Have you changed your address or other membership information? Notify Headquarters
e-mail: nmrahq@nmra.org
Phone: 423-892-2846 (8am–4pm ET)
Mail: P.O. Box 1328
Soddy Daisy TN 37384-1328

Region Secretaries: send all changes in Region officer information to the NMRA Secretary: secy@nmra.org.

REGION PRESIDENTS

Australasian Region—Graham Young
12 Hickory Court, Buderim QLD 4556
H: 61 7 5479 0339 M: 61 418 364 375
e-mail: president@nmra.org.au

British Region—David McLaughlin
4 Springfield Cottages
Brewery Hill, Upton Cheyney
BS30 6NA United Kingdom  +44 771 22 66 918
e-mail: brprez@nmra.org.

European Region—Alain Kap, MMR (HO, HOn3)
Kammerforststrasse 3a
D-54439 SAARBURG, Germany
Phone: +49 6581-603045
Mobile: +352 691-325089
e-mail: erprez@nmra.org.

Mid-Eastern Region—P. J. Mattson, MMR
129 East Ave., Swedesboro, NJ, 08085
856-467-0421
e-mail: merprez@nmra.org

Midwest Region—John Dowling
34 Hadley Rd, Peperrell, MA 01463
H: (978) 877-9148
e-mail: mwrprez@nmra.org

Pacific Coast Region—Ed Merrin
2115 E. Foothill Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95404
H: (707) 542-3620
e-mail: pcrprez@nmra.org

Pacific Northwest Region—Jack Hamilton, MMR
7031 Warren Rd. NW, Silverdale, WA 98383
H: (360) 308-9845
e-mail: pnrprez@nmra.org

Pacific Southwest Region—Don Fowler
10768 Sayers Ct, San Diego, CA 92071
H: (619) 787-1930
e-mail: pcrprez@nmra.org

Rocky Mountain Region—Denny Krausman
9609 Silver Hill Circle, Lone Tree, CO 80124
H: (303) 880-1879. e-mail: rmrprez@nmra.org

Southeastern Region—Alan Mole
4125 Alister Park Dr., Cumming, GA 30040-6753
H: (770) 315-7244
e-mail: serprez@nmra.org

Thousand Lakes Region—Jay Manning
7100 Stoney Creek St, Sioux Falls, SD 57106
e-mail: ssrprez@nmra.org

Mid-Continent Region—Henry (Hank) Kraichely (HO)
716 Reinke Road, Ballwin, MO 63021
H: 314-520-6920
e-mail: mcorprez@nmra.org

2019 NMRA National Convention Dates and National Train Show Reservations:
2019—Salt Lake City, UT • July 7 –13, 2019 • http://www.nmra2019slc.org
Train Show Booth Reservations—Jenny Hendricks Registrar - P.O. Box 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328
423-892-2846 • ntsreg@nmra.org
• 2020—St. Louis, MO • 2021—Santa Clara, CA • 2022—Birmingham, England
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

NMRA AP CERTIFICATE REPORT
AUGUST 2018

GOLDEN SPIKE

Lone Star Region
James Williams, West Columbia, Texas

Mid-Eastern Region
John Paganoni, Manassas, Virginia
Glyn Thomas, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
John Trout, New Castle, Delaware
Jeffrey Witt, Doylestown, Pennsylvania
Joseph Zebrowski, Shamong Twp., New Jersey

Northeastern Region
David Insley, Townson, Massachusetts
Brenna Whitney, Derry, New Hampshire

Rocky Mountain Region
William Hughes, Layton, Utah

Sunshine Region
Jeffrey Barker, Atlantic Beach, Florida
Richard Paul, Jacksonville, Florida

Master Builder - Structures
Mid-Eastern Region
Robert Hubbard, Haddonfield, New Jersey
Glyn Thomas, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mid-Continental Region
William Scheerer, Lees Summit, Missouri

Master Builder - Scenery
Australasian Region
Robyn Taylor, Oxley, Queensland, Australia

Mid-Continental Region
William Scheerer, Lees Summit, Missouri

Mid-Eastern Region
Glyn Thomas, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Jeffrey Witt, Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Chief Dispatcher
Sunshine Region
Richard Barker, Fort Pierce, Florida

Association Official
Northeastern Region
Kenneth Fawler, Phipsburg, Maine
George Jarvis, Conception Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

Model Railroad Author
Mid-Eastern Region
Jerry Lauchle, State College, Pennsylvania

MASTER MODEL RAILROADER
MMR #616 Robert McLear, Kingaroy, Queensland, Australia
MMR #617 Mark Norman, Louisville, Kentucky

ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER
British Region
Gordon Robinson, Dysart, Kingdom of Fife, Scotland

Mid-Continental Region
Mark Juett, Smithville, Missouri

Mid-Eastern Region
Charles Stevens, Lansdale, Pennsylvania
John Stralka, Ellicott City, Maryland

North Central Region
Bob Hanna, Defiance, Ohio
Jim Macino, Columbia City, Indiana

Rocky Mountain Region
Louis Anderson, South Jordan, Utah

Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical
Lone Star Region
James Williams, West Columbia, Texas

Model Railroad Engineer - Civil
Australasian Region
Robert McLear, Kingaroy, Queensland, Australia

Lone Star Region
James Williams, West Columbia, Texas

Have 50 model railroading clinics right in your living room.

