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On the Cover
Jerry Smith caught this steam excursion coming ’round the mountain on his great N scale Augusta Station layout in Augusta.

Superintendent’s Desk
by Bill Levin

Summer is almost upon us and it is the time of year that outdoor activities sometimes take priority over model railroading. However, this is a time when there are a lot of great model railroading activities are available. In addition to our regular Division meetings, there is the NMRA National Convention in July 22 in Detroit and the Regional Convention in Kansas City on August 4. These are excellent opportunities to improve your model railroading knowledge and skills, see great layouts, and meet other model railroaders.

Our programming under the leadership of Hank Kraichely has been excellent and I thank and recognize the clinicians that presented in the second quarter: Oliver D. Joseph, who showed vintage personal movies on the Santa Fe Super Chief and other railroads, as well as the famous John Allan model railroad; the Gateway Division treated members to free Blair Line laser cut wood loading ramp kits to assemble at the may meeting, and Richard Lake presented a clinic on Prototype Yards: Adapting Prototype Operations to Model Railroading. These great clinics have contributed to increasing our members’ knowledge and attendance continues to climb on both sides of the river.

We had our second Quarterly Layout Tours on the Illinois side and we were treated to some excellent layouts. I thank Dee Joseph, Brad Joseph, Pete Smith and Curt Regensberger. A sampling of pictures from this layout tour is included in this RPO, courtesy of Bonnie Moe.

Remember that the Fall Train Meet in November is expanded this year so there will be more vendors and layouts. Set aside that date.

Look forward to see all of you at a future meeting.

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Jerry Smith’s Missouri Kansas & Pacific
 Photos by Jerry Smith

(Editor’s note: Jerry tells me he will be closing Augusta Station, his model railroad display and gift shop at the end of August. Here are some photos of the spectacular 87’ x 30’ N scale layout that has been the centerpiece of his shop.)

The turntable and roundhouse at Jefferson, at the east end of the MKP.
Jerry describes the MKP as running from Mound City -- ‘a big city in eastern Missouri’ -- to the Rockies.

There are plenty of industries in Mound City to justify carloadings on the MKP.

The mainline and yard are squeezed between Osage Ridge and the river.

This power plant was kitbashed by Jerry Prott of the Mississippi Valley N Scalers from two Walthers kits.

West of Mound City, the town of Anton looks a lot like Augusta.

Amtrak serves the resort areas – former mining towns – on the MKP.

The climb into the Rockies has great scenery.
Gain Additional Information When You Sign Up for Email Notification

Gateway Division is offering two ways for you to get more information by email. The first is to receive Meeting Notifications and other Divisions’ newsletters by email. The benefit of opting in for Meeting Notifications is that we will send other Divisions’ newsletters that we receive electronically to you in this manner. Only by opting in to the Meeting Notification email can you receive these other newsletters. Second is to receive the RPO publication by email. The major benefit of this email is that all the pictures are in color. Because of cost considerations, the RPO is not published in color. If you are currently receiving these publications by mail, and choose to receive them by email, please email this request to wmbill@hotmail.com.

Second Quarterly Gateway Division Layout Tour: The Photo Mystery Tour

photos by Bonnie Moe

(Editor’s Note: OK, so Bonnie Moe sent me a disk full of great photos she took during the Gateway Division’s May 6 layout tour. Great! Trouble is, I waited until the last minute to add them to this issue of the RPO, and realized too late that I hadn’t asked her to provide captions, or even identify which photo was taken at which layout. So I leave it to you to carefully examine each photo and identify the layout: The member with the most correct answers will be the next RPO photo editor.
Thanks to Dee Joseph, Brad Joseph, Pete Smith, and Curt Regensberger for opening their homes to us.
Need for Volunteers
As a volunteer organization, we depend on members to help operate the Division. Some members work full time while other are retired, so time available varies based on work and personal schedules. We are developing a long term strategy for the Division where duties are divided into smaller tasks so that volunteers have specific activities that do not become burdensome yet allow for effective Division operation. To accomplish this goal we are currently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Email communications manager – manage the list and mail Meeting and RPO emails (content is provided so this is a logistics position)
- Merchandise Sales – attend meetings/Fall Meet and sell Division merchandise/remit moneys to Treasury (not responsible for ordering merchandise)
- Membership Retention Chair – review reports, call members who have not renewed their membership to encourage rejoining, and manage the membership survey effort
- New Member Chair – work on programs to recruit new members
- Clinic Program Chair – identify clinicians to present at monthly meetings and Fall Meet

Please consider helping in one of the above roles. If you are retired, you can be a big help to the Division by taking on one of these duties. Contact Bill Levin at wmlbill@hotmail.com to get more information.

