



Tracks to the Triangle Contest Room Results

Martin Brechbiel

MER General Contest Chairman

This year's Contest Room was graced with a host of truly exceptional, high-quality models. Our host, the Carolina Piedmont Division provided us with an excellent space which made for a quality contest experience in 2016!

A very special "Thanks" also to those who donated their time on Saturday to judge the Model Contest. We were fortunate this year to have a good representation of MMRs in our pantheon of judging teams including Charlie Flichman, Bob Charles, and Ron Baile along with several

of the usual cadre of judges supplemented with no less than 7 apprentice judges this year with bodes well for the future of the MER contest room and the AP as a whole across the MER.

There were 28 models entered with 26 being entered for judging. Of those models, 13 received Merit Awards giving us another excellent result of 50%! The judged entries were in 11 categories; however, we did drop in numbers, down to 8, for our Photo Contest.



Steam 1st place Charles Rausch NYO&W Camelback 2-8-0*

Photos of models by Bob Bridges

*Denotes AP Merit Award, scoring a minimum of 87.5 points.

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President's Column

PJ Mattson

Thank you everyone for voting in the election. We had one of the highest ballot totals in a long time. For those who missed the election results, Kurt Thompson won the Vice President position, Brian Kampschroer won the Treasurer Position, Ken Nesper was re-elected as Secretary, and I, P.J. Mattson, was re-elected President. I am looking forward to working with the new Officers, returning Officers, and the Directors for another year. Also, all of the proposed By-Law changes were overwhelmingly approved by the membership. For all that voted this year, also one of the highest participation numbers in many years, a sincere thank you for your participation!

The Convention in Durham, NC was held from October 20 to October 23, and went very well. The convention committee did a great job. I would like to thank them for all their efforts. This year, for the first time in many years, I got to visit some of the fine layouts in the area. Now that Bill Grosse is the Convention Registrar I am free to do other things. Bill is doing an outstanding job. Thank you, Bill.

At the Sunday Annual meeting we welcomed the new Officers and thanked the outgoing Officers for the great work they did in serving the MER. We also named a new Editor for the Local, Clint Hyde. We look forward to his innovative approach and hope you all enjoy the upcoming issues.

Business Manager Bob Price and I had a long trip home; when we got to the Delaware Memorial Bridge there was a truck fire at the top of the bridge and we sat for two hours at the bottom of the bridge before we could continue. I hope everyone else had a better trip and got home safely.

Until next time, stay on the right track!

On page 1, at the top, is a classic: a Gorre & Daphetid boxcar, that was in the model contest at 2016's convention. Sorry I missed it. Charles Rausch, modeler.

Position Available: Model Contest Chairperson

Position Summary: The Model Contest Chair is responsible for coordinating, administering, and supervising the Model Contest at Mid-Eastern Regional (MER) conventions utilizing guidelines and regulations set by the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) and the MER. He/she must be computer literate, a good organizer and manager, a good modeler in his own right, and thoroughly versed in the model contest judging procedures of the MER.

Principal Activities Include: So, this position consists of: (1) recruiting judges, (2) assist in setting up the contest room at each MER sponsored convention, making sure that there is appropriate display space and category identifying signs in the contest room, coordinating with the General Contest Chair, (3) insuring that each contestant fills out the necessary entry forms, and insuring that the entry form data is recorded in the Model Contest database, assist in contest paperwork, entering information into the computer database, (4) verifying data, tallying scores, printing, and distributing ribbons and certificates to be placed with the winning models, (5) assist the General Contest Chair in distributing awards at the Awards Ceremony, and (6) assist the General Contest Chair in resolving disputes, if any, in connection with the Model Contest.

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General Contest Chair

Director

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Diesel 1st place
 Rodney Vance
 100-Ton Boxcab
 Diesel
 NRNC Engine #195*



Traction 1st place Martin Brechbiel CG&W Coal Motor 17

*Denotes AP Merit Award, scoring a minimum of 87.5 points.

