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• 2018—Kansas City, MO • 2019—Salt Lake City, UT • 2020—St. Louis, MO

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

NMRA AP CERTIFICATE REPORT

APRIL 2017

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Louis McIntyre, Quispamsis, New Brunswick

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Sunshine Region

Lloyd Baldwin, Branford, Florida
Jerry Fassnacht, Palm Harbor, Florida

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Pacific Northwest Region

Ronald Hopkins, Edmonds, Washington

Rocky Mountain Region

Jim Wanlass, MMR, Lehi, Utah

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Mid-Eastern Region

Alan Mende, Grantville, Pennsylvania

Pacific Northwest Region

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Gary Lee, Corbett, Oregon
Warner Swarner, Portland, Oregon

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Thousand Lakes Region

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Sunshine Region

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AP QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the Achievement Program or requirements, start with your local or Region AP manager. If you still have questions, contact Frank Koch at fjkoch@hotmail.com. If you prefer to write, contact Frank at 4769 Silverwood Drive, Batavia, OH 45103.

MMR GROUP

All Master Model Railroaders (MMR) are invited to work with other MMRs by contacting C.J. Riley, MMR, at cjriley42@yahoo.com.

MMRs: Master Model Railroader shirts and extra patches are available by contacting HQ in Soddy Daily, TN

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DALE SPROULE EARNS MMR #583

I was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and remain an active member of The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club (CMT). My association with CMT goes back to 4 years of age when Dad took me to their 1952 Open House.

At age 8, my first Athearn HO train set featured a CPR maroon and gray "F" unit, which has since been assigned to a museum track on my layout while I still retain the cars. At age 10, I could be found at Don's Hobby Shop in downtown Calgary where I first saw a Pacific Pike brass model of a Canadian Pacific Railway 2-10-4 Selkirk. The last prototype ran east out of Calgary up to 1957, so I might have actually seen one in action. But for a kid receiving an allowance at home, \$149 was beyond my means, so I continued putting together Revell military models.

As an active Boy Scout in 1963, my troop leader, Bert Haynes (a member of CMT), was asking for volunteers to run crowd control for the CMT Open House (CMT had since relocated to The Allied

Arts Centre located on 9 Ave and 8 Street). I didn't know Bert was a model railroader! This was the start of a 50-year friendship with Bert. It took me seconds to volunteer! The chance to attend a real model railroad club open house to watch model trains for free. *Wow!* I still have the hand-out. A year later, Bert took interested Scouts to a couple of home layouts, and I was starting to get hooked on the hobby, even earning my Scout Railroading Merit Badge.

I attended my first PNR meet in 1971 held in Calgary featuring a fan trip to Field B.C. through the famed CPR spiral tunnels behind a Maroon and Gray C-Liner No. 4081. This was my first exposure to railfanning. Here, I met lifelong friends Doug (MMR 484) and Carrie Wingfield. Doug is now the 6th Division PNR - AP Chairman.

In 1972, I attended my first 6th Division meet in Edmonton, three hours north of Calgary, where I entered a 40-foot Scotia Scale Models boxcar kit into the AP contest. I failed the first time but took advantage of the judges' suggestions on how to improve my entry. It took two more attempts with the boxcar kit to get my first Merit Award in "Cars." Calgary was the host city for the 1979 NMRA National Convention, so it only made sense that I attend the 1977 National Convention held in Denver with Doug to see how a Convention works. Since then, I've attended four National meets, numerous Regional and 6th Division meets, and two Craftsman Scale Structure meets held in Boston (2008, 2010), which have now morphed into The Model Railroad Expo meets. I missed the chance to meet John Allen years ago, so I wasn't going to

miss the chance of meeting George Selios while at the CSS meets.

Probably the contribution to our hobby that I'm most proud of is when I founded The Calgary Model Railway Society in 1994. Membership is available to anyone with an interest in trains at \$10 per year. Members enjoy bi-monthly newsletters, two mini meets, two weekend layout tours (north Calgary on Saturday, south on Sunday), annual picture night, and summer picnic. CMRS operates our annual Train Show called SUPERTRAIN (which is a separate committee by itself) — Canada's Largest Model Train Show hosting some 13,000 guests on an April weekend. CMRS membership now numbers 340.

I encourage anyone to participate in the NMRA-AP program. Judging at the 6th Division meets used to involve too many judges and took too long. That was until Doug Wingfield streamlined our model judging process in 2004 to less than two hours. Now judges can enjoy their convention knowing that their assessment is as fair as it has always been. Being a judge has made me a better modeler, and I've had the experience of judging (with Doug Wingfield) a Scenery Certificate entry on the layout of Calgarian Roger Walker working toward his successful MMR #506.

Finally, I must recognize the efforts of two modelers: Doug Wingfield, long-time friend and 6th Division PNR - AP Chairman, who has guided me through the Achievement Program and Jack Hamilton (the most dedicated person I've known), who is overseeing the AP in the PNR. Jack is the NMRA "Tool Guy" you read about in the *NMRA MAGAZINE*, and when he accidentally cuts himself on one of his many tools, he probably bleeds NMRA. Two other important modelers who have been part of my model railroading life have been Gord Johnson and Gerry Quon (a past 6th Division Superintendent), both now deceased but were great mentors through the years.

Certificates Earned:
Dale Sproule
 Model Railroad Author
 Master Builder – Cars
 Chief Dispatcher
 Master Builder – Proto Model
 Master Builder – Scenery
 Master Builder – Structures
 Association Volunteer

2018 Election Slate of Candidates and Nominations by Petition

2018 Election Slate of Candidates

President

Pete Magoun

Vice President–Special Projects

Gerry Leone

Vice President–Administration

Clark Kooning

John Stevens

At-large Director North America

Jim Gore

Mike Mackey

Eastern District Director

Bob Hamm

Walton Liles

Pacific District Director

Peter Burrows

Dion Koch

Robert Peterson

Message from the Secretary

Normally, the Secretary oversees the election process through the By-Petition phase, the ballot preparation process, and the ballot processing phase. Since the Secretary is a candidate for one of the positions listed above, that responsibility has been passed down to the Assistant Secretary, Rick Coble. Any questions about the election process should be forwarded to Rick at rvcoblenmra@gmail.com.

Nomination By Petition

The nomination process is now closed for those members who wished to submit their names to the nominating committees for consideration for the positions up for election in the 2018 election. Members who wish to run for one of these positions who missed the nomination process deadline or did not wish to be subjected to the decisions of the appropriate nominations committees may submit a petition placing their name on the ballot. Requirements for submitting by petition are contained in the EHB in Sec A 10.1 Paragraph 3 Nominations, Ballots, and Voting which can be found on the NMRA website. All submissions by petition shall be received by the Assistant Secretary NMRA at rvcoblenmra@gmail.com no later than September 1, 2017.