Division Minutes

Recorded by Ron Gawedzinski, Clerk

Gateways Division Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2007

Clinic: Assistant Superintendent Hank Kraichely called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Hank introduced Oliver D. Joseph, who showed vintage personal movies on the Santa Fe Super Chief and other railroaders, as well as the famous John Allan model railroad. The movies were very good, taking us down a nostalgic memory lane. Thanks, Oliver, for a very entertaining show.

BUSINESS MEETING
Superintendent Bill Levin called the business meeting to order at 8:00 pm. There were 24 members and five guests present. Bill took a minute to remind members about the mission for this year, specifically, to improve our programming and membership. To that end we had our First Quarter Member Home Layout Tour on March 31.

Visitors:
The Division welcomes guests Dorothy Martin, Dave Beide, JoAnn Bartz, John Bode and Kirk Ybarra.

Minutes of the March 19, 2007 Meeting:
Copies of the minutes of the March 19, 2007, meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer’s Report: David Lyon, Treasurer, was not present. Bill Levin distributed printed copies of the Treasurer’s Report for the period March 19 through April 15, 2007. The balance in all funds as of April 15, 2007, was $26,450.55. There were no questions and the report was accepted as presented.

Monthly Meeting Clinician Report: Hank Kraichely announced in May a special member group activity meeting will be held to build a laser-cut wood loading dock from Blair Lines, provided free by the Division only to members attending the May meeting. HO and N scale kits will be available. Bring some tools, like a hobby knife and glue. If there are kits left over they will be made available to members at $5.00 each. June, July and the rest of the year are open. Hank said he needs clinicians. Please contact him tonight if you are interested. (The clinics could be on a prototype RR, your RR, some experiences you have or a modeling project.)

Gateways Layout Tour Schedule: Hank Kraichely stated there would be a Division Second Quarter Member Home Layout Tour on Sunday, May 6, 2007, from 1 pm to 5 pm, covering layouts in Illinois. He has three layouts confirmed (Oliver D. Joseph, Brad Joseph and Pete Smith) and a fourth that’s probable (Curt Regensberger). He needs to get a gauge outdoor layout. All layouts will be located in the Belleville – O’Fallon area. Directions to the layouts will be provided either by e-mail or regular mail. Ron Gawedzinski thanked Hank for all the time, effort and work he put into setting up the First Quarter Layout Tour, which was quite successful. The members gave Hank a round of applause.

Merchandise Report: Hank Kraichely reported he brought 33” and 36” HO wheel sets. (They are $6.00 a package.) Anyone interested in buying the wheel sets should see him after the meeting.

Bill Levin mentioned for guests that are here, that want to come to next month’s meeting and get a free kit, join our Chapter for six months at a total cost of $9.95. See Bill after the meeting.

RPO Report: Mike Thomas said the RPO should go into the mail this weekend. The next RPO deadline is July 1. Try to get articles and pictures to him earlier as he is going on vacation. Discussion took place on the e-mailing of the RPO and meeting announcements and the problems corrected.

Director’s Report: Jim Anderson was not present. No report.

Achievement Program (AP) Awards Report: Don Tasto had no report. If anyone wants to have something judged please call Don.

Project Layout XIV (14): Bill Levin said there is nothing directly to report on the Project Layout. It is complete, it looks really good and it operates well. He will be, in the next month, scheduling the layout for the fall for shopping malls. The goal here is to attract people that are traditionally not model railroaders into the hobby. This is more about getting people to come to meetings. The current plan is to do Mid-Rivers Mall, West County Mall and Chesterfield Mall. Bill thanked everyone who staffed the Gateway show.

