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*Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.*

## COVER PHOTO:

Straight from the headlines, a damaged Amtrak train sits while officials investigate its collision with a backhoe doing trackwork, near Philadelphia on Sunday 4/3.

The accident killed two maintenance personnel and injured 37 on the train.

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*Photo from CNN.*



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## Superintendent's Report

*By James C. Cruthers*

It seems strange writing my final Superintendent's Report but with the upcoming election and Annual membership meeting on Saturday, 5/14/16, my term as Division Superintendent will be officially completed. I've been knee deep in the WLD for the past eight years serving as Chief Clerk for four years, a Director for one year, and now Superintendent for three years. It has been a great way to learn about the NMRA. It's also been a great way to get to know a lot of model railroaders and their families. When I consider all of the organizations of which I've been a part over the years, this one truly reaches the top. It's been a great opportunity – one I would encourage more people to take advantage of. And now for a few updates.

By the time you read this edition of the Whistle, you will either have already received a spring Division member mailing or will very soon be receiving it. Included in this packet will be a registration form for the upcoming WLD Spring Event to be held Saturday, 5/14/16 at the Boys & Girls Brigade in Neenah, WI. We've got a great line-up of clinics and layout tours – one that is also offering an operating session! This is new for the Division but space in the operating session is limited and when the spaces are filled, they are filled! Register early. You will also notice a change in the fee structure for the event. Where we have charged any attendees for the regular Division meets \$5 admission (luncheons or banquets are extra) we have raised this fee to \$7.00 for NMRA members and \$10.00 for non-NMRA members. If you plan to attend the event and want the member price **YOU MUST PROVIDE US**

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# Superintendent's Report

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**WITH YOUR NMRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER – NO EXCEPTIONS!!** For the price, this is still an amazing value. The Board had much discussion about raising the fees but there are a few realities we have to face. The cost of renting the facilities where we hold the spring and fall events have increased, not to mention mailing costs. We're not trying to make the Division rich but we need to cover the expenses. We could consider some type of fundraising event but this requires people to volunteer to help – more volunteers than just the Officers, Directors, and Committee members.

Also included in this mailing is the ballot for the election of Division officers. It's quite simple to complete – just make your choices, provide your NMRA membership number (if you want your vote counted), fold, tape, stamp and mail. Please note the deadline and get it back early!

There is also an information sheet about the upcoming Division Fall 2016 Event to be held in Marquette, Michigan, Friday through Sunday, October 14-16, 2016. I am really looking forward to attending this event because it has it all! Friday afternoon tour (space limited) and evening operating sessions. Both modeling and historical clinics, and model & photo contests for Saturday with an entertaining lunch speaker and then layout tours for Sunday. Please watch the Division website for the registration form. There will also be information about our Fall Operating Session scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2016 in the Fox Cities area. Watch the Division website for the registration form for this as well.

Remember that the Titletown Train Show (TTS) is coming up near the end of April at Shopko Hall in Green Bay. Saturday and Sunday, April 23 & 24, 2016. This is always a great show with lots to see. Save your money for that special item you've been looking for and remember to bring the family. This is a great way to expose the young folks to the great hobby of model railroading! Stop by the Division booth and visit a bit while at TTS.

And finally, just because I am taking a break from the Board does not mean I am leaving the model railroading hobby or the Division, I just need to focus on other things. Last July my partner and I opened Hilbert Art & Antiques, LLC at 614 West Main Street in Hilbert, WI. We're open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10-5 so between working full time jobs Monday thru Thursday and running the store the other three days of the week, I need to shift my attention a bit. Thanks to all of the past and current officers, Directors and committee members of the Division who have helped me during my time on the Board. I had a lot to learn and hope that I have helped in some small way to improve the Division. And best of luck to the incoming Officers. You'll do great! —James

# Editor's Note

By Todd M. Bushmaker

As I write this, the timing seems perfect: the snow and the politicians are flying around the area, unwelcome, on April Fool's Day. Sometimes life can throw some cruel jokes at you! Soon enough (hopefully) they'll all be gone!

With this issue we say adios and thanks to James Cruthers, who is disembarking from the Superintendent's position when the new one is selected in May. I have gotten to know James over the last few years and found him to be level-headed, organized, affable, and committed to the role even as he grew into it. Here is a gentleman who, in my experience at least, basically came out of the woodwork, unfamiliar to many of the "lifers", and dove headfirst into positions of responsibility in the Division. He did a great job and though I'll miss his presence on the Board, hopefully we'll get to see him at various functions and activities in the future.

