



# The 400



North Shore & Western Division, Midwest Region, NMRA

September 2008

## Greetings from Your Super

Hello everyone and welcome to another season of entertainment and education at the North Shore & Western Division!

This has been quite an off season. I don't really want to start out this year on a down note, but unfortunately we have had two major deaths in our Region. Hank Brown, who many of you may know as one of the "Train Guyz" out of Madison, and Mike Ziegler (Conowingo Central) of Milwaukee passed away this summer. If you ever had a chance to meet either of these good guys, you know firsthand, when I say how great they were personally and for the Hobby!

Hank was a leader in his Division and had an extensive "O" scale operating layout. He was also instrumental in building many fine layouts with his company (The Train Guyz). I personally had the opportunity to operate on his layout and to have him run on mine. He was also very active in the motor car (speeders) association, promoting trips and excursions.

Mike, well what can I say about Mike, he was a dear friend and a guy that would help anyone at the drop of a hat. The quality of his railroad was second to none and his hospitality was 1st class! Operating on the Conowingo Central was always a great experience and good time! Both of these men will be greatly missed; not only on a personal level but in their contributions to model railroading.

This year we are going to do something a little different with our meetings. In the past few years we have run into scheduling conflicts with the library for the month of October and, as it turns out, the Fox

Valley Division has had a problem with their meeting place. So, to help us both out, we are going to have two joint meets. We (North Shore & Western) will travel to Fox Valley's meeting in October and they will visit us in February. I think this should really be fun and give everyone a chance to see how another Division runs its meetings. We will discuss this further at our September meeting and provide maps etc. to those that need them.

I also want to advise you about Don Cook, our Assistant Super and Contest Chairman. He is home recovering from prostate surgery and may not be with us for a few meetings early on. Get well soon Don! *(Continued on page 3)*

### This Month

**Sunday, September 28, 2008**

**Clinic: To Be Announced**

**Contest: Favorite Summer Project**

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**Contests**

The winners of the May Favorite Train Contest were:

1st Place	Jim Osborn/C&NW Ore Train
2nd Place	Denis Zamirowski/CSS&SB Passenger Train
3rd Place	Jeff Jarr/C&NW Ore Train

Our first contest for this season is Favorite Summer Project (Any Category). For a complete list of this year's contests, see the 2008-2009 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 model, 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.

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

Anyone who wants to have a model judged under the Achievement Program 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*

## Greetings from Your Super

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I need some folks to do Clinics! Come on guys (and gals) jump in there and get your feet wet. Or, if you know of someone who has a clinic and is willing to present to our group, get in touch with me.

We have an election coming up, no not Obama/McCain. We need to elect a Region President, Vice President and three Directors-at-Large. If you want to throw your hat in the ring contact me or, if you know of a likely candidate, let me know. Check the Region website (<http://www.mwr-nmra.org/>). There is a description of the process for becoming a candidate. Not really a whole lot of work!

Well that's about all I have for now. Check the schedule on page 5 for our meeting dates, time and place. See you all there. —*Jim Spice*



Midwest Large Scale Train Show Double Door Boxcar



# ROCKFORD ROUTE

## *RIDE THE LINE - 2009*

### **Midwest Region Spring 2009 Convention**

**Sponsored by the Rock River Valley Division**

**Clinics  
Layout Tours  
Photo Contest**

**Operating Sessions  
Banquet  
Model Contest**

**Auction**

**APRIL 17-19, 2009**

**CLOCK TOWER  
RESORT  
&  
CONFERENCE CENTER**

**Info: Don Brindle (815) 874-6095  
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**North Shore & Western Division  
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**2008-2009 Schedule**

(As of September 3, 2008)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Clinic</b>	<b>Contest</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>2008</b>			
Sep 28	TBA	Favorite Summer Project (Any Category)	Layout Tour
Oct 19	Model Judging By Sean Lamb	My Favorite Scale Structure	<b>Joint Meet at Fox Valley Division</b>
Oct 25-26	No Clinic	No Contest	Modular Layout Southland Show Richards High School Oak Lawn
Nov 8-9	No Clinic	No Contest	Modular Layout Trainfest Wisconsin Exposition Center West Allis
Nov 23	Sound of Silence By Mark Llanuza	Non-Revenue Cars (Caboose, MOW, Etc.)	Layout Tour
Dec 13-14	No Clinic	No Contest	Modular Layout Glenview Public Library Sat: 10 am–5 pm; Sun: 1–4 pm
<b>2009</b>			
Jan 25	TBA	Steam Locomotives	Layout Tour
Feb 22	TBA	Freight Cars	Layout Tour <b>Joint Meet at North Shore &amp; Western Division</b>
Feb 28- Mar 1	No Clinic	No Contest	Modular Layout Highwheeler Show Harper College Palatine
Mar 22	TBA	Diesel & Heavy Electric Locomotives	Layout Tour
Apr 17-19	No Clinic	No Contest	Midwest Region Convention Clock Tower Resort Rockford
Apr 26	TBA	Passenger Cars	Layout Tour
May 17	TBA	Structures	Annual Meeting of Members Election of Officers Layout Tour

This season the Fox Valley Division and the North Shore & Western Division will combine for two meets. On Sunday, October 19, 2008, the Fox Valley Division will host the North Shore & Western Division. Go to <http://www.foxvalleydivision.org/> for information about the Fox Valley Division and a map to the Division's meeting facility. On Sunday, February 22, 2009, the North Shore & Western Division will host the Fox Valley Division.

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).

### 2008-2009 Season

#### Dates

#### Place

#### 2008

#### 2009

September 28  
 October 19\*  
 November 23  
 December 13-14\*\*

January 25  
 February 22  
 March 22  
 April 26  
 May 17

*\*Meet at Fox Valley Div \*\*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**