Freight Car
 1st place
 William W. Davis
 P48 Stock Car*





Non-Revenue Car 1st place Martin Brechbiel – CVRR X-111 Work Car*

Upcoming MER Conventions

2017 — Susquehanna Div, Oct 12-15

2018 — Potomac Division, Oct 3-7

Caboose or Cabin Car

1st place

William W. Davis

Free Lance Logging Caboose*

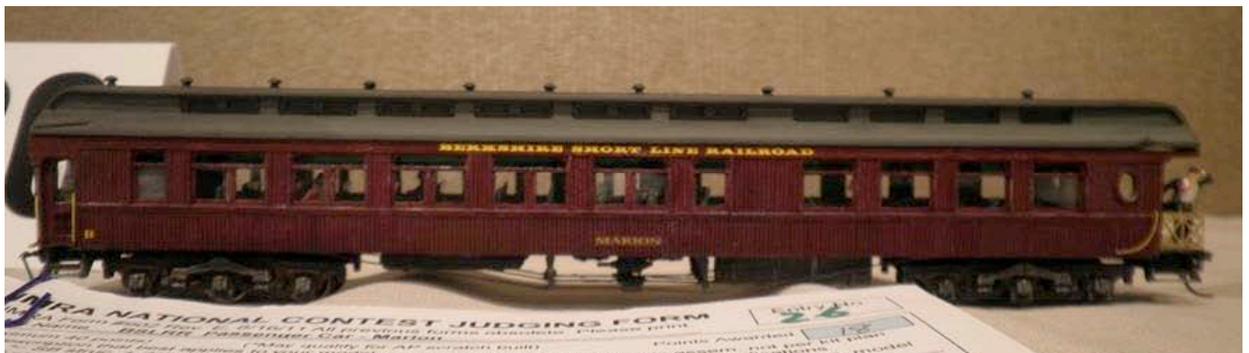


Passenger Car

1st place

Jim Murphy

BSLRR Passenger Car "Marion"



Structure On-Line 1st place
Nick Brownsberger
PRR Philadelphia 52st Bridge



Structure Off-Line
1st place
William W. Davis
Ashley Down Country Store*



Display Off-Line
No entries!!!

Module
No entries!!!

Photo Contest:

Prototype: Steam 1st place
John M. Johnson – Pacific in Vermont

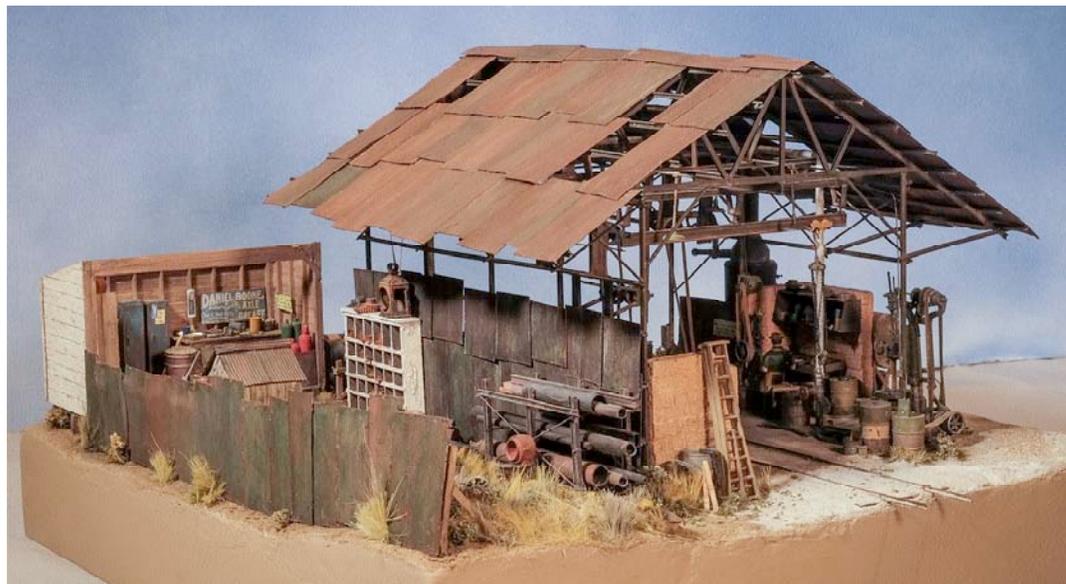
Prototype: Other 1st place
Ron Baile – CR 3026

Model 1st place
Ron Baile – Turning Number 8

Best-in-Show
John M. Johnson – Pacific in Vermont

Best-in-Show: given to the entry with the highest point's score in the model contest. Includes the cost of registration to next year's convention in Harrisburg!