His example speaks to the opportunities available in our Division and the NMRA. Don't feel like you have to be in some kind of "good ol' boys club" or in some established circle to make a difference in the hobby locally. Yes, there are some names that crop up more often than others, whether in articles, board or committee positions, clinics and speaking engagements, etc., but the WLD and NMRA are always looking for new talent, new faces, new ambassadors. Just because you might not know many people (or they might not know you), or despite feeling that you may not have much to contribute, you would be welcomed warmly in any manner that you might want to participate!

I encourage you to start perhaps with one of our fantastic Division meets, whether this spring in Neenah or this fall in Marquette. Or dip your toes into an operating session, or just stop by our booth at TTS in a couple weeks. Don't worry—we can find something for you to do!

As for me, I hope our first local 70-degree day this spring isn't the weekend of TTS, but I am ready for the 30's and 40's to be gone! See you at the show, stop by the office and say hello, and *keep on trainin'*!



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# Amtrak Accident

By Todd Bushmaker

On Sunday April 3 near Philadelphia, an Amtrak train hit a maintenance-of-way backhoe at 106mph, killing the two equipment operators and injuring 37 on the train. First reports indicate that the backhoe was apparently working on the wrong track.

Statement released by Amtrak:

## Amtrak Statement on Train 89

"Everyone at Amtrak is deeply saddened by the death of two Amtrak employees and injuries to our customers as a result of Train 89 hitting a piece of track equipment and derailing. We are working with the NTSB to identify the issues that led to this incident and will make any needed changes immediately."

"Amtrak has strict protocols that crews must follow when tracks are taken out of service for maintenance or when work is being performed along the right-of-way. These protocols help ensure safe operations – both for the crew performing the work, and for the trains traveling through the work area."

"At Amtrak, we have sought to build a culture where safety is a way of life for us — and deeply ingrained in everything we do. We take this approach because there is nothing more important to us than keeping our customers and employees safe."

"Over time, Amtrak has a strong safety record. We have been a safe and reliable transporter of more than 30 million passengers across a 21,000-mile national network every year. However, we need to assess how we can get better. Amtrak is committed to identifying deliberate steps we can take as an organization to improve our safety culture and ensure the safe operation of the railroad for both our customers and employees."

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# Jerry Nichols Award

Starting in 2001, the WLD board and officers decided to present an award to someone in the Division who has gone "above and beyond." Someone who used their time and talent in an exceptional way to further the goals of the Division and benefit everyone through their efforts.

This award was posthumously named the "Jerry Nichols Service Award" to honor all the great work Jerry did in the WLD, and fittingly he was its first recipient. Since then nominations have been accepted annually for this award.

For posterity's sake, here's a list of past winners:

- 2001: Jerry Nichols (accepted by Lynn Nichols)
- 2002: Larry Easton
- 2003: Don Manlick, MMR
- 2004: John Franzen
- 2005: Albert & Linda Krueger
- 2006: Mark & Marv Preussler
- 2007: Mary Eiden
- 2008: Frank & Sue Kozlovsky
- 2009: Roger Wurtzel
- 2010: Dave Rickaby
- 2011: David Allen
- 2012: Joe Lallensack
- 2013: Roger Hildebrandt
- 2014: Lynn Jasch
- 2015: Randy Williamson
- 2016: ??

Certainly there are enough people in the Division who put in many hours and sweat equity to make it what we all enjoy, so we look forward to the opportunities in the future for the presentation of this award! If you know someone whom you feel deserves consideration, please make sure to let an officer or board member know your thoughts. This is just one small thing we can do to encourage active participation!

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# End of the Line for Model Trains?

By James R. Hagerty, *Wall Street Journal*

Reprinted from a February article. Editor's Note: featherweight articles like this from major national publications aren't helping the conversation!

## Aging Hobbyists Trundle On; Industry struggles to find new platforms for once popular pastime.

For Christmas in 1960, Ron Mei got a Lionel train set. More than 55 years later, he still hasn't found a better toy. By creating model railroads, "you learn carpentry," said Mr. Mei, 62 years old, who runs a motorcycle-parts business in Phoenix and spends 20 to 25 hours a week with his trains. "You learn electric. You learn painting. Kids today, they have skill in one thing—that's a videogame or a smartphone."