Just because you can’t make it to a national convention doesn’t mean you have to miss out. Right now the NMRA’s Kalmbach Memorial Library has over 50 DVDs of clinics presented at national conventions from 2002 to 2010. Each is available for NMRA members to borrow for the cost of processing and postage.

So you can see clinics on everything from decoders to design, tools to techniques, helixes to highways, and research to resin casting.

All from the comfort of your very own couch.

Visit www.nmra.org and go to the Kalmbach Memorial Library page for a complete listing. Or call the Library at 423-894-8144.

Then, get that popcorn ready.
The Road to My MMR

It all started with a Marx U.S. Army train set under the Christmas tree at age 8. My dad had a small HO layout in the basement that I was not allowed to touch, so he had Santa bring me one. It was years later (in my 30s) that I asked Dad if he was doing anything on his model railroad, and he asked me if I wanted to help. Here was my opportunity to spend time with him and work on his train layout — one of the best decisions I ever made!

I will always cherish those memories of evenings in Dad’s basement, reconnecting and learning from him. I sure am glad I did that! I found out how this great hobby really is. I had always enjoyed building models in my younger days, but now I discovered how relaxing, satisfying, and fun model railroading could be. No pressure and stress-free — what a combination! This hobby is the perfect way to get away from my cares, into the world of HO, and find some peace and serenity. Oh, yeah!

I learned about the NMRA while visiting local hobby shops. I was invited to a Division 6 meeting and found that there was a lot more to this hobby than I had realized. Visiting members’ layouts allowed me to see how diverse they all were, from free-lanced layouts to Class I railroads that operated as such. Some of those layouts had scenery; some did not. I learned what I wanted: a layout with my own road name and logo. This hobby allows you to be as creative as your mind will take you.

When I visited a local logging layout powered with Shays, Heislers, and Climax locomotives, I was hooked! I wanted to model logging, but I needed a corporate name. After much thought, I took the name of the street I live on (Olive Avenue) and combined it with the city I live in (Grove City), and a new logging company was formed: The Olive Grove Lumber Company. I would model logging in the western mountains of Montana and Idaho.

With a logo designed, decals made, and cars painted and lettered, I was rollin’ and loving it!

In 1984, Division 6 was asked to build multi-scale layouts at the Ohio State Fair and have them running during the event. More opportunity to model! I built my first scratchbuilt structure (a sawmill) on a four-foot corner module while learning from many experienced modelers and building friendships. This setting also allowed me to earn some dispatching hours, and after completing some paperwork, I earned my Certificate for Chief Dispatcher. I was on my way to Master Model Railroader.

More ideas and inspiration followed after I visited a couple of small home layouts and attended some great National Conventions. I wanted a bigger layout with a switchback and a yard with engine facilities, but the 1992 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, came up and I wanted to be involved in the planning stages. I entered a scratchbuilt sawmill in the National Contest; it didn’t win, and that was okay. It did earn 103 points, which meant I had earned a Merit Award. What I learned from the experience: build models for a Merit Award; if it wins, then it is icing on the cake. The Convention turned out great, and I earned my Association Volunteer Certificate. Full steam ahead!

It was now on to planning and building my model railroad. After attempting a couple of track plans that just didn’t work, I needed more room if I wanted to switchback. It was now 1995, and two of our three boys had moved out, leaving the basement open for the taking (that is, after a discussion with my wife). Ideas and a track plan were now going down on paper for a 13x30-foot area. As I planned, I kept the requirements for other AP Certificates in mind: Scenery, Electrical, and Civil Engineering. Add in Structures and Cars, and that would meet the criteria for MMR. It took some doing, but becoming an MMR was always in the back of my mind. There were stretches of time that I wasn’t making any headway. I wondered if I could do it. The paperwork seemed toilsome; I would rather be spending time building and running trains. One step at a time.

As 2018 approached, I had the models built but needed a few to be judged, and it all turned out good. I want to thank a few of the many people who motivated and inspired me along the way: Darrel & Judy Logan, Jim Ruisinger, (the late) Earl Lloyd, Division 6 AP Chairman Richard Briggs, and many others. A special thank you to my wife Bev for her support and the many late nights! One of the best parts of the Achievement Program, for me, was challenging myself. The result was I became a better modeler. I enjoy trying new methods and using different techniques. It was sometimes a little frustrating, but I still had fun. I would like to encourage you to keep on modeling and continue working toward your MMR. You can do it! Always remember to have fun!

Certificates Earned

Howdy Lamprecht.

Chief Dispatcher
Association Volunteer
Master Builder-Scenery
Master Builder-Cars
Master Builder-Structures
Master Builder-Electrical
Master Builder-Civil Engineering

54 NMRA Magazine