Old Business:
Volunteer Lists – Bill Levin talked about the Volunteer List to Make Phone Call Survey Of Division Members which he has almost finished with the Illinois side. If you remember, the idea is what can we do to first improve communications with them (getting their e-mail addresses) and second to get them to come to meetings. We’re about ready to start this survey on the Missouri side to call fellow Missouri members. We need about 13 volunteers to make calls, ask the questions and return the results to Bill. After the meeting if any member would be willing to help out please see Bill or Hank.

E-mail Of Meeting Notices And RPO – Bill Levin said we have already discussed this issue earlier in the meeting.

Computer Graphic Poster Design – Bill Levin said we need a digital photo of a steam locomotive in the foreground, with the rest of the train behind it, to produce a banner (for our booth). It should be a royalty free photo, in landscape pose, prefer color, in high resolution. He would like to have one as soon as possible.

New Business:
Need Volunteers To Help Hank – Bill Levin said Hank Kraichely needs some relief due to his recent illness. Hank needs help to: 1. Set up clinicians for the remainder of our monthly meetings. 2. E-mail meeting notices to members, 3. Do merchandise sales, 4. Have a person the Retention Membership chairperson, and 5. Have a person be the New Member chairperson. If any member would like to help out please see Bill or call Bill.

Special Presentation To Oliver D. Joseph – Bill Levin presented Oliver D. Joseph with a NMRA 50 Year Membership Certificate. The membership gave Mr. Joseph a round of applause.

Volunteer To Bring The Movie Screen – Mike Thomas asked for a volunteer to take over being responsible for bringing our movie screen to future meetings. Due to work requirements Mike is not always able to arrive at our meetings on time.

Announcements: None.

50/50: A member won $18 in the drawing.

Adjournment: A member moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by another member and approved at 8:04 pm.

The next meeting is May 21, 2007, 7 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Ballwin, Missouri.

Respectfully Submitted, Ron W. Gawedzinski, Clerk
Gateway Division Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2007

Clinic: Assistant Superintendent Hank Kraichely called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Hank distributed Bill Levin’s line laser cut wood loading ramp kit to members present. Everyone proceeded to assemble the kits and have a good time. Thanks, Hank, for arranging this special event for the members.

BUSINESS MEETING

Superintendent Bill Levin called the business meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were 33 members and two guests present. Bill took a minute to remind members about the mission for this year, which is to improve our programming and membership. He commented on the increase in attendance at meetings and the Quarterly Member Home Layout Tours. Also, members signed up for e-mail will receive every other week information related to other Divisions newsletters, etc., from Bill.

Visitors: The Division welcomes guests Rita Berk and Sue Johnson.

Minutes of the April 16, 2007 Meeting: Copies of the minutes of the April 16, 2007, meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer’s Report: David Lyon, Treasurer, distributed printed copies of the Treasurer’s Report for the period April 16 through May 20, 2007. The balance in all funds as of May 20, 2007, was $26,112.61. There were no questions and the report was accepted as presented.

Monthly Meeting Clinician Report: Hank Kraichely stated anyone who would like to volunteer to be a clinician please see him. June, August, and November the year are open. The clinics can be on a prototype RR, your RR, some experiences you have or a modeling project.

Gateway Layout Tour Schedule: Hank Kraichely stated there would be a Division Third Quarterly Member Home Layout Tour in September covering layouts either in St. Charles or South County. At the November Fall Meet we will lay out in the West County area. (Any member who is interested in having his/his layout on the tour please notify Hank.)

Merchandise Report: Bill Levin reported we have a new person in charge of Merchandise. His name is Tim Stout. Tim brought 33” and 36” HO and N scale wheel sets. (They are $6.00 a package). Anyone interested in buying the wheel sets should see him after the meeting.

RPO Report: Mike Thomas said the next RPO deadline is July 1. Try to get articles and pictures to the RPO if you are going on vacation. He needs more articles and pictures so please submit them. Mike said he needs a volunteer for this RPO if you are willing to take it from the printer and put it in the mail. See Mike after the meeting.

Bill Levin asked if any member attending the last Division Layout Tour would like to give a clinic on JMRI Decoder Pro to use a Division ex-members who have not renewed their memberships. We would like to encourage them to renew their membership. If you are interested please call or see Bill.