William W. Davis
3 Foot Gauge
Open Air Repair
Shed* (120 points!)



Display On-Line

1st place

William W. Davis

Free Lance Backwoods Sawmill*



Next year's President's Award will be for a passenger car, but there will be no Pride of Dixie award in 2017 as the convention will take place North of the Mason-Dixon Line.

If you have any questions about NMRA or MER contest rules, regulations or forms, NMRA judging of models, would like to be a Judge, have contest questions of any kind, complaints, suggestions, or whatever you might want to talk about, please contact Martin at: director3@mer-nmra.com



Tim Himmelberger
Susquehanna Division Superintendent

As an introduction, why we chose the name Susquehannock for next year's convention: we were looking at the names of passenger trains. We came across one that ran from Williamsport to Philadelphia, almost entirely within our division. The name comes from the Native American tribe that populated the Susquehanna valley. Also this passenger train is perfect for modelers--three cars, baggage, coach and a parlor car.

The Susquehanna Division of the MER looks forward to hosting next year's convention in Harrisburg, PA. We welcome all of you to Harrisburg, PA. The Harrisburg area is extremely rich in railroad heritage. First and foremost it was a major hub for the Pennsy with lines running north, south, east and west. There are traces of many other fallen flags in the Susquehanna Valley. Including many other rail sites in the area. In Hamburg is the Reading Technical & Historical Museum. In downtown Harrisburg is the Harrisburg Station and Harris Tower. Just to the north is the iconic Rockville Bridge. In Strasburg is the Strasburg Railroad and the Pennsylvania State Railroad Museum. To the west one of the tours we are offering is to the East Broad Top Rail Road and the Rockhill Trolley Museum and the ride to Shade Gap. Further west is the Altoona Railroaders Museum and the best train watching location at Horseshoe Curve. Lesser known but very interesting at Gallitzin is the Allegheny Portage Museum. For the Lackawanna fans a trip to Scranton to Steamtown National Park. And the list goes on.

We are planning to offer non rail activities as well. We are very close to Hershey. There are many activities there, including Hershey Gardens, The Hershey Story (museum) and Chocolate World. In Harrisburg there is the Civil War Museum, the State Capital, or just taking a walk along River Front Park. Again the list goes on...

The Susquehannock 2017 MER Convention

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At this time we have two off-site tours set. The first is to East Broad Top Rail Road and Rockhill Trolley Museum. The second is to the American Car and Foundry plant in Milton, PA, with a stop at Bowser Manufacturing / English's Hobby Shop. Please keep checking for more possible tours.

Clinics will run from Thursday evening to Sunday Morning. Clinicians currently include: Lee Rainey will present the status of restoration at the East Broad Top RR; Steve King will again present Time Table and Train



Orders, followed by a hands on operating session to further learn about implementing TT & TO on your layout. Steve Sherrill will tell us about Dead Rail. Other presenters include Neil Besougloff and Bill Schaumberg. In addition we are working on some non-rail clinics. One more thing we are trying to put together are some RPM clinics and a display room. This is only a small list so please keep checking our web site.

There will be a variety of Operating Sessions to choose



many layouts and we are working to encourage the owners to open them up for you to enjoy. One of those layouts will be Todd Treaster's N scale layout. Todd loves to share the hobby and show what you can do with N Scale. 21,000 cars (yes, 3 zeros) and 2,000 locomotives (also 3 zeros) and a 35 x 38 foot operating layout with 3,000 cars on it. And that is just one layout. There will be more to follow, so keep checking that web site.

from. One is Steve Mallory's Buffalo Line. Steve famously continues an MER model railroading dynasty begun by his father, prolific author Paul Mallory. Brian Wolfe models the Western Maryland will also be opening his layout up for an operating session. Also Don Florwick's P&LE will be open for an operating session. To repeat our theme there will be more so please keep checking our web site.

