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On the Cover

Plumbette Brothers Mine employees keep the hoist at the top of the headframe well maintained on Ax Kramer’s On3 Ozark Mineral Belt Railroad, just one of many layouts toured during February’s Sn3 Symposium.

Upcoming Clinics

May - Tour of Metrolink Operations Center in Downtown St. Louis.
June - TBD
July - Marty Vaughn will speak on the Achievement program (AP) awards program
August - John Carty will speak about traction.
September - TBD

Editor’s Note

I apologize for how late I am getting this issue of The RPO to press – my day job has been all together too demanding of late. You can help get our publishing schedule back on track by submitting articles, photos, announcements, or product reviews for the next issue. Deadline is July 1.

Mike Thomas
to Mike Thomas. Mike is always looking for articles to include.

The Gateway website, managed by Rich Schumacher, continues to be busy. Stats from March include the following:

- Hits for entire site: 2,791,382 (90K+/day)
- Page views about 4731/day
- Visits per day: 2364
- Search engine referrals: 10,744

VI. Officers/Department Chairs for 2008
Superintendent: Hank Kraichely
Assistant Superintendent: Tim Stout
Division Director: Jim Anderson
Paymaster: Dave Lyon
Clerk (Secretary): Ron Gawedzinski
Membership Chair: Hank Kraichely
Division Manager: Rich E-Mail Notice Manager: Dave Bartz
AP Chair: Don Taschner
RPO Editor: Mike Thomas
Gateway Website Manager: Richard Schumacher
Fall Meet Chairman: Bob Boedjes

Website Statistics
Reported by Richard Schumacher
Page Views: 146,675 (about 4,731/day)
Visits: 74,119 (about 2,390/day)
International Visits: 9.36%
Average Number of Visitors per day on Weekdays: 2,364
Average Number of Visitors for the entire Weekend: 4,892
Bandwidth – data transferred during the month: 23,938,486 KBytes
Successful Hits For Entire Site: 2,791,382 (about 90,044/day)

Upcoming Events
Gary’s Switching List
Compiled by Gary Hemmingway for the Mid-Continent Region NMRA
The Switching List contains all known Mid-Continent Region, NMRA, train shows and Division meetings. It also lists all known club shows and swap meetswill in the Mid-Continent Region (IA, IL, MO, AR, NE, KS, OK). To list your event, send it to: email garyonho@cox.net, or Gary Hemmingway, 3201 SW Stone Ave., Topeka, KS 66609. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switching List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: www.mcor-nmra.org.

Train Shows & Meets:
JUL 23 – 28, 2008 – UNION PACIFIC
HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONVENTION, Capital Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, Topeka, KS. Info: Larry Tiffany, lttiffany@cox.net, 2140 NW 53rd Terr., Topeka, KS 66618
AUG 2, 2008 – TURKEY CREEK DIV
TRAIN SHOW, Leesie La Community Center, 13420 Oak, Leesie (Plumm & Santa Fe Dr), KS, Clinics, Model & Photo Contests, Door Prizes, Display Layouts & Layout Tours, Swap Tables & Layout groups, Food & Refreshment, Info: Robert Hollowell, 2013 SE Stratford, Blue Springs, MO 64014-4047.

Division Directors, Train Show Chairs, or Club Show Chairs: ANY MORE EVENTS IN 2008? Get your information to Gary at any of the above addresses. Let’s get the word out about your next event! The Switching List is a service of Mid-Continent Region, NMRA

Gateway Division
Clinicians Wanted
We always need clinics for upcoming meetings. If you know something other people don’t then you’re qualified to conduct a clinic. And if you don’t think you can fill an hour, we can pair you up with another short clinic for the evening. We especially need more hands-on how-to modeling workshops and more in-depth prototype clinics.
Call Tim Stout at 217-272-4159 or email at tsout@guthlighting.com

Division Minutes
Recorded by Ron Gawedzinski, Clerk
Gateway Division Meeting Minutes for January 2008
Clinic: Assistant Superintendent Tim Stout called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Tim introduced Mr. Scott Grott, Acting Chief of MetroLink Operations, who gave a presentation on maintenance issues involving MetroLink. Mr. Grott discussed MetroLink systems, facilities, structures and systems, traction power and signals, the fleet, the yards and the Operations Control Center. He also discussed issues such as track inspections, what they do, how they schedule them and what type of contingency plans are in place in the event they find a problem. He gave an 18-page handout to the members. Thanks, Mr. Scott Grott, for a great presentation, very informative and interesting.