Adjournment: A member moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by another member and approved at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting is June 18, 2007, 7 pm, VFW Hall, O’Fallon, Illinois. Respectfully Submitted, Ron W. Gawedzinski, Clerk

Gateway Division Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2007

Clinic: Superintendent Bill Levin called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Bill introduced Richard Lake, who gave a clinic on “Prototype Yards – Adapting Prototype Operations To Model Railroading.” Richard discussed first, the operations of prototype yards in the American Midwestern area, then focused on the Illinois Central Yard in Rock Island, Illinois, then other prototype core operations such as those in the Pacific Valley, Southern Pacific, and other RR’s. Richard described the period of time covered as being from 1957 until 1967, and second, on how prototype operations can influence what we do as model railroad operators. Richard described his personal experience as a supervisor employee of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad (CRI&P) during those years. A very descriptive handout was distributed. Thanks, Rich, for a very informative clinic.

BUSINESS MEETING

Superintendent Bill Levin called the business meeting to order. There were 20 members and no guests present.

Visitors: There were no guests present.

Minutes of the May 21, 2007 Meeting: Copies of the minutes of the May 21, 2007, meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer’s Report: David Lyon, Treasurer, distributed printed copies of the Treasurer’s Report for the period May 21 through June 17, 2007. The balance in all funds as of June 17, 2007, was $26,208.39. There were no questions and the report was accepted.

Monthly Meeting Clinician Report: Hank Kraichely was not present. Bill Levin stated he and Brian Post (if available) tentatively will give a clinic on JMRI Decoder Pro to use a computer to simplify programming your DCC decoder. August is open for a clinic. In September, Hank Kraichely will have a clinic on his railroad; a short overview on the railroad and his operations and then everyone is invited to his house to run trains. The rest of the year is open. (The clinics could be on a prototype RR, your RR, some experiences you have or a modeling project.)

Gateway Layout Tour Schedule: Hank Kraichely will not be present. Bill Levin stated he will not be able to attend the next Division Quarterly Member Home Layout Tour would be in St. Charles and St. Peters. It will be in early September on a Saturday beginning at 9:30 AM and ending at 2 or 3 PM. (Any member who is interested in having his/his layout on the tour please notify Bill.)

Merchandise Report: Tim Stout reported he brought 33” and 36” HO scale wheel sets. (They are $6.00 a package.) He also has leftover HO and N scale laser-cut wood loading dock kits from Blair Lines available for $5.00 as well as an assortment of NMRA Standards.

RPO Report: Mike Thomas said the next RPO deadline is July 1. Try to get articles and pictures to him earlier as he is going on vacation. He is only $4.00. There will be clinics, a train show and self-guided home layout tours.) Also, the National NMRA Convention is during July 22 – 28 in Detroit, Michigan. Achievemen (Award Program: Ron W. Gawedzinski Award Newsletter of the Gateway Division NMRA Volume 15, No. 2 13 The RPO 13 Newsletter of the Gateway Division NMRA Summer 2007 13 The RPO
railroad and attract people that are traditionally not model railroaders into the hobby. The current plan is to exhibit trains on Thursdays at Rivers Mall, West County Mall and Chesterfield Mall.

Old Business:
Volunteer – Bill Levin talked about the Volunteer List To Make Phone Call Survey Of Division Members. He encouraged those members on the Illinois side who still have calls to make to try to complete them.

New Business:
Donated N Scale Layout Use – Bill Levin discussed the donated unfinished N scale layout (4ft. x 8ft.), rolling stock, locomotives and two power packs recently donated to the Division. The question was stated the membership is what do we do with these items? Do we part it out and build a Project Layout for 2008? Or do we try to do something on a regular basis of 4ft. by 8ft. layout? Much discussion took place. Items brought up were weight of existing layout, size and transportation problems. Points, possible interest by Brad Joseph to display the layout in his auto dealership showroom for the holidays (per Hank Kraichely per Bill; an Illinois member stated he would volunteer his garage and pickup truck if the layout would be used at Brad’s dealership). Bill said he would contact Brad and discuss further.

Donated space to build the layout, cut it down in size and appeal of N scale layout to sell chances. Richard Lake stated there are two questions that need to be answered before we can entertain a motion to vote on an expenditure of funds: 1. The cost and time involved in bringing this thing into a finished layout. 2. The rental cost per day at the Mall. Bill asked the Illinois member to develop a cost proposal and to prepare to present a finished layout.

