Club/100Club.html>.

If you have any questions about the program, contact Chuck Diljak at the email address found on the page. —*NMRA Membership Services & Promotion Department*

Southland Show

The NS&W HO scale modular club will be displaying at the 5th Annual Southland Model Railroad Show on Saturday & Sunday, September 22-23, 2007 at the Harold L. Richards High School, 10601 S. Central, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453. Hours of operation are from 10 am to 5 pm. General admission is \$6.00, seniors 65+ are \$5.00 and children under 12 are free. The show offers displays, operating layouts, vendors, hobby shops, door prizes, raffles, a snack bar, and free parking. Fun for the whole family. See www.hlrtrainshow.com for directions. —*Jeff Jarr*

Kenosha Show Photos



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members Held on Sunday, May 20, 2007

Tentative and preliminary draft. For review and discussion purposes only. Subject to change.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Jim Spice at 1:50 pm on Sunday, May 20, 2007 in the Maynard Room of the Glenview Public Library. A quorum was present. Bert Lattan acted as Chief Clerk for the meeting.

Jim noted that the Division Bylaws provide that “The Division shall hold an annual business meeting of members each year, generally in the month of May, for purposes of electing officers for the next fiscal year, for amending these Bylaws as provided for in Article VIII, Section 3 below and to consider such other matters as may be necessary or desirable to further the purposes of the Division.”

Jim said the candidates for election were Jim Spice, Superintendent; Don Cook, Assistant Superintendent; Ingrid Drozdak, Chief Clerk and Jeff Jarr, Paymaster. Jim asked if there were any nominations from the floor. When there were no nominations from the floor, Bert Lattan moved and Don Cook seconded that nominations close and that the Chief Clerk for the meeting cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Since there was no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Lattan
Chief Clerk for the Meeting

2008 Spring Convention

The Midwest Region 2008 Spring Convention will be held at the Best Western Grand Seasons Hotel and Conference Center in Waupaca, Wisconsin on May 9, 10 & 11, 2008. When a convention registration form becomes available, it will be added to the Division website (<http://home.comcast.net/~nswnmra/>). —*Bert Lattan*

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2007-2008 Schedule

(As of September 6, 2007)

Date	Clinic	Contest	Other
2007			
Sep 22-23	No Clinic	No Contest	Modular Layout Southland Show Richards High School Oak Lawn
Sep 30	Railroad History of Waupaca By David Leider	Favorite Summer Project (Any Category)	Layout Tour
Oct 28	To Be Announced	Structures	Layout Tour
Nov 10-11	No Clinic	No Contest	Modular Layout Trainfest Wisconsin Exposition Center West Allis (Tentative)
Nov 25	CNW MOW Equipment By Dave Phillips	Non-Revenue Cars (Caboose, MOW, Etc.)	Layout Tour
Nov 30 & Dec 1-2	No Clinic	No Contest	Modular Layout Glenview Public Library Fri: Setup 5 pm–9 pm Sat: 9 am–5 pm; Sun: 1–5 pm
2008			
Jan 27	To Be Announced	Steam Locomotives	Layout Tour
Feb 24	North Shore Line Memories By Ed DeRouin	Freight Cars	Layout Tour
Mar 15-16	No Clinic	No Contest	Modular Layout Highwheeler Show Harper College Palatine (Tentative)
Mar 23	To Be Announced	Diesel & Heavy Electric Locomotives	Layout Tour
Apr 27	To Be Announced	Passenger Cars	Layout Tour
May 9-11	No Clinic	No Contest	Midwest Region Convention Best Western Grand Seasons Hotel and Conference Center Waupaca
May 18	To Be Announced	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. 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.

2007-2008 Season

Dates

Place

2007

2008

September 30
 October 28
 November 25
 December 1-2*

January 27
 February 24
 March 23
 April 27
 May 18

**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