Business Meeting
Assistant Superintendent Hank Kraichely called the business meeting to order at 8:15 pm. There were 17 members and three guests present.

Visitors: Leland Walker, Mark Rhoards and Jay Janzen were our guests. The membership welcomes all of you.

Hank Kraichely mentioned that Jeremy Janzen, son of Jay and a Gateway Division member, has made available a copy of the four clinics he videotaped at our Fall 2007 Meet. Any member who might want a copy of this should see Hank after the meeting.

Thanks, Mr. Scott Grott, for a great presentation, very informative and interesting.

Minutes:
Copy of the minutes of the December 17, 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 December 17, 2007, through January 31, 2008, and January 1 through December 31, 2007. The balance in all funds as of January 31, 2008, was $26,358.94. Questions and the report was accepted as presented.

Merchandise Report:
Tim Stout commented the Division needs to consider reordering “33” and “36” HO wheel sets in the near future. There are some N wheel sets available. Bill Levin stated he would like the Division to find a vendor who sells HO resistor wheel sets. Tim and Bill will try to find such a vendor and report back to the Division. Hank said we should hold on ordering more wheel sets until we receive information from Tim and Bill.

RPO Report:
Mike Thomas reported the RPO went to the printer this morning. It should be mailed over the weekend. The email copy should go out tomorrow, according to Bill Levin. He made the deadline for submission of articles and pictures for the next RPO is April 1, 2008. He needs articles and pictures with captions, with the RPO as he has none on hand.

In response to a question from Hank as to when Bill would transfer the email communications responsibility to Dave Bartz, Hank said Dave is switching his carrier it will probably be four to six weeks before the transfer is complete.

Director’s Report:
Jim Anderson reported what went on at the MCOR Director’s meeting on January 5, 2008. First, a program, associated with the Achievement Program Website, is to be made available to any current NMRA member to go into the database to find out what AP Awards that individual may have received. Second, the AP efforts for the Region, as well as our Division, are not where we would like them to be. Marty Vaughn, MCOR AP Chairman, has volunteered to come to any of the Division meetings and give a very interesting presentation on what the NMRA AP is all about. Jim said he would talk with Tim Stout to see if that would be something he would be interested in doing.

Third, a couple of years ago the NMRA said they would refund to the Regions each year $2.00 for two years. MCOR has been collecting the $2.00 for two years. Jim made a motion at MCOR that the Regions get caught up on receiving their share. Successful Hits For Entire Site: 2,791,382 (about 90,044/day)
then notify Dave.  Bill Levin commented to members to check their Spam filters to accept Clinics – Tim Stout reported a number of clinics at MetroLink, Manufacturers’ Railroad.  On a Saturday.  If any member has the name of a key person within the mentioned places for Ron to contact he would greatly appreciate in knowing the name.  16 out of 18 members expressed an interest in going.  Fifth, a Day Trip To The Quincy Model RR Group, Quincy, Illinois.  Go by carpool or rented vans.  On a Saturday.  Costs – gas and/or van rental.  14 out of 18 members expressed an interest in going.  With the high interest shown in the events Ron said he would start pursuing making contacts with people and reporting back to the membership on his results. Again, he stressed if anyone has names of people he can contact to please let him know as soon as possible.  Announcements: Ken Thompson mentioned the Amtrak Station in Kirkwood, Missouri, in the announcements.  If anybody has any other ideas or displays at local libraries and Boy Scout activities.  If anybody has any other ideas or suggestions about places that we might want to go to educate people on our Division and the NMRA see one of the Officers or send Hank a note.  Division Activities Outside the Normal Meeting – Ron Gawedzinski talked about Division activities outside the normal meeting. The Officers discussed what could we do different or new to retain interest by existing members and also try to draw in new members. Some things we were thinking of going to visit prototype places or having one-day train trips, giving members an opportunity to socialize with fellow members or others. Ron briefly discussed five possible events and polled the members to see what their interest was in going and if he should pursue this further.  First, a Joint Venture Day Trip With Members Of The St. Louis Chapter NRHS (National Railroad Historical Society). Both groups have something in common, they’re interested in prototype railroads and we’re interested in model railroads. A Saturday trip on a private passenger car to Kansas City, Missouri.  Cost – about $80 round trip.  A day trip on a bus to the Monticello Railroad Museum, Monticello, Illinois.  Costs – bus, unknown at this time.  12 out of 18 members expressed an interest in going.  Second, a Day Trip On Amtrak For Division Members Only.  A Saturday trip to Kansas City or Chicago.  Cost ranges can be significant, depending on how early or late reservations are made: Kansas City, coach, round trip, $50 - $516; Chicago, coach, round trip, $46 - $130.  11 out of 18 members expressed an interest in going.  Third, a Picnic For Division Members Only Or Members Of The St. Louis Chapter NRHS.  Two places: WP&StE Steam RR (12” gauge small scale), Glencoe, Missouri; Live Steamers RR (small scale), Eureka, Missouri.  In the fall, on Saturday or Sunday.  Costs for food – minimal – share with Division/St. Louis Chapter NRHS, about $5 each.  11 out of 18 members expressed an interest in going.  Fourth, a Tour Of Prototype Facilities For Division Members Only. Places of interest: UP Desoto Shops, Alton & Southern Railroad, Tractive Photo League, Manufacturers’ Railroad. On a Saturday.  If any member has the name of a key person within the mentioned places for Ron to contact he would greatly appreciate in knowing the name.  16 out of 18 members expressed an interest in going. 2010, it would be in Iowa.  In 2011, the location is open.