What about layout tours? The Susquehanna Valley has

Wondering about the other regular items that are at our conventions? There will be a White Elephant room. We will also be having the raffle again. There will also be a live auction, and of course the model judging/contest room. Our web site www.mer2017.org is up so keep checking for more activities to be added. And register early to be eligible for the door prize. All early registrations will be eligible for the drawing to win the Peter Lerro print which is titled "Harrisburg Glory Days."



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Keeping In Touch...

By Bob Price
MER Business Manager

A Happy New Year to all our MER members and Local subscribers. I want to remind those members receiving only the electronic version of the MER Local (The eLocal), that they do not have to pay the annual MER paper subscription rate when renewing their NMRA membership. If you are currently receiving the paper version of The Local and want to save \$9 when renewing, do not pay the MER subscription amount. Instead drop the Business Manager an email requesting the eLocal. If you have a computer with a printer, you can always print your own copy. Many of the 2016 issues of the eLocal had additional pages that were not available in the printed version of the MER Local. We also had a special Convention edition of the eLocal for last year's MER convention. **(Editor: this eLocal has many extra photos)**

At the October MER BOD meeting, a motion was submitted and approved to allow the MER to incorporate electronic voting during the 2017 election. We want to make it very clear that paper ballots are NOT going away. Each member eligible to vote will still receive a paper ballot. Those members for whom we have a valid email address on file, will receive a paper ballot and also have the option to vote electronically if they desire to do so. If a member votes online and returns a

paper ballot, the paper ballot will not be counted. A unique code will be assigned to each eligible voting member. It will appear on both the ballot and the electronic voting system. If a match is found, the paper ballot will be rejected. Those counting the votes will not know what number was assigned per member and will not be able to identify who the member is. This system worked well when used by the SER in their election and we see no reason why it would not work for us.

Why is the MER pursuing electronic voting? Studies have found that using such a system increases voter participation. Those voting members that use email and the internet may find it more convenient. It also makes the Ballot Chairman's job easier. As you can imagine, there is some effort in tabulating as many as 2,000 possible ballots. If it is well received, in the future we can pursue allowing the members to choose between paper and electronic voting methods. The electronic voting system would potentially save the MER money.

In the next issue of The Local, I will provide some images of the email that eligible voters would receive and some examples of the web experience.

As always *Keep in Touch* with any questions or changes in your subscriptions or addresses. A current address on file saves the MER some money.

Potomac Division Announcement:

Potomac Division will host 2018 MER Convention

We are very pleased to announce that the Potomac Division will be hosting the 2018 Mid Eastern Region Convention. We have selected the dates of October 3-7, 2018, which is a Thursday through Sunday on Columbus Day weekend. We have also selected the Rockville Hilton, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD for the location of the 2018 convention.

The Potomac Division web site will soon have a 2018 convention page and we will update it periodically as we develop the program for the conference.



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Coupler Comments

Clint Hyde, Editor

Hey everyone. You might remember me from some other assignments for MER; well, I'm back and taking on the LOCAL for a time. I almost got forcibly unexpectedly retired in October, but wound up with a new job in November. I've moved out of Fairfax, too, down to James River Division area (those two are not connected).

A long time ago, I spent several years as the Publisher for the LOCAL. Julianne Smith took over from me and did a fabulous job for ten years. I was the Editor for the Potomac Division Flyer for several years over that same time frame, so this new job isn't too new...MER and PD began the electronic publications in that time frame, partly because it hadn't readily been possible before, and because it was something I could do easily. And I now have newer software, don't even know yet what all it can do. I have dramatically more typefaces to use now, I inherited a boatload.

My goals for this time around include all of those old things, and doing some new things as well. Some will continue as they have been: the e-LOCAL will continue to be in color where the print version is not, and it will continue to be longer than the print version. We'll try out some new layout things along the way, too; I've wanted to do some of that for a long time.

Some new, some old. We continue to evolve this magazine, as new things become possible.

You can easily sign up for the PDF version with Bob Price. I recommend you do that...while it won't happen for years, the print version will eventually go away entirely.

All that said—in this issue you see a number of standard columns, but that isn't always true. You all have to do some writing for me—I'll help if you need it, that's the editor's job—and I might come around and ask you specifically for some-

thing. But the content of this magazine doesn't appear out of nowhere, it comes from you. Items can be short, like 2 or 3 sentences of an idea you have, half a page describing that idea and using a photograph, or something several pages long with many photographs and a lot of detail.

