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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Election Results Announced

The members have spoken, and the new Board of Directors has been elected. The results are listed below. The new board will hold its first meeting starting on June 30 at the national convention in Cincinnati.

Congratulations to all the new Directors!

—Dave Liesse
NMRA Secretary

At-Large North America (1-year term)

Charlie Getz	1136
Paul Allard	534
Dick Flock	344

At-Large Worldwide (2-year term)

Tony Koester	1572
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Jeffrey MacHan 699

Atlantic District (2-year term)

Steve Park	125
John Webb	24
Des Norman	20

Central District (3-year term)

Dave Thornton	636
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Eastern District (1-year term)

Kevin Feeney	338
Roger Cason	309
Bob Gangwish	157

NMRA Canada (3-year term)

Clark Kooning	94
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Mike Chandler 59


Pacific District (1-year term)

David North	73
Peter Jensen	45

Western District (2-year term)

Ray deBlieck	290
Jack Hamilton	209
Jim Anderson	165
Bill Jacobs	145

Regional Advisory Council

In addition to those listed above, the Regional Advisory Council separately elected Bob Ferguson as its Director. 

Thinking About Joining? Think About a Rail Pass Trial Membership

By Dave Thornton
North Central Region Trustee

Do you know someone who would enjoy the NMRA but just isn't sure about joining? If you do, then the new NMRA Rail Pass membership is just the ticket to introduce our association and hobby.

The NMRA has long needed a recruiting tool designed to let the first-timer see what our association is all about. In response to that need, the

ship expires after six months, but can be renewed as a regular membership at the dues rate in effect at the time of the renewal.

Rail Pass members will be able to attend all NMRA functions and will also be covered by NMRA insurance under the same provisions that apply to regular NMRA members. A Rail Pass member will also receive six months of *Scale Rails*, but will not receive the New Member

rejoin? A Rail Pass membership would be a great way to encourage someone to try the NMRA. It's an excellent chance to get a whole lot of NMRA for just a little bit of money. Why not use this new tool to encourage a friend to participate in some NMRA activities for the first time?

Remember the first division meeting, regional convention, or national convention that you attended after you joined? Remember how

Rail Pass membership is a great way to enjoy the benefits of the NMRA for just a little bit of money.

Rail Pass trial membership has been introduced. Rail Pass is a one-time, six-month trial membership in the NMRA for those who have not been NMRA members in the recent past.


With the trial membership price set at just \$9.95, Rail Pass members have all the rights of regular NMRA membership except that they cannot vote or hold office. The Rail Pass member-

Packet until joining as a regular member. Eligibility of Rail Pass members to receive regional and divisional publications at no charge is at the discretion of the regions and divisions, but we encourage their inclusion as a recruiting tool for new members.

Know someone who's on the fence about joining the NMRA? Have a friend who was a member long ago, but you can't convince him to

great it felt to meet a whole group of people

whose passion is model trains? Pass along the kind of enjoyment that you experienced to someone else. Get a prospective member to purchase a Rail Pass membership, then take them to their first regional convention. I'm sure that you both will have a great time!

Additional information and signup information is available on the NMRA website at www.nmra.org. 

BULLETINBOARD

50-Year Certificates

The NMRA wishes to recognize the following individuals for their 50-year membership in the association.

Robert Hubbard
Harold Tepper
Bill Olson
James Miers
David Cheney
Martin Grossman
Gayle Christen
Lloyd Keyser
Gordon Dickinson
M. Waltz
Hamilton Stearns
A.D. Baker
Albert Hooper
Harold Hutchison
John Harrold
James Kashevs
Leroy Bertsch
Alexander Marvin
T. G. Sewell
John LeBlanc
Richard Allison
Donald Grant
Carol Homuth
William Moeck
Arthur Bergstrom
John Van Tassel
John Church
Mayner Hicks
Robert Thorne
Peter Weiglin
Robert Herrick
Richard Bradley
Robert Harris
John Rennert
Robert Sorgatz
Art Schroeder
Walter Stone
Charles Swem
Douglas Harley
Joe Heard
J.H. Madsen
Robert Zellman
Margaret Graham
Grant Whipple
Hugo Meisser
Austin Mandeville
Tracy Hastings
John Bortz
Benjamin Foot
Raymond Johnson
Carl Pascaloff
Harold Stahle
S. H. Bouchey
Edward Patterson
Edwin Hibben
Jack Taylor
Howard Brock
Robert Comly

25-Year Certificates

The NMRA wishes to recognize the following individuals for their 25-year membership in the association.