Old Business:  Member Phone Call Survey – Bill Levin said he is still waiting for responses back from members doing the survey. He would follow up with the members.

Disposition Of Old Award Plaques – Hank Kraichely said this was an item the new Officers were supposed to discuss at their 2008 Planning Meeting but forgot to do. The background on this issue is that we have a couple of traveling plaques with at least 10 years’ or more of winner’s nameplates on them but with no room for more names. The question is what to do with them? Hank asked the members if they have any suggestions as to what the Officers should do with the plaques. One suggestion was to place the old plaques on the back of the plaques and put new plaques on the front. Another suggestion was to take all the old names and place them close together on a single plate, leaving more space for new names. Another suggestion (made at the December 17, 2007 meeting) was to take the plates off the existing plaques, mail the plates to the individual names on them and free up space for new nameplates. The Officers deferred the item.

New Business:  Hank Kraichely said he and other Officers would report on the major topics and/or decisions made at the Annual Planning Meeting held January 19, 2008.

2008 Budget – Dave Lyon stated we are working on a Budget. It’s going to look similar to the report for January 1 through December 31, 2007, as handed out at tonight’s meeting. The idea is to get an idea of what we think we might be spending. It should be ready for the February meeting.  Project Layout – Hank Kraichely reported the Officers decided not to have a Project Layout for the 2008 – 2009 time period. There were a number of reasons for the decision but the main one was the lack of volunteer manpower required for the various phases.  Clinics – Tim Stout reported a number of clinics are planned for 2008. February is still open. In March, John Russell, retired railroadier, will talk about his experiences working for the Rock Island and Cotton Belt railroads. Other months are still open. However, a number of other subjects were discussed, like a tour of the MetroLink Operations Center in April or May (a number of members at the meeting expressed interest in going) who discussed were painting and weathering – members bring a freight car or locomotive and learn to weather it, build a kit – hands on experience, and scratch building structures – hands on experience using styrene. In these instances the Division would provide the super glue, paint, chalk, styrene, glue. We would ask experts like Greg Gray to lead a clinic on painting and weathering and Pete Smith to lead a clinic on building a structure from styrene. Hank said if any member has an idea for a clinic or would like to personally present a clinic to do so. Tim, or Tim, a member expressed an idea to have the same clinic at meetings on the Missouri side and the Illinois side.

Quarterly Layout Tours – Hank Kraichely reported the tentative dates and locations for the home layout tours in 2008 are as follows: March 29 – West County, June 28 – South County, September 27 – Illinois, and December 6 – To be determined.