All those kinds of stories are welcome, and will get used to fill available spaces. I want to hear about what is going on in your Division, what your activities are—other divisions want to hear about them too.

Also, you get AP Author credit for the writing. Takes a while to build up enough credit for the AP Award, but not forever. And believe me, Martin doesn't need any more points there, nor do I.

Back in college I studied engineering. My specialty was the only one that actually *required* students to take Technical Writing, so I went through the lessons like active vs. passive voice, all that jazz. Pretty dry output, in the end, and not exactly my style. If you can talk, you can write—it ain't rocket science. Except over at NASA. Everything is rocket science over there.



Notes from 2016 Board and Annual Members Meetings

Clinton, MD, June 11, 2016

Durham, NC, October 20-23, 2016

Compiled by Ken Nesper, MER Secretary

The Board of Directors of the MER-NMRA met twice in 2016, at the Surratt House Museum in Clinton MD on June 11, and at the Trains to the Triangle Convention in Durham NC on October 20. The annual members meeting was held Sunday, October 23, at the conclusion of the convention. Health reasons kept Vice President Chuck Hladik from attending the meeting in June. All officers, directors, and committee chairs were present for the meetings in Durham.

These notes are a summary of the highlights from those meeting, not minutes, not exhaustive, and in no particular order.

During the June meeting, the board members adopted four additions to the By-laws. These amendments were subsequently overwhelmingly approved by the membership. One amendment clarified each members right to receive a copy of The Local if they so choose, but restated the authority of the board to determine the form and subscription rates for the newsletter. Two of the amendments dealt with nominations for regional office; one authorized the use of electronic voting, the other mandated that election deadlines and schedules would be published at the beginning of the year. The fourth amendment authorized the use of teleconference or other electronic means for conducting meeting of the board of directors. Since the last comprehensive review of the by-laws was at least 10 years ago, the board members created a committee, chaired by Director Ken Montero, to undertake such a review. It will probably be the spring of 2018 before a full set of recommendations is ready for board action.

The most effective means for improving voter turnout was a topic of considerable discussion during the June meeting. Three initiatives were combined into a single mailing, a ballot with information about the candidates and the proposed by-law amendments, a member survey, a copy of a special edition of The Local, and an addressed return envelope. Probably

because of the return envelope, the number of members returning ballots more than doubled from 2015 even though three of the four officer candidates were unopposed. The board members intend to include a return envelope with the 2017 ballots. Director Montero summarized the results of the member survey in the November-December 2016 issue of The Local.

At the annual members meeting, President Mattson thanked out-going Vice President Chuck Hladik and Treasurer Tom Buckingham for their service to the region. Tom served as treasurer for more than ten years. Chuck served as a director as well as vice president. Each received letters of appreciation.

The three director positions will be contested in 2017. Two of the incumbents are eligible to run for a second term; the third cannot run because of term limits.

Because of the by-law change and the conclusion of a successful pilot, members will be able to use an electronic voting capability in 2017. Business Manager Bob Price has been investigating e-voting capabilities for a number of years. The Southeastern Region has successfully implemented an e-voting system which selected MER members used in a pilot this past summer. The system is quite "user friendly." As a member of the pilot group, I was able to submit my vote using a tablet while traveling in England last summer. More information regarding the e-voting choice will be appearing in future issues of The Local.

While a number of discrete actions have been taken to improve the election process, the board members felt that an overall evaluation was warranted. To this end, Director Martin Brechbiel is chairing an Election Process Review Committee with the goal of making recommendations that further improve the conduct of MER elections. Martin hopes to have recommendations for board consideration by April 2017.

The board members also adopted three policy changes. One of the changes addressed issues of handicap accessibility. Henceforth, when advertising NMRA-sanctioned tours or events in the MER, the sponsor must declare whether the facilities are handicap accessible and to what extent. The second change fixed the date and location of the non-convention meeting of the board. Whenever possible, the spring Board meeting will be held in late April at

the site of that year's convention. The third change clarified the policy regarding advertising by non-MER NMRA organizations in The Local. There is no cost for products or events co-sponsored by an MER organization. Plus, there is no cost for products or events of a non-MER NMRA organization if there is a reciprocal agreement for MER advertisements in their publication.