Casey Bartman
William Porter
Paul Delasco
Arthur Schoenemann
John Frank
Damiano Improta
Otis Warr
Keith Clark
Gordon Baker
George Pettygrove

John Story
M. David Tell
C Ken Byrne
D. Ray
Mathias Kennedy
Duane Thompson
Lawton Sargent
Robert Anthonyson
Jay Lambeth
Blaine Heinfeld
Jack Templeton
Howard Brown
Edward Carr
Norman Allen Lee
W. Corkill
Arthur Caswell
Ed Crow
David Vinson
J. Mark Juett
Donald Babin
Kenneth Werner
Ed Padgett
James Donovan
Robert Bunce
Rodnee Rice
George Masson
Dennis Roberts
John Almond
Ronald Mackay
Loren Neufeld
John Fearon
Nicholas Ricciuti
Charles Spinks
John O'Brien
Malcolm Horsnell
William McGuire
Gary Heiland
F. P. (Bud) Haworth
Don Kriegbaum
James Egan
William Reid
Donald Griffin
D. Byatt
Bruce Hewetson
Bill Ebner
Ken Jackson
Walter Eckard
Andy Coltart
Michael Smeltzer
Kel Aiken
Douglas Wilson
Richard McEvoy
Joseph Lecaroz
Richard Stewart
Leon Persky
Casimir Smuda
Chris Santy
Paul Smith
James Koryta
Rolf Nordquist
Michael Scanlon
Spencer Kellogg
Frank Woodworth
Bradley Howard
Howard Shute
Martin Wilke
R Terence Newell
Robert Fowler
David McCanne
Laurence Irvin
Mark Tilyou
Robert Tebbetts
John Hartmann
Glenn Samuel
Pierre Parent
John Spelce
Edward Bley

Correction

In the April issue of *The Bulletin* an article covering the mid-year BOT meeting incorrectly reported the dues rebate to be made to regions.

The article should have said an annual amount of \$2.00 will be rebated to the regions for each dues paying (dues paying, life, and honorary life member) living within the region boundaries. Two payments will be made: the first half the first week in September and the second half the first week in March. It should be noted that payments will not be made for family members and legacy members. Legacy members are those members that were not region members before July 1, 2002, and have opted to not become region members, as provided for in the new regulations. Members who have joined since July 1, 2002, will automatically be region members. Legacy members who drop their membership or let it lapse will not be able to rejoin as legacy members, only as regular members.

—David Thornton, North Central Region Trustee

Doug Geiger	Robert Fisher
James Thomas	Michael Gibbs
Wayne Gebhardt	Michael Turrini
Peter Silverstein	Roy Propst
Daryl Reck	Richard Melcher
Wayne Dunbar	Paul Stapleton
Wayne Hannan	Robert Lilly
John Willworth	Marcel Dolle'
Nial Murray	Hector Hernandez
William Gustafson	Paul Hansen
Richard Kus	Richard Napper
Ken Ochs	Michael Westrum
Floyd Little	Joseph Chapley
Pierre Mathurin	Nathan Grimes
Dean Bedford	M. Maidens
Robert Horner	Peter Ulvestad
James Keena	Philip Bachman
David Johnson	Kenny Weber
Mike Noonkester	Mario McCarthy
Edward Herterich	Robert Fell
James D'Arcy	Reid Dennis
Robert Cenek	C. J. Beyer
Gregory Stewart	James Thacker
Michael Wilson	Len Komarnisky
Henry Rouse	Thomas Brown
A. Pawlicki	Charles Zeiler
Frederick Lindsay	Keith Cornell
Roger Aldrich	William Bateman
Larry Denton	Thomas Matthews
James Densmore	George Lefavor
Kenneth Wirges	Luther Beaver
Ronald Johnson	James Shuster
Charles Johnson	Donald Strait
Gunter Dusing	Neven Crandon

Membership Thermometer

	Total	Count Change
May 2004	19,798	.36
Jun. 2004	19,877	.79
Jul. 2004	19,789	.(88)
Aug. 2004	19,823	.34
Sep. 2004	19,545	.(278)
Oct. 2004	19,550	.5
Nov. 2004	19,510	.(40)
Dec. 2004	19,365	.(145)
Jan. 2005	19,478	.135
Feb. 2005	19,462	.(16)
Mar. 2005	19,282	.(180)
Apr. 2005	19,284	.2