Electronic Communications – Ron Gawedzinski said he and other Officers would make an effort to visit prototype places or having one-day train trips, giving members an opportunity to socialize with fellow members or others. Ron briefly discussed five possible events and polled the members to see what their interest was in going and if he should pursue this further.  First, a Joint Venture Day Trip With Members Of The St. Louis Chapter NRHS (National Railroad Historical Society). Both groups have something in common, they’re interested in prototype railroads and we’re interested in model railroads. A Saturday trip on a private passenger car to Kansas City, Missouri.  Cost – about $80 round trip.  A day trip on a bus to the Monticello Railroad Museum, Monticello, Illinois.  Costs – bus, unknown at this time.  12 out of 18 members expressed an interest in going.  Second, a Day Trip On Amtrak For Division Members Only.  A Saturday trip to Kansas City or Chicago.  Cost ranges can be significant, depending on how early or late reservations are made: Kansas City, coach, round trip, $50 - $516; Chicago, coach, round trip, $46 - $130.  11 out of 18 members expressed an interest in going.  Third, a Picnic For Division Members Only Or Members Of The St. Louis Chapter NRHS.  Two places: WP&StE Steam RR (12” gauge small scale), Glencoe, Missouri; Live Steamers RR (small scale), Eureka, Missouri.  In the fall, on Saturday or Sunday.  Costs for food – minimal – share with Division/St. Louis Chapter NRHS, about $5 each.  11 out of 18 members expressed an interest in going.  Fourth, a Tour Of Prototype Facilities For Division Members Only. Places of interest: UP Desoto Shops, Alton & Southern Railroad, Tractive Photo League, Manufacturers’ Railroad. On a Saturday.  If any member has the name of a key person within the mentioned places for Ron to contact he would greatly appreciate in knowing the name.  16 out of 18 members expressed an interest in going.

Announcements: Ken Thompson mentioned the Amtrak Station in Kirkwood, Missouri, in the foreseeable future would have kids’ paradise. What that means is if you have a reservation already, put your credit card in and get your ticket. You still have to make a reservation in advance.
A member asked the question if we are posting the RPO on the Division’s website. Hank said he did not know but would follow up with Rich Schumacher.

Division Activities Outside the Normal Meeting:
A member expressed interest in participating in activities on a Saturday, like a prototype tour, a rail fan outing or riding on a train or riding on a private railroad car

Monthly Treasurer’s Report: Tim Stout was not present. See Hank’s comments under Old Business – Clinics.

Old Business:
Member Phone Call Survey – Bill Levin was not present. Hank said Bill is looking for any questionnaires that are still out and have not been returned. If any member still has the forms Bill needs to have returned.

Clinics – Hank reported on some of the Clinics that are scheduled/planned/possible to occur. In March, John Russell, retired railroad chief, will talk about his experiences with the Burlington, Rock Island, Cotton Belt and Union Pacific railroads. He’ll cover switching operations on the old 21-track Rock Island yard in north St. Louis City and reminisce about the old days. Possibly in April, Tim Stout will cover designing/buiding his layout based on the Walth Junction, where he and his BNSF group, which is located in the same building, meet. In the spring: a possible tour of Metrolink facilities in St. Louis. A hands-on clinic weathering freight cars and buildings with Greg Gray, with members bringing their own equipment and the Division providing materials such as chalk and paint; a make-n-take clinic using styrene with Pete Smith, with members bringing their own styrene and the Division providing materials such as styrene and glue. Also, John Russell may return to discuss present day railroad operations of a UP local from St. Louis to Jefferson City. A DCC based clinic is planned. A clinic on window treatments for buildings with Greg Moe is planned. A member asked the question if the same clinic could be held at both the Missouri and Illinois meeting locations. Ron Kraus said the answer is no because it’s uncertain what MCOR will release the funds to our Division. Jim Anderson will follow-up with the MCOR Treasurer. Another member asked what was included in the Rent figure. It was explained it covered rent for the two monthly meeting sites for sure. It may include other items but we don’t know for sure so we’ll ask Dave to provide answers at the next meeting. Hank will also ask Dave to add it into the project money to be received from MCOR. The Budget was accepted as presented.

Merchandise Report: Tim Stout was not present due to his father’s sudden illness. Hank said we have very few 36” HO wheel sets in stock. We have 40 packs of 33” HO wheel sets on hand. Hank asked how many members would be interested in purchasing resistor wheel sets needed for the resistor wheel sets on DJH? Several members expressed interest. Neither Tim nor Bill Levin was present to report back on finding a vendor for the resistor wheel sets.

RPO Report: Mike Thomas was not present. Hank said the deadline for submission of articles and pictures for the next RPO is April 1, 2008. Mike also sent some pictures, with captions, as he has none on hand.

Hank commented that when members submit articles to the RPO it counts towards the Author Certificate under the Achievement Program.

Director’s Report: Jim Anderson had no report. (Note: The MCOR Convention for 2008 will be in Branson, Missouri, May 15 – 18, full registration is $45.00.)
retired railroad worker, who worked for the Burlington, Rock Island, Cotton Belt and Union Pacific railroads. He talked at length and in great detail about his experiences working in switching operations on the Rock Island railroad’s 21-track Carle Ave. Yard located in north St. Louis City. Thank you, John, for a very informative presentation, giving us some insight as to how a railroad switching yard operates.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Superintendent Hank Kraichely called the business meeting to order at 8:40 pm. There were 28 members, including one new member, and one guest present.