Treasurer Tom Buckingham reported that the region is in very good financial health. The 2016 Statement of Financial Condition will be published in the March/April edition of The Local. He added that funds were available for another region car kit if a suitable prototype was identified. The region continues to fund Rail Pass applications and has matching funds available to any division wishing to submit a proposal for a program or purchase consistent with the mission of the MER-NMRA. Buckingham added that the region continues to provide financial support for the Boy Scouts of America Railroad Merit Badge program. In fact, in 2016, the board authorized the purchase of over 700 freight car kits for use in the Boy Scout program.

In conjunction with the change of treasurers, an audit of the financial records of the region will be conducted. President Mattson appointed Bill Howard to chair the Audit Committee with Bill Wallace and Eric Dervinis as members. Following completion of the audit, principal banking functions of MER will be transferred to Morgan Stanley. At the June meeting, the board members authorized the opening of an investment account with Morgan Stanley in order to improve the return on investment on the funds held by the region. Now, the banking functions will be placed with Morgan Stanley as well.

Executive Convention Chair Eric Dervinis mentioned that the Philadelphia Division has agreed to host the 2019 convention. Eric is hopeful that some of the divisions that haven't hosted a convention in some time will volunteer for 2020, 2021, or 2022.

The board of directors will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at the Susquehannock Convention in Harrisburg PA. The date, time, and place of the spring meeting has not been determined. Board meetings are open to all members. The next annual meeting of the MER-NMRA membership is scheduled for Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the convention. I hope to see you there.



A Convention visit to Don Tichy's "factory". As much as I've bought from him, I'm really sorry I missed this.

The MER Grants Policy

The MER has a matching funds grant mechanism whereby any of the Divisions can file a request for funding for an item, or project. The rules for this are very straightforward and can be found in Section 5, Part X. Grant Policy, page 5-6 (page 52 of the current website version, available from the MER web site, <http://mer-nmra.com/pdfs/ExecutiveHandbook2014mwb610.pdf>, or the MER Secretary). In short, any active Division within the Region can apply for a matching grant of up to \$1000.00 by first submitting a proposal for that funding that describes the use and an estimate as to how it will be spent prior to spending any monies.

All proposals should be a single page. This does not need to be a long, drawn out document. A few clear sentences should suffice in almost every case. What is needed is also a clear cost estimate to be attached and it should all be sent to either the President or to the Secretary of the MER. Thereafter the MER Board will review and either approve or disapprove funding. All requested funds must be used for activities directly related to promoting model railroading and must relate to events, activities, and operations that occur within the MER. There is one limitation beyond that dollar amount - each Division can only present 1 proposal per year. But, each Division can also come back with a new proposal every year.

Last words on the Contest Awards

The Special Awards:

The MER continues the tradition of supporting a number of Special Awards that complement those of the judged model contest.

Clyde Gerald Kit-Bash Award: the best kit-bashed model in the model contest.

Martin Brechbiel – CG&W Coal Motor 17

The Philadelphia New Modeler Award: given to the first-time entrant in MER model contest with the highest point score. (Included a \$25 cash prize with a plaque!)

William W. Davis – Free Lance Backwoods Sawmill*

Ray Bilodeau MER Narrow Gauge Award

William W. Davis – 3 Foot Gauge Open Air Repair Shed*

Pride of Dixie Award

William W. Davis – Free Lance Backwoods Sawmill*

Favorite Train - chosen by popular vote!

John M. Johnson – NYC Local Freight

Favorite Model - chosen by popular vote!

William W. Davis – 3 Foot Gauge Open Air Repair Shed*

The President's Award: this year's award was for a Caboose.

Rodney Vance – 100-Ton Boxcab Diesel, NRNC Engine #195*

Achievement Program

Achievement Program Update

By Charlie Flichman, MMR

Since the last report in The Local, the following Achievement Program certificates were earned and awarded:

Division 2 - Potomac

Association Official - Martin Brechbiel

Division 5 - James River

Association Official - J. Gary Tyler

Division 11 - Susquehanna

Bill Lesjak - Golden Spike

Division 13 - Carolina Piedmont

Golden Spike - Charles Rausch

Golden Spike - Louis Sassi

In a perfect world, this information will appear soon in the **NMRA magazine**. This should not deter you from giving recognition locally. Normally you will be able to recognize AP accomplishments long before the names appear in the **NMRA magazine**.