Richard Hanson
 Jim Laird
 Joseph Compton
 Gregory Kauger
 Joe Fields
 Andrew Daniluk
 Ralph Peshek
 Carl Bryant
 Jack Ruthberg
 William Cahill
 Paul Edward Richie
 William Boyle
 Selwyn Morris
 Leon Chapman
 Edmund Dougherty
 Ralph Vincent
 David Bates
 Thomas Kinney
 William Fredlund
 Karl Schoettlin
 Jetzer Werner
 Tognella Werner
 Michael Ferraro
 Kenneth Liesse
 Gary Scott
 Lois Hagensick
 Gerald R.A. Sutton
 William Innes
 John Neff
 Paul Petroske
 Carlos Afonso
 Nathan Cope
 Kenneth Lass
 Lynn Carlson

Harold Ginsparg
 William Kikta
 David Rider
 John Henning
 Chuck Kane
 Alan Burke
 John Laude
 Gerald Hoffman
 Eugene Richards
 William Palmer
 Stan Massey
 Harry Witt
 Roger Kujawa
 David Drislane
 Robert Naborney
 Peter Booke
 William Herrmann
 J. Bellavio
 David Spooner
 Michael Christian
 M. Warner Green
 Ray deBlieck
 John Nax
 Charles Friedlein
 Kevin R. Gysgt Salvo
 Michael Gettler
 Marvin Kempner
 Gordon Hanson
 A. Ralph Kristeller
 Jack Reid
 Murray Lampert
 Robert Rosbeck
 Peter Martin
 Maurice Parkin

Harry Brown
 Jan Gromada
 James Roberts
 Melvin Moore
 Harold Berenzweig
 William Jacobs
 Kevin Endriss

Achievement Program

NMRA AP Certificates

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*Indicates first Certificate of Achievement

Golden Spike

Robert Proctor, Chambersburg, PA
 Tom Staton, Skaneateles, NY

Master Builder - Motive Power

Gary Shurgold, Chatham, Ontario

Master Builder - Cars

Jim Clements, Rochester Hills, MI

Master Builder - Structures

Tom Staton, Skaneateles, NY*
 Thomas Mauszycki, Winona, MN

Master Builder - Scenery

Stephen Taylor, Madison, IN
 Brian Curry, Elbridge, NY
 Charles Lampman, Hueytown, AL

Master Builder - Prototype Modeler

None this month

Model Railroad Engineer - Civil

Brian Curry, Elbridge, NY

Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical

Stephen Taylor, Madison, IN
 Brian Curry, Elbridge, NY

Chief Dispatcher

Stephen Taylor, Madison, IN

Association Official

James Lorhan, Hastings, NE*
 Mary Barstow, Palos Verdes, CA

Association Volunteer

Kevin Jones, Louisville, KY*
 Paul Myers, Kansas City, MO
 William Fredlund, Herkimer, NY*
 Martin Judd, Las Vegas, NV*
 D. Terry Pitts, Martinez, GA

Model Railroad Author

Gilbert Brauch, Hickory, NC*
 Rodney Smith, Fremont, CA*
 Robert McIntyre, Alpharetta, GA
 John Stevens, Tyrone, GA
 Paul Voelkder, Flowery Branch, GA

Master Model Railroader

Brian Curry, Elbridge, NY
 Jim Clements, Rochester Hills, MI

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Jack Hamilton Earns MMR 338

Hanging on the wall of our family room, part of my family "Rogues Gallery," is a picture of a five-year-old kid, sitting on a bench, and holding a Lionel steam engine in his lap. That five-year-old and the Lionel engine are long surrendered to the past, but the love of trains and enjoyment in the hobby has survived.

Through a career in the Navy, I found need for an off-duty endeavor that would require my complete attention during performance as an essential outlet for effective stress relief. Sailing, scuba diving, and model railroading fit the bill. Through my many years in the Navy, and then through my career in the private sector, model railroading was always available, at some level, to provide relief and relaxation. In retirement, model railroading consumes a larger part of the time available but a good part of

that time is away from my home layout.

For me, the mission statement of NMRA provides a clear understanding that, while there is much to be gained from participation, there is an even greater opportunity to give back to the hobby. The educational promise of NMRA is one that requires current members to strive to improve their knowledge and skills in their areas of interest and to encourage others to develop the skills of a model railroader.