**Visitors:** Phil Bonzoon was our new member and Michelle Zellich was our guest. The membership welcomes both of you.

**Minutes of the February 18, 2008 Meeting:** Copies of the Minutes of the February 18, 2008, meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Dave Lyon, Treasurer, distributed printed copies of the Treasurer’s Report for the period February 18 through March 16, 2008, and a Budget Report for the period January 1 through December 31, 2008. The balance in all funds as of March 16, 2008, was $25,967.20. There were no questions on the minutes for the Treasurer was accepted as presented.

Dave commented on the Budget Report for 2008. This is an estimate based upon 2007 actual receipts and expenditures. Dave answered two questions that were asked at last month’s meeting. The first question, “Where is the money shown on the Budget that we’re supposed to get back as part of the National NMRA dues through MCOR?” Dave said he emailed the MCOR Treasurer and asked him how much are we supposed to get and when are we supposed to get it? He has yet to hear from the MCOR Treasurer. The second question, “What goes into the figure for Rent?” Dave explained it covers the payment that we make to Trinity Lutheran Church for five months of the year, the payment that we give to the VFW Hall in O’Fallon, Illinois, for six months of the year, and the payment we make to Trinity Lutheran Church that we use for the Christmas Party. He and Rick Sprung (NRHS) spoke with a member of the LS group. They have six operating sessions open to the public. The length of the railway is 1,000 feet. In order for the LS to arrange a special day just for our two groups, not open to the public, they would have to buy additional insurance at a cost of $600. So Ron and Rick decided for now not to pursue an event at the Live Steamers.

**Electronic Communications – No report was made.**

**Division Activities Outside the Normal Meeting:**

- **Visit to Quincy Society Of Model Engineers Layout –** Ron Gawedzinski said he talked with Larry Stoll, of the Quincy, Illinois Society Of Model Engineers, and they have 36" wheel sets on hand. They said they need for some more 33" or 36" wheel sets in the future? There was no response.
- **RPO: Report –** Mike Thomas was not present. Hank said the deadline for submission of articles and pictures for the next RPO is April 1, 2008. Mike needs articles and pictures, with captions, as he has no times to do it. Ron gave an update on a possible joint group visit with the St. Louis Chapter, NRHS, to the WF&P Railway (12 inch Gauge Small Scale Steam Trains). Glencoe, Missouri. Mark Stevens told Steve Gawedzinski that there was no response.

- **Director’s Report:**
  - John Carty has submitted three AP Certificates – for Members and the Division providing materials. They’re in process in the Region.

**Monthly Meeting Clinician Report:**

- No report was made. (Possibly in April, Tim Stout would cover designing/building his layout based on the Walsh Junction, where the UP and BNSF meet, in front of Tim’s home. In the spring: a possible tour of Metrolink facilities in St. Louis; a hand on clinic weathering freight cars and buildings with Greg Gray, with members bringing their own equipment. A class for DCC and Division providing materials such as chalk and paint; a make-n-take clinic using styrene with Pete Smith, with members building a railroad section house or other structure and the Division providing materials such as styrene and glue. Also, John Russell may return to discuss what it takes for a current day railroad operations of a UP local from St. Louis to Jefferson City. A DCC based clinic is planned. A clinic on window treatments for buildings for Greg Moe is planned.)

**Old Business:**

- **Member Phone Call Survey –** Bill Levin was not present. Hank said Bill is looking for any survey forms that the National NMRA has. Minor has still has the forms Bill needs them.

- **Quarterly Layout Tours –** Hank reported that the First Quarterly Layout tour will be on Saturday, March 25, 9 am – 1 pm, in West St. Louis County. 25 copies describing the four layouts on tour and how to get them are made available to members here tonight. There is the possibility of a fifth layout to be on the tour. Hank is looking for new layouts to put on the tour for future quarters.

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**Joint NMRA-NRHS Visit To WF&P Live Steamers Group, Europa, Missouri –** Ron gave an update on a possible joint group visit with the St. Louis Chapter, National Railway Historical Society, to the Live Steamers (LS) Group (7 1/2 inch Gauge Small Scale Steam And Diesel-Gas Powered Trains) at Eupea, Missouri. He and Rick Sprung (NRHS) spoke with a member of the LS group. They have six operating sessions open to the public. The test track is 1,000 feet. In order for the LS to arrange a special day just for our two groups, not open to the public, they would have to buy insurance at a cost of $600. So Ron and Rick decided for now not to pursue an event at the Live Steamers.