Once thought of as every boy's dream toy, model trains have become a domain mainly for old men. At clubs devoted to the hobby, members below 60 years old are the young bucks. Some retirement homes provide model-railroading rooms for their residents.

"I'm a dinosaur," said Howard Zane, 77, of Columbia, Md., a retired industrial designer who has expanded his basement twice to accommodate an ever-growing model railroad, now including more than 1,000 railcars. "My wife says I'm collectible."

Mr. Zane, Mr. Mei and other enthusiasts yearn to pass their pastime on to future generations. They fear it will be shunted onto a sidetrack of toy history.

Toddlers still adore Thomas the Tank Engine, of course. Nostalgic parents still buy train sets to trundle around the Christmas tree. Yet today's younger set generally isn't taking up model railroading as a lifelong mission.

"If it's not a hand-held device or something free on the Internet, it's of very little value to them," said Charlie Getz, 67, president of the National Model Railroad Association, which calculates that the average age of its nearly 19,000 members is 64, up from 39 in the mid-1970s.

Mr. Mei's 26-year-old son, Tony, said he is impressed by the fine detail that goes into his father's layout, re-creating train scenes of the mid-1950s, right down to the pigeons at the train stations and the rust streaks on box cars.

Is the younger Mr. Mei tempted to take up the hobby? "To be honest," he said, "not really."

Lionel LLC, a 116-year-old company now based in Concord, N.C., isn't giving up. Instead, it is concocting trains that old-timers wouldn't recognize. Along with its traditional train sets, mostly made in China, Lionel offers video-games, including Battle Train and City Builder 3D.

At the New York Toy Fair, opening Feb. 13, Lionel plans to introduce a train product called Mega Tracks, aimed at children eight years old and up. The tracks will be more like those of a roller-coaster, and the trains will be remote-controlled.

"It really won't resemble a train," said Howard Hitchcock, chief executive of Lionel. "They're almost more like spacecraft, to be quite honest with you." Plain old trains wouldn't do: "We have to come up with things that jazz up the kids of today," Mr. Hitchcock said.

Lionel still makes authentic trains and associated gear for serious hobbyists, who account for about 60% of sales. Owned by the private-equity firm Guggenheim Partners, Lionel doesn't disclose financial results.

The Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum, near Pittsburgh, promotes the hobby by offering a 20-hour Model Railroading 101 course each winter for \$60.

Last year, no one signed up. This year, 11 people attended the opening session. Six were over 60 years old. The youngest was 15-year-old Alex Edder, who recently earned a Boy Scout merit badge in model railroading and wanted to learn more.

Bill Humphrey, 70, a volunteer who led the class, warned newbies that brass tracks tend to oxidize and don't conduct electricity "worth a damn." He also stressed that the hobby isn't just chugging along with antiquated technology: Computerized controls are common, and "you can download all these diesel sounds."

Perhaps the most ambitious advocate for the hobby is Verrell Fosnight, 73, a real-estate investor in Sedona, Ariz. In a steel building he erected for the purpose, Mr. Fosnight is replicating a stretch of the Union Pacific railroad as it was in 1957 in Wyoming and Utah. It covers nearly 4,000 square feet.

Mr. Fosnight has a full-time employee, Allen Montgomery, to help him create his diorama. "I am the luckiest guy in Arizona," said Mr. Montgomery, who describes himself as a

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# WSJ: “A Dying Hobby?”

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“model railroad super geek.” At 41, Mr. Montgomery is younger than most such geeks but, he said, “I never felt part of my generation.” He spent days researching the freight depot at the Cheyenne train station as it looked in 1957 so he could build a replica, including “the scratches and the dings and the gouges” on the loading dock.

Once a month, Mr. Fosnight holds an open house for people who want to operate his trains. Most participants are adults, but some teenagers and children show up. They include Steven Hill, age 11. He described Mr. Fosnight’s layout as “a little more realistic than a videogame.” Few of Steven’s friends share his enthusiasm, however. “They don’t even know how fun it is,” he said. “I try to bring it up in conversation, but they start talking about football.”