The AP consists of four areas with eleven sub-categories:

- A. Model Railroad Equipment
 - 1. Master Builder - Motive Power
 - 2. Master Builder - Cars
- B. Model Railroad Settings
 - 3. Master Builder - Structures
 - 4. Master Builder - Scenery
 - 5. Master Builder - Prototype Models
- C. Model Railroad Engineering & Operation
 - 6. Model Railroad Engineer - Civil
 - 7. Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical
 - 8. Chief Dispatcher
- D. Model Railroad Service
 - 9. Association Volunteer
 - 10. Association Official
 - 11. Model Railroad Author

THE MER WANTS YOU!

NEEDED: Candidates for the position of Director – there are 3 Director positions that will be up for election in 2017.

WHEN: The deadline for self-nomination is April 15th, 2017.

Any MER member can nominate him or herself by contacting any member of the nominating committee before April 15th. A photo and a 200 word (max) statement outlining his/her qualifications or desire for the position is required. A 500 word statement can also be supplied for on the MER Web site.

After April 15th, any MER member can be nominated via a petition signed by 25 current MER members, submitted to any member of the nominating committee before June 1st. A photo and a 200 word (max) statement outlining his/her qualifications or desire for the position is still required. A 500 word statement can also be supplied for on the MER Web site.

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April 15, 2017 -- Deadline for receipt of self-nominations sent to the Nominations Committee.

June 1, 2017 -- Deadline for receipt of petitions for nominations sent to the Nominations Committee. Also date for Nominations Committee to notify Board of Directors of slate of nominees.

August 1, 2017 -- Deadline for mailing paper ballots to members and for commencing electronic voting.

September 5, 2017 -- Deadline for electronic voting, also last day as shown by postmark for mailing paper ballots.

September 9, 2017 -- Deadline for receipt by Balloting Committee of paper ballots sent by mail.

September 20, 2017 -- Deadline for Balloting Committee to transmit results to President and Business Manager.

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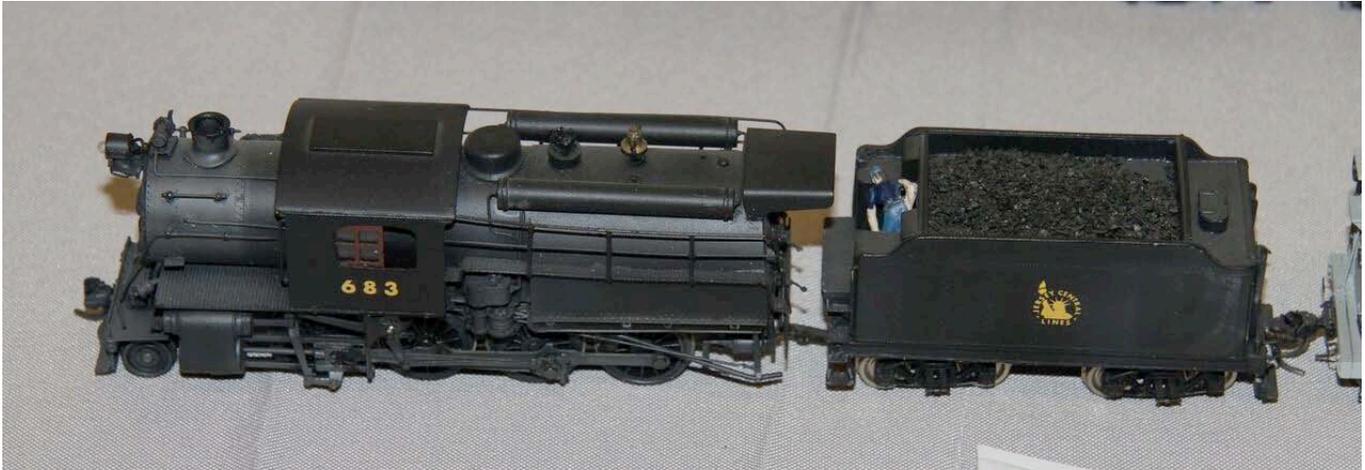