Finally, Bill stated at the next monthly meeting (July) the membership would decide what we are going to do with the layout.

Approval Of Funds For Shopping Center Space Rental – Bill Levin requested funds for one-third of the costs to rent space in a shopping center again in the room on the north side of the arena. The hours of operation will be as follows: Friday, April 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.美军 FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING. Bring the family for a fun filled day.

AUG 4, 2007 MID-CONTINENT REGION ANNUAL CLUB SHOW, Lenexa Community Center, Lenexa, KS; hosted by the Turkey Creek Division. Co-Chairs: Brad Morneau (913) 897-0969, bmonreau@kc.699 Lowe, and Louis Seibel, L-seibel@comcast.net, (913) 393-3495; Committee Chairs: Paul Richardson, MMRR & Photo Contests; Bob Jeffers, Swap Tables & Railroad Groups. Activities planned for this year’s meet include: Clinics – a full slate of clinics covering many aspects of the hobby; NMRR & Photo Contests – by NMRR judging and Poplar vote. Each model (up to a maximum of 5 models) you enter in the model contest will automatically qualify you to be entered in a special drawing to receive a $50.00 gift voucher. Special Youth Award for the best model entry.

Door Prizes – Additional door prizes will be set aside for advance registrants. Display Layout and Layout Tours – In addition to the display layout at the meet, several local modelers will be opening their homes to layout tours in the afternoon and evening. Layout tour maps will be available for collection with your registration.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups – Expect to find more than 70 tables from area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups. For information on tables contact Robert Jeffers at jeffbob@swbell.net. Food and Refreshments – Scout Troop 92 will have food and refreshments available during the show.

Coming Events

844 WILL MOVE AGAIN THIS SUMMER AND FALL: Union Pacific’s 844 steam locomotive will be making trips this year:

- CORN BELT Rocket, June 23-July 5, displayed in North Platte, Fremont, and Fairbury, Nebraska; Boone, Iowa; and, Trenton and Kansas City, Missouri.
- Post Denver Cheyenne Frontier Days, displayed in Denver, Colorado.
- Colorado State Fair Mountaineer, August 22-26, displayed in Denver, Colorado.
- OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL SOO LINE ROCKET, September 3-23, displayed in Herrington, Wyoming.
- DELTAPORT, September 26-29, displayed in Enid, Reni, and Duncan, Oklahoma.
- Anita Cheatum, sf spitfire@sbgglobal.net.

JUL 21, 2007 – RAIL FAIR, Copeland Park, La Crosse, WI, 10:00 a.m., $4.00 under 12 free w/pd adult, railroad show, swap meet, guided tours of steam locomotive, caboose, Grand Crossing. Admission includes display at La North Cross yard, Canadian Pacific Railway exhibits & displays, dealer setup 8 am – 10 am, proceeds support La Cross Short Line RR display, info: Mark Hamre 608-784-0036 or Phil Lamke 608-582-4761 or email philamke@gmail.com. The motion passed.

JUL 26-29, 2007, TOPEKA MODEL RAILROADERS AT SHAWNEE COUNTY 4-H FAIR, Kansas Expo Centre between 21st and 17th on Topeka Blvd., KS; We will be having the club layout set-up inside of the big main building again in the room on the north side of the arena. Hours of operation will be as follows: Thursday July 26th, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday July 27th, various hours, Saturday July 28th, 10:00-5:00, and Sunday July 29th, 10:00-5:00; FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING. Bring the family for a fun filled day.

SEP 8, 2007 – BOEING EMPLOYEES RAILROAD CLUB’S LOUIS RAILROAD SWAP MEET, Greentree Convention Centre at Queeny Park, 550 Wiedman Rd., St. Louis, MO. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Adm: $3.00 children under 12 free with paid adult, Tables (30” x 96”) $15.00 each, payment must accompany registration, seller setup 8 a.m., info: call Wayne Schimmel after 6 p.m. Central Time, 636-653-0131 or 733 Hwy W, Winfield, MO 63389-2206, wwhltsrhe@aol.com, make checks payable to Boeing Employees’ Railroad Club-S. St.