In Murrysville, Pa., Carl Izzo has been working since 1992 on a train layout that fills an 825-square-foot room in his basement. An 83-year-old retired chemist, Mr. Izzo long ago stopped trying to convert his 10 grandchildren to the

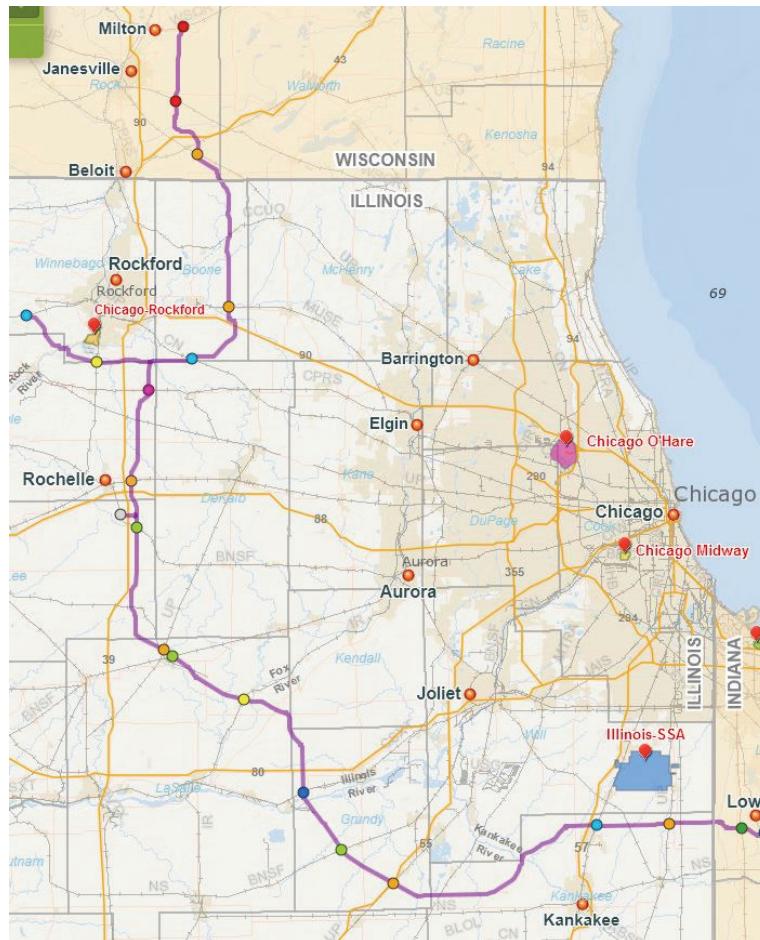
cause. He knows of no children in his neighborhood who might take an interest. Nonetheless, construction proceeds.

Guiding a recent visitor through his basement, Mr. Izzo said: “What you’re looking at is the makings of a limestone pit.” He pointed to a pinewood train table, stacked with supplies and surrounded by coiling train tracks. The limestone pit would go with the coking-coal plant he already has built for his loosely historical steel town. It also includes Louie’s bar, in memory of a tavern run by one of his uncles in Dunbar, Pa.

“Right here,” he said, gesturing toward another miniature construction site, “is going to be a short stretch of water—barges—and this is the gantry crane that is going to pick up the iron ore from the barges.”

Mr. Izzo isn’t sure when he will finish but promises it will happen by 2032, when he will be 100. “At the rate I’m going,” he said, “it’s going to take that long.”

## Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.



This map is the latest version of an \$8 billion, 281-mile route around Chicago as proposed by Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. The private company would act as a bridge route for the 25% of Class 1 traffic that does not originate or terminate in Chicago. All five of the Class 1 railroads that operate the 500 or so daily trains in the region would be able to bypass the most congested parts of the rail network at up to 70mph on the double-track main. GLBT is right now going through the process of finalizing the route and securing approvals at all levels of government, as well as environmental impact studies.

More info at [www.greatlakesbasin.net](http://www.greatlakesbasin.net).



# NMRA Winter Board of Directors Meeting

[Note: Reprinted from the March/April eBulletin]

The NMRA Board of Directors conducted their Winter meeting in Atlanta, GA, on February 19-21 at the Drury Inn & Suites. Here are a few highlights from that meeting.