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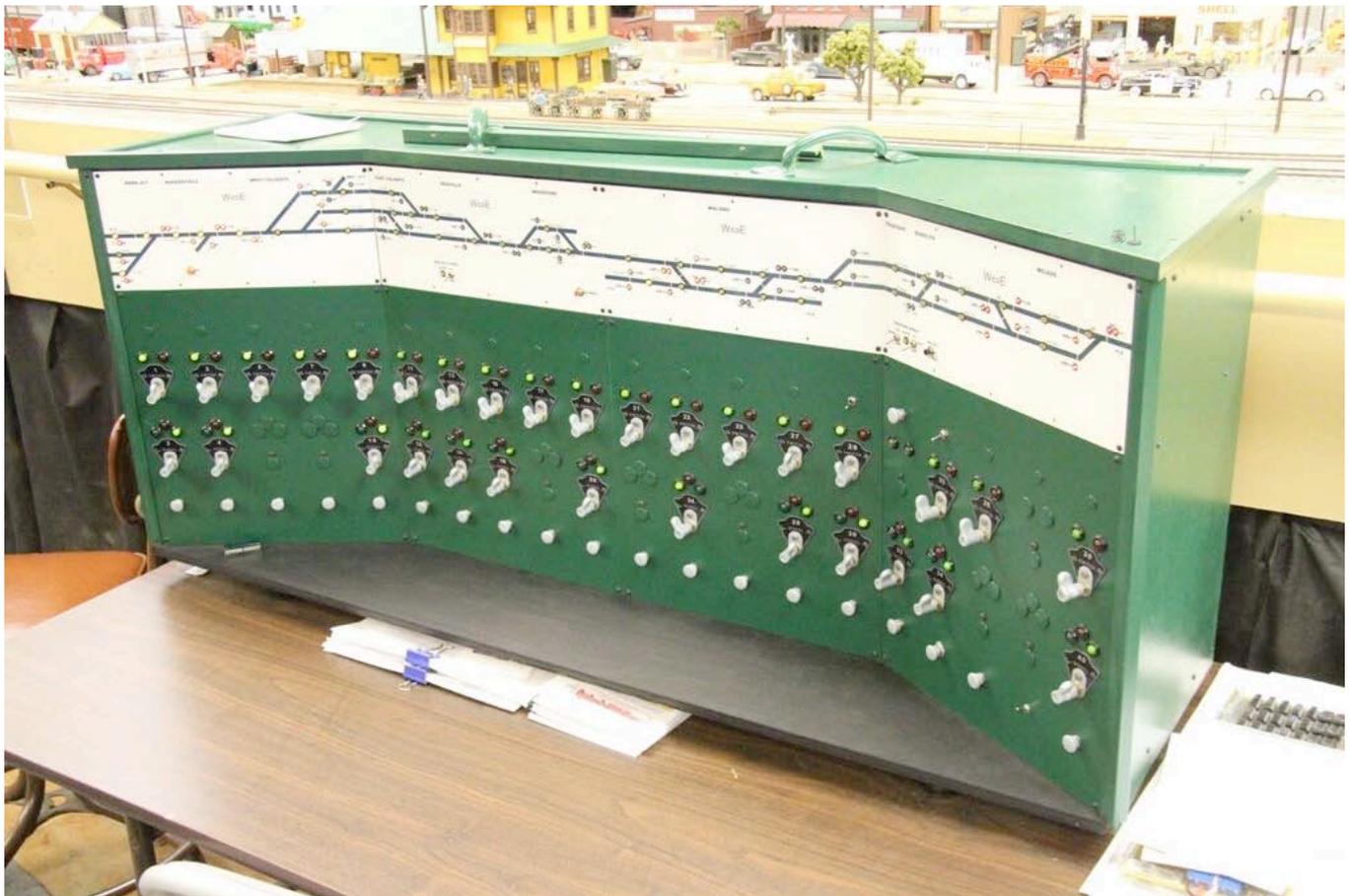


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