The Achievement Program provided me the opportunity to expand and improve my skills against an objective scale of performance. Earning Merit Awards provided an ongoing assessment of that progress in self education. Completing the program to earn the designation Master Model Railroader was but one more step in my overall education process—not the end of a journey, but the



beginning of a new period of service to the hobby.

One principle effort toward my earning MMR status was in the Volunteer and Author

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categories. Through the conduct of a monthly Core Level Skills clinic series in the local area, presentation of Advanced Level Skills clinics, and creation and conduct of a Railroading Merit Badge program for local scout troops, I was able to introduce the hobby and some skill sets to many new modelers. Those programs will be continued and, with the aid of the division members, expanded to cover my home division. Continuing with the lessons provided by other MMR during preparations for PSX 2004, I hope to be able to work with other modelers to assist them in their efforts to

earn Merit Awards and final recognition as MMR.

Perhaps equally important, there will be a little more time to get on with some of the longstanding projects such as completing basic work on the home layout, starting on the NTRAK modules that live in my head, and starting on the garden railroad that my wife favors.

Achieving the interim goal of MMR has opened a new doorway of additional service to the hobby for me, and now is the time to step through to the future of the hobby.

Jack earned AP certificates in Master Builder-Cars, Master Builder-Structures, Master Builder-Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer-Civil, Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical, Model Railroad Author, and Association Volunteer. A Life member, Jack models primarily in N Scale. He most recently served as Vice Chair for the PSX 2004 Seattle National Convention and is currently serving as Trustee for the Pacific Northwest Region. He and his wife Donna reside in Silverdale, Wash. 📍

Jerry Hoverson Earns MMR 347

I got started in this hobby like most of us with that first train set for Christmas. My father and I set it up on the typical 4 x 8 sheet of plywood in a figure-8 configuration using the Atlas piers to gain the elevation necessary for the crossing. Since the only space available was my bedroom, we attached the layout to the wall with hinges and folding legs so it could be folded against the wall when not in use. Of course this also meant that you sat on the bed to run the train.

I later lost interest in watching the train go around and around so I committed a railroader's cardinal sin. I replaced the tracks with slot car roads. As the years went by this too went by the wayside and was replaced with the normal adolescent activities like school, sports, fraternity, cars and, oh yeah, girls.

I didn't get back into the hobby again until I was 20. I finally found the time to start a hobby and remembering my younger days, I built a 4x8 combination of railroad and slot cars. Again, this didn't last long because I finished my degree, then joined the Air Force.

As it turned out, I liked military flying and chose to make a career of it. I flew for the Air Force for 10 years, did an inter-service transfer and flew for the Navy for another 10 years, including carrier operations.

From a model railroading point of view a military career is both a curse and a blessing. The curse is that you never stay in one place long enough to come close to finishing a layout and generally don't have the time or the space.

During my 20-year military career I was stationed in eight different locations and was able to build only five layouts, none of which were complete. Fortunately, the one that made it the furthest was published in the August, 1987, *NMRA Bulletin* while I was a member of the Rocky Mountain Region. Of course, by the time it made it to print it had already been dismantled and a new one was under construction. Most of the structures from that layout still exist on my current layout. Please visit www.rockymountaincentral.com. The blessing comes in that you have a built-in incentive to "start over" and learn from mistakes on previous layouts. In addition, you get to meet a lot more railroaders and are able to rail fan all over the world.

I really got involved in the hobby when I joined the civilian world and found a club in Corpus Christi, Texas. I really enjoyed the fellowship, and the environment helped improve my skills and learn new ones. As fate would have it we only stayed there six years and moved to the Dallas area.

One of the first things I did when I arrived in the Dallas area was to join another club. Part of the membership requirements of the club was an NMRA membership. As mentioned before, I had been a previous NMRA member so I joined again as part of the Lone Star Region. A few years later,



during an operating session on my Rocky Mountain Central, one of the operators, who also happened to be an officer for the Region, mentioned the Achievement Program and said I should look into it.

When I did, I found that I already had all the work done for Structures, Scenery, Electrical and Chief Dispatcher; I just needed to fill out the paperwork. Since then I have also completed Civil Engineer, Author and finally Cars. This earned me MMR 347, one of the most satisfying accomplishments of my modeling career. 📍

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