- We have been joined by Christina Ganzer as a Marketing Consultant who will be working strategically with the NMRA. Frank Baker is the Assistant Marketing Director ably supporting the organisation. There was a discussion around marketing the NMRA and how to reach a wider audience than we currently do.
- Financially, the NMRA had a surplus in 2015 partly due to delayed spend on the move of the library to the California State Railway Museum (CSRM). The move is now expected to take place in 2016. The Portland convention was very successful adding to the surplus for the year. Membership numbers have remained steady between 2014 and 2015.
- The CCRM Gallery exhibit is moving forward again but is still dependent on CCRM signing an agreement. The Museum is providing 4,000 sq ft for free with the NMRA installing the contents of the exhibit. The Museum receives 600,000 paid attendees a year giving the NMRA a huge outreach. The Kalmbach library move to the CCRM is also progressing alongside the Museum exhibit.
- Vertical integration and the ability for all Divisions to be part of the NMRA National 501(c)3 status is now in the hands of the IRS. The test Divisions and Regions have been submitted and we are now waiting for a response. This would give Divisions a tax advantage but they would not lose any control of their assets.
- The membership discount program run by Bob Weinheimer, MMR is increasing with nearly 20 railroad attractions signed up. The next step will be to expand the list to include hobby shops. Bob Chaparro is working on the model railroad registry which will allow members to look up any layouts open to visiting in an area.
- 8,000 box car shells have been donated to the NMRA for use by Divisions as hands-on clinic material or as a basis for a popular vote contest. Kadee and Microscale have donated 1,500 couplers and decals respectively. Work is continuing on 3D printed underframes to enable a full kit to be produced. Box car shells will be free except for shipping; the additional parts will need to be paid for.
- A "How to be a Division Superintendent" handbook has been produced by Bruce De Young, MMR. It is intended to help superintendents who are unsure what their responsibilities are. This will be available before the Convention in Indianapolis.
- President Charlie Getz reported on his visit to the 70th Anniversary British Region Convention in October and also visited the MOROP President, Peter Briegel. MOROP is a federation of European clubs which sets standards throughout Europe although it is not a direct parallel to the NMRA. They are implementing an International Day of Model Railroading in early December. President Getz also updated on how the links with China are developing.
- The Recruitment and Retention Committee reported back on their work regarding how to increase membership and retain our existing members. They submitted a detailed report and recommendations as well as a draft guidebook. The Committee have looked at best practices from other organisations and the NMRA itself and have produced a list of useful ideas. This is currently being edited and will be brought back to Indianapolis.
- Santa Clara was confirmed as the 2021 National convention location.
- Jack Hamilton MMR, Western Director, was acknowledged for all his service to the NMRA as he steps down from the Board at the end of his term.
- The Strategic Review Committee announced plans to hold a strategic workshop at the Sunday after the BOD meeting in July. This will look at Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) and Political, Economic, Social and Technological (PEST) analysis.
- Work has been ongoing on improving the website and its functionality including allowing the company store and member area to be accessed by one log on.
- The Board and Officers of the NMRA are pleased to announce the hiring of a marketing consultant, Christina Ganzer, to develop marketing strategies and plans for a variety of NMRA programs. Christina comes to the NMRA with a wealth of marketing experience in her background, including a stint in marketing at the Zinsser Co. (now owned by Rust-Oleum) and the Tenant Company, as well as clients in and around her hometown. Christina takes over the duties of former NMRA Marketing Director Page Martin who had to resign due to health reasons.

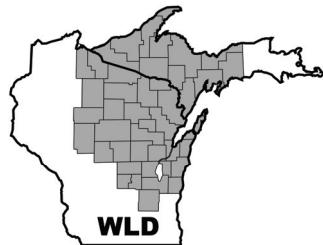
# Team Track

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Scott Payne	Paymaster
Vern Ehlke	Chief Clerk
James C. Cruthers	Division Director

## Board of Directors

Dave Allen	thru 10/16
Wally Rogers	thru 04/17
Roger Wurtzel	thru 04/17
Joe Lallensack	thru 05/17
Dave Nitsch	thru 05/17
Todd Bushmaker	thru 06/17
John Leow	thru 06/18
Mary Eiden	thru 09/19
Mike Eiden	thru 09/19
Phil Herman	thru 11/19
Chris Heili (new)	thru 01/20



## Committee Chairs

Todd Bushmaker	Whistle Editor, Ads, Circulation, Subscriptions
Marv Preussler	AP Chairman
Wally Rogers	Membership Chairman
Phil Herman	Clinic Chairman
James C. Cruthers	501(c)3 Committee Chairman
Lynn Jasch	Convention Registrar
<b>Vacant</b>	Convention Co-Chairman
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<b>Vacant</b>	Company Store Chairman
Scott Payne (new)	Operating Session Coordinator
David Allen	Model Contest Chairman
Joe Lallensack	Photo Contest Chairman
Mary & Michael Eiden	Co-Webmasters
Rich Hopfensperger	Hobby Shop/Model Club Liaison
<b>Vacant</b>	Scout Coordinator

Please note the vacant positions and let the Superintendent know of any possible interested parties!