**Joint NMRA-NRHS Visit To WF&P Railway, Glencoe, Missouri –** Ron gave an update on a possible joint group visit with the St. Louis Chapter, NRHS, to the WF&P Railway (12 inch Gauge Small Scale Steam Trains), Glencoe, Missouri. He spoke with Steve Mertz, President, WF&P. Steve said his group would be interested in having our two groups spend a day at the WF&P. They could make a Saturday available just for us and not the general public. They have picnic tables and two pavilions available. Steve said send them a letter, detailing the details of what we would like to have and do, and what month and date we would like to visit. Steve (Steve would bring the matter to the WF&P Board meeting on Monday, April 7.)

Ron said he and Rick (Sprung, NRHS) talked it over and decided September would be our first month choice, with Saturday dates 9/6, 9/13 or 9/27 good for us. We also decided to ask Steve if there were some special things the WF&P might be able to do for us to make this a special day for our two groups, for example, a tour of the equipment running and the track maintained, a double- or triple-head running of engines, photo run-bys of the trains, and what it takes to be a WF&P member. This event would be a picnic style get-together, using the WF&P facilities from 11 AM to 4:00 PM. Ron said he and Rick haven’t got into the details as to what type of picnic operation this would be. The two groups might provide some soda-water and maybe not talked about types of food yet. Ron sent a letter to Steve Mertz on March 13 describing what our two groups would like and what the group rate would cost. He’ll see what sort of response he gets back and then report it to our two groups. Rick asked for everyone checking a couple of other areas to see if they can get something else going.

**Laptop Personal Computer Needed For Division –** Hank reviewed the need for the Division to have its own laptop personal computer rather than rely on individual members providing one. He brought this item up as New Business at last month’s meeting. He wants to avoid the problems of borrowing a laptop pc. He repeated the reasons for such a need and example, clinician power-point presentations or showing DVD’s, having the Division’s Clerk make email notifications, provide support to the Treasurer or provide support at the Fall Meet. Tom Bousman and Jim Nolte (not present at this meeting) were asked to come to the next meeting to come up with specifications for the laptop and accessories. Hank asked Tom to provide a report on their findings tonight. Tom reported on a number of details related to memory, hard drive, DVD burner, screen size, normal attachments, security firewalls and
possibly getting some equivalent software free. He gave an estimated cost of $550 at Best Buy for the laptop only, with a number of the specs he just described. Next week it would be $700. Discussion took place. Rich Lake made the motion, “We authorize the purchase of a Division laptop with the minimum specs we just talked about with a maximum expenditure of not more than $700.” Seconded by Dick Wegner. Discussion took place. The motion was approved. Hank asked Tom to pursue the purchase.

New Business:
None.

Announcements: Rich Lake said the El Dorado and El Reno Railroad has finally resumed operations.

Hank Kraichely said he got a call from Kevin Hampton today. Kevin is moving from Illinois back to St. Louis and has some plywood and other material available for free to a model railroader, as he doesn’t want to move it to his new house; also, he has available for sale portions of his freight yard. See or call Hank.

Ron Gawedzinski mentioned Brian Post, fellow Gateway Division member, had a recent operation related to heart treatment. He has not heard how the operation came out but Brian is supposed to be home today. Ron said he is going to send a get-well card from the Division.

Ron Gawedzinski repeated what he said at the O’Fallon meeting last month, that is, he requested members to notify him as soon as possible if they hear a fellow member or member’s spouse or immediate family member is seriously sick or has passed away so that he, as Division Clerk, can send a card to that member’s family from the Division.

Jim Anderson asked Hank if he was going to mention anything about the meeting notices. Hank asked the members if they received a meeting notice in regards this particular meeting— a post card or email? A number of members said they did not receive email notices. Hank said Dave Bartz’s server apparently decided he was trying to send out spam and refused to email a number of messages. There were no problems with the post cards.

50/50:
There was $33.00 collected for the 50/50 drawing and Bill Birdsell won $17.00 in the drawing.

Adjournment:
A member moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by another member and approved at 9:40 PM.

The next meeting is April 21, 2008, 7:00 PM, VFW Hall, O’Fallon, Illinois.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron W. Gawedzinski, Clerk

Division Officers
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Hank Kraichely

Assistant Superintendent
Tim Stout

Clerk (Secretary)
Ron Gawedzinski

Paymaster (Treasurer)
Dave Lyon

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