MAR 6-7, 2007 – 15TH ANNUAL NORTHEAST KANSAS RAILROADERS TRAIN SHOW, Memorial Hall, 819 Commercial, Atchison, KS, Sat: 10 am – 5 pm, Sun: 10 am – 4 pm, Adm: $3.00 under 10 free w/adult, Operating Layouts, Dealers Welcome, Info: 913-387-6273.

MAR 13-14, 2007, MISSISSIPPI VALLEY N SCALERS 17TH ANNUAL GREATEST ST. LOUIS METRO AREA TRAIN SHOW, Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Ave., Kirkwood, MO, Sat: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Adm: $5.00 to $6.00, $2.00 free w/adult, take I-44 to Lindbergh or I-40 to Lindbergh S, turn west on W. Adams Ave., go 4 blocks to S. Geyer, look for the signs; Info: on web site: http://mvns.railfan.net

NOV 18, 2007, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TRAIN CLUB SHOW – New Location: Benton Civic Center, Benton IL, 11am-4pm Sunday; more info: Randy Donicke 814 Channess Rd. Royalton IL, 618-964-4474

JAN 26-27, 2008, TRAIN AND CIRCUS SHOW, Civic Center, IL, I-72 Exit 156 between Decatur, IL and Champaign, IL: 10:00 – 4:00 both days, breakfast and lunch available, Vendor Tables: 5 Layouts: N, HO, O, and G OO: $3.00, trains, csicjocnunqion http://www.csicjocnunqion

MAR 15, 2008 – BOEING EMPLOYEES RAILROAD CLUB-ST. LOUIS RAILROAD SWAP MEET, Central Civic Convention Center, Queeny Park, 550 Wiedman Rd., St. Louis, MO 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Adm: $3.00 children under 12 free with paid adult, Tables (30” x 96”) $15.00 each, payment must accompany registration, seller setup 8 a.m., info: call Wayne Schimmel after 6 p.m. Central Time, 636-653-0131 or 733 Hwy W, Winfield, MO 63389-2206, wwhltsrhe@aol.com, make checks payable to Boeing Employees’ Railroad Club-St. Louis.

JUL 23 – 26, 2008, UNITE UNION PACIFIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONVENTION, Capital Plaza Hotel & Merger Conference Center, Topeka, Info: Larry Taft at www.railfan.net, 2140 NW 53rd Terr., Topeka, KS 66618
**Division Officers**

Superintendent  
Bill Levin

Assistant Superintendent  
Hank Kraichely

Clerk (Secretary)  
Ron Gawedzinski

Paymaster (Treasurer)  
Dave Lyon

Division Director  
Jim Anderson

**MEETINGS:**
The Gateway Division meets on the 3rd Monday each month, at 7:00 P.M.
Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Hwy 141 (Woods Mill), Ballwin, MO
Even numbered months: VFW Hall, 221 West 1st St., O'Fallon, IL

**NMRA MCoR Region & Gateway Division**
The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) is a world-wide organization dedicated to all aspects of model railroading. In order to bring the most benefit to its members, the association is subdivided into Regions, and each Region has a number of local Divisions. The Gateway Division is part of the Mid-Continent Region, which represents Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and parts of Iowa and Illinois.

The Mid-Continent Region is represented on the NMRA’s Board of Trustees. It publishes a quarterly bulletin, The Caboose Kibitzer, and holds an annual convention meeting that usually includes modeling clinics, local tours of layouts or prototype facilities, and model contests.

The Gateway Division is well represented on the regional and national levels of the NMRA. Its members actively promote the modeling hobby through local monthly meetings, this quarterly newsletter, an annual train meet in the fall, participation in area train shows and other events, and a comprehensive website. Annual subscriptions to the Gateway Division publications are $3, with all subscriptions running from July 1 through June 30. In addition to the quarterly newsletter, a member directory is published listing names, addresses, and information about individual modeling interests. New members also receive a Division membership pin.

Membership is open to anyone from the beginner to the most advanced modeler, of all ages, so that everyone can share questions and knowledge of the hobby. Visitors are welcome at the monthly Division meetings listed on our website, www.gatewaynmra.org

**How to Join**
Visit our website, complete the form at http://gatewaynmra.org/membership.htm