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# On the Ready Track

**April 23-24**

Titletown Train Show

[www.ttsgbllc.com](http://www.ttsgbllc.com)

**May 14**

WLD Spring Meet

Boys' and Girls' Brigade, Neenah

**June 18-19**

Strawberry Fest Train Show

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**June 18**

WLD Board Meeting

At Strawberry Fest, Waupaca Rec  
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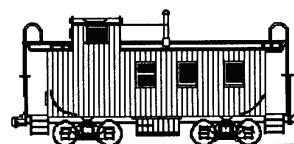
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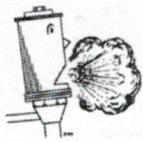
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## The Winnebagoland Division, MWR, NMRA

2016 Winnebagoland Division Spring Meet – Saturday, May 14, 2016

Meet location: Boys & Girls Brigade, 109 W. Columbian Ave., Neenah WI

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS\*:

8:00 – 10:45 AM – Registration  
8:30 – 11:30 AM – Model and Photo Contest – (Judging 11:30 – 12:30)  
9:00 – 10:00 AM – Chris Heili – Designing Layout Panels in JMRI  
9:00 – 10:00 AM – Sean Lamb – Tips to Photograph Rolling Stock on a Small Diorama  
10:00 – 11:00 AM – Joel Weeks – Modeling Great Northern on Saturday 9/20/1969  
10:00 – 11:00 AM – Mary Eiden – Making Signs with Computers  
11:00 – 12:00 PM – Philip Herman – Designing a Layout for Operations  
11:00 – 12:00 PM – David Leider – Modeling the Pickle Industry

\*Clinicians and Clinic Topics are Subject to Change

12:30 – 1:30 PM – Luncheon & Winnebagoland Division Annual Membership Meeting

2:00 – 6:00 PM – Layout Tours

2:00 – 6:00 PM – Operating Session\*\*\*

\*\*\*New: We will offer an operating session at one location (2-6 PM) – registrations limited; first come, first served

*If you wish to participate in the Operating Session you MUST be registered for the meet.*

**ADMISSION:** Meet Only (at the Door) NMRA Member (NMRA member number required) = \$7.00

Meet Only (at the Door) non-NMRA Member = \$10.00      Pre-Registered Luncheon Only = \$12.00

If you want the luncheon add \$12.00 per registration (chix breast, BBQ pork sandwich, potato salad, mac & cheese)

\*\*\*Special lunch requests not offered\*\*\*

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### Pre-Registration Form (REQUIRED for Luncheon) – Must be postmarked by 5/2/2016

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA # (required for member price): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional people: How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guests name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Operating session? (circle one) **Yes**    **No** Who? \_\_\_\_\_ (full name)  
(until full)

Meet only: # people \_\_\_ x \$7.00 (NMRA member only)= \$\_\_\_\_\_ (NMRA Member number REQUIRED)  
# people \_\_\_ x \$10.00 (non-member) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

If you want the luncheon add \$12.00 per registration = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon **only**: # people \_\_\_ x \$12.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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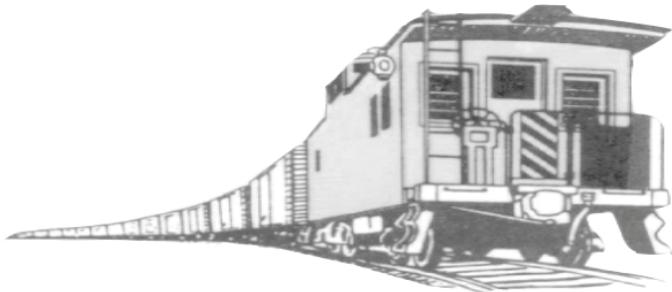
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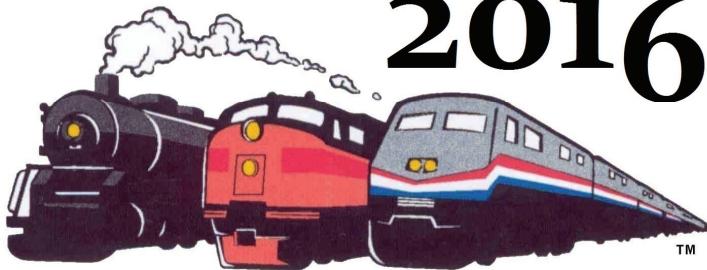
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