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Super Saying

On the last Sunday of September, the Division Superintendents of the Mid Central Region assembled for a while at the Library in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, to brag about what our divisions are doing, and find out what is happening at the Region and National levels.

Our report of financial success with the Regional Convention last April drew a couple of oohs and ahs, because some recent regional conventions have not done as well, or even lost money. Congratulations and thanks again to all of you who helped. Fred Plymale, Division 10's Super, suggested that regional convention attendance could be increased by holding a train show in conjunction with the convention, like the national convention does. He reported that he knows many people who will travel far to a train show, but not to a convention. Marty Vaughn said that there have been regional conventions that included a train show.

Division 4, like most MCR divisions, charges no dues, and finances its activities with revenue from its annual train show. This year it was October 4th and 5th. Paul Lemermier, Divi-

sion 4's Super, reported that their best advertising medium has been flyers. Paul said that they print \$1 discount coupons on each flyer, and in each newspaper ad. The coupons are coded, so they can tell where they came from.

Division 7 is hosting the 2003 MCR convention (Springdale), Division 2 is hosting it in 2004. There was a suggestion that we skip it in 2005, since the National Convention will be in Cincinnati that year. However, for now the plan is to have both. Concurrent with the Springdale convention, Division 7 is offering a nice Accurail 2-bay coal hopper lettered for the Big Four Railroad (\$14).

Division 10, in Kentucky, was formed just three years ago, and has become a very active division. Phyllis and I attended one of their meetings a couple of months ago. It was at the home of Ray and Renee Grosser, and included a pot luck picnic. We might want to consider doing that in Division 3.

Division 9, in West Virginia, is being reformed under the leadership of Jim Heilman.

Dick Flock, MCR's treasurer, reported that the Mobile Home Project was a resounding

financial success. There are a few kits left, so if you missed out, or need more, send me an email. These are excellent kits by City Classics. The tooling is being developed for the region's next project. Dick displayed a mockup at the meeting. It will fit in on almost any layout, and look will great. Watch for an announcement.

The MCR's new webmaster, Ivan Baugh, was at the meeting, and told us what he is doing to revitalize the site. One addition is a set of photo tours of MCR layouts, and he would like one from each of the divisions. He would like to have at least one in each scale, also. Divisions six and seven are represented so far. Send Ivan photos and a story line for your layout. See the web site for ideas. Ivan also plans to add "How-to" articles to the site, and would like some of those from each division, too. If you have something, he would like to see it. If you have a favorite web site that you'd like MCR modelers to know about, please send that to him, too, and he'll add a link to it. If you haven't been to the site in a while, stop by at <http://www.midcentral-region->

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Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Contests

November On-Line Structures

You are allowed up to 3 entries per contest. You do not have to be a member of the NMRA to participate in the popular vote contest.

December	Freight Cars	April	Off-Line Structures
January	Favorite Train	May	Cabooses
February	No Contest	June	No Contest
March	Non-Revenue	July	Scene

October Results			
Models		Photos	
1	Jim Foster	1	Rich Davoust
2	Bill Spinks	2	Rich Davoust Tom Sorauf Norm Brown
3	Lone Eagle Payne	3	

Model Railroad For Sale

HO Scale model railroad layout that started as the 4' x 8' "HO Railroad That Grows" using snap track. It has grown to an 8' x 14' railroad empire using handlaid track for the expansion. Layout is wired for two power packs. All turnouts are remotely operated with twin coil switch machines. Price is negotiable. For more information, contact Dale Waddell at (937) 426-3526.

Book Signing

Last Train to Paradise
by Les Standiford

Tuesday, November 12, 2002
7-8 pm
Books & Co. 350 E Stroop Rd.
Dayton, Ohio
(937) 298-6540

This book is the story of Henry Flagler's dream of a railway connecting Key West to the Florida mainland over a staggering 156 miles of water. The book chronicles the project's inception, the struggles of the work crews, to the remarkable success and total loss from a devastating hurricane in

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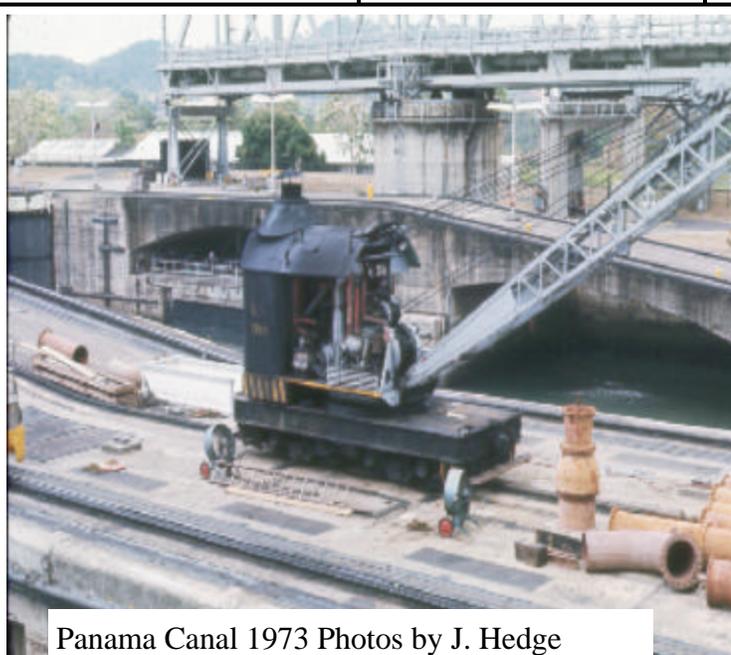
John Roberts, NMRA Executive V.P., reported that the fiscal year that just ended will show a deficit again, but it will be less than in recent years. The membership loss has been 11.5 percent so far, compared with a prediction of ten percent. The HQ staff is down to six people, to save money. Membership levels during the next four months will determine what happens next. The new calendar and a new book, "Feather River Steam", are at the printer. Income from these will help the finances. Rutger Freiberg is reorganizing the technical committee. They will propose new NMRA standards. HQ still has problems with its membership database. Stan Ames is evaluating what it will take to fix it. The Long Range Plan was approved at the meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. The October Bulletin, just out, has more information about this and other items in this paragraph in the article, "Annual BOT Meeting Recap," starting on page 11.

Marty Vaughn announced that he retired October 3. He intends to remain active in NMRA.



The Darke County Model Railroad has operating sessions on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. They need operators. The club is located at 405 1/2 s Broadway in Downtown Greenville, Ohio.

Date	Location	Contest	Program
17 November	Trotwood Church of the Brethren	On-line Structures	Infrared Control Systems by John Smith
15 December	Trotwood Church of the Brethren	Freight Cars	History of the Turtle Creek RR in Lebanon, Ohio (Tentative)
Happy New Year 2003			
19 January		Favorite Train	Turntables by Bob Fink (Tentative)
16 February		No Contest	Members Auction
16 March		Non Revenue	Kit Bashing Structures by Ron Dietrich
20 April		Off-Line Structures	Grain Elevators and Feed Mills by Larry Zeller
18 May		Cabooses	
15 June		No Contest	Tour of the Dupps Railroad in Germantown (Tentative)
20 July		Scene	



Panama Canal 1973 Photos by J. Hedge



Steam Railroading in Mozambique 1972
 Photos by J. Hedge

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Next Meeting	
When:	2PM 17 November 2002
Where:	Trotwood Church of the Brethren 208 E Main St Trotwood, Ohio
Program:	Infrared Control Systems by John Smith
Contest:	On-Line Structures
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	

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